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# Welcome

Welcome to the fourth year of Glasgow Wildfest! RSPB Scotland has teamed up with organisations and groups from across the city to showcase Glasgow's green spaces and the urban wildlife that lives there.

Join in with events happening throughout September and meet some of the people doing incredible things to help protect Glasgow's wildlife, and make the city a greener place for everyone to enjoy.

Keep a look out for activities taking place in parks and green spaces near you, including walks, talks, minibeast hunts and much more. Become a scientist for the day at our bioblitz in Glasgow Botanic Gardens, or take a walk through Partick to find out more about the project to save Glasgow's house sparrows. You could try geocaching and bushcrafts, or even just chill out with a picnic and enjoy some chamber music at The Hidden Gardens.

Basic details of the events can be found here, but for more information, updates, and late additions that didn't make the leaflet, please check out

[www.glasgowwildfest.org](http://www.glasgowwildfest.org) #glasgowwildfest  
or email: [gnaug@rspb.org.uk](mailto:gnaug@rspb.org.uk)

Accompanied children are welcome at all events.

## What's on

### Friday 1

#### Bat and Moth Night at Glasgow Botanic Gardens

**19:30** 730 Great Western Road, G12 0UE

Meet at the main gate on the corner of Great Western Road & Queen Margaret Drive.

Join Butterfly Conservation for an amazing opportunity to get close up views of moths and learn how to identify these mysterious creatures. Then, as the light falls, Clyde Bat Group will lead a walk using special electronic detectors to allow you to hear the bats calling as they hunt amongst the trees and buildings. This event may be cancelled at short notice if it's very wet.

### Saturday 2

#### Wild Day Out at Glasgow Botanic Gardens

730 Great Western Road, G12 0UE

**06:30** Dawn Chorus Walk

Booking essential. email: [gnaug@rspb.org.uk](mailto:gnaug@rspb.org.uk)

**10:00-** We're celebrating the Glasgow Botanic Gardens

**16:00** bicentennial year! There's something for everyone, with activities for kids, grown-ups, beginners and experts. Take part in our bioblitz, and help us to find as many different bugs, beasties, birds and plants as you can before the clock runs out. Everything we discover will become an official record that will help to monitor Glasgow's local wildlife.

Join RSPB and many partners for:

Talks & demonstrations; tracks & signs; worm charming; bird ringing; pond dipping; mammal trapping; bug hunting; wildlife cycles; plant and pollinator walks, as well as face painting and other activities, and loads of information about wildlife.

#### Friends of the River Kelvin

**10:30-** Ha'Penny Bridge House, G20 8QL

**16:00** Join in with a clean-up along the River Kelvin from 10.30 until noon, or why not lend a hand in our wild garden. From 12 until 4, enjoy tea, coffee and cake at Ha'Penny Bridge House and have a look at displays about the river and the work of FORK.

#### Kelvinside Allotments Open Day

**14:00-** Julian Avenue G12 0SH

**17:00** Join Kelvinside Allotments for their annual open day. Take a look around the vegetable plots, then relax with tea and cake.

### Sunday 3

#### Minibeast Adventure

**13:00-** Meet at the Kelvingrove Park duck pond, G3 6BY

**16:00** Join RSPB Scotland as we discover the amazing minibeasts that live in Kelvingrove Park.

### Tuesday 5

#### Tweeting Toddlers – Animals of the River

**11:30-** Meet in Scotland's Wildlife Gallery, Kelvingrove Art

**12:30** Gallery and Museum G3 8AG

Join our toddler explorers to learn about animals and our natural world through stories, songs, crafts and outside play. This event is suitable for children under five, plus carer.

### Thursday 7

#### Wild About Frankfield

**11:00-** Meet on Loch Rd, Stepps, G33 6FJ

**14:00** Join Amanda Malcolm from TCV Scotland to discover how clean our air is by looking at lichens growing on trees and rocks.

To book: [a.malcolm@tcv.org.uk](mailto:a.malcolm@tcv.org.uk) / 07917 460488

### Saturday 9

#### Have a Go at Geocaching

**13:00-** Meet at the entrance to Bishop Loch LNR at Baldragon

**15:00** Road, G34 0JY

Geocaching is a treasure hunting game where you use your smartphone to follow a trail and find hidden containers. We will use the 'Finding Nemo' trail at Bishop Loch, why not give it a go?

Contact: [info@sevenlochs.org](mailto:info@sevenlochs.org)

#### Cathkin Braes Local Nature Reserve Day

**11:00-** Cathkin Braes LNR Country Park G73 4SE

**15:00** Join the Glasgow Countryside Rangers and their friends for a free fun-filled family wildfest day, with lots of wildlife activities, games, and much more.

Look out for the marquee on the day or

phone 0141 276 0931 for more details.

