



Come along to the BBC Springwatch Festival and...

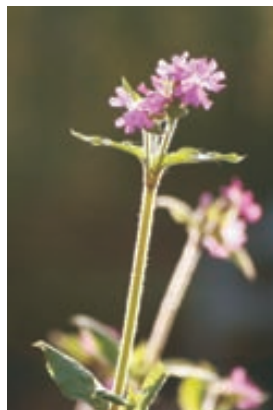
# Do One Thing!

Saturday 9th June  
10.30am - 4.30pm  
Kelvingrove Park



As a partner of the BBC Breathing Places campaign, Glasgow City Council is hosting this free event for all the family. Come along and enjoy close-up encounters with wildlife, meet a BBC personality, enjoy a guided walk

or have a go at a range of activities - help naturalise the park pond, create a butterfly garden or build a nest box. Learn what you can do for wildlife in your backyard and volunteer to help.



Do one thing for wildlife. Imagine what a difference we could all make! Visit [www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces](http://www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces) or [www.glasgow.gov.uk/parks](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/parks) before the day to see what's on.

15 cities will be launching a year of wild BBC Breathing Places action at Springwatch Festivals in June this year. The BBC will be encouraging thousands of people to sign up to support their city throughout the year - and help transform it for wildlife.

# New Nurseries for Puddocks

The Scottish Wildlife Trust has been busy re-digging three ponds which were drying out within the woodlands at Cardowan Moss LNR. An enthusiastic group of trainee conservationists re-dug and reshaped the ponds so that they could continue to hold water and attract frogs, toads and dragonflies to breed.

This work had to be completed before the amphibian breeding season started and even though this was achieved the frogs and toads were already hopping and crawling around whilst the work was being undertaken! Thankfully no harm was done and the amphibians should now have new nurseries for this year's babies.



This work was possible thanks to funding from Scottish Natural Heritage's Special Places grant scheme.

## Celebrate our Local Wildlife



**Glasgow will soon have a sixth Local Nature Reserve (LNR) with the declaration of Dawsholm Park expected soon! Dawsholm Park has many trails through its woodlands to explore and plenty of squirrels and woodland birds to see.**

Come and celebrate the City's LNRs by planting wildflowers, making bird boxes and feeders, trying our challenging wildlife quizzes or simply enjoying a guided walk. Wear your wellies!

Dawsholm Park LNR - Saturday 23rd June 12 - 3pm

Robroyston Park LNR - Saturday 7th July 12 - 3pm

Garscadden Wood LNR - Wednesday 29th August  
10 - 3pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult. For further details contact Cath Scott (see back page for details).



These events are supported by SNH and are part of the Council's commitment to the BBC Breathing Places campaign.



## If You Go Down to the Woods Today...

Work has been going ahead at a great rate to improve the look of the new Local Nature Reserve at Garscadden Wood. This will hopefully entice more people to visit this wonderful place and help the wildlife at the same time.

Large numbers of school children (180 in one week alone!) from Camstraden and St. Aloysius' primaries helped dig out a pond for frogs and dragonflies. The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) also worked hard clearing litter and cutting back

branches to clear paths. The entrances to the LNR are also much improved since the Council's Land and Environmental Services removed rubbish.

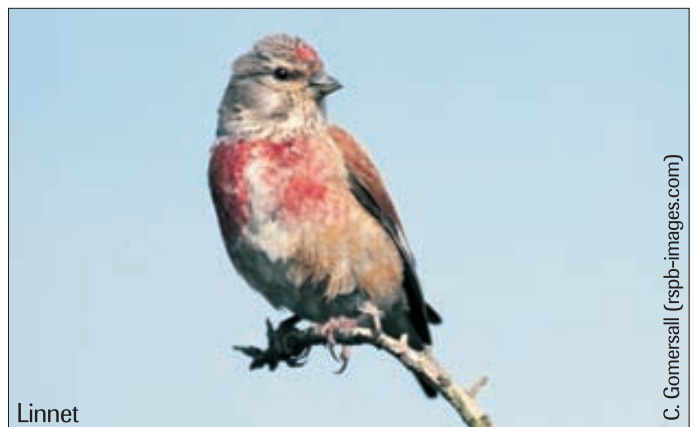
Sheila Russell (Council Ecologist) who is helping to manage the new LNR says, "Garscadden Wood is a great place to come and have a healthy walk and enjoy the outdoors. There are plenty of chances to see woodland birds and squirrels and maybe even a Purple Hairstreak butterfly!"

## Linnets Return to Glasgow

The well-known Glaswegian term "singing like a lintie" refers to the sweet song of the linnet, once a familiar sound in the Scottish countryside. However, due to modern agriculture this bird and its song have disappeared from many areas.

The Glasgow Farmland Birds Project intends to reverse this trend. Initiated by the RSPB in 2004, it is now run by the environmental organisation Starling Learning. The project is funded by the Landfill Community Fund and supported by Glasgow City Council's Land and Environmental Services.

As well as assisting farmers to create better wildlife habitats, the project provides 'wild bird cover' crops to help seed-eating birds survive the winter. At one such field at Pedmyre farm near Carmunnock, the sowing of plants like quinoa has attracted a large flock of up to 345 Linnets. This is the largest flock of these finches that has been recorded in Glasgow for many years, bringing hope that the project will lead once again to the 'song o' the lintie' becoming a familiar sound.



Linnet

C. Gomersall (rspb-images.com)

Liz Parsons, Director of Starling Learning, expressed pleasure at this success. "Through the support of the Landfill Tax Community Fund and Glasgow City Council, it is tremendous to see songbirds like Linnets becoming more numerous. A whole range of birds, including Yellowhammers and Skylarks, are now being helped to survive on farms throughout the City," she said. "We hope people enjoy the enhancement this brings to Glasgow's biodiversity."

Linnets can be found in summer at several Glasgow parks and local nature reserves, including Hogganfield Park and Cathkin Braes.

# Snap Happy

## Nature Photo Competition



Celebrate Scottish Biodiversity Week this year by entering a photo which answers the question:

**Where do you connect with nature?**

E-mail your entry by June 18th to win great prizes

Find out more about the competition and what's on during the week at [www.snh.org.uk/biodiversityweek](http://www.snh.org.uk/biodiversityweek)

In Glasgow, come and join the Countryside Rangers at Pollok Country Park to turn the picnic area into a summer flowering meadow. Sunday 20th May. Turn up any time between 1.30 and 3.30pm and help make a difference!

### Every Little Helps...

During Biodiversity Week why not take a walk in your local park or nearby greenspace and see what wildlife you can find. Send your records to [biological.records@csglasgow.org](mailto:biological.records@csglasgow.org)



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