

## Local Authority Biodiversity Grants 2021

| Local Authority | Project Description  | 2021       |
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| Carlow          | Improve biodiversity in Carlow by replacing annual bedding plants in containers in urban centre of towns in Carlow with tress, perennials and shrubs to create refuge corridors for birds, bees and insects.   | €27,400.00 |
| Carlow          | Develop a County IAS Policy.   | €16,000.00 |
| Cavan           | Biodiversity awareness through training, tidy town workshops, promotion and awareness of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.  | €12,000.00 |
| Cavan           | Promote 'Pollinator Friendly' towns and villages stretching from Dowra to Cavan town, following pollinator guidelines produced for Cavan County Council.   | €10,800.00 |
| Cavan           | Update Cavan Wetlands data. Cavan wetlands are under severe pressure and the project will carry out a survey to inform policy and act as a proactive planning tool.  | €7,225.00  |
| Cavan           | Produce a new biodiversity action plan for County Cavan. The plan will coincide with the review of Cavan Heritage Plan and the Biodiversity and Heritage Plan will be one document in Cavan County Council.  | €6,800.00  |
| Cavan           | Management plan for invasive species (IAS) at Castle Saunderson, including proposed methodology for dealing with IAS at the site.  | €3,500.00  |
| Cavan           | Survey of the Common Tern on Farnham Lough and put in place an action plan for the restoration of habitat for the Common Tern.   | €1,000.00  |
| Clare           | Produce an educational strategy to enhance biodiversity learning within the Local Authority, leading to improved work practices. This work will expand into community support, school education and training leading to practical outcomes.  | €26,000.00 |
| Clare           | Build capacity and raise awareness of wetlands throughout County Clare by seeking interest from landowner candidates to pilot the installation or creation of new pond on their lands, or to restore, enhance and maintain existing wetland habitats.  | €22,400.00 |
| Clare           | Japanese Knotweed eradication in Ennis. A Knotweed Survey, Action plans, Purchase of Knotweed treatment equipment and a development of an App.   | €13,565.00 |
| Clare           | An elimination programme of Giant Hogweed from the areas identified at the uppermost part of the River Blackwater catchment. The elimination programme of Giant Hogweed will commence from the most upstream record and systematically working downstream, ensuring a better chance of effective elimination and a reduced potential for spread. | €10,000.00 |
| Clare           | Development of a comprehensive online IAS resource tool kit as a “go to” resource for the general public, community groups as well as Local Authority staff. This will assist in giving the correct advice on how to identify, manage and treat IAS.   | €6,000.00  |
| Clare           | Update and strengthen the ongoing monitoring programme to record and mitigate visitor impacts on dunes at Fanore.  | €5,000.00  |
| Cork City       | Biodiversity survey of Blarney Bog to add to the knowledge of this wetland habitat and to inform future management and conservation of this wetland area.  | €17,000.00 |
| Cork City       | Japanese knotweed removal from the most affected public areas within Cork City boundaries. The project will promote native plant species to return to these public areas and manage the pathways to prevent the introduction and establishment of Japanese knotweed into adjacent public areas.  | €13,600.00 |
| Cork County     | Development of County Town Pollinator Plans  | €16,000.00 |

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| Cork County            | Cork County Council, in partnership with the Bride Valley Farming with Nature Team plan to survey, map and treat invasive alien species along the Bride river valley.  | €5,000.00  |
| Donegal                | Wetland survey to determine the extent, distribution and types of wetland in County Donegal in order to provide biodiversity information to inform decision-making.  | €20,300.00 |
| Donegal                | Track Irish Breeding Curlew in the Donegal county.   | €4,556.00  |
| Donegal                | Establish the range of habitats in which Snipes occur in County Donegal and obtain a baseline population estimate from a sample survey.  | €2,550.00  |
