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Photo: Emperor moth on Girley Bog © B. Gindvilyte



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National Biodiversity Week 2022



Images from left:
IPCC hosted walks on
Girley Bog, Co. Meath,
Lullymore West Bog, Co.
Kildare and Fenor Bog,
Co. Waterford during
Biodiversity Week
celebrations 2022.
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To celebrate National Biodiversity Week, IPCC hosted a number of events beginning with a walk, talk and day of action on Lullymore West. The first Marsh Fritillary was spotted, and members of the public got first hand experience in site management by setting up a temporary electric fence in preparation for the arrival of the local conservation donkeys. Biodiversity week continued with a walk and talk on Girley Bog, Co. Meath. Participants

discovered peatland flora and fauna including a spectacular male Emperor Moth and Small Tortoiseshell butterfly caterpillars feeding on nettles.

IPCC & the Móin Fhionnúrach Development Association hosted a walk and talk on Fenor Bog, Co. Waterford. Green-veined White butterflies, Ragged Robin and Ireland's only lizard, the Viviparous Lizard, were some of wildlife observed.

IPCC have more events that you can take in this summer. Come along to International Bog Day, 24th July and Heritage Week. Find out more on www.ipcc.ie/events or follow on social media.

The Irish Peatland Conservation Council would like to thank and acknowledge funding support from the Irish Environmental Network, Kildare County Council, Meath County Council, and the Heritage Council under the Heritage Council Capacity Support Fund 2022.



Habitat Management



Donkeys Daisy and Ruby © B. Gindvilyte

IPCC welcomed back Daisy and Ruby, a mother and daughter duo who graze Lullymore West nature reserve by eating the vegetation and creating various sward heights necessary for the Marsh Fritillary butterfly, Ireland's only protected insect. The donkeys also create pockets of bare peat which allows the larvae food plant, Devil's-bit Scabious to grow.

National Lottery Good Causes Awards



IPCC were delighted to be announced as a national finalist in the Heritage category of the National Lottery Good Causes Awards 2022. The award is in recognition of the volunteer time you gave last summer when we worked together to estimate the volume of stored carbon in Lodge Bog, Co. Kildare. Thank you!

Species Focus



Wall Brown © T. McLoughlin

An IPCC supporter encountered the Wall Brown (*Lasiommata magera*) on Lullymore West this May. The butterfly was recorded previously in 2018 and 2013 with only a single butterfly each time. The Wall Brown is very alert and difficult to approach from a close distance, however if you do the butterfly is mainly pale orange with grayish-brown markings and black eyespots.

Volunteer Friendly Award



The IPCC is one of fourteen Irish groups who were awarded a Volunteer Friendly Award co-ordinated by Volunteer Ireland. The award aimed to recognise groups that work with volunteers and value the contribution that volunteers make to the organisation's work. IPCC would like to thank all of you for supporting our mission to conserve a representative portion of Irish peatlands.

Monitoring fauna and water levels on Girley Bog Co.Meath



Images: Girley Bog © B.Gindvilyte

With funding support from the Peatlands Community Engagement Scheme, IPCC are undertaking an assessment of the water piezometers on the IPCC owned section of Girley Bog, Co.Meath. This is part of a project to re-instate water level monitoring after enhanced rehabilitation works in 2021. IPCC are also working to complete a baseline

biodiversity survey across the high and cut bog post rehabilitation with support from volunteers and Meath County Council under the Community Heritage Grants Scheme 2022. Join IPCC on our next visit to Girley. Contact IPCC at bogs@ipcc.ie for more information!



You can take Action for Bogs by taking any of these steps



Save an Acre of Bogland Support IPCC's mission to purchase endangered and unique peatlands. Purchase a symbolic share in 1/16th acre of bog and receive a certificate to commemorate your work in saving Irish bogs. **€45 (PC116)**

Offset Your Carbon Footprint the Bog Way. Stop damaged bogs leaking greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Your donation will be used to block drains, monitor water levels in bogs and undertake *Sphagnum* moss transplantation. **€50 (PC161)**



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Donation to the Save the Bogs Campaign. Donations to the campaign are used to make a planning observation in favour of bogs or to train volunteers. **€20 PC10**

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I would like to join as a Friend of the Bog (tick category)

- Single €40
- Joint/Family/Teacher €45
- Unwaged €27

I enclose my cheque/postal order payable to IPCC, or, please debit my Debit Card/Visa/Mastercard account for €.....

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Post to: IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare



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Be an IPCC Volunteer**



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Take your first step to a career in conservation by volunteering on one of IPCC's nature reserves. Gain skills in bird and butterfly surveys, water table monitoring, site management and peat free gardening. Take action on climate change by getting involved in IPCC's conservation projects such as *Sphagnum* moss transfer. E-mail bogs@ipcc.ie or phone 045-860133 to get your name on our volunteer list.

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For a free copy of our guide to leaving a legacy, please call Nuala Madigan on 045-860133, or write to IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare, R51 V293 or e-mail a request to us at bogs@ipcc.ie

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