



## SWT - SKYE MEMBERS' CENTRE

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### SUMMER PROGRAMME - 2013

Dear Supporter,

Here is another opportunity for you to enjoy our outdoor meetings in good company. For specific or general help with any of them, please contact me by phone or email (details above).

Date	Event	Leader	Meeting Point	Comment
Early May.	Mosses and Liverworts	Nick Hodgetts	TBC	<i>Nick has agreed to lead a group and is identifying a location and checking dates.</i>
Saturday 25 May (or 26 as bad weather alternative).	Seashore trip to the Coral Beach	Judith Bullivant (Skye and Lochalsh Environment Forum)	Meet at the Car Park north of Claigan at NG232538	<i>An exploration of the seashore. Expect to go into the sea. So wellies etc. a must.</i>
First week in June (commencing the 6 <sup>th</sup> actual date to be confirmed)	Boat trip (Misty Isle) and a Loch Coruisk walk included.	No specific leader but on the boat a crew member will identify "what's about".	Meet at Elgol NG516136 to get boat to Loch Coruisk	<i>On the boat trip out/return we will look for seabirds, seals, cetaceans and basking sharks. At the Loch you are free to explore the area's flora and fauna. There is likely to be two options for length of stay at the Loch. A charge will be made. Details nearer the time.</i>
Friday, 21 June.  10am - 3pm	Botanical walk	Stephen Bungard	Talisker Bay. Meet at car park (limited space available) at NG326306	<i>A study of the flora of Talisker Bay and the cliffs to the south.</i>
Friday, 5 July.  Boat will leave at 6 p.m.	Pelagic Boat trip	Bob Macmillan	Elgol Meet at Car Park NG516136	<i>An evening trip (3 hrs) looking for shearwaters, petrels and cetaceans. Limited to 12 persons but if sufficient interest a second trip may be possible. There will be a charge for this trip.</i>
Tuesday 16 July.  10am - 3pm	Dragonflies	Barbara McRitchie	Waternish Area	<i>Visiting various pools in an under recorded area looking for dragonflies and juveniles.</i>
Tuesday 13 August.  Meet 11.00 a.m. (Allow 4 hours)	Woodland walk	James Merryweather	Sgurr a Bhagh. Meet at car park in Bay (NG268540)	<i>Atlantic woodland (ferns a specialty), otters along the river and lots more.</i>
25 September.  Times tbc.	Nature's Harvest	Jenny Grant (Highland Council Ranger)	Actual site to be identified nearer the time but location likely to be in South Skye.	<i>This is a general walk to explore the abundance of seeds, fungi and insects (mainly harvestmen). Will also cover migration and hibernation.</i>

## Notes -

- Unless stated above or you are advised to the contrary in due course outings will commence at 10.00 a.m.
- Our summer events usually have a main leader and subject area, but other aspects of nature are considered and there is usually someone present who can advise. Our aim is to exchange information and learn from each other.
- None of these outings require a high level of fitness but suitable footwear and wet weather gear are highly recommended. For seashore trips wellies or appropriate footwear for wading and shorts are advisable and don't forget a towel! It is always useful to have a margarine tub or similar to collect specimens. A hand lens is useful (also for mosses etc.) and a suitable guidebook is recommended.
- Some outings will take several hours so a packed lunch is advisable.
- Where possible please look to car share as this often eases parking problems and of course reduces carbon footprint!

**Committee Members:** Deirdre Peppé (Chair), David Ashford (Secretary), Tom Smit (Treasurer), Tim Bowditch, Roger Cottis, Jean Thomas, Steve Terry, Niki Maclean, Dr James Merryweather and Marie Sellors.

*Tim Bowditch*