

Below are links to three videos produced, directed, shot and edited by Irish Times video journalist Kathleen Harris. All three are environmental stories that document an aspect of Ireland's biodiversity and climate change crises.

'My mission is to record all of the bird species in Ireland', published May 28, 2022:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-style/people/2022/05/28/my-mission-is-to-record-all-of-the-bird-species-in-ireland-1.4880989/>

This video profiles Irish ornithologist Sean Ronayne, who is recording the song of every bird species in Ireland – that's more than 200 birds. His project is both practical and poetic; the recordings provide data so Sean can assess changing migratory patterns, but they are also a record of a vanishing, vital part of our world. In the video, Sean points out that Ireland's seemingly wild spaces do not look the way they are meant to due to intensive grazing and agriculture, and rather than getting better, the "war against the remaining patches of biodiversity" is getting worse. Despite conveying this urgent message, the video overall is inspirational: Sean's passion and love for birds and their songs is palpable. The video got a great response from Irish Times readers: one letter to the editor described the video as "six minutes of pure delight". Sean was subsequently invited to give national radio interviews, speak at music festivals and give a lecture at University College Cork.

'How much worse is it going to be?': Roscommon's Lough Funshinagh continues to rise, published May 16, 2022: <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/environment-group-rejects-criticism-over-stance-on-roscommon-flooding-1.4879026>

Kathleen spoke to Roscommon residents living near Lough Funshinagh, which has experienced severe flooding since 2018. The video documents the damage: the flooding has displaced birds, flooded forests and farmland, threatened livelihoods and destroyed property. It is believed climate change has played a role in the flooding, with changes in rainfall in recent years.

A night of hunting the false widow spider, published September 3, 2021:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/a-night-of-hunting-the-false-widow-spider-they-are-everywhere-in-this-area-1.4676947>

Venom expert Dr John Dunbar spends a night combing a Dublin housing estate for Ireland's increasingly common false widow spider. He explains where the spider is found, the danger it poses to humans, and why we're seeing more of them.