Phoenix Park Biodiversity Festival

10th 11th 12th

September 2021

OPW
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Office of Public Works

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All events are free. Booking is required, as places are limited. Please visit www.phoenixpark.ie for more information and booking details. All events are outdoors (Please wear suitable clothing and footwear).

F Family Event A Adults Wheelchair Accessible

10th Friday

9.30am – 5pm	Self-guided Biodiversity trail around Ashtown Demesne.	F
9.30am – 5pm	Self-guided Tree trail around Ashtown Demesne.	F
11am – 12pm	Gardening for Pollinators. A tour of the Victorian Walled Garden with Cathy Savage, OPW Gardener.	A
11am – 12pm	The Phoenix Park Gate Lodge Gardens. A tour with Maeve Rice, OPW Guide.	F
11am – 4pm	Honey Bee Observation Hive. In association with the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association.	F
12pm – 1pm	The Trees of Ashtown Castle Arboretum. A tour with Cormac Downey, OPW Tree Officer.	F
2pm – 3pm	How to become a Citizen Scientist. A tour with Leif Barry, OPW Guide.	F
3pm – 4pm	The history of the Fallow Deer in the Phoenix Park. A talk with Terry Moore, OPW Deer Keeper/Park Ranger.	F
8pm– 9pm	Dark Sky Event in the Phoenix Park. Observe the night sky with the Irish Astronomical Society.	F

Outdoor Exhibition in the Victorian Walled Garden – Citizen Science of the Phoenix Park "Science for the People, by the People"

11th Saturday

9.30am – 5pm	Self-guided Biodiversity trail around Ashtown Demesne.	F
9.30am – 5pm	Self-guided Tree trail around Ashtown Demesne.	F
11am – 4pm	Traditional Hay Saving. A demonstration with Michael Jacob, Heritage Specialist.	F
11am – 4pm	Honey Bee Observation Hive. In association with the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association.	F
11am – 12pm	The Phoenix Park Gate Lodge Gardens. A tour with Maeve Rice, OPW Guide.	F
12pm – 1pm	Birds of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Niamh Fitzgerald, Birdwatch Ireland.	F
12pm – 1pm	The Seven Principals of "Leave No Trace". A talk with Keith McDonnell, Leave No Trace Ireland.	F
1pm – 2pm	Trees of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Bernie Canning, OPW Guide.	F
2pm – 3pm	Life in the Aquatic Habitats of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Rob Gandola, Herpetological Society of Ireland.	F
3pm – 4pm	How to become a Citizen Scientist. A tour with Leif Barry, OPW Guide.	F
3pm – 4pm	The history of the Fallow Deer in the Phoenix Park. A talk with Terry Moore, OPW Deer Keeper/Park Ranger.	F
8pm – 9pm	The Bats of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Dr Tina Aughney, Bat Conservation Ireland.	F

