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Kilkenny's Draft Biodiversity Action Plan

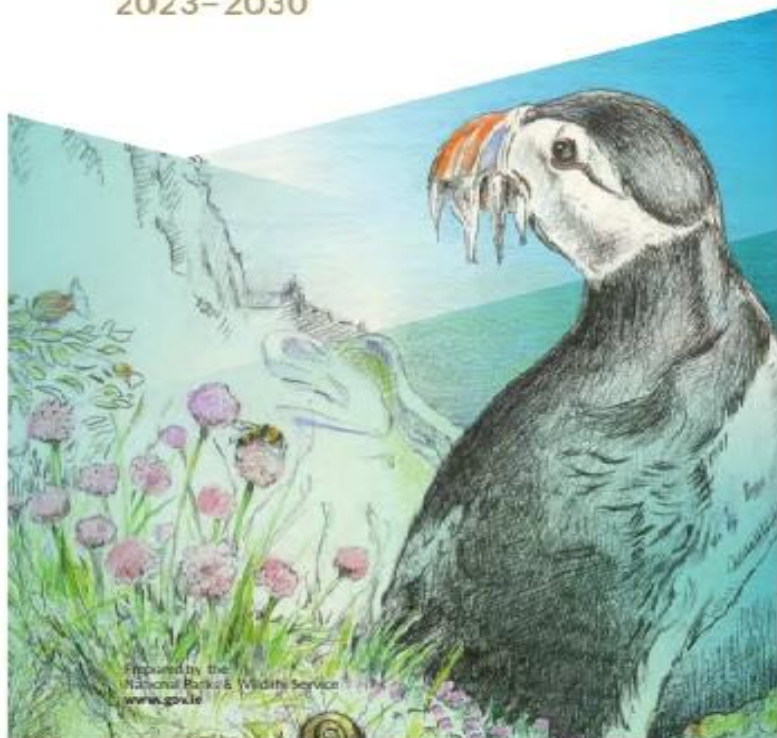


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Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023–2030



Local Authority Biodiversity Action Plan Guidelines

2024



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Kilkenny's Biodiversity ACTION PLAN 2025-2030

Public Consultation Callout!

A Biodiversity Action Plan is being prepared for Kilkenny in partnership with the Heritage Council. Its aim is to record, conserve and restore biodiversity. To start the preparation process, a Biodiversity Discussion Paper has been prepared, to give an opportunity to hear your views on nature, listen to your ideas on how we should be addressing biodiversity loss and what actions you think are needed to record, conserve and restore biodiversity in Kilkenny.

The Discussion Paper is available to view on <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/> or a paper copy can be requested via biodiversity@kilkennycoco.ie or by ringing 056-7794920

Submissions are welcome until the 28th of May via:

1. The online consult portal, <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/>
2. Email: biodiversity@kilkennycoco.ie
3. Send a written submission to Biodiversity Officer, Community Section, Kilkenny County Council, St Patricks Court, Patricks Str., Kilkenny City, R95 N28F.

In June, after a review of submissions, collation of biodiversity data and consultation with the newly formed Biodiversity Working Group, a draft Biodiversity Action Plan will be prepared, listing specific actions to record, conserve and restore biodiversity. This draft plan will go on public consultation over the summer to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed actions.

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Consultation Process



Kilkenny's Biodiversity ACTION PLAN 2025-2030

Community Consultation Workshop

FREE EVENT

You are invited to an interactive community consultation workshop to help shape the new Kilkenny County Council Biodiversity Action Plan.

The workshop will take place indoors and outdoors with creative input from The Acorn Project.

Kilkenny County Council is seeking input from community groups across the county to understand your views on nature, your ideas on how to address biodiversity loss, and what actions you think are needed to record, protect, conserve, and restore biodiversity.

A Biodiversity Action Plan is being prepared by Kilkenny County Council with support from the Heritage Council. It aims to record, conserve, and restore biodiversity.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL THROUGH EVENTBRITE!

