



Jeff Waddell, Senior Natural Heritage Advisor for the National Trust for Scotland, heads up the team providing nature conservation advice for the organisation. He has been at the Trust since December 2019 and much of his work here has been updating the Trusts nature conservation strategy, the "Plan for Nature". Jeff has also visited and provided advice to many of the Trusts properties since arriving. He is the Trust representative in several partnership and policy groups including the Alliance for Scotland's Rainforest, Scotland Environment Link Woodland Policy Group, Biodiversity for LIFE (Seabird conservation), Fair Isle Demonstration and Research Marine Protected Area and Perthshire Nature Connections Partnership.

Prior to working for the Trust Jeff was "Head of Ecology, Scotland" for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds , the largest purely nature conservation charity in the UK, where he oversaw ecological advice and auditing in Scotland. Prior to that he was "Open Habitats Ecologist" for Forest Enterprise Scotland, the government forestry service (and largest land manager) in Scotland, where he coordinated one of the largest peatland restoration programmes in the UK and one of the largest habitat survey programmes in the UK. His professional and personal interests include habitat management, vegetation ecology, botany and lepidoptera. His professional roles have required and helped provide, an understanding of the full range of topics relevant to nature conservation in Scotland. He studied Plant Science at the University of Edinburgh and maintains a keen personal interest in botanical recording in Scotland and Greece.