

This week Dublin’s Q102 looked at the impact of climate change on Irish wildlife and biodiversity.

**Did you know…**

* Some native Irish species are at risk of extinction, including the Red Squirrel and the Natterjack Toad and the Atlantic Salmon.
* Wolves roamed around Irish mountains and forests until the late 1700s.
* Ireland used to be home to brown bears, lynx, grey whales and the Irish elk.

**What is causing biodiversity loss in Ireland?**

* Irish land and marine ecosystems currently absorb around half of human caused CO2 emissions.
* Many species cannot adapt to changing temperatures by moving across our highly modifed landscapes.
* Agricultural practices can negatively impact biodiversity. The expansion of monoculture farming, the use of pesticides and fertilizers have all had an impact on Irish wildlife and biodiversity.
* Overfishing can lead to declines in fish populations.

**How can I help preserve Irish wildlife and biodiversity?**

* Support conservation companies like the Irish Wildlife Trust
* Educate yourself on all species habitats and the threats that they face.
* Consider introducing a wildlife friendly garden

**Here’s a few websites if you want to know more !**

[**Irish Wildlife Trust**](https://iwt.ie/)

[**Irish Biodiversity**](https://biodiversityireland.ie/) 