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**We are now taking bookings for #BES2022
at the Edinburgh ICC 18-21 December.**

EXHIBITION

The exhibition will be at the heart of our Edinburgh Annual Meeting. All stand exhibitors will be situated in the main hall where delegate lunches and coffees are served, and key networking events take place. Exhibition spaces are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. So please book now to be certain of a place.

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Our programme of world class international speakers, workshops and thematic sessions will be finalised this summer. However, you can express an interest now.

- Workshop sponsorship: **£400**
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WELCOME BIENVENUE À TOUS



We're delighted to welcome you to Liverpool pour Ecology Across Borders 2021, the Joint Meeting of the British Ecological Society and the French Society for Ecology and Evolution.

There's a packed programme of talks, workshops and networking opportunities, with many people joining online for several sessions. Use this programme and the online hub to plan your days and make the most of the conference.

It's exciting to be able to meet again in person. We've missed the ability to come together over this long pandemic period and share great science, new ideas and make connections. Science and research is often used that face-to-face connection to spark crucial ideas and innovation.

With this joint UK/French meeting, and with international travel beginning to ease again, there is also the opportunity to renew our ties across Europe and beyond, and rebuild the internationalism and free flow of ideas that science thrives on. It is exciting to be here in Liverpool, but the coronavirus pandemic has not gone away. We have put in place a set of measures to ensure a safe meeting where the risk of the spread of the virus is reduced. We would ask all delegates to follow the advice provided within they're at the meeting for the benefit of all.

We look forward to meeting you this week and we hope you all enjoy ECAB2021.

Jane Memmott
President of the British Ecological Society

Nous sommes ravis de vous accueillir à Liverpool pour Ecology Across Borders 2021, la Société Britannique d'Ecologie et la Société Française d'Ecologie et d'Evolution se réunissent et vous réunissent pour la seconde fois.

Nous vous proposons un programme riche en conférences et ateliers qui vous permettront de créer, consolider et élargir vos réseaux professionnels, y compris avec les nombreuses personnes qui participent à nos ateliers à distance. L'objectif principal est de constituer un programme ainsi que le site web de congrès afin de planifier vos journées et de profiter au mieux de tous les événements que vous avez proposés.

C'est plaisir de pouvoir nous retrouver de nouveau « pour de vrai ». En effet, tout au long de cette pandémie, nous sommes privés de ces réunions qui nous permettent de partager notre passion pour les sciences, d'échanger des idées et de poursuivre des collaborations ou d'en constituer de nouvelles. La recherche repose tellement sur ces rencontres qui font naître de nouvelles idées et stimulent la créativité.

Ce congrès franco-britannique associé à la reprise des voyages en Europe et à l'international, est également l'occasion de renouer les liens qui nous unissent afin de servir et conserver le libre-échange d'idées qui font prospérer la Science et la recherche.

Nous sommes impatients de vous rencontrer cette semaine et espérons que vous allez tous profiter pleinement de ECAB2021.

Anne-Violette Lavoie
Présidente de la Société Française d'Ecologie et d'Evolution



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THINGS TO DO IN LIVERPOOL

A list of activities to help you explore the wonderful city of Liverpool.

BEATLES MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Tour times: 11:00-13:00 and 14:00-16:00
Ticket prices: £15.00 per person
Departure location: Magical Mystery Tour Ticket Office, Anchor Courtyard, Albert Dock, Liverpool, Merseyside, L3 4AB

Step aboard the colourful Magical Mystery Tour bus for a fun and fascinating two-hour tour of the city of Liverpool. You'll see all the places associated with John, Paul, George and Ringo in the great city, and meet the band that would take the pop world by storm.



THE BEATLES STORY

Tour times: Tickets with time slots must be purchased online in advance of your visit.
Opening hours: 10:00-16:00
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Location: Beatles Story, Albert Dock, L3 4AB

The award-winning 'The Beatles Story' is the world's largest permanent exhibition purely devoted to telling the story of the lives and times of The Beatles.

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OLD DOCK TOUR

Tour times: 10:30-11:30 / 12:00-13:00 / 14:30-15:30
Ticket prices: Adult £7.50, Students £6.50
Departure location: By the large anchor outside the Maritime Museum and visitors walk to the nearby Old Dock.

Organised by National Museums Liverpool, discover the origin of Liverpool's fortune, built on the Old Dock. Revealed during excavations on the site in 2001, the story of the world's first commercial enclosed wet dock is explored on this guided tour. You will discover how a brave idea and an innovative fuel of engineering shaped Liverpool's destiny forever. On the tour, visitors are taken back in time as they see a large portion of the Old Dock rising more than 20 feet from the bed of the Pool - the creek that gave Liverpool its name.

LUNT MEADOWS - WILDLIFE TRUST
Opening hours: 09:30-16:30
Ticket prices: FREE
Departure location: 1-hour bus (number 113) from Queen's Square, the Station or a 30-minute drive. Access via free carpark.

This spectacular wetland nature reserve, nestled along the magnificent River Mersey, was first designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1972 and 2014 it was intensively farmed until the late 19th century. It was bought by the Environment Agency for development as a flood storage reservoir. It was then designated as a nature reserve of the Lunt Meadows became a rural destination for bird lovers.

