

*Twelfth Regional Biodiversity Conference and International Conference*

# *Loving the Aliens ??*

*Ecology, history, culture and management of exotic plants and animals - issues for nature conservation*



*3-day Conference*

*Thursday 23rd June to Saturday 25th June 2005*

*Sheffield Hallam University*



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The intention is to generate a broad debate on one of the most important nature conservation and environmental issues of the 21st century.

*All leading conservation bodies are invited to take part.* Join us for an exciting and informative debate and discussion of some of the most important issues in conservation today.

This landmark event will be of great interest to researchers and practitioners, to those in education, to amateur naturalists and conservationists, to gardeners and horticulturalists, to the media and to the public.

The conference is dedicated to ***Dr Oliver Gilbert*** and in honour of his pioneering work on both urban ecology and on exotic species.

The programme so far includes keynotes, oral presentations and posters from contributors including author ***Richard Mabey***, and researchers and practitioners including ***Professor Philip Grime, Dr Derek Yalden, Professor Max Wade, Bill Ely, Colin Howes, Professor Rob Marris, Mathew Frith, Judy Ling Wong, Richard Scott, Dr Nigel Dunnett, Professor James Hitchmough, Colin Edwards, Dr John Bailey, Dr Ian D. Rotherham, Dr Charles Warren, David Knight, Dr Peter Shaw, Craig Shuttleworth, Dr Sally Edmondson, Dr Geoff Kibby, James Macfarlane, Fran Lockhart, Alice Helyar, Mark Prout, Stephanie Peay, Martyn Gorman.*** There may be parallel sessions, and there are field visits to case study sites, and a conference dinner.

Abstract Proceedings will be pre-published to be available at the conference. It is also intended to produce a book from the event.

***Topics so far include:***

- ▶ Cultural and historical issues in relation to alien and exotic plants and animals; when are they a problem?; understanding the problems; issues of control and of ecology
- ▶ Ecological strategies and issues for alien species; native and alien?; recombinant ecology
- ▶ Red squirrels/grey squirrels; big cats; British mammals and their history; alien mammals in Yorkshire; the ecology of the feral domestic cat; american mink; wolves; deer in the UK - problems and responses
- ▶ Crayfish; alien and exotic birds; invertebrates
- ▶ Japanese Knotweed; Himalayan Balsam; *Rhododendron ponticum*; variegated Yellow Archangel; *Buddleia*; Sheffield's urban figs; and other invasive alien plants
- ▶ Understanding and culture; gardens, horticulture and plant collections and the issues for exotic species; garden throw-outs, policy, strategy and planning issues

## **Costs:**

Fees include proceedings, delegate packs, morning/afternoon refreshments and lunch.

### **Fees per day:**

- 1. Business/Academic delegates = £105 (or discount price of £270 for all 3 days)**
- 2. Local Authority/Statutory Agencies/NGO delegates = £85**
- 3. Self-employed workers and those presenting posters = £45**
- 4. Those presenting papers = £25**
- 4. Students/Volunteers/Public = £25 (limited places at this rate - please enquire before booking)**

**Thursday evening Field Visit = £15**

**Friday Conference Dinner = £45**

Group discounts - please enquire.

**Cancellation Fees:** Full fee payable if booking cancelled within 2 weeks of the event; 50% if within 3 weeks; 25% if within 4 weeks; over 4 weeks a small administrative charge will apply.

### **Pre-booking essential**

***Enquiries and Bookings - Return this form to:***

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Cheques should be made payable to: ***South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group***

For businesses and other organisations an official purchase order is acceptable.

*We can provide information on locally available accommodation on request.*

***Posters and other displays, materials to hand out, advertising and inserts in delegate packs all welcomed by prior arrangement.***

## *Booking Form: Loving the Aliens 2005*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick appropriate boxes to indicate when you will be attending*

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Total Fee</b>
<b>Field Trip</b>	<b>Conference Dinner</b>			
			<b>Total Fee</b>	

Dietary requirements:  
vegetarian/non-vegetarian/vegan/other \_\_\_\_\_

Special requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please fill in a separate booking form for each person attending***



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