Scan this QR code or search for **Kilkenny Biodiversity** on the Eventbrite website www.eventbrite.ie

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Kilkenny's Biodiversity ACTION PLAN 2025-2030

Public Consultation Open!

A draft Biodiversity Action Plan for Kilkenny is now on public consultation. It has been prepared after community engagement during the summer. The public are invited to review the draft plan and submit their comments.

The draft Biodiversity Action Plan is available to view on <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/> or a paper copy can be requested via biodiversity@kilkennycoco.ie by ringing 056-7794920.

Submissions are welcome until the 18th of December via:

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2. Email biodiversity@kilkennycoco.ie
3. Send a written submission to: Biodiversity Officer, Community Section, Kilkenny County Council, St Patricks Court, Patricks Str., Kilkenny City, R95 N28F.

The development of Kilkenny's Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030 has been supported by The Heritage Council.

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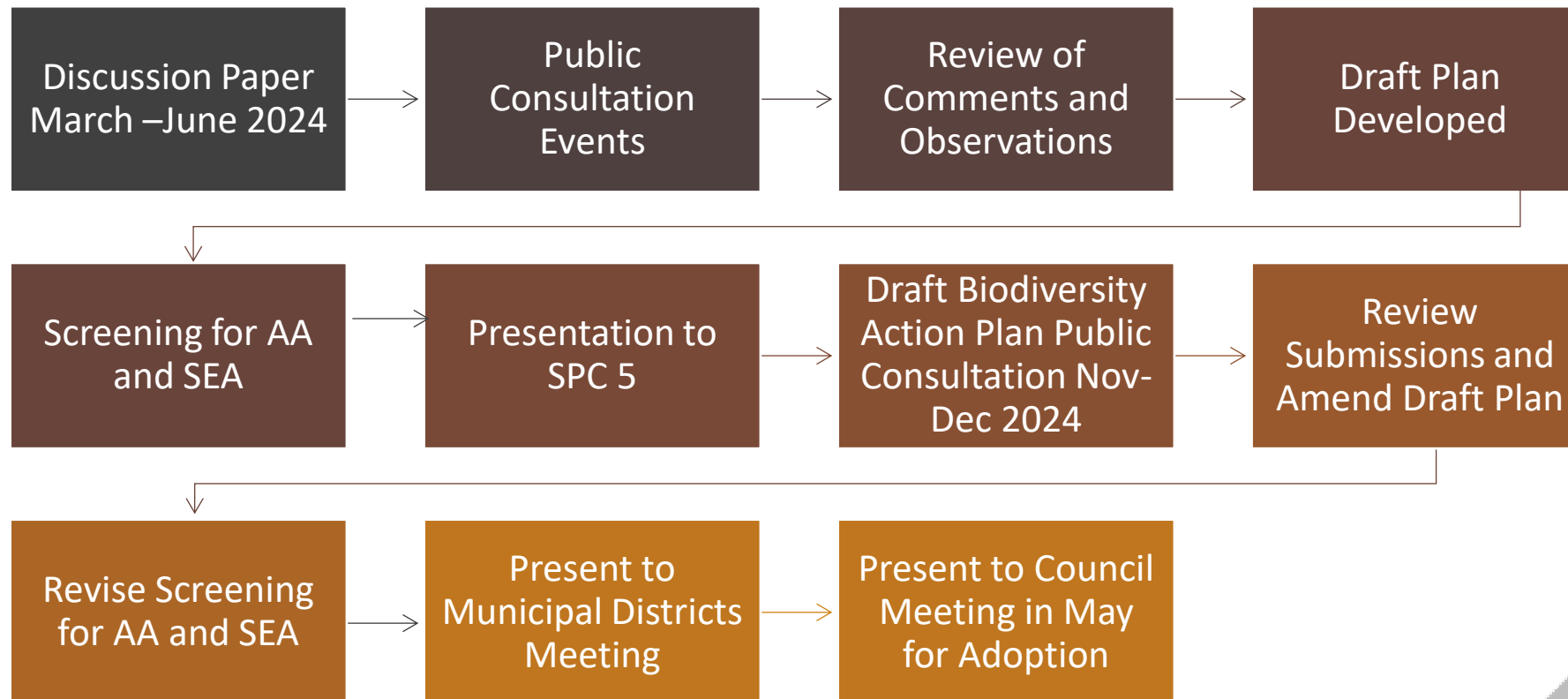