| Dublin City            | Ascertain which IAS have become established within the Liffey Estuary using Environmental DNA analyses, which can be used as an early detection tool.  | €16,500.00 |
| Dublin City            | Pilot project for rehabilitating urban ponds for wildlife.   | €15,000.00 |
| Dublin City            | Use of eDNA as a rapid assessment tool for the identification and evaluation of invasive aquatic species (IAS) in the Liffey estuary.  | €12,062.00 |
| Dublin City            | Full survey of the breeding birds that visit and nest on North Bull Island to enhance understanding of the range, number and location of species nesting.  | €9,500.00  |
| Dublin City            | Survey and trap for mink at 25 sites on publicly owned lands from Lucan Weir to Island Bridge in order to capture any mink missed by the private trapping.   | €2,900.00  |
| Dún Laoghaire Rathdown | Review and update the townland boundary hedgerows baseline and identify further survey work required. Outputs from the project will assist in developing the DLR green infrastructure strategy.  | €27,400.00 |
| Dún Laoghaire Rathdown | Treatment of Giant Hogweed in the Brides Glen, one the most significant wildlife corridors in the council.   | €16,000.00 |
| Fingal                 | Clear mature Rhododendron from 1.2ha of heathland at the Ben of Howth in the Howth Head SAC.   | €12,000.00 |
| Fingal                 | Removal of newly developing Seabuckthorn stands from the dunes in Portrane. Removal of Spartina from a saltmarsh area.   | €4,000.00  |
| Fingal                 | Fingal County Council will develop three new ponds and fill in a drainage ditch in the Turvey Nature Park (and the Rogerstown Estuary SAC) in Donabate, Co. Dublin. The aim of the project to allow the natural hydrology of the site to re-assert itself and it is envisaged that this will result in the development of new brackish and freshwater wetland features.  | €25,000.00 |
| Galway City Co         | Treat 19 identified instances of IAS within the city boundary. The intention is to manage, control and eradicate the IAS from these 19 sites while simultaneously adding new sites to the management plan as they are identified. The project will also raise awareness among community groups, businesses and individuals as to the identification, obligations and legal responsibilities should a sighting occur. | €16,000.00 |
| Galway City Co         | Update and publish a Biodiversity Report for the Barna South Woods,. Design site based and web-friendly maps with interpretative material explaining the reasons for the implementation of a management plan. Formally establish the Friends of Barna Woods & Lough Rusheen Bay Volunteers, including Leadership and Safety Training.  | €10,000.00 |
| Galway City Co         | The Healthy Green Spaces Project is about improving the quality of Galway city's green spaces to be welcoming and inviting for people, to deliver on the need to reverse biodiversity loss, support pollinators, make positive impacts against or to cope with climate change, reduce waste and the reliance on carbon based fuels.  | €7,500.00  |

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| Galway City Co | Hedgerow Survey at Terryland Forest Park as part of a base line data collection on the quantity and quality of hedgerows currently in existence across the city.  | €5,000.00  |
| Galway City Co | Tree Survey at Terryland Forest Park as part of a base line data collection on the quantity and quality of trees currently in existence across the city. This survey is the first step in a series of surveys of trees across the City of Galway.   | €4,000.00  |
| Galway County  | Management Plan for Gunnera throughout the Clifden area. Management of Gunnera on the Maum to Maum Cross road and Giant knotweed in Clonbur. Development of a Management Plan and associated control costing for a Gunnera infestation in a disused quarry in Currywongaun, Co. Galway.   | €16,209.00 |
| Galway County  | Baseline research project on wetlands to assess the extent and condition of these habitats in North-east Galway, for the purposes of informing future research and potential amenity development.   | €12,750.00 |
| Galway County  | Biodiversity and Pollinator Awareness and Knowledge Programme 2021 to undertake biodiversity and pollinator training for local authority staff and the communities and schools of County Galway.  | €9,220.00  |
