



Bedfordshire
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2019



Wildlife Training Workshops

Discover more about natural history and the varied wildlife and habitats of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire

Booking form

Before you book

- Contact Juliette Butler, Wildlife Training Workshops Officer either by phone or e-mail to check if places are available (Tues, Wed and Fri 9am – 2.30pm).
- Telephone: **01604 774031** or e-mail: **trainingworkshops@wildlifebcn.org**
- **To book onto a Dragonfly workshop please contact Henry Curry at the British Dragonfly Society telephone 01733 204286**
- Note that most workshops include an indoor session and a field trip to a nature reserve. If you have any concerns about the amount of walking involved, please discuss with the Wildlife Training Workshops Officer.

To confirm a booking

Please send a completed booking form and either a cheque (payable to The Wildlife Trust) or telephone the Wildlife Training Workshops Officer with debit/credit card details. Address as follows:
Wildlife Training Workshops, The Wildlife Trust, Lings House, Billing Lings, Northampton NN3 8BE.

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- You will receive confirmation of booking either by e-mail or post.
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- Refunds are only available if cancellations are received **at least one month** before the workshop.

Fees

£40	Standard workshops	Free	Ecology Group Members
£115	Professionals	Free	Reserve Wardens
£20	Students (NEW FOR 2019)	Free	Watch Leaders
		Free	Key Volunteers

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Please fill in the county code, number of places required, name, date and price of each workshop you would like to book, continue on a blank sheet if necessary.

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If a volunteer, in what capacity?

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County Code:

B = Bedfordshire

C = Cambridgeshire

N = Northamptonshire

Lower Plants

N Introduction to Stoneworts

Stoneworts are a group of large algae studied and recorded by mainstream botanists. They are fascinating in their own right with unique structural and reproductive characteristics, but are also valuable indicators of water quality. The workshop will provide an introduction to the group with illustrated talks, keys and a selection of live and preserved material. Collection and examination methods will be demonstrated during a short field excursion.

Date(s): Sunday 6 October 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Pitsford Water nature reserve
Trainer(s): Chris Carter and Nathalie Hueber

C Introduction to Fungus Identification

Come prepared for an all-weather field trip to Woodwalton Fen (or around the Countryside classroom if it's too boggy) for collection of specimens in the morning. The afternoon session will include a brief discussion of fungal biology and demonstrations of identification techniques using literature, chemical tests and microscopy, followed by recording methods.

Date(s): Sunday 10 November 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Ramsey Heights/Woodwalton Fen
Trainer(s): Richard Shotbolt



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Invertebrates

N Woodlice, Centipedes and Millipedes

This workshop is an introduction to the identification of woodlice, millipedes and centipedes. Although not taxonomically related, these three groups (Isopoda, Diploda and Chilopoda) are familiar to all, live in similar places and therefore are conveniently recorded together. Woodlice and millipedes are important decomposers, whereas centipedes are generalist predators. Many species can be reliably identified in the field with a hand lens, and some with the naked eye.

Date(s): Saturday 23 March 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve
Trainer(s): Steve Gregory

C Pond Dipping for Adults

Dipping in pools with a net is a well-known activity for children. But it need not be an activity exclusively practised by the young. This course will take the "simple" a step further, by introducing participants to techniques for pond assessment and providing a crash-course in identification of pond macro-invertebrates to species level.

Date(s): Saturday 13 April 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Cambourne
Trainer(s): Richard Chadd

B Butterfly Identification and Ecology

Around 60 species of butterfly live in the UK and a diverse selection of them can be seen on BCN Wildlife Trust reserves. A complex life cycle means that many butterflies are extremely sensitive to environmental change and these species can act as important bio-indicators. Therefore, studying butterflies can help us monitor natural ecosystems and protect a wide array of other animals and plants.

This workshop aims to provide background information on the biology and ecology of butterflies, and will also include a field trip where you will

learn to identify some of the species yourself. The site visit will take place at Totternhoe Quarry, one of only a handful of sites in Bedfordshire where the rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly holds a strong population.

Date(s): Saturday 11 May 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Totternhoe Quarry
Trainer(s): Andrew Bladon and Matt Hayes



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N Introduction to Britain's Bumblebees

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Bumblebees are not only charismatic; they are also incredibly important pollinators. They are easily recognisable as a group, but some of them can be trickier to identify to species level. This workshop will introduce you to the most common and widespread species in the three counties at a time of year when they are at their freshest and most easily identifiable.

