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NESBiP April 2025 Update 🐰

Dear Biodiversity Hero,

How are we almost at the end of April already? Felt like only yesterday I was sending you our Christmas newsletter. Anyway, I hope you've been enjoying the spring as much as I have. Today is Day 5 of [International Dark Sky Week](#), and did you know North East Scotland has a Dark Sky location? [The Glenlivet and Tomintoul area](#) is one of the best places in the Cairngorms National Park to discover the night sky. I recommend if you can, to go check it out!

Happy reading 📖,

Abbie Ferrar

NESBiP Biodiversity Coordinator



Help Declining Butterflies

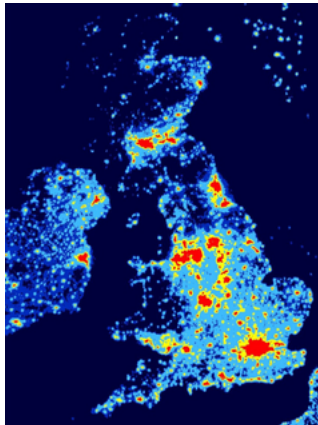
More than half of the butterfly species in the UK are currently experiencing long-term declines. Newly released data shows that 2024 was one of the worst years on record for butterflies.

[!\[\]\(3dfb8d66e81160ad61421a3452093d1b_img.jpg\) Help declining butterflies by making a few simple changes](#)

Big Garden Birdwatch Results are out!

RSPB have released the results from their biggest citizen science project – the Big Garden Birdwatch. Read NESBiP's latest blog to learn how North East Scottish garden birds are doing and how you can help them.

[!\[\]\(339a16584d5da0f0a3ca4e9ec17bf6a1_img.jpg\) RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch Results & How to Help Garden Birds](#)



International Dark Skies Week, 21st - 28th April

This week is a worldwide celebration to build awareness about the harmful effects of light pollution and the importance of the global nighttime environment. The image shows the light pollution of the UK. North East Scotland is slightly better than the rest of the UK, but we can still do better!

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Let it Grow!       

Research shows that letting parts of your garden grow wild with long grass can increase butterfly numbers up to 93% and attract a wider range of species.

Pledge to put away the lawnmower this summer and get a free guide on how to manage your lawn for butterflies 🐛 butterfly-conservation.org/make-your-promise



📅 Upcoming Events 📅

- [North East Swift Group Swift Surveying Webinar](#) - Wednesday 30th April, 19:00, Zoom
- [National Hedgerow Week](#), Free Online Hedge Talks - Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th May
- [Meet Environmental Standards Scotland](#), CIEEM - Thursday 8th May, 16:00-17:00.
- [Scottish Swifts Conference 2025](#) - Friday 16th May, 10:00 - 16:00, Arbroath
- Bioblitz @ Muir of Dinnet NNR - Friday 9th May, [full walk list here](#).
- [NESCOAN Members Gathering & AGM](#) - Saturday 10th May, 10:00 - 15:30, The Barn, Banchory. NESBiP will be delivering a talk, come say hi!
- [Blaeberry Bumblebee Field Day](#) - Thursday 29th May, 11:00 - 15:00, Glen Doll, Kirriemuir
- [Bumblebees @ Deeside Nature Festival](#) - Friday 23rd to Monday 26th May
- [Make a Hay Rake Using Green Wood and Learn to Scythe](#), The Cabrach Trust - Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th August, 9:30 - 17:00, Cabrach
- Save the Date, BioBlitz at St Machar's Cathedral Kirkyard - Saturday 7th June
- Save the Date, BioBlitz at St Fittick's Park - Saturday 26th July

Other updates:

- The next NESCAN Members online meeting will be highlighting the success of our Spring Seminar and John Malster will be speaking about NESBiP, Biodiversity of the NE and what can be done locally to help mitigate Climate Change. Find out how to become a NESCAN Member here: [Become a NESCAN Member](#).
- If you are in the Springfield Road and Cragiebuckler are of Aberdeen city, please keep your eyes peeled for a Grey Squirrel. Report any Squirrel sightings to [Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels](#).
- [2025 CIEEM Scotland Conference - Source to Sea: Working Across Landscapes](#). The Call for Papers are now open for the conference taking place in Stirling on 2 October.
- [Don't Neglect the Night - Buglife](#) <- Join Buglife in calling on governments to stop neglecting the night and embed the nocturnal environment in conservation plans.

- Did you miss our previous newsletter and would like to catch up? Find them on our website 🖱️ [NESBiP Monthly Newsletter](#)
- You can add your own ARK and see other people's here 🖱️ [Map of Arks](#)
- RSPB Nature Connection Volunteer Needed 🖱️ [Find out more](#)
- Regular Volunteer Days at Seaton Park, Every Tuesday, 10:00 - 12:00 🖱️ [Find out more](#)

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