



It is nearly ten years since the conference "Our Pinewood Heritage" brought together current thinking on native pinewoods. Much has been achieved for biodiversity since then. Pinewoods are recognised as a priority habitat within the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and there has been impressive progress made towards

achieving targets for the conservation and enhancement of key species and habitats, with new applied research playing a major role. Now, through initiatives such as Forest Habitat Networks, and large-scale habitat restoration, there is increasing need to integrate ecological research at a range of different scales, provide effective input into management practice and identify the most pressing knowledge gaps to be addressed in the future.

The aims of the conference are to:

- Bring together researchers, land managers  and those in the local community with an  interest in pinewood ecology and  biodiversity;
- Synthesise current ecological and  biodiversity research;
- Share experiences and information relevant  to forest planning and management and  strengthen the link between research and  practice;
- Identify future research, conservation and  restoration priorities;
- Launch a number of pinewood related  publications.

This is the first of two conferences\* about the environmental, social and economic benefits from pinewoods. The conference will focus primarily on ecology and biodiversity and will be centred in the Glen Affric area to celebrate its designation as Scotland's newest National Nature Reserve.

The conference is aimed at forest managers, researchers, and those with a stake in how pinewoods are managed. Indoor sessions during the first two days will be held in the Craigmorie Centre, Glen Urquhart Community High School, Drumnadrochit and will cover:

- Recent advances in historical research;
- Management for species, habitats and  landscapes;
- Future research;
- Management priorities.

The field trip on the 16th June will be to Glen Affric to discuss current management and research issues in a varied range of habitats.

To submit a paper or poster for presentation, please send a title and abstract (500 words max.) by **1st March 2004** to Jonathan Humphrey preferably by e-mail: jon.humphrey@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or alternatively on PC disk by post to: Forest Research, Northern Research Station, Roslin, Midlothian, EH25 9SY.

\* The second closely linked conference in September,  organised by Forestry Commission Scotland, will look at  the wider role of Scots pine in sustainable rural  development.  
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## Booking instructions

The conference fee is £65.00 per delegate which includes the cost of lunch and refreshments.

Please send payment and completed  booking forms to:

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- Forest Research, Northern Research Station,
- Roslin, Midlothian, EH25 9SY.
- e-mail:  evelyn.hall@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
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Early booking is advisable and reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. Payment should be made by cheque or Visa card.

**Deadline for submission of booking  forms is 28th May 2004.**

If booking is cancelled before 28th May 2004, fees will be refunded in full, cancellations after 28th May 2004 will not be refunded.

The final programme and joining instructions will be sent 3 to 4 weeks prior to the conference.

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pinewoods: past, present & future.**

**Conference Booking Form**

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I would like to submit a paper/poster

I plan to attend the field trip

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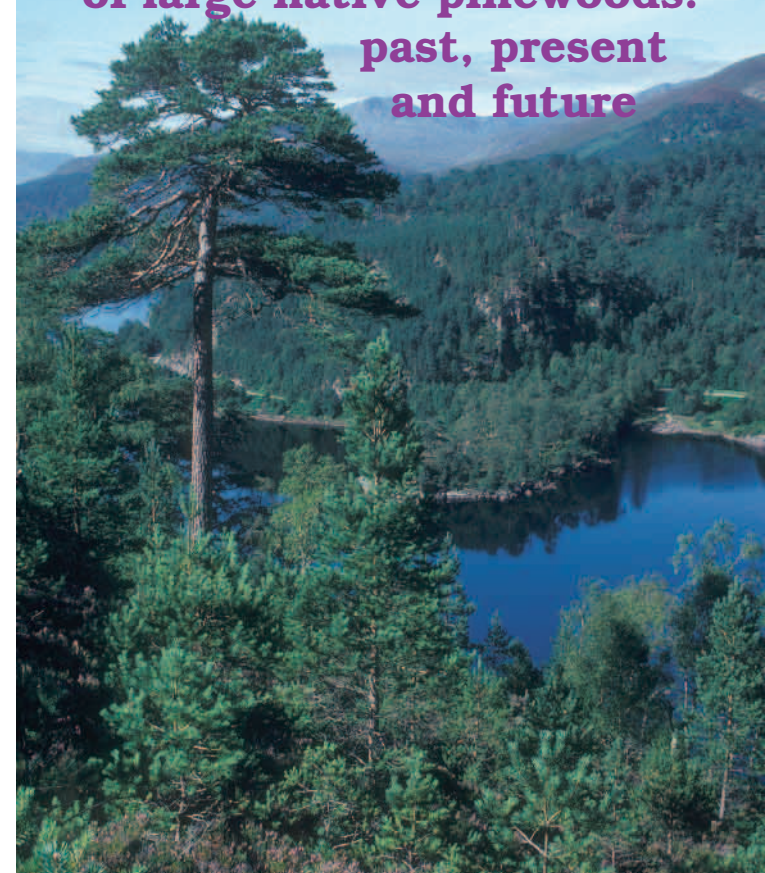
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