



## 'BUILDING BETTER BIODIVERSITY' TRAINING PROGRAMME 2008

This series of seminars was launched by the Partnership in May 2003 and since then over 700 people from across Tayside - and beyond - have attended a variety of events on a diverse range of subjects.

This year's programme is even more varied. Community workshops have been introduced, as well as practical half day training sessions. The lunch time seminars and full day practitioners' seminars continue, though, and will give everyone an opportunity to learn how best to enhance the biodiversity in their local area, as well as encouraging the sharing of good practice.

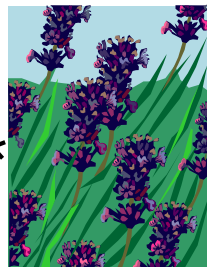
Wherever you are in Tayside, you are welcome to book any of these events. Please also feel free to suggest courses that you, your organisation or colleagues would find useful.

FWAG Scotland, Flora Locale and the RSPB all have their own programme of events; please check their websites for further details:

[www.fwagscotland.org.uk](http://www.fwagscotland.org.uk)

[www.floralocale.org.uk](http://www.floralocale.org.uk)

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)



BRIEF DETAILS ARE SHOWN FOR EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2008 - SOME WILL BE HELD AGAIN IN THE FUTURE; PLEASE ENQUIRE.

DATE	TIME & PLACE	TYPE OF EVENT	EVENT DETAILS	WILL THERE BE A CHARGE?	ORGANISATION / FURTHER DETAILS (who to contact, etc.)
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	Port Allen Orchard, by Errol, Perthshire	Practical Half Day Training Session	Winter Fruit Tree Pruning		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Tayside House, Dundee	Lunch time seminar	Tree Planting Opportunities with a Difference - the Scottish Children's Orchard.		
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Errol Community Hall, Errol, Perthshire	Community Training Workshop	School and Community Orchard Workshop: an informative day aimed at local residents, teachers and older children wanting to know how to go about planting and caring for a new orchard.		
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	St Matthews Mission Hall, St Matthews, Tay Street, Perth	Community Training Workshop	Gardens, Greenspace and Graveyards for Biodiversity - an introduction to the wildlife potential of our gardens, parks and local churchyards.		
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	A K Bell Library, York Place, Perth	Practitioner's Seminar	Biodiversity - It's In My Hands? A Practitioner's Day organised by Perth & Kinross Council in association with Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.		

Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Rangers' Office, Camperdown House	Meeting	The Scottish Children's Orchard - The Way Forward for Tayside		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pullar House, Kinnoull Street, Perth	Lunch time seminar	Roadside Verge Management for Amphibians & Reptiles.		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Rollo Recreation Ground, Dunning 8pm - 9:30pm	Survey Training Session	Swifts are Brilliant! Find out how you can help our swifts by taking part in a simple fun training session		
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Living Field Studies Centre, Scottish Crop Research Inst, Invergowrie	Practical Half Day Training Session	Grafting - John Butterworth (of Butterworth's Organic Orchard Nursery, Ayrshire)		
24 <sup>th</sup> August)	Carse of Gowrie	Practical Half Day Training Session	Summer Fruit Tree Pruning and Care of Young Orchards		
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4 <sup>th</sup> October	Perth Museum	Gathering	Scottish Geodiversity - an update on what is happening throughout Scotland. Everyone welcome. Pre-booking essential.	-	Mark Simmons, Perth Museum: <a href="mailto:MSimmons@pkc.gov.uk">MSimmons@pkc.gov.uk</a> .
18 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Carse of Gowrie	Orchard Festival	Volunteer opportunities for fruit tree planting; family Apple Day at Elcho Castle, and other events.		Catherine Lloyd, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; <a href="http://www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk">www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk</a> .
18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Glendoick Garden Centre	Workshop	Cider-making on a Small Scale - a choice of one day course to learn this skill. The course will be run by Michael Pooley of the Shropshire Apple Trust, an expert in the field.	£35 per person (1x day)	Catherine Lloyd, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a>

t.b.c.	t.b.c. (venues in Tayside)	Workshop	<b>Golf and Biodiversity</b> - training days for greenkeepers and golf club committee members on how to integrate biodiversity issues into golf course management.	t.b.c.	Please lodge your interest in this event with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; further details will be available later.
23 <sup>rd</sup> October onwards (to January 2009)	Forfar	Practitioners' Lunch-time Seminars	<b>The Biodiversity Duty - Training for the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004</b> - a suite of lunch time seminars: Setting the Framework - How is This My Responsibility (SNH); Wildlife Crime: Council Responsibilities (Tayside Police); Badgers - Mitigation and the Law (Scottish Badgers); Bats in Development (Bat Conservation Trust); Wildlife Issues in Development (RSPB)	Priority will be given to Angus Council staff; free places may be also available to anyone with an interest in the subject	Please lodge your interest in this event with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; booking form available.
t.b.c. (winter/spring)	Broughty Ferry/Dundee	Community Training Workshop	<b>Allotments, Greenspace and Graveyards for Biodiversity</b> - a general introduction to the wildlife potential of our allotments, gardens, parks and local churchyards	t.b.c.	Please lodge your interest in this event with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; further details will be available later.
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Birnam Institute, Birnam	Seminar	<b>Riparian Management: Engineering for Wildlife</b> - presentations will include an update on CARS, floodplain management and engineering solutions for wildlife.	t.b.c.	Please lodge your interest in this event with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; further details will be available later.
t.b.c. (winter)	Blair Atholl	Practitioner's Seminar	<b>Upland Discussion Day</b> - an informal day to bring together key players from Tayside and Cairngorm to hear presentations on ongoing and new projects, as well as	t.b.c.	Please lodge your interest in this event with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; further details will be available later.

			species and habitat management.		
19 <sup>th</sup> February 2009	t.b.c.	Half-day workshop	<b>Assuring the Swifts' Place in the Built Environment</b> - advice to planners, developers, architects and property managers: Edward Mayer, London Swifts	t.b.c.	Please lodge your interest in this event with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; further details will be available later.
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2009	Angus House, Forfar	Seminar	<b>Accommodating Wildlife in Urban Development</b> - Living Roof Systems for Environmental Urban Regeneration; Sustainable Urban Drainage; Safeguarding Swifts; Local Provenance: Its Importance.	t.b.c.	Please lodge your interest in this events with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; further details will be available later.
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2009	t.b.c.	Practical Workshop	<b>DIY Guide to Green Roofs</b> - a practical workshop led by European experts Dusty Gedge and John Little	t.b.c.	Please lodge your interest in this event with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; further details will be available later.
May 2009	Scone, t.b.c. 6.30pm to 9.30pm	Volunteers Evening	<b>Tayside Swift Gathering</b> - existing and potential surveyors are welcome to join the Partnership for an evening of presentations, discussions and signing up for 2 hours' volunteering time over the summer of 2009. All welcome.	Free	Please lodge your interest in this event with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership: 01382 433042; <a href="mailto:Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net">Tayside.biodiversity@ukf.net</a> ; further details will be available later.