

## All Ireland Daubenton's Bat Waterway Survey Training Courses

Please come along to whichever training event suits you. For new volunteers, waterway sites will be allocated on the night of the training. For any queries please contact Tina at [info@batconservationireland.org](mailto:info@batconservationireland.org) 086 4049468.

All training courses are organised by Bat Conservation Ireland in association with local biodiversity officers, wildlife groups, heritage officers, NPWS and county bat groups.

Training courses involve a 2-hour indoor session followed by 1-hour demonstration at a local waterway.

1. County Louth  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 8.00 pm, Millmount Museum, Drogheda, Co. Louth.  
<http://www.millmount.net/> for directions.
2. County Offaly  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @8.30 pm, Clara Bog Visitor Centre, Clara, Co. Offaly.  
<http://www.npws.ie/naturereserves/offaly/clarabognaturereserve/> for directions.
3. County Wicklow  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 8.00 pm, Bolgers Cottage, Wicklow Mountains National Park, Glenveagh.  
<http://www.wicklowmountainsnationalpark.ie/> for directions.
4. County Cork  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @8.00 pm, Millstreet Country Park, Millstreet, Co. Cork.  
<http://www.millstreetcountrypark.com/> for directions.
5. County Tipperary  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 8.00 pm, Cabragh Wetlands, Thurles, County Tipperary  
[cabraghwetlands@eircom.net](mailto:cabraghwetlands@eircom.net) <http://www.cabraghwetlands.ie/> for directions.
6. County Kerry  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 8.00 pm, Knockreer House, Education Centre, Killarney National Park, Killarney, Co. Kerry. <http://www.killarneynationalpark.ie/educentre.html> for directions.
7. County Leitrim  
**Provisional:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 8.00 pm, Drumsna Community Resource Centre, Drumsna, Co. Leitrim. <http://www.drumsna.com/resourse.html>
8. County Down  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 8.00 pm, Tollymore Outdoor Education Centre, Newcastle (Mourne Heritage Trust), Co. Antrim. <http://www.tollymore.com/> for directions.
9. County Fermanagh  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 7.30 pm, Fermanagh House, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.  
<http://www.fermanaghhouse.org/index.php> for directions.
10. County Antrim

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 8.00 pm, Clotworthy House, Antrim Castle Gardens, Co. Antrim.  
[http://www.antrim.gov.uk/index.cfm/website\\_Key/27/Category\\_key/129/Page\\_Key/467/](http://www.antrim.gov.uk/index.cfm/website_Key/27/Category_key/129/Page_Key/467/) for more details. Ruth Wilson, Biodiversity Officer 028 9446 3113 ext 1371.

Training courses to be confirmed for Dublin, Westmeath, Mayo, Derry, Cavan and Donegal.

Like us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on events or register your interest in participating by clicking the following link [http://www.batconservationireland.org/php/monitoring\\_daub.php](http://www.batconservationireland.org/php/monitoring_daub.php).

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It is the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the All Ireland Daubenton's Bat Waterway Survey and we are seeking volunteers across the island. Are you interested in surveying your local waterway for Daubenton's bat on 2 nights during the month of August? If so, join us for free training at number of different centres during the month of July (for dates and details of training venues please see <http://www.batconservationireland.org/php/events.php>). This training will involve an indoor lecture followed by a practical session using bat detectors on a local river.

This survey is part a monitoring scheme recording the activity of the Daubenton's bat. These yearly surveys allow us to determine whether the population of this bat species is increasing or decreasing. The more volunteer teams we have the more accurate our information is. Currently there are four teams in County Kilkenny but there is plenty room for more. In 2011, 229 waterways were surveyed across the island. Your help is needed to increase coverage for the island.

The Daubenton's bat is known as the water bat because of its preference to roost and feed close to water such as rivers and lakes. It is easy to identify because of all of our 9 resident species of bat, it is the only species that will be seen continuously skimming the water surface as it is feeding on insects. Surveyors will be in teams of 2 people. Bat Conservation Ireland will provide the use of a bat detector for the survey. No prior experience is needed.

The All Ireland Daubenton's Bat Waterway Survey is funded by the NPWS, Department of Arts, Heritage and Local Government and NIEA, Northern Ireland.

If you would like more information or would like to register, please click onto the following internet web link:

[http://www.batconservationireland.org/php/monitoring\\_daub.php](http://www.batconservationireland.org/php/monitoring_daub.php)