



BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND FIELD MEETINGS SPRING TO AUTUMN 2018

WEDNESDAY 21st March, 10 am

BRYOPHYTES OF KINROSS

Leaders: David Chamberlain and Liz Lavery. This excursion is joint with the PSNS (Botanical Section).

Meet at Kinross Park and Ride at 10 am (NO111 024 grid ref). Details from Liz Lavery
(eldlavery@outlook.com).

SATURDAY 12th May 2018, 10 am

FORAGING FOR OUR LUNCH!

CRAIGMILLAR PARK, EDINBURGH

Leader: Neny Milne

We will pick our edible finds and cook them in a community hall. Booking required. Please contact
nenyamilne@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

WEDNESDAY 16th May, 10.30 am

MENSTRIE, URBAN FLORA

Leaders: Liz Lavery and Brian Ballinger

This all-day excursion is joint with the PSNS and BSBI, meet at 10.30 am. Please book with Liz Lavery
(eldlavery@outlook.com).

SUNDAY 20th May, 10.30 am

GLASGOW, URBAN FLORA (I)

Leader: John Grace with Michael Phillip

Details from John Grace (jgrace@ed.ac.uk)

TUESDAY 22nd May, 7pm

NINEWELLS HOSPITAL GROUNDS, FLORA & FAUNA

Leader: Brian Ballinger

Joint with Dundee Naturalists (DNS) and Friends of Ninewells Gardens. Short walks on good paths.
Further information from Brian Ballinger (brian@garrickwood.org.uk) and DNS website
(<http://www.dundeenats.org.uk>)

SATURDAY 26th May, 10.30am

STIRLING, URBAN FLORA

Leaders: Roy Sexton & Brian Ballinger

Joint with Scottish Wildlife Trust Stirling members centre. Meet at 10.30 am. Further information
from Brian Ballinger (brian@garrickwood.org.uk)

WEDNESDAY 30th May, 7pm
EVENING CRASH COURSE in FLOWERING PLANT ID (not grasses)
EDINBURGH

Leader: Richard Milne

Venue: the Ashworth Laboratories, Charlotte Auerbach Road, King's Buildings, Edinburgh, EH9 3FL
(see <https://www.ed.ac.uk/maps>). Please book in advance with Maria.Chamberlain@ed.ac.uk

SATURDAY 2nd June 10am-4.30pm
GRASSES WORKSHOP, HOLYROOD PARK EDUCATION CENTRE, EDINBURGH

Leader: Faith Anstey

There is a charge for this workshop: £25; £17 for students. Book with Maria.Chamberlain@ed.ac.uk
(Booking Essential).

SATURDAY 9th June 9.45 for 10am start
RUST WORKSHOP, BRIDGEND FARM HOUSE, 41 Old Dalkeith Road

Leader: Cameron Diekonigin

This is a repeat of last year's Workshop, which was over-subscribed. Book soon with Cameron at camerondk1@gmail.com. NB: there will be a charge of £5 (for photocopied notes) or £9 for original BMS guide. The venue is marked within this link as *Bridgend Inspiring Growth*: <https://goo.gl/maps/3NwQXXBwKs62>. If the event is again over-subscribed Cameron will rerun the workshop on Sunday 10th June. Further details will be supplied on booking.

SUNDAY 10th June, 10.30 am
NORTH BERWICK, Urban Flora, Coast & Woodland

Leaders: John Grace & Barbara Sumner

Contact John Grace (jgrace@ed.ac.uk) for details of meeting point.

SUNDAY 17th June, 10.30 am
MELROSE, Urban Flora, River and Abbey

Leader: John Grace

Contact John Grace (jgrace@ed.ac.uk) for details of meeting point

SATURDAY 23rd June, 10am
STRATHPEFFER

Leaders: Brian Ballinger & Mary Dean

Partly urban but also woodland and wetland. Mainly good paths but may be rough in places. Joint with BSBI, bookings with Brian Ballinger (brian@garrickwood.org.uk)

TUESDAY 26th June 7pm
CARNOUSTIE, Urban Flora

Leader: Brian Ballinger

Joint with Dundee Naturalists' Society. Further information from Brian Ballinger or DNS website.
(Meeting place is likely to be the shore car park opposite station, NO565 344. To be confirmed)

SUNDAY 1st July 2018, 10:00am
STOB A' CHOIN, INVERLOCHLARIG, WEST PERTSHIRE (V.C. 87)
BSS/BSBI ALPINE FIELD MEETING
Leader: John Holland

Important additional information: Stob a'Choin is a steep, rugged and remote Corbett (869m) at the head of Balquhiddel Glen. It was well botanised before 2000 but not since then so this trip will focus on recording. We would hope to see all the usual summit arctic-alpines as well as a number of more local species such as Alpine Mouse-ear (*Cerastium alpinum*), Hoary Whitlow-grass (*Draba incana*), Holly-fern (*Polystichum lonchitis*) and several montane willow species. The ascent gives a rough, steep and boggy walk more reminiscent of the NW Highlands than the Trossachs and will be a stiff round trip of 6.5 miles and 800m total ascent (likely to take 7 hours or more). We will meet at 10:00am at the Inverlochlarig car park (NN445184) at the end of the single track road down Balquhiddel Glen. For further details and to book a place please contact John Holland, john.holland@sruc.ac.uk (booking is essential).

THURSDAY 5th July, 10.30 am

LOCH GLASCARNOCH

Leader: Brian Ballinger

All day meeting, start at 10.30 am. Mainly good paths but may be rough in places; about 3 miles. Joint with Inverness Botany Group. Details from Brian Ballinger (brian@garrickwood.org.uk)

SUNDAY 5th August, 10.30 am

GLASGOW, URBAN FLORA (II)

Leader: John Grace with Michael Phillip

Details from John Grace (jgrace@ed.ac.uk)

SUNDAY 19th August, 10am

CAMMO BIOBLITZ, URBAN FLORA

Leader: David Chamberlain

Details from David Chamberlain (DChamberlain@rbge.org.uk)

SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER, 11 am
FUNGUS FORAY
WEST LOTHIAN (exact venue tbc)
Leader: Stephan Helfer

Likely location Lyne Dale woods at West Linton. Meet at the start of "The Loan" - NT14915203 off the A702. ([https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/55°45'15.2"N+3°21'25.9"W/@55.754234,-3.3593827,516m](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/55°45'15.2)). Suggested park at School Brae (NT151521) just downhill off the A702

For updates, see our website nearer to the date: <http://www.botanical-society-scotland.org.uk/>.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOST MEETINGS: Please bring with you waterproof clothing, suitable footwear, a hand-lens and packed lunch. Botanical Society of Scotland members are covered by the Society's insurance. The leader will warn participants of possible risks. Contact the Programme Secretary, Maria.Chamberlain@ed.ac.uk for further details or queries concerning transport to meetings. Check <http://www.botanical-societyscotland.org.uk/> for updates. Extra meetings may be scheduled!