

# NESBiP April 2026 Update

## Watch: Why Biological Recording Matters in North East Scotland & How Anyone Can Get Involved

Discover why wildlife recording is so important and how you can help. Created by NESBiP for **NESBReC**, this short video shows how biological records support conservation decisions and build a clearer picture of our region's biodiversity.

🌿 Anyone can take part. You don't need to be an expert. Whether you're a regular recorder, a keen nature lover, or just enjoy time outdoors, your sightings count.

📺 Watch to learn:

- Why biological records are vital for protecting local wildlife
- How your observations support long-term conservation
- Simple ways to record wildlife, from phone photos to surveys
- How NESBReC supports recorders across the region

[\*\*📺 Watch it here 📺\*\*](#)



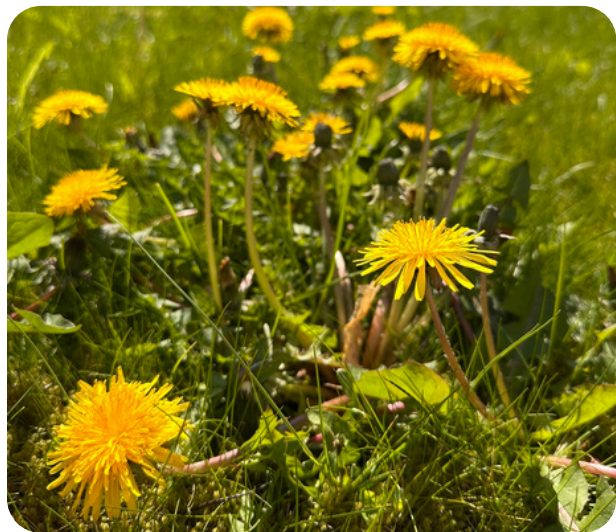
## No Mow May

By leaving the mower off for one month, we can:

- Support insects that feed swifts
- Provide food and shelter for hedgehogs, frogs, toads and small mammals
- Help build healthier, more connected ecosystems

No Mow May isn't about doing nothing. It's about giving nature a chance to recover.

**[Find out more about this campaign](#)**



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## 5 Simple Actions to Help Hedgehogs - Blog

3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May is Hedgehog Awareness Week. As a NESBiP Big 5 species, we have written 5 simple actions you can take to help them this week.

Simple, small changes can make a massive difference to these declining mammals!

**[Read it here](#)**



## New guidance on feeding garden birds

New guidance has been released from the RSPB on how we feed our garden birds from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> October.

- Feed seasonally - stop using seed and peanuts. Offer small amounts of mealworms, fatballs and suet.
- Feed safely - Bird feeders are hotspots for diseases. Keep them clean.

**[Read the full guidance here](#)**



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# Big Garden Birdwatch Results North East Scotland

## Aberdeen City Results 2026

1	House Sparrow	=
2	Starling	↑1
3	Feral Pigeon	↑1
4	Blue Tit	↑2
5	Blackbird	↓3
6	Woodpigeon	↓1
7	Magpie	↑1
8	Robin	↓1
9	Chaffinch	↑1
10	Goldfinch	↓1



## Aberdeenshire Results 2026

1	House Sparrow	=
2	Chaffinch	↑2
3	Starling	↓1
4	Blue Tit	↑1
5	Blackbird	↓2
6	Goldfinch	=
7	Coal Tit	↑3
8	Great Tit	↑1
9	Woodpigeon	↓1
10	Robin	↓3



## Moray Results 2026

1	House Sparrow	=
2	Chaffinch	↑1
3	Blue Tit	↑3
4	Blackbird	↓2
5	Starling	↓1
6	Goldfinch	↓1
7	Coal Tit	↑4
8	Woodpigeon	=
9	Robin	↓3
10	Great Tit	↓1

[See the full results here](#)

## Host an event for Climate Week North East 2026



CLIMATE WEEK  
NORTH EAST

CWNE returns 19th September to 4th October 2026 and individuals, groups & organisations are being invited to get involved.

BACK FOR THE 12<sup>th</sup> YEAR!

Do you have any events planned or interested in hosting one between 19 September - 4 October 2026?

