



National Pollinator Strategy

28th October 2014, 4-6pm, Jubilee Room, Parliamentary Estate

Food security and environmental resilience are threatened by the decline of pollinator species, such as bees. This seminar considers the evidence base for Defra's approach to the problem: the National Pollinator Strategy.

In England, there are approximately 1,500 insect species including bees, flies, butterflies, beetles and moths, that pollinate food crops and wild plants. Many of these are declining from multiple pressures, such as the intensification of land-use and habitat loss. England's National Pollinator Strategy aims to address these and other pressures by providing advice on pollinator conservation, improving the evidence base for conservation and implementing a monitoring scheme.

The draft Strategy has been assessed by the Environmental Audit Committee, which has suggested that to be effective, it needs further clarity in the approach to Integrated Pest Management, greater integration with the Common Agricultural Policy, and transparency of research into pesticide impacts. A delivery plan is due to be published within six months of the Strategy. This seminar considers the evidence used to inform measures likely to be set out in the delivery plan.

Agenda

4.00pm Sarah Newton MP, Chair's Welcome

4.10pm **Presentations**

Prof. Simon Potts, Professor of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,
The University of Reading

Dr. Christopher Connolly, Reader in Neuroscience, University of Dundee

Prof. Jane Memmott, Professor of Ecology, University of Bristol

Dr. Adam Vanbergen, Invertebrate Ecologist, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

5.10pm **Discussion**

5.40pm **Chair's closing remarks**

5.45pm **Refreshments**

6.00pm **Close**

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