



# Miraculous Galápagos

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**F**or centuries, the Galápagos have captivated explorers and scientists with their unique blend of stunning natural beauty and unrivalled biodiversity. Why not channel the spirit of these intrepid wanderers and set sail on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure around this remarkable archipelago?

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## Here comes the sun?



**As summer progresses, our butterfly surveys will start to reveal the impact on species of the drought and extreme heat of last summer. In this issue of *Butterfly*, our article about the weather echoes my trepidation for what I might not see this year, as I embark on my transect each week.**

We also talk about the elusive hairstreaks, providing guidance for where to see them, while helping with some clues when it comes to blue and white butterflies that can be tricky to identify. We also remind ourselves which plants attract butterflies and moths, let you know which Open Gardens you can visit this summer to gain inspiration, and explore the importance of creating habitats and resources for butterflies and moths with our Wild Spaces campaign.

There is a Scottish theme to our article on what to look out for this summer, describing species which my fellow trustee Simon Saville will likely encounter as he embarks on his second epic Bike for Butterflies, raising funds for Butterfly Conservation. During this gruelling 700-mile journey, I hope he is rewarded by seeing some of the threatened butterflies described in our piece about the Species on the Edge project.

From the other side of the world, Professor Eric Warrant tells us about the Bogong moth's remarkable nocturnal migration through Australia. This article intrigued me because decades ago, I encountered hundreds of Bogongs in an alpine hut where I was staying the night. Now I know that they were just a fraction of the numbers that spend their summers in caves in Australia.

Returning to the UK, we hope that between 14 July and 6 August a record number of people will join in with our Big Butterfly Count (see page 14). Just 15 minutes spent counting butterflies means that together we can contribute to the assessment of the health of our environment. Last year more than 96,000 counts were submitted, maintaining the Big Butterfly Count's lead as the world's largest butterfly survey. I thank you all hugely for your participation.

**Karen Goldie-Morrison, Chair of Trustees**

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