KNOWSLEY SAFARI AND CHESTER ZOO

MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL
Liverpool boasts an impressive collection of museums and galleries that are completely free of charge. At the Museum of Liverpool,

located right by the ACC, the whole family can get to know the city via the Life Liverpool gallery puts on an interactive experience for the little ones.

WORLD MUSEUM

The oldest of Liverpool's Museums, World Museum, is also one of the most special museums in the UK. Its collection covers a wide variety of exhibits from natural history to world cultures, housing more than 1.7 million artefacts and specimens. The aquarium and bug house are particularly recommended for families.

LIVERPOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Liverpool's Christmas Market, taking place annually outside St George's Hall, is returning this November with its usual mix of stalls, trading local food, drinks and crafts for all ages to enjoy.

SEFTON PARK

Head south to Sefton Park where the whole family can enjoy a day out exploring the 235-acre grounds and the botanical collection in the Palm House. Don't forget to stop by the famous statue of Peter Pan, a replica of the Kensington Gardens original. Amidst the lovely greenery you will also find a large playground for the kids to roam.

KNOWSLEY SAFARI AND CHESTER ZOO

If you're a fan of the city, there are two zoos easily accessible from Liverpool by public transport or on the Knowsley Safari in Private. Visitors can take in the 550-acre safari on a full or half day from the comfort of their car while Chester Zoo delivers a more familiar zoo experience.



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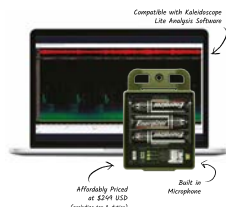
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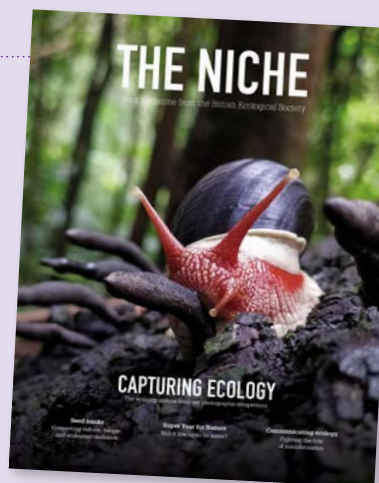
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SHOUT TROUT WORKOUT

Stephanie Januchowski-Hartley
Sussex University

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THE NICHES WINTER 2021

The Shout Trout Workout is a lyrical narrative and multimedia series of cartoons about the enduring migration and life cycle of Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*). These cartooning fish are also commonly referred to as Brown, in Wales or Sea Trout, but they are Brown Trout, just dressed in silver and swimming the wrong! The Shout Trout Workout lyrics are by Meryn Thomas, the illustrations by Eibhan Kavanagh, and the rap video (yes, a Trout music video!) is by multimedia artist New Tank and the Birds. Thank them. It can all be viewed on freelabialek.uk and was created thanks to funding from Welsh European Funding Office and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) EU 1.4.10 (West) awarded to Stephanie Januchowski-Hartley. ★

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CULTURE

WATCH A DREAM OF TREES
Existence Studies
YouTube 2020

Restoration of degraded landscapes is one of the most challenging, but highly needed approaches in the current scenario. The eco-social-cultural linkage of such initiatives makes them more difficult to implement in private lands. But what if you can learn such a complex process from the beginning to the successful stage, and that too from a mosaic of big plantations and rainforests in India? There comes 'A Dream of Trees', a thirty-minute documentary from Existence Studies directed by Sana. This powerful documentary tells the story of some restored tropical rainforest fragments and the journey of the people behind. The documentary begins from a rainforest stream in the Anamalai Hills of the Western Ghats, India, showing the intricate web of life, and the struggle of the forest seeds on the stream banks to become trees, and eventually the forest itself. The narration by Divya Madhavan and TR Shankar Ramani, the sons behind the Reviving the Rainforest project of the Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), carries us through the complexity of rainforests and reminds us of the alarming rate at which we are losing such precious forest patches. Soon, they unravel

Jithin Vijayan

What documentaries would you like us to review next? Let us know! Email horizons@ecologyuk.co.uk

PLAY NEW POKEMON SNAP
Nintendo Switch

Satoshi Tajiri – the creator of Pokémon – was inspired to create a world of collectible creatures by bringing his youthful experience of insect collecting to modern children. In its early days, depictions of the universe focussed on Pokémon-human interactions, but as the power available to video game programmes increased, more scope has become available to focus on the imagined ecology of the world.

New Pokémon Snap begins with Professor Mirror conducting an ecological survey of the unexplored Lental Islands. He enlists the help of the player as an amateur wildlife photographer to embark on expeditions through the range of diverse biomes present in the archipelago, gathering data. The satirical fixed-path format means that there is not a lot of freedom to explore the courses, but interaction with the environment to encourage novel behaviour is possible, and alternative routes and more control over positioning of shots become available later.

Overall, while the game may lack depth for those not already enamoured with the world of Pokémon, it carries a lot of appeal for the ecologically-minded being one of the few games to regularly use the word 'ecology' (it is a relaxing and light-hearted setting).

Jonathan Sutton

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