Date(s): Sunday 12 May 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve
Trainer(s): Ryan Clark

Invertebrates

B Introduction to Ants

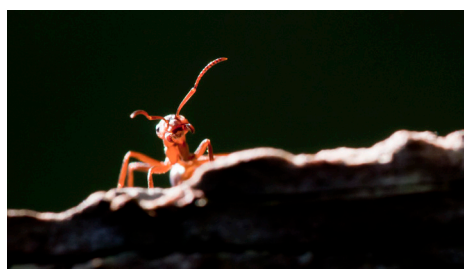
This workshop will introduce participants to the important role that ants play in UK ecosystems, as well as an introduction to their biology and identification. The course will include practical sessions to observe and collect ants in the field and to identify ants under a microscope.

Date(s): Saturday 8 June 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Totternhoe Quarry

Trainer(s): Edgar Turner



N Introduction to Leaf Beetles

Leaf beetles are numerous, widespread, and found in all terrestrial habitats. Some are large or colourful, and others are of economic importance. Sometimes they are conspicuous, but often they require a degree of diligence to record. They are ecologically important, and valuable for habitat assessment.

There are difficult groups within the family, and this can be off-putting, but many are easily recognised in the field, and careful collecting, with attention paid to habitat and food plants, can aid greatly.

This course will examine the characteristics of the group, the features used to identify them, the field techniques used to find them, and how to distinguish the easy ones from the difficult ones. Emphasis will be placed on field methods, but there will also be an opportunity to use microscopes and keys for identification of specimens caught on the day or provided for the purpose.

Date(s): Sunday 9 June 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve

Trainer(s): Peter Kirby
and Chris Kirby-Lambert

C Dragonfly Larvae Identification for Beginners

The aim of this course is for participants to identify dragonfly larvae to genus level and understand the basic steps of using a key – or ‘keying out’ – to identify species.

We will use microscopes and hand lenses, one-to-one guidance, self-study periods and, weather-dependent, we'll also hunt for larvae/exuviae on the fen. **PLEASE BOOK THROUGH THE BRITISH DRAGONFLY SOCIETY.**

Date(s): Sunday 16 June 2019

Timings: 10am – 5pm

Venue: Wicken Fen

Trainer(s): Henry Curry

B Introduction to Heathland Spiders

This workshop will introduce participants to the 37 different spider families found in the UK. Many of these families have distinguishing characteristics observable in the field.

Following an indoor presentation there will be opportunities for fieldwork and demonstration of collection techniques at Cooper's Hill nature reserve. Heathland spiders will be a particular focus. Lawrence Bee is a co-author of the recently published Wild Guide “Britain's Spiders – a field guide”.

Date(s): Sunday 16 June 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Cooper's Hill nature reserve

Trainer(s): Lawrence Bee

N Introduction to Weevils

Weevils are one of the largest beetle groups, but they have a reputation for being difficult. We will de-mystify these endearing insects. By the end of the day you will know how to recognise the main groups, and learn how to identify some common species.

Bring some specimens if you have any, but we will provide some for you to practise with and will also look for weevils in the field.

Date(s): Saturday 29 June 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve

Trainer(s): Mark Gurney

N Identification of Picture-winged Flies

Picture-winged flies is a loose term that refers to several families of fly that have patterned wings. This course introduces the main families involved – Tephritidae, Ulidiidae, Opomyzidae and Pallopteridae – and will mention other families that might cause confusion.

Most species have distinctive wing and thoracic patterns, so with care can be identified in the field or from good photographs. No prior knowledge of flies will be assumed.

The Tephritidae cause galls on a number of plants, especially members of the Asteraceae, and so are a good group for botanists to study. The Ulidiidae are fairly diverse and contain Northants' only red data book fly, the very distinctive Phoenix Fly *Dorycera graminum*. Opomyzids and Pallopterids are associated with grasses and frequently turn up in sweep nets when surveying grasslands.

