



## THE DUBLIN NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

### PROGRAMME of EVENTS

July 2021 to September 2021

Dear Members,

The Summer programme of presentations is, as you know, being delivered using the Zoom Pro platform. Field Club members can connect to the presentations using desktop or laptop computers, tablets or smartphones. An email connection to the presentation will be sent to members during the week before the presentation. There are two ways to join the DNFC presentations on Zoom:

1. **By using your browser.** You can click on the link that will be sent to you by email. You may be asked to input a passcode which is included on the email;
2. **By using the Zoom App,** which can be downloaded from the App store (iPhone) or from the play store (Android). In the App, click on 'Join Meeting' and enter the Meeting ID and the Passcode, both of which will be included on the email.

Please note that for security reasons you will initially enter a 'Zoom Waiting Room'. The Host will then let you into the DNFC Presentation. The Link will be live for 10 minutes before the presentation is due to start.

If you are not registered to receive emails from DNFC, and would like to join the presentations, then please send your email address to the Membership Secretary, Fridolin Kerr, at:

[Membership.Secretary@dnfc.net](mailto:Membership.Secretary@dnfc.net) before 30th June, 2021.

**Please note that we have some outdoor meetings included in this programme.**

**Those planning to attend an outdoor meeting must register using the booking system laid out in the attached DNFC Covid 19 protocol**

**THURSDAY 15th July 2021**

**Online Presentation**

***"The Liffey for naturalists"* by Christopher Moriarty**

Christopher Moriarty, a long-standing member of the Dublin Naturalist's Field Club spent his career as a biologist with various State fisheries agencies. His speciality was eels, of which he has written "*Eels: A Natural and Unnatural History*". Besides eels his interests extend widely. He has written several books which display his great knowledge and interest in natural history including his invaluable guide to the Dodder "*Down the Dodder: Wildlife,*

*History, Legend Walks*”, and his co-edited *The Book of the Liffey*, with Elizabeth Healy and Gerard O’Flaherty published by Wolfhound Press, to mark Dublin’s millennium.

In 2018 “*The River Liffey: History and Heritage*” by Christopher Moriarty was published.

A review by Dr. Julian Reynolds of the book is attached.

This promises to be a fascinating talk and I look forward to hearing it.

**SATURDAY 14th August, 2021**

**Field meeting**

North Bull Island: Coastal Ecology

Leader: Melinda Lyons

This outing is part of a series on the vegetation of the north Dublin coast. We will visit sand dune, dune slack and saltmarsh habitats to compare vegetation ecology.

Bring: hand lens and identification books.

**THURSDAY 19th August 2021**

**Online Presentation**

**“*The nesting ecology of ground-nesting solitary bees*” By Dr. Stephanie Maher**

Dr. Maher based her Ph.D. Thesis on this topic. She is interested in wildlife management and conservation and has worked on the Farm-Ecos project, a multi-institute funded research project to assess the quantity and quality of biodiversity in the Irish Farming landscape. She is currently the research officer on Biodiversity with Teagasc.

**WEDNESDAY 25th August, 2021**

**Field meeting**

Sutton: Coastal Ecology

Leader: Declan Doogue

This outing is part of a series on the vegetation of the north Dublin coast. We will visit sand dune, dune slack and saltmarsh habitats to compare vegetation ecology..

Bring: hand lens and identification books.

**Saturday 4th September, 2021**

**Field meeting**

Sutton: Coastal Ecology

Leader: Declan Doogue

We will explore shore-line species of Autumn-mainly *Atriplex*, *Chenopodium*, *Polygonum* (*Persicaria*) and *Elytrigia*.

Bring: hand lens and identification books.

**THURSDAY 16th September 2021**

**Online Presentation**

**“Marine Ecology” By Dr. Laila Higgins**

Dr. Higgins is a marine ecologist. Her Ph.D. Thesis is on Starfish adhesion, and she is interested in all things marine. She is currently working in the UK, supporting construction and licence compliance for renewable energy developments, particularly offshore wind farms.

Due to Covid restrictions she is unable to travel so she can't take you on a trip to the seashore. Instead, she will present a photographic tour of what to see on the shore in Dublin - how a rocky intertidal habitat works, when's the best time to visit and what to look out for when you get there.

**\*MEMBERSHIP FEES\***

All membership fees for 2021 were due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

**€25.00 for individuals, and €30.00 for a family.**

To arrange payment contact: Fridolin Kerr, 31 Cherrywood Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 ([Membership.Secretary@dnfc.net](mailto:Membership.Secretary@dnfc.net)).

You may pay, via <https://dnfc.net>, by PayPal (including credit card).

.....