

Newsletter January/February 2019

Welcome to the first edition of the Jersey Biodiversity Centre's E-news letter. Each letter will contain information about new developments, courses, events, volunteering opportunities, new species for Jersey and exciting finds.

We hope you continue to support the JBC in 2019 and have a successful wildlife surveying year.

Upcoming events

Seedy Sunday in partnership with Wild About Jersey.

Date: 17th February

Location: La Rocquier School, St Clements

Time: 10:30 - 14:30

If you can spare an hour to help at our stall we would greatly appreciate it and the visitors will do also.

"Seedy Sunday Jersey is a gathering of like-minded individuals and groups coming together to exchange and maintain our heritage seeds, learn about gardening and growing food, along with sharing ideas in all matters green."



Activity: We will have a computer where people can add records they've seen and register as a member to the site. Alongside this we will have microscopes and creepy crawly tubs where we can view creatures alive under the microscope to see what they look like up close.



Previous knowledge: Volunteers do not need to know how to use the website recording forms or how to use the microscopes. All this will be explained on the day, although previous experience is appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer please email Sarah at sarahmaguire@societe-jersiaise.org

Days for your diary

Squirrel Appreciation Day – 21st Jan

Big Garden Bird Watch – 26th Jan

World Wetland Day – 2nd Feb

Hedgehog Day – 2nd Feb



If you haven't joined our website yet get cracking! It's free and enables you to log your wildlife sightings under the same name and view them on a map. We use this to check out where we've been surveying.

www.jerseybiodiversitycentre.org/je/user/register

ID	Source	Species	Common name	Taxon group	Site name	Date	Recorder	Images	Grid ref	Actions
1791754	JBC Jersey General records	Lithobius (Lithobius) variegatus		centipede	Saints Manor	30/08/2018	Maguire, Sarah		WV07154747	

Volunteering opportunities

Thank you to those who helped at events in 2018 and wrote wildlife articles for the website and Facebook page.

For 2019 we have created more volunteering roles so you get involved in more aspects of the Centre.

Events: Throughout the year we attend different nature themed events to run children activities, creepy crawly hunts, craft events. At these events we talk to the public about nature either around the island or in their home gardens. We often have a variety of animal homes that we sell to raise funds for our schools project. These events are normally run at weekends.



Article writing: On our website we have a news and articles page. If you like writing about nature and want to tell stories of your wildlife spotting places you can send us your finished articles to be added to the website and also posted on Facebook. This is something you can do from home and send in.

View articles on the website at www.jerseybiodiversitycentre.org.je/news-and-articles

Website content creation: If you're feeling creative you can create wildlife photo guides or activities, puzzles and games for children to use. These we can add to the website and distribute to schools and clubs around the island. This is something you can do at our office or at home.

Surveying: If you're interested in a particular animal species or group of species you can volunteering your time by conducting surveys around Jersey. We can assist you by providing equipment and training.



Research projects: If you want to conduct a more in depth project of a species or group we would love you to spend time collecting data and writing reports.

If there are other areas you would like to volunteer please let us know how you can help.

To volunteer please complete the form at:
www.jerseybiodiversitycentre.org.je/sites/default/files/resources/school/Volunteer%20sign%20up%20form.pdf

Our Plans for early 2019

During 2019 we are focusing the first half of the year on Amphibians and Reptiles and will be helping with the National Amphibian & Reptile Recording Scheme and the Jersey Amphibian and Reptile Group.

We have identification photos for Jersey toads and palmate newts and corresponding survey forms on our website homepage to help you with your identification.

