

# Irish Great Spotted Woodpecker Meeting

27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011

National Parks and Wildlife Service Offices, Kilafin, Laragh, Co. Wicklow and  
Wicklow Field Sites

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Informal gathering and social with our colleagues from the continent at Jacob's Well Pub, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. This pub was the 2011 Winner of the Irish Restaurant Associations' *Best Gastro Pub / Restaurant in Wicklow* Award. Bar food will be available until 20:30.

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### Indoor Meeting and Talks

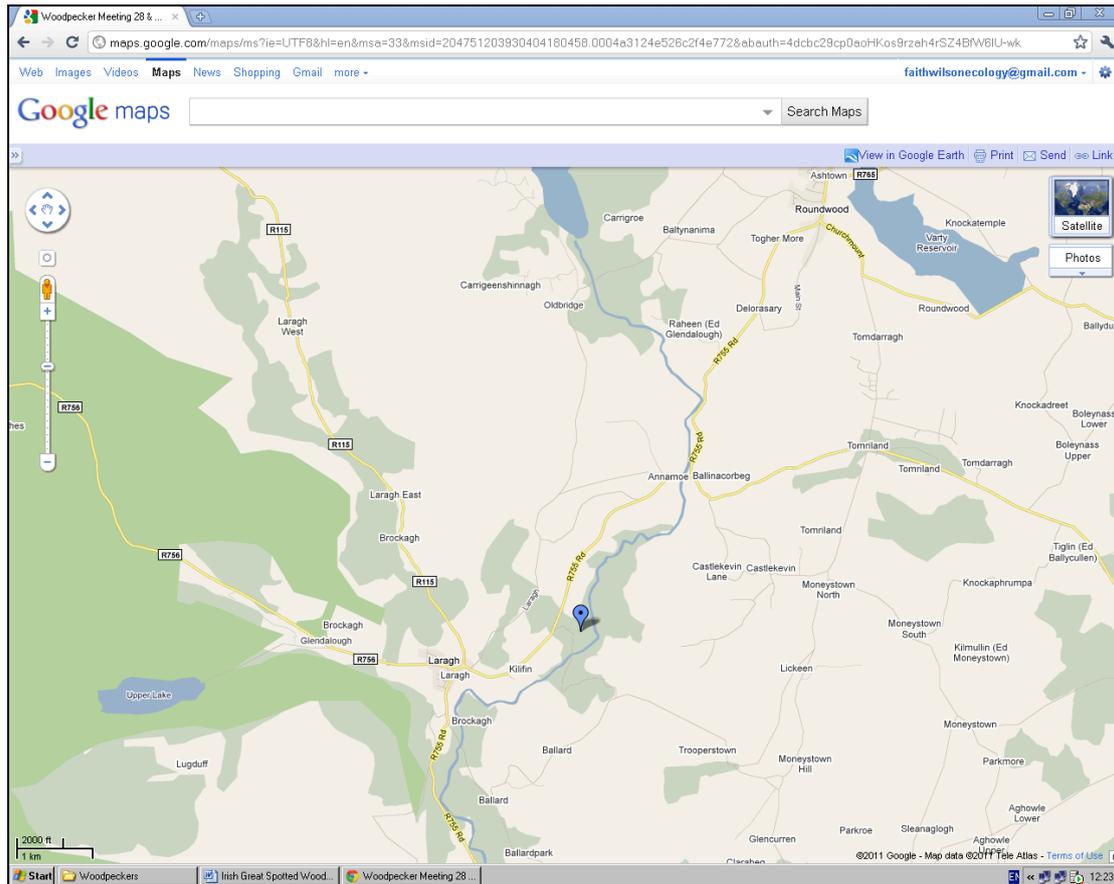
The meeting will be held at the National Parks and Wildlife Service Office, Kilafin, Laragh, Co. Wicklow, which is located on the left hand side of the road when travelling between Annamoe and Laragh and is sign posted (see location map at <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&ll=53.022528,-6.269932&spn=0.041663,0.077162&z=14&msid=204751203930404180458.0004a3124e526c2f4e772>) and will begin with registration at 10:30. Tea/coffee and scones will be available on arrival.

The meeting will begin at 11:00 and will focus on the Great Spotted Woodpecker populations of Ireland. The following talks will be given with plenty of time for discussion, questions and sharing of experiences.