| Galway County  | Barn Owl monitoring and conservation. Project will on: 1) implementing a citizen science and strategic survey to assess the status and breeding performance of Barn Owls and to identify their conservation requirements, 2) producing three high-quality videos to provide practical guidance on; nest boxes, managing and creating habitat, and rodenticide use, and 3) using Barn Owl as an indicator species through the first known study of Barn Owl pellets for archaeological research to learn about human mobility and ancient diets through isotopic research. | €7,453.00  |
| Galway County  | Survey to establish the size and extent of the yellowhammer breeding population and to determine their habitat associations and feeding patterns. This information will be prepared as a short paper and will be important to inform the conservation and management of this declining species and in the context of developing targeted agri-environment measures for biodiversity enhancement and species protection.   | €2,550.00  |
| Kerry          | Survey of Upland Birds in the MacGillycuddy Reeks SAC. This project will also deliver community talks and workshops to raise awareness with landowners and other stakeholders of the importance of the area for upland bird species.  | €18,700.00 |
| Kerry          | Awareness campaign to target local communities informing them of the issues arising from the invasive species rhododendron and appropriate control methods that can be applied.   | €10,625.00 |
| Kerry          | Barn Owl monitoring and conservation project, including a most extensive nest box scheme. Implementation of a citizen science and strategic survey to assess the current status and breeding performance of Barn Owls and to identify their conservation requirements.  | €4,250.00  |
| Kildare        | Kildare Biodiversity Actions 2021 will include an online workshops/mentoring facilitated by an ecologist to support the Local Implementation Groups in 12 towns and villages across the county, Two public online pollinator Workshop and Citizen Science on how to undertake projects locally, in addition to high quality professional produced videos seeking to highlight typical habitats occurring in Kildare on public assessable sites, the ecosystem service they provide and the potential impact of climate change on these habitats.                          | €27,000.00 |

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| Kildare  | Control of American skunk cabbage ( <i>Lysichiton americanus</i> ), a species on EU Species of Union Concern List. 82 sites of American Skunk Cabbage have been identified and mapped in Kildare along the river by UDC. It is proposed to work with UCD to carry out control of American Skunk Cabbage along the Liffey using mechanical methods, chemical methods; and a mixture of both while monitoring and assessing the best control techniques. | €14,500.00 |
| Kilkenny | Survey and monitoring programme of Barn Owl and Swift breeding sites in Kilkenny. It will include a citizen science programme and production of conservation videos  | €25,132.00 |
| Kilkenny | Invasive Species Management Plan for Silaire Woods and Woodstock Estate and Gardens.   | €16,000.00 |
| Kilkenny | Purchase & disseminate pollinator awareness and education materials to the public. This will comprise a selection of the advice booklets and leaflets produced by the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.   | €2,295.00  |
| Laois    | Wetland survey to determine the extent, distribution and types of wetland in County Laois, to provide biodiversity information to be used in decision making and public awareness.   | €14,323.00 |
| Laois    | Radio Awareness campaign on All-Ireland Pollinator Plan alongside Westmeath and Offaly CoCo and support Birdwatch Ireland podcast series "In Your Nature".   | €13,047.00 |
| Leitrim  | County Leitrim Wetland Field Survey  | €25,092.00 |
| Leitrim  | Action for Swifts Project, activities to include liaising with property owners; Community liaison; Local authority staff workshops; and nest box and caller Installation at five locations across Leitrim.   | €6,576.00  |
| Limerick | Development of a 'Control Programme of Giant Hogweed in the River Loobagh Catchment'.  | €23,715.00 |
| Longford | Public Biodiversity Awareness Project  | €7,650.00  |
| Longford | Study to assess a programme of work on the eradication of Japanese Knotweed.   | €5,750.00  |
