

**The National Parks and Wildlife
Service**
North Midlands Region
**Primary Schools Education
Programmes**



Comhshool, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Heritage and Local Government

The Education Programmes of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) are provided through the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government as a means of:

1. Promoting (a) **awareness**, (b) **knowledge** and (c) **appreciation** of our native flora, fauna and their habitats.
2. Fostering individual and collective **responsibility** for the welfare and conservation of our natural heritage.
3. Providing **information** and **advice** on environmental issues.

The programmes are available to Primary School students in the North Midlands Region, including: [South Leitrim](#), [Roscommon](#), [Longford](#), [Cavan](#), [Monaghan](#) and [Westmeath](#).

Each programme is offered at two levels: **Level 1**: Suits the needs, interests and abilities of Junior Infant to 2nd Class students.

Level 2: Is designed for 3rd Class - 6th Class students.

A teacher can select any of the programmes listed below for their class:

[A. Our Wildlife](#)

[B. Our Bogs](#)

[C. Our Woodland and Hedgerows](#)

[D. Irish Bird Life](#)

[E. Farming for Nature](#)

[F. Bats of Ireland](#)

[G. Wetlands and Waterways](#)

[H. Our Turloughs](#) [level 2 only]

Forthcoming additions will include:

[I. World of Mini Beasts.](#)

We welcome any suggestions of other programme topics.

The programmes reflect the central themes, objectives and methodologies of the **SESE** curriculum of the Department of Education and Science.

- Programmes are **free**.
- All programme materials are provided by the NPWS.
- **Out** of School grounds fieldwork requires **at least 2 teachers** and for groups over 20 a Teacher/ responsible adult: Pupil ratio of 1:10 (NPWS Education staff can be included in this ratio).

The general format of each programme at each level is as follows:

1. An introductory power point presentation
2. A related activity that will include fieldwork* if conditions allow
3. And / or one or more related experimental activity /art/ craft/games, etc.
4. Review / evaluation

Fieldwork activities can be held:

- (a) In your own school grounds
- (b) At our Education Centre in Ballinafad, Co. Sligo
- (c) At a suitable site out of school grounds.

*Pupils will need to be dressed appropriately for outdoor activities such as warm clothing, rain jackets and wellingtons or walking boots.

Contact the NPWS (North Midland Region) for further details and booking forms:

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