An informal lunch of soup and bread, cold meats, cheese and salad will be available after the meeting.

### Woodpeckers in Ireland – Background and Current Knowledge

- **Gordon D'Arcy** (author of 'Ireland's Lost Birds') will present the historic evidence for Great Spotted Woodpecker in Ireland.
- **Dick Coombes** (Wicklow Woodpecker Study Group) will present the ongoing study of, and his observations on, the recently established population of Great Spotted Woodpecker in County Wicklow.
- **Chris Murphy** will present his observations on the recently established population of Great Spotted Woodpecker in Northern Ireland.
- **Faith Wilson** (Wicklow Woodpecker Study Group) will present the results of the recently conducted study on the genetic origins of Great Spotted Woodpeckers colonizing the island of Ireland.



**Figure 1. Meeting location for the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**

### Field Outing

After lunch we will go on a field outing to view Great Spotted Woodpecker at a local site in the Wicklow Woodlands.

### Woodpecker Meeting Dinner – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

We have table reservations made for the group with Bates Restaurant in Rathdrum at 18:45. Marino Monterisi of Bates Restaurant was awarded winner of the Best Chef in County Wicklow at the Leinster Region Finals in 2010.

A sample of their value menu is presented below and people can choose from either two or three courses. **Please confirm if you would like to attend the evening meal so we can let the restaurant know and confirm numbers.**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

*Indoor Meeting and Talks*

The meeting will again be held at the National Parks and Wildlife Service Office, Kilafin, Laragh, Co. Wicklow and will begin at 10:30. Tea and coffee and scones will be available on arrival.

The meeting will focus on the Great Spotted Woodpecker populations of the continent with presentations from our colleagues. The following talks will be given, again with plenty of time for discussion, questions and sharing of experiences.

**Great Spotted Woodpecker on the Continent – Observations and Studies**

- David Eggeling, Eberhard Mayer will present on the Great Spotted Woodpecker in Stuttgart (Germany): Habitat demands and population changes in a suburban forest study area.
- Klaus Ruge: will present the results of a ringing study on a South German Great Spotted Woodpecker population
- Klaus Michalek: will present his knowledge on the habitat requirements of Austrian Woodpeckers

An informal lunch of soup and bread, cold meats, cheese and salad will again be available after the meeting which we expect to finish up around lunchtime.

There is a small fee for attending the meeting of €20 per person (or €10 per day), which will cover the costs of the teas/coffees and lunch and can be paid directly at the meeting and for the conference dinner to the restaurant that evening.

We would like to thank National Parks and Wildlife Service for hosting the meeting and The Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council for their financial support.

**Please confirm your attendance at both the meeting and the Woodpecker dinner by the 20<sup>th</sup> May by contacting Faith Wilson on [wilson@esatclear.ie](mailto:wilson@esatclear.ie) or 087 637 7328, so that catering arrangements can be made.**



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## **Bates Value Menu (Sample)**

### **Starters**

Soup of the day  
Asparagus risotto (v)  
Glazed Irish Goat's cheese, peas, broad beans & green beans (v)  
Kiltrea organic smoked salmon, beetroot relish  
Parma ham & melon  
Tagliolini pasta, Wicklow crab & cherry tomatoes  
Irish chicken salad, rocket, Parmesan & balsamic dressing  
Irish artisan air dry meats antipasto with olives & pickles

### **Main courses**

Silver Hill duck: seared breast, confit leg, green beans & thyme jus  
Char grilled Wexford beef rib eye, chunky chips & green peppercorn sauce  
Slow cooked rolled Tipperary pork belly, champ & grain mustard  
Roast Irish chicken breast, mixed mushrooms sauté, chicken jus  
Pan fried sea bass fillet (France), baby spinach & white wine sauce  
Clare Island organic salmon, asparagus & lemon butter sauce  
Aubergines bake "Parmigiana" with tomato & basil (v)

### **Desserts**

Wexford strawberries & cream  
Raspberries, meringue, Chantilly cream & raspberry sauce  
Vanilla pod crème brûlée  
Panna cotta, seasonal fruit salad & fruit syrup  
Warm chocolate pudding, hazelnut ice cream (15 minutes)  
Tiramisu  
Irish artisan cheeses with grapes & biscuits

**Our value Menu offers a choice of 2 courses for only €21.50  
or 3 course dinner for only €26.50 pp**