Be a part of CWNE26!

19 Sept  
to 4 Oct  
2026

Email us at [cwne@nescan.org](mailto:cwne@nescan.org)

From workshops and walks to beach cleans, talks or performances, if you've got an idea, submit below

Event submission deadline: 15 June 2026 (5pm)

Email [cwne@nescan.org](mailto:cwne@nescan.org) to get started.

## Tomintoul Wildflower Meadow - New Signage

Glenlivet Estate have recently installed new signage at their wildflower meadow in Tomintoul.

Signage is a simple yet effective way to highlight the benefits of native flowers and management happening. Meadows are just a "messy" area, they are a lifeline.

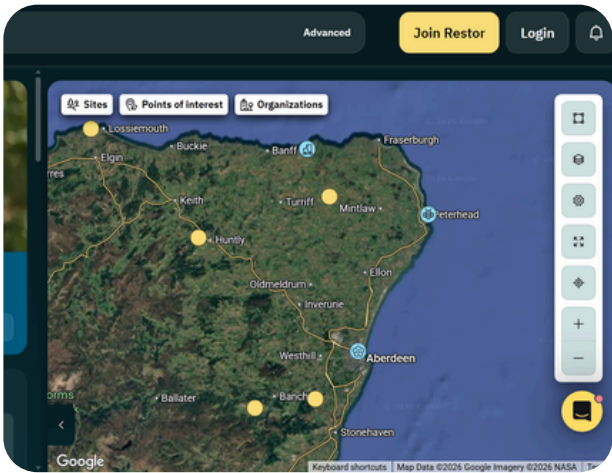
[Learn more about the meadow here](#)



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# Restor Insights



Restor Insights is a free platform that offers high-quality data, maps, and analytics for global nature restoration. It integrates satellite imagery, biodiversity data, and environmental indicators in an intuitive interface, facilitating evidence-based decision-making and collaboration. For NESBiP partners, it provides context for on-ground efforts, identifies landscape opportunities, and enhances impact sharing.

**[Find out more](#)**

# Citizen Science in North East Scotland

With spring now in full bloom, numerous citizen science projects are taking place both nationally and regionally.

By observing garden wildlife or identifying different species, your contributions provide essential data on biodiversity in the North East, helping to guide local conservation initiatives



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**[Find out what citizen science projects are happening](#)**

# The Balsam Cup



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The Balsam Cup is a friendly competition aimed at managing Himalayan balsam, an invasive species affecting riverbanks and damp habitats. While individual plants are easy to remove, high densities make area management challenging. The initiative encourages teamwork to clear large areas quickly and efficiently.

**[Find out how to get involved](#)**



## Funding Opportunities

- Moray CAN Small Grants Fund - Opening Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May [☛ \*\*More information\*\*](#)
- SSEN Regional Community Benefit Fund - Opening Soon [☛ \*\*Register to keep updated\*\*](#)
- NESCAN Hub Funding Opportunities [☛ \*\*More information\*\*](#)

## Upcoming Events

- House Martin Survey Webinar. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 19:00 - 20:30, Online. [☛ \*\*Book your free place\*\*](#)
- Barthol Chapel Hub BioBlitz. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 19:30 - 21:00, Barthol Chapel Hub  
[☛ No need to book, all are welcome](#)
- Aberdeenshire Council Countryside Rangers [☛ \*\*Upcoming Events\*\*](#)
- Aberdeen City Council Countryside Rangers [☛ \*\*Upcoming Events\*\*](#)
- NESBReC [☛ \*\*Upcoming Events.\*\*](#)

## Other Updates

- Duthie Park Ranger Job Vacancy [☛ \*\*More information\*\*](#)
- [Download our Wild About Garden Booklet](#) to start your wildlife gardening journey
- **NESBiP Big 5:** Learn how to take action and protect Hedgehog, Swift, Northern Damselfly, Mixed Native Hedgerow Species and Native Willow Species.
- Wild About Your Garden booklets [☛ \*\*You can download a copy here.\*\*](#)
- Did you miss our previous newsletter and would like to catch up? Find them on our website [☛ \*\*NESBiP Monthly Newsletter\*\*](#)

