

Programme

10.00–10.30	Arrival, teas/coffees
	<i>Morning session – chair Clair McFarlan</i>
10.30–10.35	Welcome
10.35–11.05	Bird ringing in Dumfries & Galloway: a history and overview <i>Brian Smith, North Solway Ringing Group</i> The North Solway Ringing Group is the oldest ringing group in Scotland. How do local ringers catch and track the movements of our local birds, and what have 50 years of ringing efforts taught us about them.
11.05–11.30	Update on the Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum Review: a blueprint for enhancing biological recording in Scotland? <i>Ellen Wilson, RSPB</i> This review of biological recording in Scotland has created a blueprint for enhancing the collection, management and use of wildlife data. Learn about the SBIF Review since its publication in November 2018.
11.30–11.45	Comfort break
11.45–12.35	Short presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ South Scotland Golden Eagle Project update—<i>Philip Munro, South Scotland Golden Eagle Project</i>○ Dumfries and Galloway Moths website—<i>Mark Pollitt, SWSEIC</i>○ Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels—<i>Sarah Cooper, Scottish Wildlife Trust</i>○ National Plant Monitoring Scheme—<i>Fete Norman, SWSEIC</i> Discussion
12.35–1.35	Lunch <i>Videos, Displays, Quiz, Raffle</i>
	<i>Afternoon session – chair Chris Miles</i>
1.35–2.00	Two special butterflies – the Pearl-bordered Fritillary and the Northern Brown Argus <i>Paul Kirkland</i> Paul will highlight two butterfly species of particular importance in SW Scotland, looking at why they are important and the efforts being made to further their conservation.
2.00–2.25	Skeletons and Squirts in the Marina <i>Clair McFarlan, Solway Firth Partnership</i> Clair will report on monitoring for invasive non-native species at Stranraer marina and Portpatrick Harbour in 2017 and 2018 using settlement panels and environmental DNA sampling.
2.25–2.40	Saving the Sparling <i>Courtney Rowland, Galloway Fisheries Trust</i> The Sparling is one of our rarest fish, known from just three river systems in Scotland. Courtney will present a video looking at the species and its conservation in the River Cree.
2.40–2.50	Forthcoming news and events from SWSEIC <i>Mark Pollitt/Peter Norman</i>
2.50–3.20	Teas/coffees
3.20–3.45	Peat bog restoration <i>Matthew Cook, Crichton Carbon Centre</i> Matthew will give an overview of the benefits and techniques of peatland restoration and the ongoing work of SNH's Peatland ACTION project.
3.45–4.10	Plant recording – what can it tell us? <i>David Hawker</i> David will look at what and how we record and what previous recording from the 1950s onwards reveals about changes in plant populations in D&G where northern and southern species meet.
4.10–4.25	Quiz answers and raffle
4.25–4.30	Closing remarks and close