

Dr JAMES FENTON: LECTURER – GUIDE - NATURALIST
SMALL SHIP CRUISING
PROSPECTUS



Key skills

James is an experienced lecturer and naturalist, having tutored at an outdoor centre for five years and given numerous lectures to a wide range of audiences over the years. He has also spent much time at sea, since 1989 lecturing on small cruise ships and acting as an all-round naturalist and Zodiac driver (see next page).

He is particularly knowledgeable about the natural history of the UK and its islands, northern Europe generally (Norway, Iceland, Faeroes), the Arctic, Antarctica and the Falkland islands. As a general purpose ecologist, although with a specialism in botany, he also has direct experience of many other parts of the world (e.g. Europe, South America, South Africa, Galapagos, Maldives).



Potted biography:

- 1973-8 **British Antarctic Survey** – Research Ecologist
- 1980-85 **Brathay Hall Trust** – Tutor in Ecology (Lake District)
- 1986-91 **Self-employed** – Environmental consultant based in Scotland
- 1991-2005 **National Trust for Scotland** – For 14 years the organisation's first Ecologist
- 2005-11 **Scottish Natural Heritage** – Policy Officer, dealing with the landscapes of Scotland
- 2011-13 **Falklands Conservation** – Chief Executive Officer, running the Falkland Islands organisation



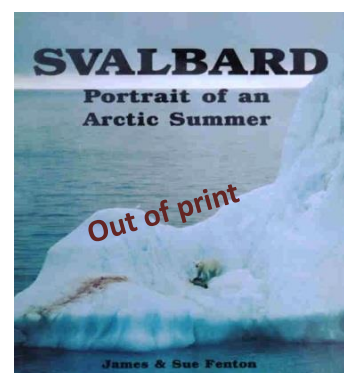
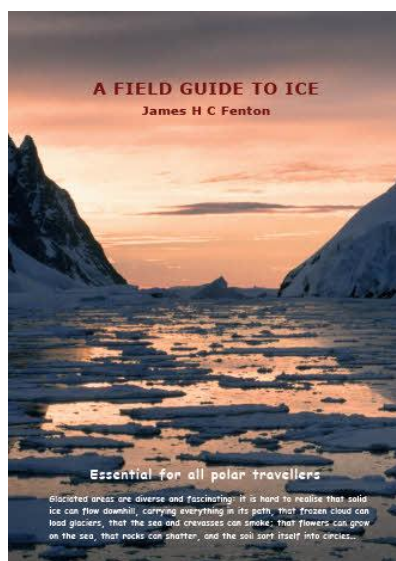
Publications:

In 1986 he launched the monthly news digest *SCENES: Scottish Environment News*, a monthly news digest. He has written extensively on [environmental issues](#), and also, together with his wife Sue, written a book on the natural history of Spitsbergen, and more recently (2009) a *Field Guide to Ice*, designed to explain common ice features to the tourist.



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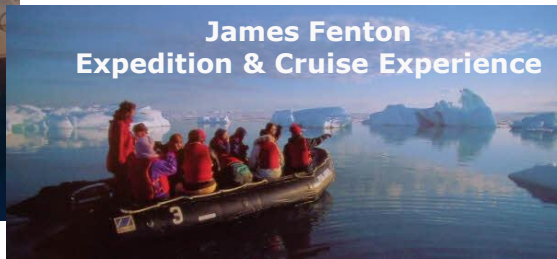
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Date of birth: 19.3.1952
Qualifications: BSc in Botany, PhD in Antarctic ecology; also a chartered biologist with the Society of Biology



Lecturing on the *Black Prince*



Zodiac driving in Svalbard



Lecturing at the Macaulay Institute

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

1973-8 Work as botanist with British Antarctic Survey, including 2 years field work in Antarctica

EXPEDITIONS

- 1981 Leader of Brathay Glen Affric expedition (2 weeks)
- 1982 Leader of Brathay Spitsbergen expedition (ski-touring, 6 weeks)
- 1985 Leader of Brathay Spitsbergen expedition (ski-touring, 5 weeks)
- 1986 Leader of Erskine expeditions Spitsbergen expedition (ski-touring, 2 weeks)
- 1988 Leader of Erskine expeditions Spitsbergen expedition (ski-touring, 2 weeks)

CRUISES AS NATURALIST / LECTURER

Year	Route	Ship	Company
1989	1. Round British Isles	<i>Polaris</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
1990	2. British Isles & Norway	<i>Polaris</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
	3. Norwegian Coast-Spitsbergen		
	4. Spitsbergen- Norwegian Coast		
	5. Norway-Iceland		
	6. Norwegian Coast-Spitsbergen	<i>Polaris</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
1991	7. Spitsbergen- Norwegian Coast		
	8. Spitsbergen-Bergen	<i>Polaris</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
1993	9. Round British Isles	<i>Polaris</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
1994	10. Round British Isles		
	11. Round British Isles	<i>Polaris</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
1995	12. Scotland-Iceland- -Spitsbergen -Norway	<i>Black Prince</i>	The National Trust for Scotland
	13. Round Scotland	<i>Polaris</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
1996	14. Round Scotland		
	15. Scotland-Norwegian Coast	<i>Minerva</i>	National Trust for Scotland
1997	16. Round Scotland	<i>Caledonian Star</i>	Zegrahm
	17. Round British Isles	<i>Caledonian Star</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
1998	18. Antarctica (5 cruises)	<i>Caledonian Star</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
-1999	-22. inc. Chile, Falkland Is South Georgia		
2001	23. Scotland-Iceland -Spitsbergen-Norway	<i>Black Prince</i>	National Trust for Scotland
2002	24. Round Scotland	<i>Prof. Molchanov</i>	Oceanwide
2003	25. North Spitsbergen	<i>Grigoriy Mikheev</i> (Expedition leader)	Oceanwide
	26. Edinburgh-London	<i>Northern Belle</i> (train)	Lindblad Expeditions
2005	27. Round British Isles	<i>NG Endeavour</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
2007	28. Orkney	<i>Land-based</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
2008	29. Inverness-Kyle of Lochalsh	<i>Lord of the Glens</i>	Lindblad Expeditions
2011	30. Oban: Scotland west coast	<i>Stockholm</i>	Fathom Expeditions
2011	31. Aberdeen-Spitsbergen	<i>Plancius</i>	Oceanwide

