



Bologna celebrates Darwin with guided tours and conferences – Emilia-Romagna

The 'Darwin Day 2023' program of face-to-face and online events will take place from 9 to 23 February.

Other evolutions: the ecological transition in the Anthropocene', organized by the Bolognese Naturalists Union, the Department of Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences and the University Museum System of the University of Bologna, in collaboration with the Golinelli Foundation. From conferences to guided tours to workshops for children, the calendar includes activities for all ages, all free. The initiative is part of the worldwide celebrations for the birth of Charles Darwin, which took place on February 12, 1809.

This year the main theme is 'The evolution and conservation of biodiversity' in environments transformed and damaged by man's impacts on the Earth's ecosystem.

Could biological evolution, which Charles Darwin described in its fundamental mechanisms, end? If so, are the functions and services that ecosystems provide us also at risk? Evolution in the Anthropocene will certainly be increasingly dominated by still unexplored events of coevolution between the biosphere and technosphere, the results of which should not be perceived only in a negative sense. It is therefore possible to think of other evolutions as well: the essential role of protected areas and ecological corridors for the protection of biodiversity; the transformations underway in the oceans and the emergence of new forms of "blue economy"; nature in the city, citizen involvement and the importance of communicating ecological cultures. The events of 'Darwin Day 2023' in Bologna, scheduled in the Ghigi hall, at the "Giovanni Capellini Museum" Geology Collection and at the Auditorium of the Golinelli Foundation, will start from these reflections. (HANDLE).