Establishment of the Biodiversity Working Group

Agricultural Sector IFA ICMSA Teagasc (ASSAP)	Conservation State Agencies Inland Fisheries Ireland National Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers OPW Biodiversity Officer	Conservation State Agencies Inland Fisheries Ireland National Parks and Wildlife Service Rangers OPW Biodiversity Officer
Forestry Coillte	Local Development Company Kilkenny LEADER Partnership	Community Representation BirdWatch Ireland One Future Carlow/Kilkenny An Taisce, Kilkenny Association Tidy Towns Forum Representation
	Education/Conservation Specialists Kildalton College The National Reptile Zoo The Acorn Project (Non Profit CLG)	
	River Basin Catchment Specialists Local Authorities Water Programme Office Nore Vision	Council Officials Parks Heritage Office Planning



Development Process of Kilkenny's Biodiversity Action Plan





Draft Biodiversity Action Plan

Objective 1; Provide Biodiversity Leadership at Local Level
(9 Actions)

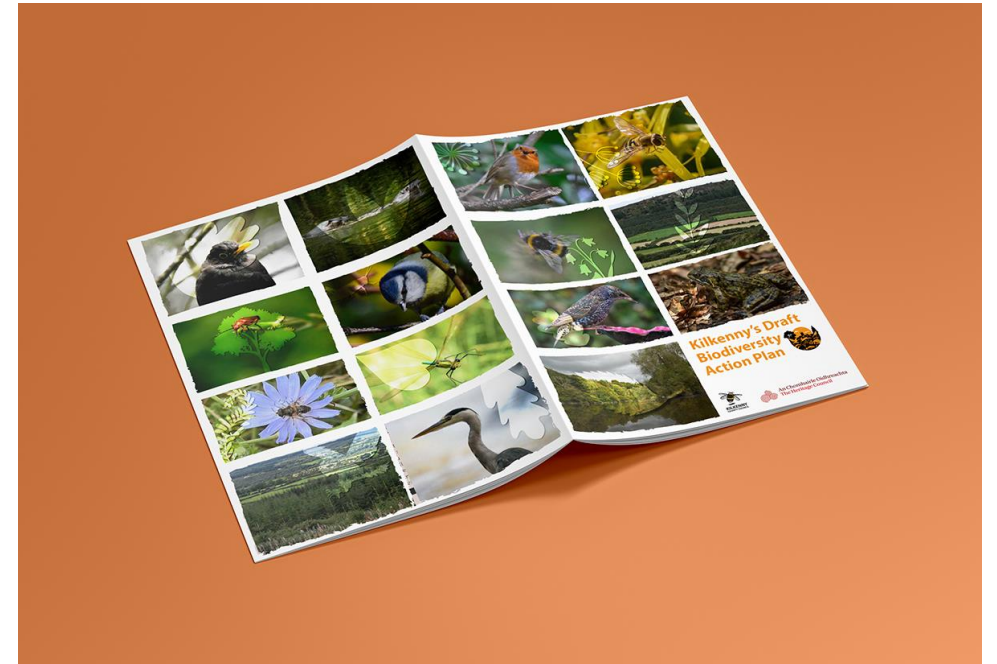
Objective 2; Strengthen Local Biodiversity Policy and
Integrate Biodiversity Procedures into Council Operations
(5 Actions)

Objective 3; Manage Public Open Spaces for Biodiversity
(5 Actions)

Objective 4; Conduct Habitat Mapping and Monitoring to
Support Data-Driven Management Decisions (8 Actions)

Objective 5; Record and Monitor Protected Species or
Species of Conservation Concern (4 Actions)

