

# PHOENIX PARK

BIODIVERSITY  
FESTIVAL

10<sup>th</sup>

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12<sup>th</sup>

September 2021



**OPW**

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# PHOENIX PARK BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL


All events are free. Booking is required, as places are limited. Please visit [www.phoenixpark.ie](http://www.phoenixpark.ie) for more information and booking details. All events are outdoors (Please wear suitable clothing and footwear).

**F** Family Event   **A** Adults    Wheelchair Accessible

10<sup>th</sup> Friday

9.30am – 5pm Self-guided Biodiversity trail around Ashtown Demesne. **F**


9.30am – 5pm Self-guided Tree trail around Ashtown Demesne. **F**

11am – 12pm Gardening for Pollinators. A tour of the Victorian Walled Garden with Cathy Savage, OPW Gardener. **A** 

11am – 12pm The Phoenix Park Gate Lodge Gardens. A tour with Maeve Rice, OPW Guide. **F**

11am – 4pm Honey Bee Observation Hive. In association with the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association. **F**

12pm – 1pm The Trees of Ashtown Castle Arboretum. A tour with Cormac Downey, OPW Tree Officer. **F**

2pm – 3pm How to become a Citizen Scientist. A tour with Leif Barry, OPW Guide. **F** 

3pm – 4pm The history of the Fallow Deer in the Phoenix Park. A talk with Terry Moore, OPW Deer Keeper/Park Ranger. **F**

8pm – 9pm Dark Sky Event in the Phoenix Park. Observe the night sky with the Irish Astronomical Society. **F**



# Outdoor Exhibition in the Victorian Walled Garden – Citizen Science of the Phoenix Park “Science for the People, by the People”



**11<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**9.30am – 5pm** Self-guided Biodiversity trail around Ashtown Demesne. **F**


**9.30am – 5pm** Self-guided Tree trail around Ashtown Demesne. **F**


**11am – 4pm** Traditional Hay Saving. A demonstration with Michael Jacob, Heritage Specialist. **F**

**11am – 4pm** Honey Bee Observation Hive. In association with the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association. **F**


**11am – 12pm** The Phoenix Park Gate Lodge Gardens. A tour with Maeve Rice, OPW Guide. **F**




**12pm – 1pm** Birds of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Niamh Fitzgerald, Birdwatch Ireland. **F** 

**12pm – 1pm** The Seven Principals of “Leave No Trace”. A talk with Keith McDonnell, Leave No Trace Ireland. **F** 

**1pm – 2pm** Trees of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Bernie Canning, OPW Guide. **F**

**2pm – 3pm** Life in the Aquatic Habitats of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Rob Gandola, Herpetological Society of Ireland. **F** 

**3pm – 4pm** How to become a Citizen Scientist. A tour with Leif Barry, OPW Guide. **F**




**3pm – 4pm** The history of the Fallow Deer in the Phoenix Park. A talk with Terry Moore, OPW Deer Keeper/Park Ranger. **F** 

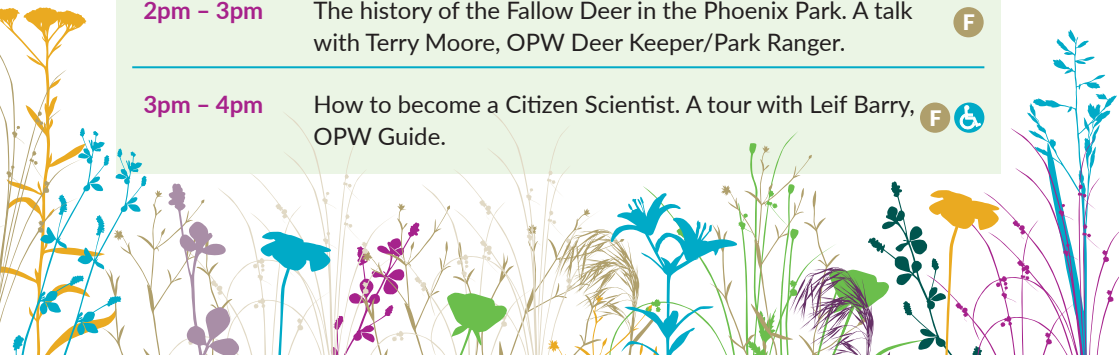
**8pm – 9pm** The Bats of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Dr Tina Aughney, Bat Conservation Ireland. **F**





## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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| <b>9.30am - 5pm</b> | Self-guided Biodiversity trail around Ashtown Demesne.  | F   |
| <b>9.30am - 5pm</b> | Self-guided Tree trail course around Ashtown Demesne.   | F   |
| <b>11am - 4pm</b>   | Traditional Hay Saving. A demonstration with Michael Jacob, Heritage Specialist.  | F   |
| <b>11am - 4pm</b>   | Honey Bee Observation Hive. In association with the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association.                             | F   |
| <b>11am - 12pm</b>  | The Phoenix Park Gate Lodge Gardens. A tour with Maeve Rice, OPW Guide.   | F   |
| <b>12pm - 1pm</b>   | Birds of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Niamh Fitzgerald, Birdwatch Ireland.   | F    |
| <b>12pm - 1pm</b>   | The Seven Principals of "Leave No Trace". A talk with Keith McDonnell, Leave No Trace Ireland.                              | F    |
| <b>1pm - 2pm</b>    | Trees of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Bernie Canning, OPW Guide.   | F   |
| <b>2pm - 3pm</b>    | Grass Identification of the Hay Meadow at Ashtown Demesne. With Dr Fionnuala O'Neill, Director of Ecology, BEC Consultants. | A   |
| <b>2pm - 3pm</b>    | Life in the Aquatic Habitats of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Rob Gandola, Herpetological Society of Ireland.               | F  |
| <b>2pm - 3pm</b>    | The history of the Fallow Deer in the Phoenix Park. A talk with Terry Moore, OPW Deer Keeper/Park Ranger.                   | F   |
| <b>3pm - 4pm</b>    | How to become a Citizen Scientist. A tour with Leif Barry, OPW Guide.   | F  |



## Online Biodiversity Lunch Time Talks

**Monday, 6th September  
at 1pm**

Juanita Browne, National Biodiversity Data Centre.  
*All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.*

**Tuesday, 7th September  
at 1pm**

Dr Noeleen Smyth, Botanist, National Botanic  
Gardens. *Spreading Seeds of Doubt.*

**Wednesday, 8th September  
at 1pm**

Margaret Gormley, Chief Parks Superintendent,  
OPW. *Dublin's Green Lung & Biodiversity Haven –  
Phoenix Park.*

**Thursday, 9th September  
at 1pm**

Dr Jane Stout, Professor in Botany, School of  
Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin.  
*The Buzz about Bees: their importance, health  
and conservation.*

**Friday, 10th September  
at 1pm**

OPW staff talk about Biodiversity:

Rory Finnegan, Head Gardener, OPW, Castletown  
Demesne. *The Floral Pollinator Meadows of  
Castletown.*

Chris O'Neill, Park Superintendent, OPW.  
*Derrynane and the Natterjack Toads.*

Dr Colin Kelleher, Taxonomist, National Botanic  
Gardens. *Dried and Frozen – Bringing Plant Diversity  
Back to Life.*



All Lunchtime Talks are approx. 30 minutes long and are available on the OPW YouTube channel. Please see [www.phoenixpark.ie](http://www.phoenixpark.ie) for details.





# Ashtown Demesne Tree Trail



## Tree Trail

- 1 Yew
- 2 Apple
- 3 Sequoia
- 4 Holly
- 5 Rowan
- 6 Pedunculate Oak
- 7 Ash
- 8 Hawthorn
- 9 Scots Pine
- 10 Wollemi Pine

 Ashtown Castle

 Phoenix Park  
Visitors Centre

 Phoenix Café

 Toilets

 Car Park

 Walled Garden

 Playground

Cover Image:

Scientific Name: *Brachytrion pratense*

Irish Name: Seabhcai an Earraigh

Common Name: Hairy Hawker

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