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An application form is available from our web site or from the address below to apply for recognition as an Associate (ABNA), Registered Member (MBNA) or Fellow (FBNA) of the British Naturalists' Association.



Grade Guidance notes are also available there.

Application for the higher grades requires the support of appropriate natural history referees.

SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH was presented with the Peter Scott Memorial Award and made a Fellow Honoris Causa of the British Naturalists' Association at the Annual Conference 2007 in recognition of his outstanding and unique contribution to our understanding of natural history.



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Rewarding & Recognising achievement in the field of natural history



The British Naturalists' Association, founded in 1905, is the national body for naturalists promoting the study of natural history in Britain.

The BNA is aware that the high standards of those who do study natural history and gain field skills, both professionally and keen amateurs, were not given proper recognition. To this end, the Association instituted graded membership on a three tier basis in order to formally reward and recognise specific levels of knowledge and achievement in the field of natural history. The Association encourages members to share their knowledge and, through its grading scheme, recognises the gaining of relevant field skills and expertise.

This stimulates naturalists to further develop their individual knowledge and will demonstrate to others that you believe in furthering the study of natural history in acquiring the necessary field skills to achieve this.



Above left: Fellow of the British Naturalists' Association (FBNA)

Above right: Registered Member of the British Naturalists' Association (MBNA)



Sharing skills with young naturalists

FBNA gives recognition of significant expertise and standing in natural history. The holding of the academic standing (doctorate, and/or degree in relevant subjects) and relevant publications showing significant appropriate involvement for this level of membership plus evidence of significant field experience can lead to Fellowship. Very significant contributions in natural history field work and publications can lead to recognition as a Fellow.

MBNA those naturalists that have established an expertise in the practice and understanding of natural history, and have become skilled and experienced in identification and other field skills, may gain recognition. Becoming a Registered Member carries with it the status of being a proven field naturalist; it is an acknowledgement of gaining a high standard of competence in natural history.

ABNA for those members with a keen interest in natural history who after one year can show evidence that they have attended natural history lectures and taken part in sufficient field work.



Workshops and field sessions are great fun and enjoyed by all ages taking part



The Encaenia



The Encaenia, with its robed procession is when the achievements in developing field and other natural history skills are visually rewarded with the appropriate symbolism of gaining entitlement to official dress. Recognition conveys the right to use the appropriate post nominative letters, FBNA, MBNA or ABNA, and entitlement to wear the grade's robes on appropriate occasions.

Fellowship (Honoris Causa) of the British Naturalists' Association

To promote due recognition of excellence in and study of natural history, the Trustees established a Fellowship Honoris Causa which is bestowed upon a strictly limited number of eminent naturalists of outstanding caliber. Recipients have included Sir David Attenborough, Professor Mike Majerus, Dr Oliver Rackham and Dr Max Hooper.



Sir David Attenborough Recognising a Fellow