

## SCOTTISH BOTANISTS' CONFERENCE

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

- 08.45 Exhibitors' setting up  
09.15 General Arrival – tea & coffee
- 10.00 Welcome** – Pete Hollingsworth, RBGE Director of Science  
10.05 Update on the Scottish Plant Strategy – Pete Hollingsworth, RBGE Director of Science  
10:10 Teaming up science and horticulture to restore the Small Cow-wheat (*Melampyrum sylvaticum*) in Scotland – Aline Finger, RBGE Molecular Ecologist, & Jenny Baker, RBGE Horticulture  
10:40 Genomic barcodes for identifying complex species – Connie Simon-Nutbrown, RBGE Post-doctoral Researcher  
11.00 Morning Coffee & Tea
- 11.30 Presidents words** – Micheline Sheehy Skeffington, BSBI President  
11.35 An update on BSBI's projects and future plans – Julia Hanmer, BSBI Chief Executive  
11:50 Student researcher flash talks
- 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 The latest from the Botanical Society of Scotland** – Jonathan Silvertown, BSS President  
16.00 Clinging on: A year in the life of a mountain botanist – Lewis Donaghy, NTS  
16.15 Woolly warriors – tackling giant hogweed using sheep grazing – Callum Sinclair, Scottish Invasive Species Initiative (SISI)  
16.30 The curious tale of *Rhododendron ponticum* – Richard Milne, BSS & University of Edinburgh  
16.55 Comfort Break
- 17.10 An Inch of Moss: Learning from the Cairngorms Rare Plants Project about Pinewood Specialists and their Niches** – Sam Jones, Plantlife Scotland  
17.35 BSBI Photographic Competition results  
17.40 Closing remarks  
17.50 Close of conference
- 18.30 Conference Dinner** – Loon Fung Cantonese Restaurant, pre-bookings only

Mini-workshops	Leader
Starting with <i>Euphrasia</i> Identification	Chris Metherell, BSBI <i>Euphrasia</i> Referee
Ferns for Beginners	Heather McHaffie, British Pteridological Society
How to take photos for Bramble identification	Angus Hannah, BSBI Scottish Brambles Referee
Introduction to <i>Sphagnum</i>	Oliver Moore, British Bryological Society
Using Your Smartphone for Botanical Imaging	Rich Wilson, BSS Publicity Officer
Making the most of herbaria – digital catalogues, detective desk and 'Rum Affair' display	Elspeth Haston, RBGE Deputy Herbarium Curator, & RBGE Herbarium team
Using the BSBI Recording App	James Drever & Tom Humphrey, BSBI Data Team
Intro to the BSBI's Plant Distribution Database	Matt Harding, BSBI Scotland Officer