Friends of Castle Lake

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Green Foundation Ireland,
along with Friends of Castle Lake,
invite you to an evening talk with
Brian McCloskey

Birding in the Fast Lane

Venue: **Bailieborough Library**

Market House, Bailieborough, County Cavan, A82 RH73

Thursday 19 June 2025 – 19:00

Birding in the Fast Lane

THEME

Our talk focused on the experiences of ecologist **Brian McCloskey** about birding on the local, national and international scene.

ABOUT FRIENDS OF CASTLE LAKE

Friends of Castle Lake is a group of concerned patrons of Castle Lake in Bailieborough, County Cavan. They want everyone to enjoy nature's splendour, and to protect, preserve and be aware of all living things at Castle Lake. All our futures depend on it.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Brian McCloskey

Brian is a very keen birder who travels throughout Ireland and further afield for any species he has not seen before. He spends most of his life birding as, although every minute of free time he has is spent with his binoculars, it is also his job as he is an ecologist.

ABOUT OUR FACILITATOR

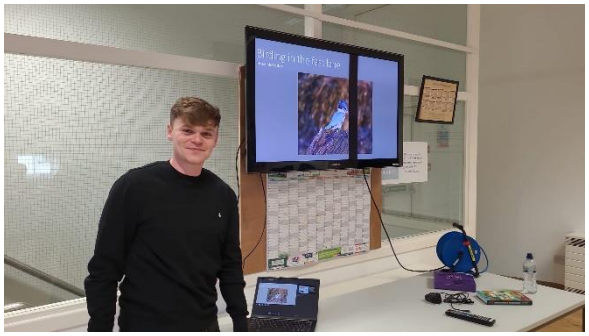
Donna Mullen

Chair of Green Foundation Ireland, Donna is a farmer, consultant ecologist, and director of Wildlife Surveys Ireland, with an award-winning farm, awards and placements which include the RDS Sustainable Enterprise Award, the EU Rural Inspiration Award, and the Ellison Award.

She lives on a farm nature reserve in County Meath with her husband, four children, and an assortment of animals.

ABOUT OUR TALK

A wonderful talk took place in Bailieborough Library with **Brian McCloskey** telling us about the adventures involved in being a bird twitcher. He spoke about his efforts to track a scops owl in Kilkenny, with hilarious exploits in the Bridges of Ross in County Clare.



His sheer determination to find as many bird species impressed us all, and his methods using every possible form of transport to get to remote and difficult places to see unusual birds. He spoke to us about black and white warblers, bee-eaters, golden nightjars and white storks. And he even found a crane locally in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan.

A fantastic evening with a fascinating speaker!

*You can **see more photos of our event here**.*

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