Date(s): Saturday 6 July 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve

Trainer(s): John Showers

C Adult Dragonflies and their Habitat for Beginners

The aim of this course is for participants to identify common species of adult dragonflies and their habitat. There will be sessions using colour photo presentations and, dependent on the weather, a field tour of adult dragonfly and water plant habitats. **PLEASE BOOK THROUGH THE BRITISH DRAGONFLY SOCIETY.**

Date(s): Saturday 6 July 2019

Timings: 10am – 5pm

Venue: Wicken Fen

Trainer(s): Stuart Irons



Invertebrates Botany

C Introduction to Pollination and Pollinators

Pollination of flowers by insects is a vital ecological process that ensures the reproduction of most British wild plants and many of our agricultural crops. This one-day training workshop will provide an introduction to the natural history of pollinators and how they interact with the flowers that they pollinate. The main groups of pollinators will be introduced, with guidance on how to identify them, and their ecology and behaviour will be explored. The workshop will conclude with a discussion of why conserving these species is so important, and what individuals can do to help ensure their diversity and abundance.

Date(s): Saturday 13 July 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Cambourne
Trainer(s): Jeff Ollerton

N Introduction to Plant Galls

A general introduction to the study of plant galls. The morning session will be indoors studying “What is a gall?”, looking at some specimens and using the identification books available. The afternoon session will be spent looking for galls around Lings local nature reserve.

Date(s): Sunday 14 July 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Lings local nature reserve
Trainer(s): Sean Karley

C Introducing the Dragonfly

Specifically designed for the beginner, this very popular course will teach participants about dragonfly biology, life cycle, ecology and simple identification of common adult dragonflies. There will be a video and, weather dependent, a field tour of dragonfly habitats on site. **PLEASE BOOK THROUGH THE BRITISH DRAGONFLY SOCIETY.**

Date(s): Sunday 28 July 2019
Timings: 10am – 5pm
Venue: Wicken Fen
Trainer(s): Henry Curry

C Introduction to Tree Identification

A workshop to identify common native broadleaved deciduous and, if found, exotic trees in winter. We will use key characters such as bud colour and shape, bark types and overall growth form to separate oak from field maple, sycamore from ash, hazel from willow and apple from elm.

The shape and size of trees and their growth rates are varied as a result of their particular family history and the environmental conditions they have adapted to. The types of trees, their characteristics and their associations are all key components of many of our local habitats, so knowing which trees are which will help you to better understand your local nature reserve.

Date(s): Saturday 26 January 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Cambourne
Trainer(s): Matt Hamilton

B Sedges

Many naturalists and gardeners divide the plant world into flowers and “the rest”, including grasses, sedges and rushes – the so-called “Graminoid monocots”. Amongst these, sedges can be confounded with grasses and/or rushes, but represent distinct groups with little other than their small brownish flowers and narrow leaves to unite them.

In the wetter places in the British landscape (moors, marshes, bogs, fens, swamps etc), sedges are often dominant, and in the north, they are amongst the most diverse of plant families. In this workshop, the field-marks that separate sedges from rushes and grasses and from each other will be described, together with an outline of the major British groups and species. The classroom session will be complemented by a look at *Carex* species in the local region and especially in woods and wetlands.

Date(s): Saturday 15 June 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Flitwick Moor
Trainer(s): Owen Mountford

C Fenland Plants

The Fenland basin, between Cambridge and Lincoln and from Peterborough to King's Lynn was once a great wetland complex with water, swamps, wet woodlands and locally bogs, as well as true fen – a mire on neutral or base-rich peat. Now the remnants of this wet wonderland are confined to a few great nature reserves, or sparingly in old pits and within the drains and their banks that dissect the farmed landscape. Woodwalton Fen is amongst the best sites to get an understanding of what the original Fenland might have been like, and there are many plant species which are now largely confined to places like Woodwalton within Fenland.

This course will focus on understanding the different plant communities that comprise (semi-) natural fens, the species that make up these communities and the factors, such as water-regime and management, that shape the patterns. Much of the time will be spent on the old fen at Woodwalton, getting to know the key species, some of the specialities and the impact of historical exploitation and modern conservation action. We will also have talks that introduce fens and Fenland and give an insight into the old nature reserve and the re-created habitats of the Great Fen. At the end of the course, participants should recognise a range of Fenland plants and have an understanding of how this dynamic landscape and its habitats are interrelated.

Date(s): Saturday 22 June 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Ramsey Heights/
Woodwalton Fen
Trainer(s): Owen Mountford



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Botany

C Grasses I – A Beginner's Introduction

Grasses are among the most important flowering plants, ubiquitous in almost all habitats. Their structure, co-evolved with grazing animals, adapts them well to mowing as well as grazing, so they dominate pastureland and meadows. Identifying or studying them can be daunting to start with, as they look so different from other wild flowers. The day will explain the structure of grasses, including their beautiful if subtle flowers, and help you identify common grasses in the field using a hand lens. A short guide to recognising the most distinctive species, and keys to flowering and vegetative features will be used.

