



Lorraine Bull, Executive Biodiversity Officer - [Fingal County Council](#), shared insights into the conservation actions underway on Ireland's Eye, with support from [BirdWatch Ireland](#) and [Dublin Bay Biosphere](#), to protect this unique habitat.

“Ireland's Eye is so important for seabirds, it's a designated Special Protection Area for five species including Cormorant, Guillemot and Razorbill, and is nationally important for many more, such as the iconic Gannet that soars around the sea stack.”



IRELAND'S EYE CONSERVATION

How The Island's Seabirds
Are Being Protected



Fingal County Council (FCC)
are carrying out conservation
actions under the Ireland's
Eye Management Plan.

Take a look at the actions
completed this year.



1. BIRDWATCH IRELAND WARDENS

With support from the Local Biodiversity Action Fund 2025 from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, FCC are running a pilot project with BirdWatch Ireland to have wardens on the island to educate visitors and monitor the birds.



2. WALKING ROUTES

A defined walking route has been established, which is highlighted in way markers & information signs.



3. NEW SIGNAGE

New visitor-friendly signage has been installed, asking people to 'Please enjoy the island respectfully, this is their home - we are just visiting.'



SÚIL NA HÉIREANN | LIMISTÉAR FADÍ CHOSAINN
SPEISIALTA (LPCS) D'ÉIN
IRELAND'S EYE | SPECIAL PROTECTION
AREA (SPA) FOR BIRDS

*Go raibh maith agat as
an cosán a leanúint
agus aire a thabhairt
dár leanaí!*

Thank you for following
the path and minding
our babies!



GAINÉAD
GANNETS

Photo © Shay Connolly

*Bainigi sult as an oileán go measúil le bhur
dtóil, is é seo a dteach - nílmid ach ar cuairt.*

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their home - we are just visiting.



Comhairle Contae
Dubhaigh
County Council



4. FENCING

Installed to keep visitors away from crucial nesting areas.



WHY THESE EFFORTS MATTER

Walking past or sitting too close to nests can stress the adult birds and put their young at risk.

Remember to visit responsibly, Leave No Trace, and spread the word to protect what makes Howth special.

