

# All in a Day's Work

Calvin Jones – Founder of [IrelandsWildlife.com](http://IrelandsWildlife.com)

## Where do you work?

I'm very lucky to be able to work from home. We live in a converted schoolhouse, and my office was originally the old school toilets. My journey to work every morning is a 20-second walk across the back garden.

## Have you always been interested in what you do?

Wildlife and writing have both been passions of mine since I was very young, so yes... I guess I've always pursued the things I love.

## What training did you do to get where you are today?

I studied Marine Biology at the University of Liverpool... but I guess that's the only "formal" training I've had. I grew up on the coast and have always been mad about wildlife and nature, so in a way I've been training for what I do now all my life.

## What is a day in your life like?

It varies a lot, but usually involves a mixture of researching and writing articles for publications and for the Ireland's Wildlife website, interacting with other wildlife enthusiasts online and working on longer term writing projects. I try to set aside some time every day to get out and see some wildlife for myself.

## PROFILE

Calvin Jones is a freelance writer and author based in West Cork. He writes about lots of things, but is especially fond of writing about wildlife and nature. He runs the Ireland's Wildlife website: [www.irelandswildlife.com](http://www.irelandswildlife.com)



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## What is your main aim?

To get outside more often... and to encourage others to!

## What is the best thing about your job?

Learning things... there are very few days when I don't learn something new.

## What is the worst thing about your job?

Deadlines... I hate the way they creep up on you.

## Do you enjoy your work?

Absolutely: I write about wildlife... what's not to love?

## What equipment do you use?

My computer and an internet connection - I can't really work without either. Good binoculars, a spotting scope, field guides and a good camera are all high on the equipment priority list too.

## Where does your work take you?

I don't travel a lot for work now, preferring to stay close to home in West Cork. The great thing about wildlife is that there's always something around to inspire and delight. You don't need to go far, you just need to look a bit closer.

## Do you work alone or as part of a team?

I work alone, but that's a bit of an oversimplification. I'm in constant contact with a community of wildlife enthusiasts online, and draw on their knowledge and experience every day for my work.

## What advice would you give someone wanting to do your job?

Follow your passion, not the crowd; believe in yourself and don't give up.

## What is the best piece of advice you have ever had?

Be here now! Pay attention to the present... that's where you live your life.

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Left: Whale-watching off the southwest coast. Below: Spotting a Blue Tit in the garden. Bottom: A screenshot of [www.IrelandsWildlife.com](http://www.IrelandsWildlife.com), the website that Calvin founded.



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