Date(s): Sunday 23 June 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Cambourne
Trainer(s): Brian Eversham

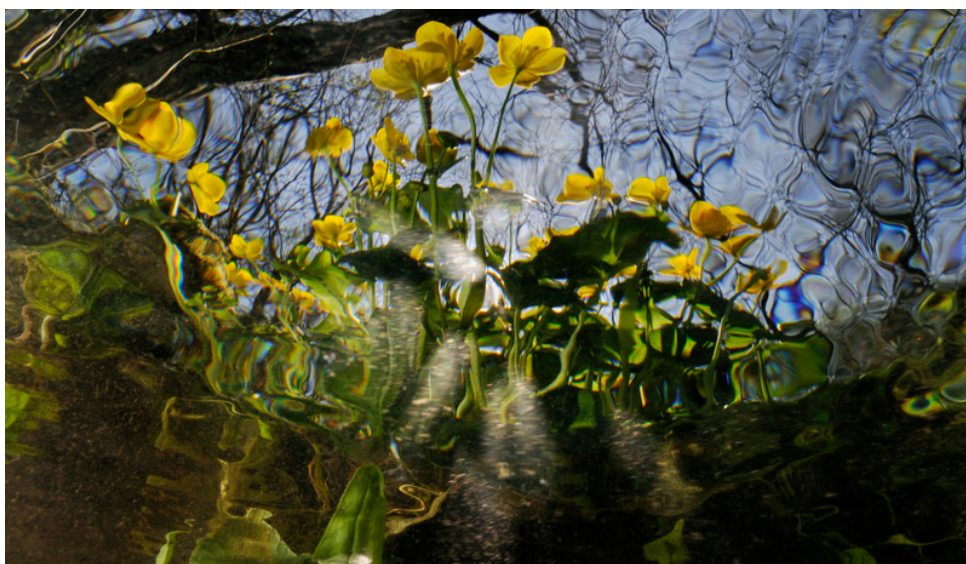
C Practising Grass Identification

For people who have already had a go at identifying grasses, perhaps having attended Grasses I, this day will use the same identification guides and give participants more time to practise using keys, and learning to recognise grasses outside. A little more attention will be given to vegetative, non-flowering features, so participants can begin to identify grasses at any time of year.

Date(s): Sunday 30 June 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Cambourne
Trainer(s): Brian Eversham



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N Introduction to Wildflower Identification

Do you want to know how to tell the difference between a speedwell and a sandwort? Or to know what the parts are that make up a flower? Learn to use identification keys and about the characteristics of plants that are used to tell them apart.

Date(s): Saturday 20 July 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Lings local nature reserve
Trainer: Matt Jackson

C Elms, their Ecology and Identification

Central and eastern English elms are the most diverse in Europe, perhaps because recolonization routes at the end of the Ice Age converged here and hybridization produced new forms. Previous books have included 1-8 species, plus sub-species, hybrids and varieties.

The latest flora (2018) names 62 British species, most of which are found in our area. They are distinctive in growth form, leaf shape, seed shape and in their associated insect species. Most still grow into large, handsome trees despite Dutch elm disease. This workshop will introduce elms, their history, ecology and associated wildlife and a new key to the 40-50 local species. For more information visit wtru.st/elms

Date(s): Sunday 1 September 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Buff Wood
Trainer(s): Brian Eversham

C Introduction to Aquatic Plants – survey and Identification

During this workshop you will learn to identify a number of commonly found aquatic and bankside plants from simple features. Out in the field you will learn the survey techniques to start recording these species in ponds, rivers and ditches.

Date(s): Saturday 7 September 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Cambourne
Trainer(s): Josh Hellon

N Urban Plants



Brian Laney, one of the joint Northants county recorders for plants, hopes to show participants what can grow in the urban environment and what can be seen at this particular time of year. Urban environments have a larger number of species than the wider countryside due to naturalised species and garden escapes being found as well as native species of plants. They can literally turn up anywhere from kerb edges and mown lawns to cracks in paving and waste ground. Brian will point out a number of the more common species that can be encountered in this environment, but it's possible anything could turn up on the day.