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12th Sunday

9.30am – 5pm	Self-guided Biodiversity trail around Ashtown Demesne.	F
9.30am – 5pm	Self-guided Tree trail course around Ashtown Demesne.	F
11am – 4pm	Traditional Hay Saving. A demonstration with Michael Jacob, Heritage Specialist.	F
11am – 4pm	Honey Bee Observation Hive. In association with the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Association.	F
11am – 12pm	The Phoenix Park Gate Lodge Gardens. A tour with Maeve Rice, OPW Guide.	F
12pm – 1pm	Birds of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Niamh Fitzgerald, Birdwatch Ireland.	F
12pm – 1pm	The Seven Principals of "Leave No Trace". A talk with Keith McDonnell, Leave No Trace Ireland.	F
1pm – 2pm	Trees of the Phoenix Park. A tour with Bernie Canning, OPW Guide.	F
2pm – 3pm	Grass Identification of the Hay Meadow at Ashtown Demesne. With Dr Fionnuala O'Neill, Director of Ecology, BEC Consultants.	A
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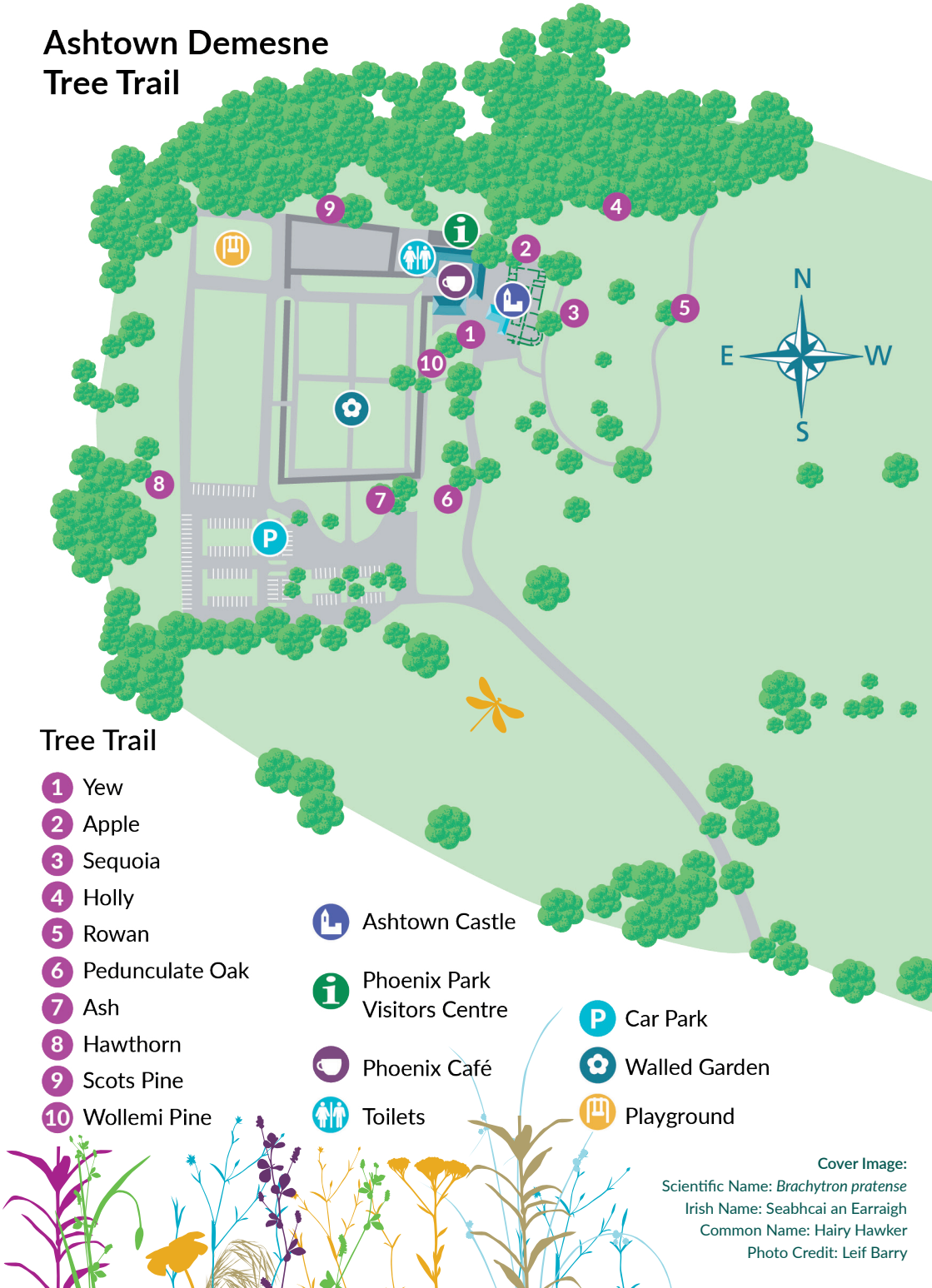
Online Biodiversity Lunch Time Talks

Monday, 6th September at 1pm	Juanita Browne, National Biodiversity Data Centre. *All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.*
Tuesday, 7th September at 1pm	Dr Noeleen Smyth, Botanist, National Botanic Gardens. *Spreading Seeds of Doubt.*
Wednesday, 8th September at 1pm	Margaret Gormley, Chief Parks Superintendent, OPW. *Dublin's Green Lung & Biodiversity Haven – Phoenix Park.*
Thursday, 9th September at 1pm	Dr Jane Stout, Professor in Botany, School of Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin. *The Buzz about Bees: their importance, health and conservation.*
Friday, 10th September at 1pm	OPW staff talk about Biodiversity: Rory Finnegan, Head Gardener, OPW, Castletown Demesne. *The Floral Pollinator Meadows of Castletown.* Chris O'Neill, Park Superintendent, OPW. *Derrynane and the Natterjack Toads.* Dr Colin Kelleher, Taxonomist, National Botanic Gardens. *Dried and Frozen – Bringing Plant Diversity Back to Life.*

All Lunchtime Talks are approx. 30 minutes long and are available on the OPW YouTube channel. Please see **www.phoenixpark.ie** for details.

Ashtown Demesne Tree Trail



Tree Trail

1. Yew
2. Apple
3. Sequoia
4. Holly
5. Rowan
6. Pedunculate Oak
7. Ash
8. Hawthorn
9. Scots Pine
10. Wollemi Pine

- Ashtown Castle
- Phoenix Park Visitors Centre
- Phoenix Café
- Toilets
- Car Park
- Walled Garden
- Playground

Cover Image:
Scientific Name: *Brachytron pratense*
Irish Name: Seabhcai an Earraigh
Common Name: Hairy Hawker
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