



Nature of Scotland Awards 2022 – Citizen Science Award Application Form

The Nature of Scotland Awards is delivered by RSPB Scotland and is co-sponsored by NatureScot. We are open for entries from the 14 March - 30 May 2022.

Use this form to either directly apply for your own work for our **Citizen Science Award** or nominate others delivering in this area.

It's FREE to enter, make sure you tailored your answers to our Citizen Science Award category description which can be found on our Nature of Scotland Awards website > <http://bit.ly/NoSAcategories>

Before filling out this form:

- Make sure you are using Google Chrome to enable you to save or print a full copy of your submission once complete.
- Download the 'Citizen Science practice form' PDF from our Nature of Scotland Awards website, so that you can prepare your answers before completing the form (you will not be able to save a draft and return to it later).

Please note there is a separate application form for all other Award categories. Access it here>

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/about-the-rspb/at-home-and-abroad/scotland/nature-of-scotland-awards/award-categories/>

Who can apply?

We are open for entries from both the people who manage and deliver the project and also from those nominating other people's work.

The awards are open to everyone who has been active in nature conservation across Scotland since March 2019. Citizen science projects can be of any size and from a range of disciplines, from monitoring species and habitats to the physical environment.

*If you have any queries about the application process, or need assistance to complete this form for any reason please contact us at awards@rspb.org.uk

Section 1

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Project title and Awards category

1. Project name *

Give the name the project ideally in up to 8 words. C

Enter your answer

Contact details

These should be for the project being put forward for the Citizen Science Award.

*If you are under 18 please ensure you have parental permission to enter - email us at awards@rspb.org.uk and we will send you a form for them to complete.

The personal data you provide will be shared with external organisations who have completed non-disclosure agreements as part of the shortlisting and judging processes. We will use your data for the purpose of the Nature of Scotland Awards, contacting you to let you know if you have been shortlisted, or with further information about the Awards. We may also email you about future Nature of Scotland Awards, or request updates on your project.

*Your details will be kept secure, and will be used for the purposes of this project only. If you decide that you would prefer not to be involved after all or would you like to update your details, please click on 'unsubscribe' on any of the email communications from us, or contact the RSPB Scotland Events Team by emailing awards@rspb.org.uk. If you would like to know more about your data protection rights, please look at our privacy policy at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/help/privacy-policy/>

2. Name(s) of project lead(s) *

3. Job title(s) (if relevant)

4. List the organisations involved in the project, including any research institutions *

5. Email address for lead scientist *

Please give the main relevant email address contact(s) for this project, with the primary one first if more than one exists.

6. Phone number

7. Funding bodies contributing to the project *

8. If this project is based in a particular unitary authority please specify which one(s) *

This should be the main location of the project, if it straddles more than one please give them all or say 'covers all of Scotland'

Enter your answer

Section 3

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Contact details for person making the nomination (IF APPLICABLE)

Please only complete this section if the details are different from those provided in the previous section.

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9. Full name

Enter your answer

10. Organisation (if relevant)

Enter your answer

11. Job title (if relevant)

Enter your answer

12. Email address

Enter your answer

13. Phone number

Enter your answer

14. What is your association with the nominated project?

Enter your answer

Section 4

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Social media and website links

These are important ways for us to engage with nominated projects online throughout the Awards process. We will use the information you provide in tagged social media posts and press releases, raising the online profile of our applicants and promoting their achievements.

If there is more than one relevant account for the project, e.g. two Twitter pages, please provide these in order of importance. In some instances we will only be able to use the first one given.

15. Twitter handle(s)

This is our primary social media outlet for the Nature of Scotland Awards and the one we will tag you from.

Enter your answer

16. Facebook page(s)

Enter your answer

17. Instagram handle(s)

RSPB Scotland and The Nature of Scotland Awards currently only use Twitter and Facebook for online engagement, but please do provide us with your projects Instagram handle if you have one.

Enter your answer

18. Project website(s) - if you have more than one please give the principle website first.

Enter your answer

Project Details

Please provide clear and easy to understand information for our judges.

If you have been entered before, please explain how the project has developed since the last application.

Your project submission should be written in the third person - i.e. about you, not by you.

For inspiration please visit our 2021 winners and shortlist page> <https://bit.ly/3yldmp6>

19. Outline the objectives of the citizen science project (up to 200 words) *

Give a full overview of your project and outline what makes your entry outstanding. Be clear and concise, get across your key achievements and make the judges want to read on to find out more.

Enter your answer

20. How are citizen scientists involved in this project? (up to 300 word) *

Please provide a short summary including the number of citizens involved, the ways in which they contribute to the scientific objectives of the project and what benefits the volunteers derive from being involved. Please aim to provide evidence of these aspects, if at all possible.

Enter your answer

21. State the key findings of the science and outline in what way these outcomes have already supported, or are likely in the future to support nature conservation in Scotland (up to 80 words) *

Please provide in this section details of any outputs or scientific publications derived from this project, and any other relevant evidence of impact.

Enter your answer

22. Please provide a final brief project summary (up to 50 words) *

Please provide a short, accessible summary of the project. If shortlisted, this will be included on the RSPB website, in event materials and could be used for media activity.

Enter your answer

23. Supporting Evidence *

You must provide at least one (and up to three) JPEG photos of the project in support of your Awards submission. If you are successfully shortlisted these images may also be shown on our social media, on stage during the Awards Ceremony, and in any digital broadcast so please make sure you have the relevant permissions before providing them to us.

These should be emailed to awards@rspb.org.uk

Please tick here to confirm you are aware of this requirement and that images will be emailed to us following submission (due to the volume of applications we are unable to 'chase' these).

Yes, I will email photos to awards@rspb.org.uk

Press and Media

The RSPB Scotland Media Team communicate with various media outlets throughout the Awards programme to create awareness for the inspiring shortlisted and winning projects. To have the opportunity to feature in our media activities please include two brief quotes below.

By providing the quotes below you agree to the following:

- any quote (whether whole or in part) may be used by the RSPB in communications and promotional marketing materials (e.g. newsletters, magazines, videos, online or at events) at any time now or in the future.
- we may share the quote(s) with other organisations we work with on particular projects or events, though how and why they can use them will be restricted to non-commercial purposes.
- any and all copyright and other rights (including intellectual property rights) in the quote, in any media throughout the world, shall belong to the RSPB absolutely and in perpetuity
- you shall not be entitled to any payment or royalty now or in the future
- you agree that the RSPB may reasonably modify, revise, enhance, develop, adapt, update and re-issue the quote in any way it regards as appropriate or reasonably necessary

Please note the media (for example journalists and newspapers) may approach the named person directly for a comment should they want to cover and promote it.

24. A short quote from a named person as if your project has been shortlisted for the Citizen Science Award. *

Please include name and job title if applicable.

Enter your answer

25. A short quote from a named person as if you have won the Citizen Science Award. *

Please include name and job title if applicable.

Enter your answer

How you heard about us

26. How did you hear about the Nature of Scotland Awards? *

RSPB website

Twitter

Word of mouth

Email

A previous applicant/nominee

Other

Terms and agreements

27. Please tick both of the boxes below to indicate your agreement before submitting your application *

- I hereby certify that the statements and information in this application form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I understand and agree that any misrepresentation, falsification or material omission of information on this application may result in my entry to be excluded from the Nature of Scotland Awards 2022.