



Adult Learning Within Reach

## Member Lecture – 11 May 2023

Biodiversity in these 'Wild Isles'  
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Useful links and resources for further reading

**Save Our Wild Isles** - A joint campaign between the WWF, the RSPB, and the National Trust.

**Species Concepts** - The definition of a “species” is rather contentious, and depends on the scope and scale of the questions being asked.

**How Many Species Are There on the Earth and in the Oceans?** - A research article from the journal *PLoS Biology* that estimates the current number of species on Earth.

**Accelerated modern human-induced species losses: Entering the sixth mass extinction** - A research article from the journal *Scientific Advances* that compares current extinction rates to historical extinction rates, to determine whether or not we are currently experiencing the Sixth Mass Extinction.

**IUCN Red List of Threatened Species** - The official list of threatened species across the globe, published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

**Butterfly Conservation** - A UK charity focused on conserving butterfly and moth species in Britain.

**The risk of extinction for birds in Great Britain** - An article from the journal *British Birds* that discusses factors influencing bird extinction rates in Britain.

**Saving Wildcats** - A UK charity focused on the conservation of the Scottish wildcat.

**The Other Inconvenient Truth (YouTube)** - A TEDx video by Professor Jonathan Foley, discussing the impact of current agricultural practices on biodiversity.

**Invasive non-native (alien) animal species: rules in England and Wales** - What you need to do if you find, own or look after a listed invasive non-native (alien) animal in England and Wales.

**The value of the world's ecosystem services and natural capital** - The seminal research article by Professor Robert Costanza and colleagues concerning ecological economics.

**Gapminder** - A NGO based in Sweden that focuses on dispelling myths about the environment and sustainable development.

**Our world in data**

## Forthcoming WEA courses by Audrey Reid

Likely courses in the Autumn 2023 – keep an eye out on the website by using Audrey’s name in your search.

### **Introduction to Green issues**

### **Introduction to Green solutions**