



Biological Recording in Scotland (BRISC)
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BRISC Annual Conference and AGM 2008

Biodiversity and Cairngorms National Park

Saturday 29th March, 2008
at The Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie

Programme

9:30-10:00 – Tea/ Coffee – Registration.

10:00 – 10:15am – Patrick Milne Home (Chair of BRISC) and Official from Cairngorms National Park Authority. Welcome and introduction.

Chair of proceedings - Jonathan Willet, Red Kite Tours.

Key-Note Address

10:15 – 10:45 – Cairngorms National Park: Past Present and Future - Dick Balharry

Biological Recording in the Cairngorms National Park.

10:45 – 11:10 – Amphibians and Aspen - species recording in the National Park. Stephen Corcoran. Cairngorms Biodiversity Officer.

11:10 – 11:35 - The Role of NESBReC - a Local Records Centre. Glenn Roberts. North East Scotland Biological Records Centre (NESBReC).

Break 11:35 – 11:50

11:50 – 12:15 – Building biodiversity - how does a single species, *Populus tremula*, support 300 species of lichen? - Chris Ellis. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

12:15 – 12:40 – The challenges and rewards of wildlife recording in the Highlands - Murdo MacDonald. Chair, Highland Biological Recording Group.

12:40 – 13:00 – Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 – Lunch.

13:45 – 14:30 – BRISC AGM.

14:30 – 16:30pm – A choice of field trips.

- Invertromie (this is part of the Insh Marshes RSPB Reserve) looking at the Aspen woods there and also other aspects of the Insh Marshes. Led by Chris Ellis.
- Walk through the regenerating woodland from the hotel up onto Creag Bheag, looking at different aspects of the biodiversity. Led by Duncan MacDonald and Jonathan Willet.
- Amphibian survey field trip to a local site. Led by Stephen Corcoran.

All walks will be lead by an experienced guide.

16:30 – 17:00 – Tea and Coffee, Raffle draw – end of day