

# **Biodiversity Day in Connemara National Park**

This week (20th to 27th May) marks the first ever Irish National Biodiversity Week. Biodiversity is short for 'biological diversity' or more simply, the variety of life on Earth. 'Biodiversity' encompasses all the different living organisms on the planet including the plants, animals as well as their habitats and their ways of life. As this is the week to celebrate wildlife and nature, all over the country many environment groups and nature organisations will be holding events to encourage people to 'take a walk on the wild side'.

'People and Nature' the Galway County Biodiversity Project has teamed up with Connemara National Park to hold a family biodiversity day on Sunday 27th May to mark the occasion.

The day starts off with a guided nature walk of the park at 11am followed by family fun activities such as story telling for all ages and children's nature games and crafts in the afternoon. There will be a talk about biodiversity in County Galway before the official launch of the new People and Nature summer programme and poster. So come along, enjoy the nature of Connemara National Park and make your own bat or bird box for your garden!

If you can't make it on the day, remember the People and Nature project has a whole programme of events and activities planned throughout the summer months. To obtain a brochure in Irish or English visit

**[www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie)** <<http://www.galway.ie/>>

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'People and Nature' is the theme of the Galway County Biodiversity Project. The aim of the project is to develop and implement the Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) which sets out our objectives and actions to promote, protect and enhance biodiversity in County Galway for the benefit of both people and nature.

People and Nature is an action of the Galway County Heritage Plan 2004 - 2008 and is managed as a Partnership Project between Galway County Council and NUI, Galway with the support of Galway Rural Development, The Heritage Council and the Galway County Heritage Forum.

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