



BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND LECTURE PROGRAMME 2024/2025



Updated: 08-12-2024

The Edinburgh monthly lectures are held joint with the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. They will take place at the usual venue - Lecture Theatre at 20A, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR usually at 6pm (check below). Tea is available from 5.30pm. Members who have email addresses will be notified with information about each lecture. We will endeavour to record the lectures and make them available on our YouTube channel at a later date.

EDINBURGH LECTURES 2024/2025

THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2024, 6.30pm

(the later time is to allow students to return from field excursion)

Cal Flyn, Journalist and Author

Islands of Abandonment: ruderal species, metallophyte plants and other strange and beautiful residents of the wasteland

THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER 2024, 6pm

DR. Brian Steidinger, University of Edinburgh

The latitudinal tree species diversity gradient is mediated by mycorrhizal turnover

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2024 – all day

Scottish Botanists' Conference

Joint with BSBI

Lecture Theatre, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

All participants must register. Please check the BSBI website.

THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2024, 6pm

Dr Greg Kenicer, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

From adder's spear to Zostera: plant and fungal names in Scotland

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER 2024, 6pm

Jonathan Silvertown, Hon. Prof. Institute of Ecology and Evolution

Christmas Dinner with Darwin: Food, Drink, and Evolution

(changed from Dr Fiona (Boo) Meisels lecture)

THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2025, 6pm

Ben Averis, Botanical Consultant

Scotland's western rainforests and increasing hints of it further east

THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2025, 6pm

Christine Reid, Woodland Trust

FLS Glen Prosen: ecological blank canvas or botanical hotspot?

THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2025, 6pm

Prof. Simon Hiscock, Oxford Botanic Garden

The Oxford Ragwort and the Bristol Whitebeam: tales of hybrid speciation

THURSDAY 17th APRIL 2025, 6pm
Dr Edwige Moyroud, University of Cambridge
Nature's palette: understanding how flowers pattern their petals

THURSDAY 15th MAY 2025, 6pm
Nev Kilkenny, Field Mycologist
The role of fungi in carbon sequestration
The lecture will be followed by the AGM

DUNDEE LECTURES 2024/2025

TUESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER 2024, 7pm
Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, LT1
The lecture is joint with Dundee Naturalists
Matt Harding, BSBI
The work of the BSBI Scottish Officer

TUESDAY, 11th February 2025, 7 pm
Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee, LT1
The lecture is joint with Dundee Naturalists
Professor Alastair Lyndon, Heriot Watt University
Sea grass in Scotland: past, present, and future

TAIN LECTURE 2024/2025

TUESDAY 14th JANUARY, 2025, 7.30pm
Duthac Centre,
The lecture is joint with Tain and District Field Club
Dr Brian Ballinger
20 years of recording the Flora of Easter Ross – change and persistence

INVERNESS LECTURE 2023/2024

Smithton Free Church, 1 Murray Rd, Smithton, Inverness IV2 7YU
The lecture is joint with Inverness Botany Group.
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