| Longford | BirdWatch Ireland will undertake an assessment of breeding birds on Ardagullion Bog according to best practice methods to determine the presence and status of bird species using this site.   | €5,100.00  |
| Longford | North Longford Native Tree Nursery.  | €3,910.00  |
| Longford | Pallas Pollinator Project.   | €850.00    |
| Longford | More pollinator-friendly planting along the Longford bypass  | €1,785.00  |
| Louth    | Eradication of alien invasive species along the Carlingford to Omeath Greenway.  | €12,750.00 |
| Louth    | Little Tern Wardening project at Baltray, county Louth.  | €8,500.00  |
| Louth    | Clogher Head SAC grazing survey  | €2,550.00  |
| Louth    | Assessment of recreational damage to sand dunes immediately adjacent to the Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC and too plan for a controlled and minimally damaging public access route through them.   | €2,550.00  |
| Louth    | Hedgerow awareness project, in which a highly visible 50 metre section of hedge will be laid in a prominent location, alongside a busy road.   | €500.00    |
| Louth    | They will carry out a PILOT fire-risk survey of part of the Carlingford Mountain SAC.  | €5,000.00  |
| Mayo     | County Wetland Survey - Approximately 900 wetland sites will be mapped.  | €23,616.00 |

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| Mayo         | Survey and map the locations of Himalayan Balsam along the banks of the Castlebar River/Lough Lannagh river using Mayo County Council's Invasive Species Recording App.   | €14,349.00 |
| Mayo         | Citizen science and strategic survey to assess the status and breeding performance of Barn Owls in Mayo and to identify their conservation requirements.  | €7,453.00  |
| Meath        | Meath Biodiversity Awareness Project will consists of online workshop/mentoring sessions, 'Gardening for Biodiversity' Courses, implementation of a management plan for creation of a wildflower meadow, Community Biodiversity Action , Biodiversity Short Films and radio campaign. | €27,400.00 |
| Meath        | Development of a management plan and phased control for Sea buckthorn (Hippophae rhamnoids) along the Meath coast.  | €15,853.00 |
| Monaghan     | Rossmore Park Invasive Species Management Plan -Preparation of a Management Plan for the long-term management and control of a number of invasive species in Rossmore Park  | €15,980.00 |
| Monaghan     | Identification of wetlands from the Monaghan Wetland Database of 711 sites, on which conservation works to improve biodiversity outcomes and climate mitigation/adaptation can be undertaken, in order to prioritise conservation effort and expenditure.                             | €15,725.00 |
| Monaghan     | Establishment of a Monaghan Wetlands Network, in partnership with the Community Wetlands Forum, which will achieve the outcome of active citizen engagement with and conservation/restoration of wetland sites.   | €11,675.00 |
| Offaly       | Himalayan Balsam control on the Camcor and Little Brosna Rivers and county wide Japanese knotweed control.  | €16,150.00 |
| Offaly       | Design and publication of John Feehan's book on Killaun / Ballywilliam bog and for survey work in specialist areas to continue increasing baseline knowledge of the site.   | €15,086.00 |
| Offaly       | Offaly Barn Owl monitoring and conservation   | €5,100.00  |
| Offaly       | Radio Awareness campaign on All-Ireland Pollinator Plan alongside Westmeath and Laois CoCo and support Birdwatch Ireland podcast series "In Your Nature'.   | €4,845.00  |
| Roscommon    | Biodiversity Awareness project  | €25,600.00 |
| Roscommon    | Treatment of Japanese Knotweed in sites across the county.  | €18,826.00 |
| Sligo        | Building Capacity within Communities for Biodiversity Action and Raising Awareness of Sligo's Biodiversity  | €18,000.00 |
| Sligo        | Development of Giant Hogweed (GHW) Control Protocol for the Unship River Catchment, Co. Sligo and Raising Awareness of IAS and Giant Hogweed in Co. Sligo   | €16,000.00 |
| Sligo        | Conservation Management Plan for Killaspugbrone Dunes, Strandhill, Sligo and Community Engagement Programme re development and adoption of Conservation Management Plan for Killaspugbrone Dunes.   | €15,000.00 |
| South Dublin | Pollinator surveys at selected Pollinator Sites in SDCC parks.  | €15,000.00 |
| Tipperary    | Wetlands Survey project   | €17,000.00 |
