

Lothian Wildlife Information Centre

Filling the gaps in our biodiversity knowledge

**Sunday 15th April 2007
Vogrie House, nr Gorebridge, Midlothian
at 10.00 a.m.**

Programme

- 10.00 Tea and coffee
- 10.30 Welcome and Introduction – the importance of filling the gaps (Alastair Sommerville, Chairman, LWIC)
- 11.00 This season's LWIC recording excursions – David Chamberlain/Adrian T. Sumner
- 11.15 Correlating species with habitats – what substrates do lichens prefer? – Sandy Coppins
- 11.40 Tea and coffee
- 12.00 Amphibians and reptiles – Peter Leach (Lothians Amphibian & Reptile Group)
- 12.20 Seasearch – Christine Howson
- 12.40 Using hand-held computers to map biodiversity – Alan Booth
- 1.00 Buffet lunch
- 1.45 Demonstrations of recording techniques:
- Looking for freshwater invertebrates – Craig Macadam
 - Pitfall Traps – Alastair Sommerville
 - Extracting specimens from soil – Alastair Sommerville
 - Using hand-held computers to map biodiversity – Alan Booth
 - Cedar cedar trapping – Gordon Corbet
 - Beating vegetation for insects – Bob Saville
 - Log rolling – Adrian T. Sumner
- Each demonstration will last for less than an hour, so that it will be possible for everyone to take part in at least two demonstrations.
- 4.00 Tea and biscuits.