



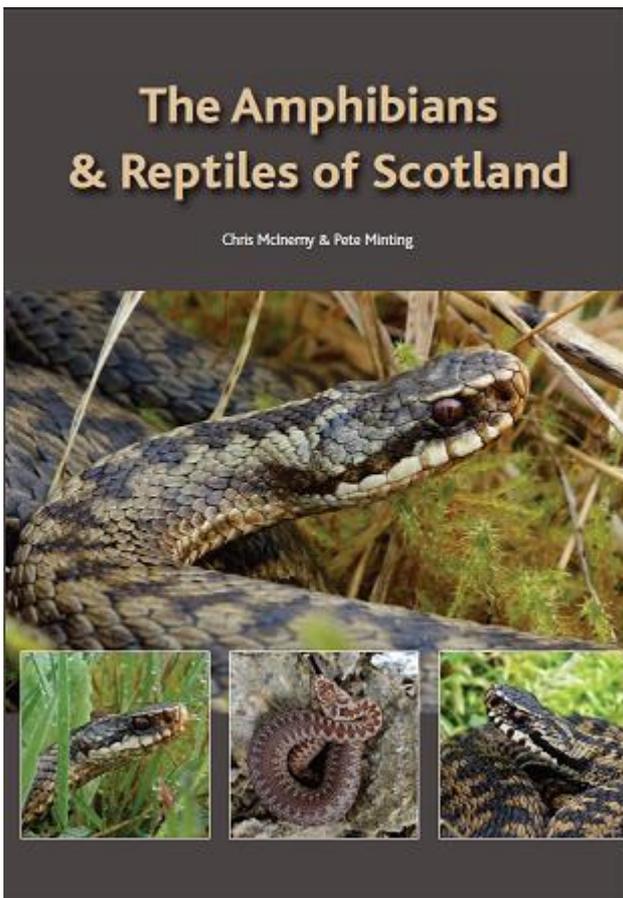
PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Newsletter November 2014

News



Members who attended the November meeting will be aware that the society has been approached by Chris McInerney who provided a brilliant talk last year on his work on adders, slow-worms and common lizards in Loch Lomondside, to support the forthcoming publication *The Amphibians and Reptiles of Scotland*.

Chris and his co-author, Pete Minting, Scottish project manager for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC), in association with two guest authors Chris Cathrine (Caledonian Conservation) and David O'Brien (Scottish Natural Heritage) plan to publish in autumn 2015 and to make the book freely available as a pdf download. The book is being produced by Harry Scott of PicaDesign who made *The Birds of Scotland*, with all the authors working gratis.

The book will be ~150 pages in length with full colour photos and maps and will describe the identification, history, distribution and ecology of all known species observed in Scotland, pictured is a preliminary version of the front cover that may change. This publication will be a great addition to the knowledge and understanding of reptiles and amphibians in Scotland.

The committee would like to thank all those who attended the November meeting and generously donated money to the forthcoming publication. On the night £99.70 was raised and the committee plan to raise this to £150 with a donation from the society funds.

[2014/2015 Talks Programme](#)

[Paisley Museum](#)

[7.30pm](#)

Thursday 4th December

Christmas Social

There is no talk on this evening, but the members of the Natural History Society will be getting together to celebrate the festive season. So why not come along, meet new friends and join in with the games and quizzes.

Thursday 8th January

Ayrshire's Birdlife By Angus Hogg

A wide range of influences on Ayrshire's birdlife have brought about many changes in both numbers and distribution. Climate change, along with the additional pressures of a growing population, developing agriculture and the decline of some traditional industries have all had an impact, sometimes with a positive result. The talk will focus on some of these changes to Ayrshire's birds and outline some possibilities for the future.

Thursday 5th February

Water beetling - the oldest insect recording scheme in the world – and very Scottish! By Garth Foster

One of the first water beetlers was Charles Darwin closely followed by coleopterists in Scotland. Our scheme can be dated back to 1904 and currently runs to 400,000 records but with less than 700 records from Renfrewshire. We need more recording locally.

Thursday 5th March

Reserved for Nature? By David Shenton (Scottish Wildlife Trust, Clyde Members Group)

The Scottish Wildlife Trust looks after 120 wildlife sites throughout Scotland from small urban habitats in the centre of Edinburgh to remote wildernesses in the Highlands. Each reserve provides a haven for wildlife. This talk will look at the reserves around Scotland and feature SWT Loch Ardinning near Strathblane, a site of mixed habitat which supports a variety of wildlife.

[Joint Meeting with Hamilton and Glasgow Natural History Societies](#)

This year we have been invited to a joint meeting hosted by Hamilton Natural History Society to bring all the local natural history societies within the Clyde area together. This meeting will take place at the Hamilton Old Parish Halls and it is hoped that a lot of our members will make the effort to attend and meet up with like-minded individuals from other societies.

Friday 13th March 2015
7.30pm

**Joint Meeting with Hamilton and
Glasgow Natural History Societies**

**Old Parish Church
Halls, Hamilton**

Global Seabird Programme by Rory Crawford, Senior Policy Officer, Birdlife International

[Subscriptions](#)

Please note that if you haven't already paid your subscriptions they are now due for 2014/15 and are as follows: **Ordinary £10, Family £14, Unwaged £4.**

Subscriptions can be paid at the meetings to our Treasurer, Anne Gray or by sending a cheque along with membership form to Paisley Natural History Society C/o Paisley Museum, High Street, Paisley, PA1 2BA.

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