

- Our coast supports internationally important groups of dolphins and porpoises;
- The River Tay drains the largest area of any river in Scotland – its flow is the greatest in Britain.
- Europe's oldest living thing resides in Perthshire – at between 3,000 and 5,000 years old the Fortingall Yew is surely Tayside's icon of biodiversity.

We also hold significant populations of the rare Freshwater pearl mussel (a species that has declined by 90% across Europe); Sparling are restricted to just three estuaries in Scotland, one of them being the Tay. Common scoter rely on both our standing open water and estuaries; the rare Slender naiad and Pillwort need our help to retain their dwindling populations.



SWAIN BROAD

MONIROSE IS A NATIONALLY IMPORTANT MOULTING SITE FOR MANY OF TAYSIDE'S MUTE SWANS.



KARL MUNDAY

BARN OWL – THE FARMER'S FRIEND. A SURVEY IS DETERMINING ITS RANGE IN TAYSIDE.



LAURE CAMPBELL

THE RED SQUIRREL WILL BENEFIT FROM TAYSIDE'S TARGET TO RESTORE 1,454 HECTARES OF LAND TO NATIVE PINEWOOD COVER BY 2015.



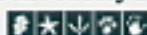
FRANK GREENAWAY

BROWN LONG-EARED BAT – A SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN.

THE BROAD AIM OF THE TAYSIDE LBAP

- *co-ordinate existing actions, as well as initiating and co-ordinating new actions;*
- *conserve and enhance the region's biodiversity, taking into account both local and national priorities.*

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