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Membership of the group is not essential to attend our events, however if you enjoy the experience, it is hoped that membership will follow.

Indoor meetings run October to March, usually every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Venue: Large Lecture Theatre, School of Biological and Environmental Sciences, University of Aberdeen, Tillydrone Avenue, AB24 2TZ. **All indoor talks start at 7.30pm.**

Refreshments are available at the interval for £2 to help defray the costs.

Field trips take place on Sundays and midweek and are suitable for all ages whether you're an experienced birder or not. Please bring warm and waterproof clothing, stout footwear and suitable refreshments, as well as binoculars if you have them.

In the event of bad weather, contact the leader to confirm that it is going ahead. If you intend to leave before the end, make sure the leader knows.

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The Aberdeen and District Local Group is for anyone with an interest in wildlife and birdwatching

We have been fundraising over the years, supporting local projects such as RSPB Scotland's Loch of Strathbeg nature reserve. We run a programme of habitat management days at our local RSPB Scotland reserves including Fowlsheugh, Loch of Strathbeg and Meikle Loch. Please contact

David White (07733 288237, or david.white82@btopenworld.com) for details.

Membership costs £5 per year in addition to RSPB national membership.

For further information contact:

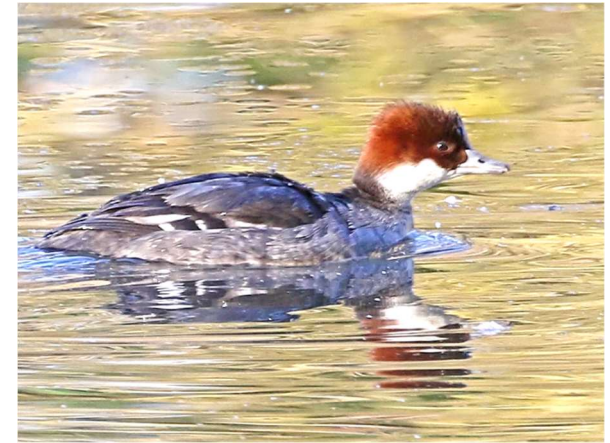
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Programme January – June 2024

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Welcome to the Aberdeen and District RSPB Local Group

January 2024

Tuesday January 2nd – Annual Ythan Wander- Start your year list with a bang! meet at 10am at the Beach Road car park (NK 0020 2475). **Leader Dave Gill**

Tuesday January 9th – Indoor Meeting: “Dinosaurs and Birds” learn about how Dinosaurs and Birds are related. **Speaker Prof. Steve Brusatte.** A joint meeting with the SOC.

Wednesday January 17th – Johnston Gardens to Hazlehead a search for our suburban birds. Meet 10am at Johnstone Gardens main carpark (off Viewfield Road) Aberdeen (NJ 9122 0503). **Leader Mark Sullivan.**

February

Tuesday February 13th – Indoor Meeting: “The Last Waterhole” what happens when the dry season takes hold in Zambia. **Speaker Mark Sullivan**

Wednesday February 14th - Ugie Estuary and Buchanhaven, winter coastal birding for “white-winged” gulls and waders. Meet 10am at the Golf Road car park (NK 1201 4735). **Leader David Leslie.** Bring packed lunch.

Sunday February 25th – Kirkhill Forest Woodland birds with Crossbills. Meet 10am at Kirkhill Forest car park (north of A96) (NJ 8535 1159). **Leader Tony Hilton.** (TBC)

March

Thursday March 7th - Donmouth and Seaton Park, investigate the riverine and estuary birds, with possibility of otter! Meet 10am at Donmouth Hide. (NJ 9494 0928) **Leader David White**

Tuesday March 12th – Indoor Meeting: “Seabirds and avian flu” a review of the devastating effects of the avian flu epidemic. **Speaker Connie Tremlett**

Sunday March 24th – Loch of Strathbeg Geese, Swans and Ducks. Meet 10am at Loch of Strathbeg visitor centre (NO 450 507). **Leader Rob Leslie.** Bring packed lunch.

April

Sunday April 14th – Crathes Castle woodland and farmland birds – on the trail of Nuthatch. Meet 10am at Crathes Castle car park (NO 7350 9690). **Leader Tony Hilton.**

Wednesday April 24th – Monikie Country Park Little Gulls, Grebes and spring migrants. Meet 10am at Monikie Country Park car park (NO 5014 3501). Bring packed lunch. **Leader Mark Sullivan.** Car share available from Kingswells P&R at 0830. Contact Mark if you wish to share.

May

Thursday May 9th – Inverurie Riverside Warblers and other summer visitors Meet **0630** at Port Elphinstone Riverside Park carpark (NJ 7762 2042). **Leader David White.** We will have breakfast at end of walk.

Sunday May 19th – Kinnaber Links birds and butterflies (including Green Hairstreaks). Meet 10am at Kinnaber Links, off Charleton Rd (A92) (NO 7227 6045). **Leader Tony Hilton.** Bring packed lunch.

June

June 8th / 9th – Aviemore Weekend Trip. **Contact David Leslie for details.**

Wednesday June 19th – Longhaven Cliffs SWT reserve – Seabirds and coastal heathland. Meet 10am Longhaven Cliffs SWT car park car park (NK 1121 3986). **Leader Rob Leslie.**