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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.

**Contacts for field trips:**

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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](mailto: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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LOCAL GROUP

**Programme June 2024 – January 2025**

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## Welcome to the Aberdeen and District RSPB Local Group

### June 2024

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

### July

**Wednesday July 10th – Glen Girnock:** upland birds. Meet 10am at Ballater Church Sq. car park. (NO 369 957). **Leader Mark Sullivan.** Bring packed lunch.

**Sunday July 28th – Blackdog:** Scoters. Meet 10am Car park at end of Hareburn Terrace, Blackdog. ( NJ 962 141). **Leader David White**

### August

**Sunday August 11th – Cairnbulg and Inverallochy:** seabirds and waders. Meet 10am Cairnbulg harbour. **Leader David White.**

**Thursday August 22nd - Ullapool – Stornaway Ferry:** A return day trip for whales, skuas, petrels and shearwaters. Meet Ullapool harbour for 1030 departure. Landing at Ullapool at 1630. **Leader David Leslie.**

### September

**Sunday September 8th - St Cyrus NNR** Raptors and migrants. Meet 10am at St Cyrus NNR car park. (NO 741 634) **Leader Tony Hilton.** Bring packed lunch.

**Wednesday September 25th – Ythan Estuary-** Waders. Meet 10am at Newburgh Beach Rd car park (NK002 247). **Leader Mark Sullivan.**

### October

**Tuesday October 8th – Indoor Meeting: “Orkney”** A photographic exposition. **Speaker Raymond Besant.**

**Sunday October 13th – Balmedie** Migrants and seabirds. Meet 10am at Balmedie Beach car park (NJ 975 181). **Leader Rob Leslie.**

**Thursday October 24th – Kinneff Old Church** Autumn migrants (NO 854 749). Bring packed lunch. **Leader David White.**

## November

**Tuesday November 12th – Indoor Meeting: “Mar Lodge Estate”** A talk on the rewinding of this iconic estate. **Speaker Andrew Painting.**

**Sunday November 17th – Loch of Skene-Goose Roost.** Meet 7am at “Towers car park” (NJ 785 080). **Leader Tony Hilton.**

**Wednesday November 27th – Loch of Strathbeg-** winter wildfowl. Meet 10am Strathbeg visitor’s car park (NK 056 580). **Leader David Leslie.** Bring packed lunch.

## December

**Tuesday December 10th – Indoor Meeting and AGM.** Edgar Joly – birds, and Mark Sullivan Wader ID and quiz

**Sunday December 15th – Donmouth** followed by Christmas Lunch. **Booking Required.** Contact Keith Yates for details.

## January 2025

**Thursday 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 David Leslie**