

Did you know?

- Massive loss of butterfly habitats has occurred since 1980
- Since 1984 over 50% of Irish butterfly species have suffered serious declines
- Almost nothing is known about the population status of some of our scarcest butterflies
- The Marsh Fritillary butterfly's habitats continue to suffer devastating loss and deterioration despite protection afforded under national and European law.



Pearl-bordered Fritillary

What Can Be Done

Despite nature conservation designations that protect sites from development, protected habitats continue to deteriorate and species loss has continued. Some important sites lack protection and are vulnerable to habitat degradation and total destruction.



Peacock

Butterfly Conservation Ireland seeks to develop nature reserves in excellent butterfly sites where active management intervention is needed to ensure these areas remain in good condition. Some of these locations have no formal recognition or protection.

Butterfly Conservation Ireland seeks to preserve these special places. The need to inform policy makers and educate the public about the conservation of habitats and butterfly populations is also part of our work.

Butterfly Conservation Ireland Projects

Since our foundation in 2008 we have begun to develop Ireland's first butterfly reserve at Lullybeg, County Kildare in partnership with Bord na Móna.

Butterfly Conservation Ireland is working with the National Biodiversity Data Centre to track the changing fortunes of Irish butterfly populations.

We are also advising landowners on how best to protect the habitats and butterfly populations on their lands.

We are involved in educational work, giving talks in schools and to local groups.

We are campaigning to protect butterfly populations and have liaised with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and local authorities about developments that concern butterfly conservation.

We provide advice on how to enhance butterfly habitats. We also have an annual programme of butterfly walks for our members.



Flower-rich meadow

Why not join us?

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Membership fee: €30

If you would like to make a donation please enter the amount below:

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Please make your cheque or postal order payable to Butterfly Conservation Ireland.

Return to:
Membership Secretary,
Butterfly Conservation Ireland,
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A butterfly habitat maintained by traditional management practices.

Butterfly Conservation Ireland is a voluntary organisation established in 2008 to:

- Promote the conservation of butterflies and their habitats in the Republic of Ireland
- Encourage public involvement in conservation
- Create opportunities for Butterfly Conservation Ireland's volunteers and members of the public to organise and participate in national and local conservation projects, including reserve management
- Undertake survey work in reserves, proposed or designated sites.

Butterfly Conservation Ireland



Saving our heritage