### Sunday 10

#### Seven Lochs Trail and Wildlife Walk

**13:00-** Meet at the viewing platform at Hogganfield Loch, G33

**15:00** 1AH

Join Scott Ferguson from the Seven Lochs Project, and RSPB Scotland on a guided walk. The walk will look at the wildlife along the way, and explain the work being carried out to protect it.

Contact [info@sevenlochs.org](mailto:info@sevenlochs.org)

#### Bush Craft Fun at Rosshall Park

**10:00-** Meet at Red Lodge House off Crookston Rd, Rosshall

**12:00** Park G52 3NQ

Walk on the wild side with the Glasgow Countryside Rangers and learn how to build your own shelter. Try your hand at fire lighting, whittling and making tasty treats on the fire.

### Tuesday 12

#### Tweeting Toddlers – Garden Birds

**11:30-** Meet in Scotland's Wildlife Gallery, Kelvingrove Art

**12:30** Gallery and Museum, G3 8AG

Join our group of toddler explorers to learn about animals and our natural world, through stories, songs, crafts and outside play. This event is suitable for children under five, plus carer.

### Saturday 16

#### Music and Crafts at Kelvingrove Bandstand

**13:00-** Kelvingrove Bandstand, Kelvin Way G12 8NR

**16:00** Join RSPB Scotland and Enterprise Music Scotland at the Kelvingrove Bandstand for an afternoon of wildlife-themed activities and music as part of Doors Open Day. Music from 2pm-3pm at the bandstand.

### Saturday 16

#### Hidden Sounds of the Garden: a Picnic Concert

**12:00-** The Hidden Gardens – access through the Tramway 25a

**18:00** Albert Drive, G41 2PE

Join RSPB Scotland and Enterprise Music Scotland at The Hidden Gardens as part of Doors Open Day. Discover the minibeasts and other wildlife that lives in the garden, and join us for the finale of National Chamber Day. Bring along a picnic and listen to chamber orchestra music from 17:00-18:00.

Please note this is an alcohol-free venue.

### Sunday 17

#### Foraging for Autumnal Edibles at Urban Roots

**11:00-** Toryglen Community Base G42 0LA

**15:00** Join Urban Roots for a foraging foray through Malls Mire Local Nature Reserve.

### Tuesday 19

#### Tweeting Toddlers – Sleepy Animals

**11:30-** Meet in Scotland's Wildlife Gallery, Kelvingrove Art Gallery

**12:30** and Museum G3 8AG

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### Friday 22

#### Nature's Architects at Maryhill Park

**13:00-** Meet at the Caldercuilt Road entrance, G20 0AW

**16:00** Discover the plants and animals of Maryhill Park. Make a bumblebee home or a seed bomb with RSPB.

#### Wildfest Napiershall Street Community Garden

**14:00-** 39 Napiershall Street, G20 6EZ

**18:00** Join Cook, Grow, Sow and Change, RSPB Scotland and partners to celebrate Climate Week with lots of fun activities and information on how you can do your bit for the environment.

### Saturday 23

#### Friends of Springburn Park Celebration Day

**12:00-** Springburn Park access from Belmont Road gate G21

**16:00** Join RSPB Scotland and Friends of Springburn Park for an afternoon of celebration at their new community hub in the park. There will be plenty of activities to try, including minibeast hunts, crafts, bird ID, tracks and signs, and much more.

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### Friday 29

#### Saving Birds in the City: The Glasgow House Sparrow

**10:00-** Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum G3 8AG

**16:00** Join the University of Glasgow and RSPB Scotland to find out more about our joint work to save these charismatic birds as part of Explorathon 2017.

### Saturday 30

#### Helping House Sparrows in Partick Walk

**10:00-** Starts Partick Burgh Hall G11 5LW, ends Dyce Park

**11:00** G11 5LS

Join Glasgow University and RSPB Scotland to learn about the Glasgow House Sparrow Project on a walk through Partick. We'll be exploring surveying, colour ringing, and learning the simple things you can do in your garden to help our declining birds.

#### Hidden Creatures Trail with Food Fruition

**11:00-** Meet at Dyce Park G11 5LS

**13:00** Take a walk with Food Fruition on their new signed wildlife trail around the west end, and discover the different creatures that live in Glasgow's parks, green spaces and rivers.

#### River Kelvin Botanical Walk

**13:00-** Meet at the Kibble Palace in Glasgow Botanic Gardens

**16:00** G12 0UE

Learn about the different species of trees and other plants that live in the park and along the river banks with botanist Paul Jelf.

#### GOW End of Summer Party

**18:00-** Gibson St, G12 8NT

**20:00** Celebrate the end of Wild Fest 2017 with GOW, who will be opening up their back court to the public, showcasing the history of the site and celebrating the end of summer with live music, wildlife activities and refreshments.

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