HOW DUBLIN ZOO IS HELPING IRELAND'S NATIVE SPECIES

With over 31,000 recorded species, Ireland has a rich biodiversity spanning land, rivers, lakes and sea environments.

A significant proportion of our biodiversity is threatened with extinction. Dublin Zoo is working with Conservation Partners across Ireland to help save these species and restore habitats.

Kildare Wildlife Rescue

Kildare Wildlife Rescue rescues and rehabilitates native Irish wildlife before releasing them back into the wild. Each year, their network of wildlife rehabilitators and rescue volunteers provide emergency support for thousands of sick and injured animals across Ireland.

Species:
Native Irish wildlife

Irish Peatland Conservation Council (IPCC)

Dublin Zoo supports the IPCC as part of their marsh fritillary butterfly conservation work at Lullymore West Bog in Co. Kildare. Our support allows the IPCC to assess the marsh fritillary's habitat and to undertake a count of the number of larval nests in the bog each spring and autumn.

Species:
Marsh fritillary butterfly

IUCN Status:
LEAST CONCERN
LC

Louth Nature Trust

Dublin Zoo supports the Louth Nature Trust, in collaboration with BirdWatch Ireland, to monitor and protect the little tern breeding colony at Baltray, Co. Louth. Very few little tern colonies are found in Ireland, and they are very vulnerable to poor weather and ground predators.

Species:
Little tern

IUCN Status:
LEAST CONCERN
LC

CSS: Ireland

Dublin Zoo is home to the National Centre for Species Survival, an official partnership between Dublin Zoo and the IUCN Species Survival Commission. This centre allows us to directly contribute to species conservation in Ireland while also bringing together different stakeholders to take action to protect native Irish species.

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Centre for Species Survival

Irish Grey Partridge Conservation Trust (IGPCT)

Dublin Zoo supports the IGPCT to protect Irish breeding waders, a group of birds found along rivers and shores. This includes species such as the redshank, snipe, lapwing and curlew. Projects have included surveys of breeding waders in River Little Brosna Callows – a designated Special Protection Area. Breeding waders are Ireland's most threatened group of birds.

Species:
Breeding waders

IUCN Status:
LOW THREATENED
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BirdWatch Ireland

Dublin Zoo has been partnering with BirdWatch Ireland since 2012, helping to research and monitor barn owls, long-eared owls and kestrels in Ireland. Our support has helped to protect nesting sites and provide learnings that have been used to inform environmental policy and to manage bird habitats.

Species:
Barn owls, long-eared owls, kestrels

IUCN Status:
LEAST CONCERN
LC

Bat Rehabilitation Ireland

Bat Rehabilitation Ireland is Ireland's largest bat rescue facility. Every year, they rescue and rehabilitate hundreds of sick and injured bats across Ireland. They also promote bat conservation through education and scientific research.

Species:
All nine species of native Irish bats

IUCN Status:
LEAST CONCERN
LC

Seal Rescue Ireland

Seal Rescue Ireland is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured and orphaned seals from across Ireland. Each year, they rescue over 100 seals. They are also involved in community engagement and marine education initiatives to help protect seals and their habitats.

Species:
Grey seals, harbour seals

IUCN Status:
LEAST CONCERN
LC

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