

# Conservation

## Online Wildlife Surveys in Ireland

It is more important than ever to watch the natural cycle of animals and plants, to see that there are no unusual changes. There are a number of online surveys in which you can participate in Ireland. Here are details of some of them:

### [www.biology.ie](http://www.biology.ie)

Biology.ie was set up in September 2005 to collect Nature's Calendar (or phenology) data from the public. This data (sightings of natural events such as the first appearance of leaves) is placed on a map of Ireland for all users of the site to view. The Aims & Objectives of Biology.ie are:

- To collect Nature's Calendar sightings from the public into one central database.
- To increase awareness of Ireland's biodiversity and in so doing to increase awareness of the value of habitats for the plants and animals.
- To maintain a web site that allows the public to contribute their experience of the natural world via maps and blogs/forums.



### [www.greenwave.ie](http://www.greenwave.ie)

The Greenwave experiment is looking at how Spring moves across Ireland. On a large European scale Spring moves from the South where it gets warm first to the North where it gets warm later. So Spring arrives in Spain and Italy before it arrives in Germany, and then it moves on to Sweden and Finland.

We want to see what will happen in Ireland. By taking part in Greenwave you will actually do real science work! You will be taking part in a genuine mass experiment to find out if Spring moves from south to north across Ireland or inland from the coast to the centre of the country. You will study and record when plants and animals in Ireland react to the warmer and longer days of Spring.



### [www.springalive.net](http://www.springalive.net)

The Spring Alive project is a simple birdwatching survey. Thanks to children and adults all around Europe they are able to track the spring arrival every year. Participation is very simple and can be great fun. All you need to do is register your first bird sightings on-line every year. They are interested in your personal first observation of swallow, swift, cuckoo and stork.

They analyse the results to track the arrival of spring every year and to find the week when most people have seen their first birds. This knowledge will help Spring Alive to find out about bird migrations in Europe. When you visit the website take a look at the results pages to see what they discovered.



Many organisations have ongoing surveys where they ask you to fill out forms when you have made a sighting.

Check out some others: Irish Whale and Dolphin ([www.iwdg.ie](http://www.iwdg.ie)) Birdwatch Ireland ([www.birdwatchireland.ie](http://www.birdwatchireland.ie))

Irish Mammals ([www.irishmammals.ie](http://www.irishmammals.ie)) Hop To It Frog Survey ([www.ipcc.ie](http://www.ipcc.ie)) National Lizard Survey ([www.iwt.ie](http://www.iwt.ie))

Bat Conservation Ireland ([www.batconservationireland.org](http://www.batconservationireland.org)) Irish Sea Leatherback Turtle & Jellyfish Survey ([www.turtle.ie](http://www.turtle.ie))

Dublin Naturalists Field Club Butterfly Survey ([www.butterflyireland.com](http://www.butterflyireland.com))

Mermaid's Purse Chase ([www.marinedimensions.ie](http://www.marinedimensions.ie))

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