

SCOTTISH BOTANISTS' CONFERENCE

Saturday 4 November 2023

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

08.45 Exhibitors' setting up

09.15 General Arrival – tea & coffee

10.00 Welcome - Simon Milne, RBGE Regius Keeper

10.05 *Plant Atlas 2020*: powering policy with citizen science – Matt Williams, Chief Scientific Advisor for Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to Scottish Government

10:15 *Plant Atlas 2020*: the State of Scotland's Flora – Matt Harding, BSBI Scotland Officer

10:35 Scottish Plant Recovery using Conservation Translocations – Aline Finger, RBGE Molecular Ecologist

11.00 Morning Tea & Coffee

11.30 Student research flashtalks

11.45 An update on BSBI's projects and future plans – Julia Hanmer, BSBI Chief Executive

12.05 BSBI Scottish Annual General Meeting – David Elston, BSBI Chair of Committee for Scotland

12.25 Lunch and view exhibits

13.15 Mini-workshops: First session

14.15 Mini-workshops: Second session

15.15 Afternoon Tea & Coffee

15.45 BotSoc.Scot! BSS welcome and updates – Jonathan Silvertown, President of BSS

16.05 From seedling to sapling: a year in the life of a young professional [botanist?] – Gus Routledge

16.20 For Peat's Sake: The Highs and Lows of Managing Plantlife's Munsary Peatlands Nature Reserve – Alistair Whyte, Head of Plantlife Scotland

16.35 Divorcing the Scrophs: why plant names keep changing – Richard Milne, University of Edinburgh

17.05 Comfort Break

17.20 The updated Caledonian Pinewood Inventory – James Rainey, Trees for Life

17.45 BSBI Photographic Competition

17.50 Closing remarks

18.00 Close of conference

18.30 Conference Dinner – details to be confirmed

Mini-workshops	Leader
Willowherb (<i>Epilobium</i>) identification	Geoffrey Kitchener, BSBI <i>Epilobium</i> referee
Montane willow identification	Sarah Watts, Corrour Estate Conservation Manager
Introduction to Dock identification	Sandy Edwards, BSBI Recorder for Fife
Introduction to Horsetail identification	Heather McHaffie, British Pteridological Society
Bryophytes for beginners	Oliver Moore, British Bryological Society
Making the most of herbaria – specimen collection, presentation and online catalogues	Elspeth Haston, RBGE Deputy Herbarium Curator, & RBGE Herbarium team
Getting the most out of the Online <i>Plant Atlas 2020</i>	Pete Stroh, BSBI England & Scientific Officer, <i>Plant Atlas 2020</i> author