| Tipperary    | Removal of Himalayan Balsam from the Little Brosna River. The funding provides scope to look at pockets of Japanese Knotweed on the Tipperary side.   | €8,500.00  |

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| Tipperary | Design a number of pull ups on known invasive species in Tipperary that could will used to raise awareness in our civic buildings and public libraries. We will also host online workshops on invasive species. These workshops will be open to the public, tidy towns groups and any other interested parties.  | €5,100.00  |
| Tipperary | Monitoring of the population of Barn Owls in the County and assess the success of conservation measures. To promote the conservation successes, we will produce a video documenting the work of a local Barn Owl enthusiast who established a nest box project over 30 years ago through Ballycahill National School. These nest boxes are still in place and are used by breeding Barn Owl, and are monitored each summer by local volunteers and BirdWatch Ireland. This video will show what can be achieved and should serve to inspire others to take action. | €2,562.00  |
| Waterford | County Wetland Habitat Survey  | €13,000.00 |
| Waterford | County Swift Survey  | €12,750.00 |
| Waterford | Site survey in The Cush to compare conservation status with the 2009 habitat map of the Saltmarsh Monitoring Project and the 2005 Management Plan and to make recommendations for site remediation where required and follow up actions.   | €4,250.00  |
| Westmeath | IAS Management Plan for Belvedere House, Gardens and Park  | €16,000.00 |
| Westmeath | Surveying and raising awareness of Wetland Sites in Co. Westmeath: Following on from Phase 1 desktop survey (completed with funding from NBAP in 2019), and initial field survey of 12 sites in 2020. Further field survey will be carried out on sites of County value and those sites identified as 'indicative' in 2021 and 2022. Survey reports will be prepared and outreach organised for World Wetlands Day (Feb 2022).   | €10,300.00 |
| Westmeath | Implementation of a citizen science and strategic survey to assess the status and breeding performance of Barn Owls in Westmeath and to identify their conservation requirements. To improve the status of Barn Owls, we will provide practical conservation guidance through a series of high-quality videos on; nest boxes, managing and creating habitat, and rodenticide use.  | €7,028.00  |
| Westmeath | Biodiversity Management/ Enhancement Plans will be prepared for Council owned lands at Kerinstown/Balrowan.  | €6,100.00  |
| Westmeath | Raising Awareness of Actions for Pollinators   | €3,750.00  |
| Wexford   | Changing Landscapes project , consisting of the following measures; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding public meetings and onsite meetings providing training/information on the benefits of managing openspace/green areas for pollinators.</li> <li>• Oversee the removal of areas of cut lawns and replacing them with low maintenance Pollinator friend planting.</li> <li>• Continue to rollout Community Apple Orchards planting</li> <li>• Encourage groups to change lawn mowing habits to enhance clover growth in lawned areas.</li> </ul> | €15,300.00 |
| Wexford   | Protect and help restore the dunes along Morriscastle beach with the following measures; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erect approximately 355m of chestnut fencing to encourage movement along designated routes.</li> <li>• Host community marram grass planting days with An Taisce Clean Coasts.</li> <li>• Hold community information sessions about the importance of the dune system and the reasons behind the dune restoration programme</li> </ul>  | €11,475.00 |

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| Wicklow | 2021 Brittas Bay Biodiversity Recording and Management Project to continue to expand on the theme of the enhancement of conservation management at county council owned lands/assets.                 | €16,150.00    |
| Wicklow | 2021 Wicklow Biodiversity Recording & Management project at Kilmacanogue March to continue to expand on the theme of the enhancement of conservation management at county council owned lands/assets. | €9,114.00     |
| Wicklow | Pilot the development of conservation management prescriptions for a selection of the 47 'historical' graveyards in the county that will provide valuable baseline data and inform future management. | €4,250.00     |
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