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## NESBiP Update - February 2025 🌤️

Welcome to all our new subscribers. Thank you for taking action to protect nature.

I'm not sure about you, but I feel like I've forgotten what the sun looks like! February is always more challenging for me than January. I often have to remind myself that spring is just around the corner and to look out for the signs. To help with that, I've created a short video featuring some of my favorite signs of spring. Hopefully, this will keep you going until then: [Signs of Spring in North East Scotland](#) ❤️ - [YouTube](#).

There has been some amazing conservation work happening over February, with lots of exciting upcoming events. Hopefully, I've done them justice in this month's update.

Happy reading 📖,  
Abbie Ferrar  
NESBiP Biodiversity Coordinator



### Seaton Park Wetland Habitat Management

NESBiP joined Buglife, the Aberdeen City Council Countryside Rangers and over 20 volunteers in some much needed wetland management at Seaton Park.

The wetland was created in 2016 to help manage flooding while creating new wildlife habitats.

 [Wetland Management Volunteer Day](#)

 [Seaton Wetland Project](#)

### **State of the Coast report workshop**

The session will include an introduction to the project, a summary of the state of the coast and a discussion on the development of the report.

 Date: Wednesday 25th March

 Location: Northern Lights Room, Aberdeen Beach Ballroom

 Email: [ian.hay@egcp.org.uk](mailto:ian.hay@egcp.org.uk)



### **ECHO Project: Guest Blog**

Soil is a crucial and fragile non-renewable resource that underpins life. However, 60% to 70% of soil in the EU is estimated to be unhealthy.

Karolina Trdicova discusses how The James Hutton Institute is mapping the soils of Scotland and engaging citizens in our latest guest blog.

 [Citizens leading a soil sample collection effort across Scotland](#)

### **Muir of Dinnet Bioblitz Event**

NatureScot at Muir of Dinnet NNR is holding a bioblitz on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Nature Reserve Manager Simon Ritchie is looking for specialist recorders to help on the day to try and find as many species as possible. If you want to help or would like more information please email [Simon.Ritchie@nature.scot](mailto:Simon.Ritchie@nature.scot).



### 📅 Upcoming Events 📅

- [Greyhope Bay Festival of Ideas](#) - Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February, ONE Tech Hub, Aberdeen
- [Wildflowers, Insects, and Us Talk](#) - Wednesday 26th February, 18:00 - 19:00, Aberdeen Central Library
- [Seals, Drones, and Social Media: A Newburgh Beach Study](#) - Wednesday 26 Feb 2025, 19:00 - 20:00, Online
- [NESBReC Recorders Forum 2025](#) - Saturday 29th March, 10:00, University of Aberdeen
- [Varies Volunteer Days and Habitat work](#) with Aberdeen City Countryside Rangers
- [DiversiTree - Diversifying our Woodlands to Increase Resilience](#) - Wednesday 5th March, 13:00 - 14:00, Online
- Three Sisters - A Story from the Climate Future - Friday 28th March, 14:30 - 16:00 or 18:00 - 19:30, Glenlivet Estate Office. To book please email [mark.johnston@crownestatescotland.com](mailto:mark.johnston@crownestatescotland.com).
- [Community Tree Planting](#) - various dates in March, Bell Wood Aboyne

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### Other updates:

- Is your pet flea treatment causing harm to biodiversity 🐾 [Pesticides - Buglife](#)
- New targets to enhance nature and protect biodiversity 🐾 [Restoring Scotland's natural environment](#)
- Join the North East Mammal Group for free until March 2025 🐾 [nesmatnet@gmail.com](mailto:nesmatnet@gmail.com)
- Beavers doing what beavers do best 🐾 [These eager beavers saved the Czech government \\$1.2 million.](#)
- University of Leeds study 🐾 [Hedgerows increase soil carbon storage by 40%](#)

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