

## The Trinity College Dublin Botany Department Newsletter

### Accomplishments

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Congratulations to **John Devaney** who has accepted a position at Maynooth University. He will take up his new role as Lecturer in Plant Biology at the Department of Biology in early July. John's research will continue to concentrate on plant ecology and global change while teaching will mainly focus on Maynooth's new BSc in Biological and Geographical Sciences.

For any students seeking postgrad opportunities in plant ecology, please contact him to discuss ([johndevaney9@gmail.com](mailto:johndevaney9@gmail.com)). John thanks all at Botany and the wider school for making the last two years at TCD such an enjoyable experience. Be sure to keep in touch!

### Publications

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**Nordic Journal of Botany:** **Trevor Hodkinson** and collaborators published [a new species of Viola from Thailand](#).

*the Viola umphangensis S. Nansai, Srisanga & Suwanph. sp. nov. flower:*



**Ambio:** **Jane Stout** participated in a publication from the **Farm Ecos project** '[Assessment of semi-natural habitats and landscape features on Irish farmland: New insights to inform EU Common Agricultural Policy implementation](#)'

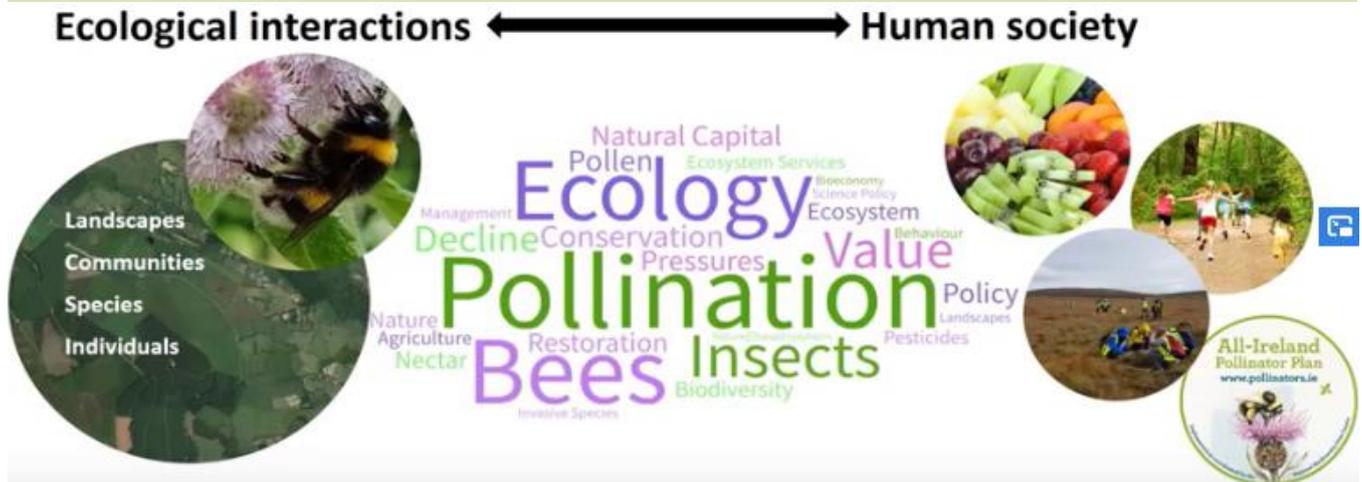
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**Jane Stout** also participated in the recent [critical analysis of the potential for EU CAP measures to support wild pollinators on farmland](#), publish in the *Journal of Applied Ecology*, that led to a **policy note**, see [here](#).

**The Applied Ecologist** issued a blog entitled '[Biodiversity in West African parklands promotes pollination of shea](#)' following another recent paper in the *Journal of Applied Ecology* by **Jane Stout** and collaborators, see [here](#).

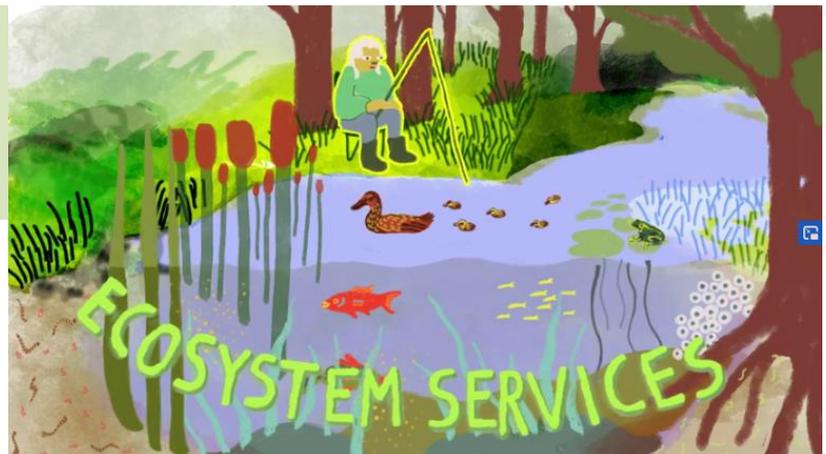
## Events and Activities

Jane Stout gave the opening keynote lecture at the Burren in **Bloom Festival**. The webinar entitled 'Ireland in Bloom – a vision for people and nature' is available [here](#).



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The [INCASE project](#) has produced a fun short video to introduce **Natural Capital Accounting** – a decision-making tool that can be used across policy areas, from tourism to health to planning. Watch [here](#)!



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You can also listen to a fantastic podcast by **Catherine Farrell** on 'accounting for conservation' [here](#).

## EcoEvo Blog Posts

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Want to learn more? Check out the [EcoEvo Blog](#), where Trinity's Botany and Zoology departments discuss their work and reflections in research. The latest posts include...



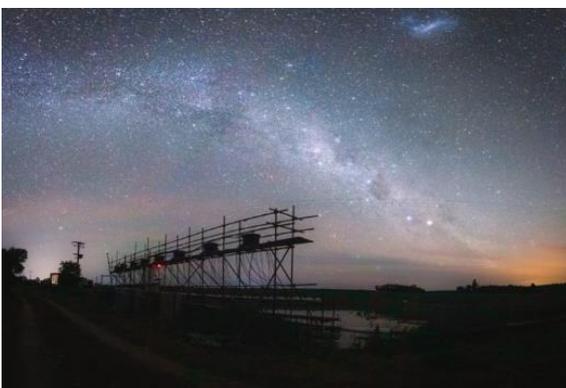
[Sustainable redevelopment: visions of a post-lockdown world](#)  
by Sam Ross



[Bees: common myths and misunderstandings](#)  
by Jane Stout



[Disease dynamics and the impact of incompetent invaders](#)  
by Paula Tierney



[A Field Season in New Zealand:  
One Mesocosm Experiment to Rule them All](#)  
by James Orr

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