

# Action for Bogs

## No.26



Photo: Green Hairstreak on Cloncrow Bog, Co. Westmeath. ©Eugene Dunbar





## Your donations are helping Butterflies



Thank you for supporting the 2019 Butterfly Project on Lullymore West Bog. With your donations, IPCC are carrying out a vegetation and habitat survey of Lullymore West to identify habitats and species present on the reserve. We have attracted additional funding through a Community Heritage Grant from Kildare County Council and a Biodiversity Grant from the Community Foundation of Ireland for the project. We found beautiful wet woodland areas on the reserve which are great for wildlife. The vegetation survey allows IPCC to assess the effects of conservation practices on the site such as scrub removal and grazing - both of which are enhancing the habitat for our butterfly populations.



### Large Heath Survey

It's that time of year again when the Large Heath, a raised bog specialist butterfly, can be seen fluttering over the vegetation on Lodge Bog in Kildare. IPCC have carried out a habitat suitability survey for the butterfly and have monitored numbers flying on our Large Heath Butterfly transect. This butterfly is an indicator of good raised bog habitat and therefore it is vital to monitor it each year.

**IPCC welcome volunteers to help with all of our butterfly work from April to September each year. Please email [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie) if you can help**

### Species Focus

The metallic green colouration of the green hairstreak butterfly is a stark contrast to the colours of a peatland habitat. It is not a very common species of butterfly. Its foodplants are gorse, broom, bramble, cross-leaved heath and bilberry. It is small and can be seen on the wing from April to June in habitats such as boglands, woodlands and hedgerows. It typically holds its wings closed revealing the green underwings however, its upper wings are a dull brown colour.

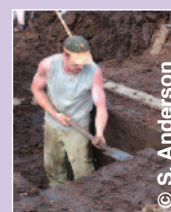


## Natural Regulator Together we can help reduce global warming



We sometimes forget the important role that bogs play with regards to the effects of climate change. One of their natural purposes is to store vast amounts of carbon and water. When we drain bogs for peat extraction or horticulture, we change the functionality of it. Instead of storing carbon, it becomes a source of carbon into the atmosphere. IPCC are committed to restoring bogs to their former glory to the best of our ability. You can help offset your carbon footprint by supporting IPCC and joining the friends of the bog.

## Stop Peat Piracy!

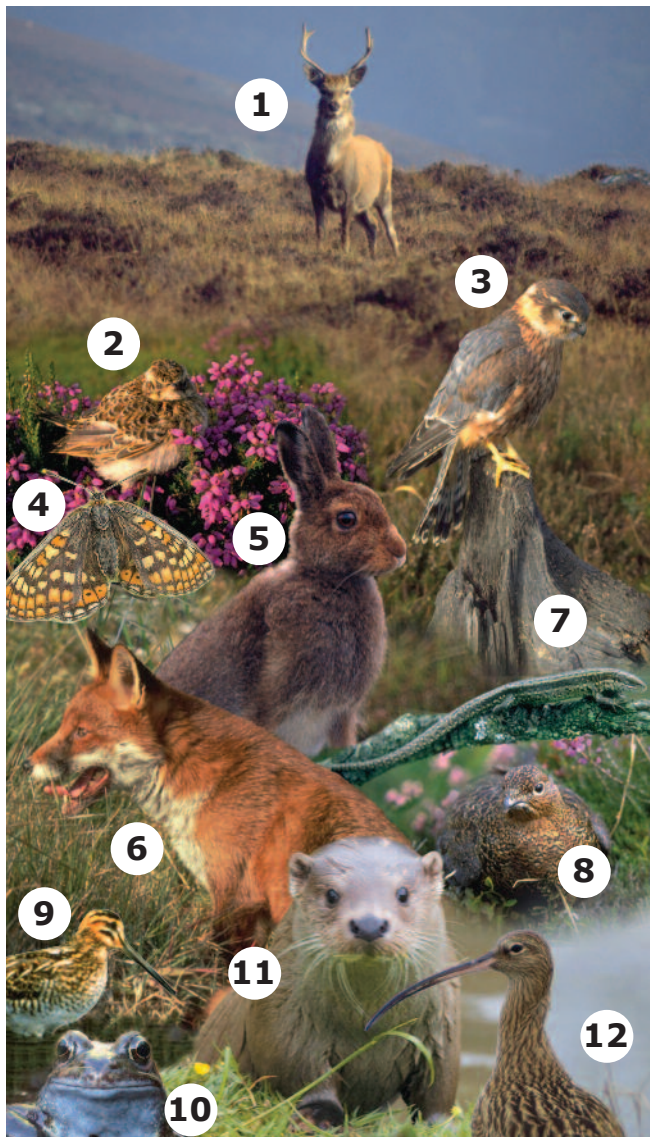


This is a non regulated action whereby peat is extracted without owner consent from bogs.

Permission must be sought from the Local Authority for peat extraction over 1ha however, most domestic peat extraction is less than 1ha and is therefore outside of County Council control. IPCC have sent a letter of complaint to Minister Richard Bruton asking him to take action and stop Peat Piracy Now.

# Species Adoptions

IPCC's Bog Wildlife Adoption scheme lets you symbolically adopt your favourite species and at the same time support our important work of protecting peatland wildlife and connecting people to nature. All species adoptions receive a thank you card, an adoption certificate with your name plus some postcards of your bog species to send to friends or family. Here are a selection to choose from and there are more on [www.ipcc.ie/natureshop](http://www.ipcc.ie/natureshop).



1. Red Deer €20 (PC1344)
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3. Merlin €20 (PC1349)
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7. Lizard €20 (PC1315)
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11. Otter €20 (PC1316)
12. Curlew €20 (PC1281)

# Order Form

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**POSTAGE** costs Ireland/Northern Ireland €1 per adoption; for the rest of the world €1.70 per adoption.

**Cost of adoptions €****Postal Cost (see note) €****GRAND TOTAL €**

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

Postal Code.....

**Tel:** .....

**Email:** .....

## Payment Form

☐ Cheque /Postal Order - Made Payable to IPCC

☐ Visa ☐ Debitcard ☐ Mastercard

Card No:

Expiry Date: ..... / .....

Security Code: .....

Signature:.....

**Please return this form with your payment to IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare R51 V293 or fp peat free and adopt online at [www.ipcc.ie/natureshop](http://www.ipcc.ie/natureshop).  
Thank You Very Much**

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## A Love of Bogs Lasts Longer than a Lifetime

### Giving in memory

a tribute to someone you love

For a free copy of our guide to leaving a legacy, please call Catherine O'Connell on 045-860133, or write to IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare or e-mail a request to us at [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie)



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Be an IPCC Volunteer



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Take your first step to a career in conservation by working on one of our nature reserves as a volunteer doing bird and butterfly surveys, litter pick-ups, water table monitoring, scrub removal and peat free gardening.  
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## Help Save Our Boglands JOIN IPCC NOW!



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I would like to join as a Friend of the Bog (tick category)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single               | €40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Family/Teacher | €45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unwaged              | €27 |

I enclose my cheque/postal order payable to IPCC, or, please debit my Debit Card/Visa/

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Card number.....

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Security Code (last 3 digits above signature panel) .....

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