Objective 6; Foster Engagement, Education and Promotion
of Biodiversity Best Practice (10 Actions)



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Sustainability Urban Drainage in Graignamanagh



Meadow Management in Bishopsmeadows



Grassland Management at Melville Heights



Newrath, Belmont and Slieverue Roundabouts



Kilkenny Swift Project



Supporting Research



National Mayfly Survey

The mayfly (*Siphonurus lacustris*) has been recorded in the River Dinin for the first time. The species is more typical of upland areas in Ireland as the NBDC distribution map indicates. Dedicated surveys like this led by Dr J-R. Baars, School of Biology and Environmental Science of UCD will provide a more comprehensive understanding of the mayfly distribution in Ireland.



Nightjar Southeast Survey 2024-2025



National Woodland Bat Survey

Citizen Science



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Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna
Chill Chainnigh agus Cheatharlach
Kilkenny and Carlow
Education and Training Board

Castlecomer MD	7
KK City and Environs MD	3
Callan/Thomastown MD	2
Ferrybank MD	3



NPWS

An tSeirbhís Páirceanna
Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra
National Parks and Wildlife
Service



Celebrate Kilkenny's BIODIVERSITY

Events for
National
Biodiversity
Week 16th-
25th of May

Kilkenny County Council and a number of local organisations have organised public events to celebrate National Biodiversity Week. Explore the rich variety of life in Kilkenny by attending one or more of the events listed below.

WHERE	WHAT	WHEN	ORGANIZER DETAILS
Kenny's Well Kilkenny City	Citizen Science on the River Bregagh	Tuesday 20th May at 7pm	Nore River Catchment Trust and LAWPRO
Clomantagh/ Urlingford /Johnstown	Plant ID and Biodiversity Recording Walk to Ballyspellan SAC with Dr. Fiona MacGowan	Wednesday 21st May at 7pm Phone 086-3104008 for Meeting Point	The Acorn Project www.theacornproject.ie
Ferrybank Library	Gardening for Pollinators 1-hour Talk	Wednesday, 21st May at 2pm	Kilkenny Library Service
Callan	Bat Walk 1-hour Walk & Talk	Thursday, 22nd May at 9.15pm. Meet at KCAT Car Park	Kilkenny County Council
Kilkenny City	Dusk Chorus 1-hour Walk & Talk	Thursday, 22nd May at 8pm. Meet at Kilkenny Castle Gate at 8pm	Organised by OPW and Birdwatch Ireland, Kilkenny Branch
Castlecomer Library	Gardening for Pollinators 1-hour Talk	Friday, 23rd May at 3pm	Kilkenny Library Service
Thomastown Concert Hall, Marshes Street, Thomastown	Showing of the 2023 film 'Wilding' based on the book of the same name by Isabella Tree	Friday 23rd May 7:30-9pm	Thomastown Community River Trust
Mayfair Library Kilkenny City	Gardening for Pollinators 1-hour Talk	Saturday 24th May at 11am	Kilkenny Library Service
Graine Native Tree Nursery Eircode 41et86	Volunteer Day at Graine Native Tree Nursery	Saturday 24th May 11am – 1pm	The Acorn Project www.theacornproject.ie
Thomastown Concert Hall, Marshes Street, Thomastown	Biodiversity Seminar Overview of TCRT's Restoration Island Project with two guest speakers	Saturday 24th May 7.30-9.30pm	Thomastown Community River Trust

For more information, check out www.biodiversityweek.ie



Support Kilkenny's Vision for Biodiversity by Adopting the Plan to show Local Leadership

“To foster a climate resilient natural environment in Kilkenny, where biodiversity flourishes, ecosystems are restored, enhanced and protected. By completing biodiversity best practise, the Council will improve ecological connectivity and empower local communities to connect with nature.

Biodiversity policy will be embedded in all aspects of the Council operations and through educational and outreach initiatives, appropriate biodiversity actions will be encouraged with skills developed to contribute towards biodiversity recording and restoration”



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THANK YOU

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