

## Membership application form

Please fill in the form below using block letters, and send it to:  
The Honorary General Secretary, Botanical Society of Scotland,  
c/o Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, 20A Inverleith Row,  
Edinburgh EH3 5LR.

Subscriptions become due on 1 October each year. Most  
members find it convenient to pay annually by Banker's Order.

I wish to join the Botanical Society of Scotland at the:

- Standard rate\*: £32
  - Standard rate (Student): £28
  - Basic rate\*: £15
  - Basic rate (Student): £2
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- Please send me a Banker's Order form to complete for future years:

Please tick as appropriate.

\* All members receive *BSS News*, lecture and field programmes and details of all the Society's events. Standard members also receive the Society's scientific journal, *Plant Ecology and Diversity*.

I enclose a cheque payable to the *Botanical Society of Scotland* for .....

Title ..... Name .....

Address .....

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..... Postcode .....

E-mail .....

Signature .....

Date .....

## Botanical Society of Scotland

Founded in 1836 as the Botanical Society of Edinburgh, the Society exists to promote the study of plants and to exchange botanical knowledge between members.

As Scotland's national botanical society, it has branches in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness and St Andrews. It has a keen interest in both flowering and non-flowering plants (e.g. algae, mosses and ferns) as well as fungi. It also has an active alpine flora section.

The Society has close historical and continuing links with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, relevant departments in Scottish universities, and organisations such as Scottish Natural Heritage, Plantlife Scotland and the Botanical Society of the British Isles (BSBI).

Members include students, amateur field botanists and academics with interests in a wide range of disciplines, including plant diversity, ecology, evolution, conservation, physiology, mycology, molecular biology, cell biology and biochemistry.

The activities of the Society include:

- Lectures on current botanical research topics
- Symposia providing a forum for discussion of major botanical issues
- Field meetings including alpine meetings and fungus forays
- Surveys to monitor the state of the Scottish flora
- An Annual Exhibition Meeting, held jointly with BSBI, for the exchange of knowledge between botanists from throughout Scotland and beyond.

The Society also produces a scientific journal, *Plant Ecology and Diversity*, and a newsletter, *BSS News*, which keep members up-to-date with botanical issues.

Front cover: *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* (Common Spotted Orchid) at Beecraigs Country Park, West Lothian (Photo: Chris Jeffree)

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**Scotland's national botanical society**

**Incorporating the Cryptogamic Society of Scotland**

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## Botanical Society of Scotland incorporating the Cryptogamic Society of Scotland

### Lectures

The winter lecture programme runs from October to June. Lectures are held at six venues and the varied programmes represent the wide range of interests of members of the Society.

### Symposia

In recent years the Society has hosted several major symposia. These attract speakers from across the world and promote the Society to an international audience. Recent symposia have included:

- *Plant Conservation in Scotland* (2002), held in Edinburgh
- *Atlantic Oakwoods* (2005), held in Oban
- *History, Evolution and Future of Arctic and Alpine Flora* (2007), held in St Andrews.

### Field meetings

The programme of field meetings runs from April to October and provides opportunities for members to participate in a range of events across Scotland. Some of these are held in conjunction with other societies.

### Research

The Society participates in botanical research projects and surveys. Recent projects have included:



*Carex echinata* (Star Sedge) on the Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides

Chris Jeffrey



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*Cantharellus cibarius* (Chanterelle or Girolle) at Dawyck Botanic Garden, Peeblesshire

- *Botany of the Lothians*: a major project involving hundreds of Society members and volunteers. The resulting publication, *Plant Life of Edinburgh and the Lothians*, was published in 2002.
- *Community Woodland Project*: a country-wide project aiming to determine the diversity and structure of community woodland in Scotland. Initiated in 2007 in collaboration with the Community Woodlands Association.

### Support for students

The Society runs a Student Prize award for the best dissertation on a botanical investigation submitted by a final-year student of a Scottish university. It also provides financial support for students undertaking fieldwork which does not form part of their university or college courses.

### Publications

#### *Plant Ecology and Diversity*

*Plant Ecology and Diversity*, launched in 2008 as successor to the *Botanical Journal of Scotland*, is the Society's journal for communicating plant biological science. It covers all areas of plant biology, including those which deal with today's highly topical themes (such as biodiversity, conservation and global change), and specialises in papers concerning cold environments

worldwide. It has a special Scottish section, publishing contributions on aspects of botany and plant ecology particular to Scotland.

### *BSS News*

*BSS News*, the newsletter of the Society, keeps members informed of botanical matters and acts as a vehicle for members' contributions. Typical content includes reports of meetings and projects, popular articles, a diary of events and often a crossword.

### Want to join us?

New members are always welcome.

There are two types of membership: Basic and Standard. All members receive twice-yearly *BSS News*, lecture and field programmes and details of all the Society's events. Standard members also receive the Society's scientific journal, *Plant Ecology and Diversity*, published quarterly. There are special membership rates for students. Please fill in the application form overleaf or download a form from the website.

Further information and current details of all events can be found on the Society's website:

[www.botsocscot.org.uk](http://www.botsocscot.org.uk)



Karen Heron

Members of the Society sort their collections following a successful fungus foray at Bonaly, near Edinburgh. Field meetings are an important part of the activities of the Society