Date(s): Sunday 8 September 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Lings local nature reserve
Trainer(s): Brian Laney and Nathalie Hueber

Vertebrates

C Introduction to Raptors

Raptors are a fascinating group of birds and the Great Fen is fast becoming a great place to see them: especially in winter. This is a beginner's guide to learn more about where and when to see them, and how to identify them, perched and in flight.

Date(s): Saturday 19 January 2019
Timings: 12pm – 6pm
Venue: Corney's Barn, Great Fen
Trainer(s): Henry Stanier

C Water Voles and other Riverside Mammals

Find out more about riverside mammals including water vole, otter and Daubenton's bat. The day will start with an indoor session looking at ecology, field signs and current local status, and will include a field trip to look for signs.

Date(s): Sunday 28 April 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Trumpington Meadows
Trainer(s): Ruth Hawksley and Iain Webb

C Bat Sonogram Analysis

Only £25

Listening to bats on detectors is a skill which needs lots of experience to be able to positively identify an individual to species level, especially as they only stay in range for a few moments. Using a recording device with the bat detector means that the calls can be reviewed after the event and a greater level of accuracy obtained when identifying what bat species made the call. Variations in call type between species is easily seen and helps to explain what you hear when using a bat detector.

This workshop will look at the range of species found in our area and provide examples of the different software to view sonograms produced by recordings from a library file. Technological advances in the last five years have also brought visual analysis to the field and this is extremely useful when dealing with multiple species and call types.

These techniques will be of particular use to ecological consultants conducting emergence surveys and long term monitoring, but it also has its place with the amateur who wants to further their experience of bat identification.

Date(s): Friday 10 May 2019
Timings: 7pm – 10.30pm
Venue: Grafham Water
Trainer(s): Aidan Matthews

N Introduction to Woodland Bird Identification and Bird Song

This workshop will include visual and aural identification, plus an exploration of the niches each species occupies within the woodland, focusing on feeding, nesting and behaviour. The day will start with an indoor presentation followed by a field trip around the reserve.

Date(s): Saturday 18 May 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Lings local nature reserve
Trainer(s): Paul Gosling

C Introduction to Bats

Explore the natural history of bats; what they are and where they are, their place in the world and how they live in it. This workshop includes an evening guided walk to detect and observe local species and gain experience in using ultrasound detectors to "listen" to bat echolocation.

Date(s): Saturday 3 August 2019
Timings: 4.30pm – 10.30pm
Venue: TBC
Trainer(s): Henry Stanier and Christine Donnelly

N Introduction to Dormice

This workshop is designed to give a good background introduction to people who wish to learn about dormouse monitoring. We will also cover the natural history of dormice and examples of monitoring projects including the first re-introduction project in the country at Brampton Wood.

In the afternoon there will be a field trip to check dormouse boxes (this does not guarantee a sighting of a dormouse).

Date(s): Saturday 10 August 2019
Timings: 10am – 4pm
Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve
Trainer(s): Henry Stanier and Paul Manchester

N Small Mammals - Identification and surveying

Capture and identification of small mammals will be demonstrated in this workshop along with a range of related aspects of work on small mammals.

The evening session will be used to set a variety of small mammal traps and the early start is to see what's been caught overnight – the welfare of any trapped animal is of paramount importance. There will be a session on British mammals in general, methods of study (including owl pellet analysis) and on small mammal surveying.

Dates/Timings:
Sat 28 Sept 2019 – 5pm – 7.30pm
Sun 29 Sept 2019 – 8am – 1pm
Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve
Trainer: Peter Pilbeam

Habitat Management

N Meadow Ecology and Conservation

The workshop will focus on the ecology and conservation of floodplain meadows and will include site visits to two meadows in Northamptonshire. The indoor session will look at the ecology, management and conservation of floodplain meadows as well as botanical and hydrological monitoring techniques. The afternoon site visit will look at two existing meadows and will cover survey techniques, botanical ID skills and comparisons of differing management and restoration techniques.

Date(s): Saturday 15 June 2019 **Timings:** 10am – 4pm
Venue: Titchmarsh nature reserve/Aldwinckle meadows
Trainer(s): Matt Johnson

Practical Skills

C Spoon Carving

Learn to carve spoons from green (unseasoned) wood using traditional axe and knife techniques. No previous experience is necessary, and the course is suitable for complete beginners. All tools and materials will be provided. By the end of the day you will have learnt the skills and knowledge to safely carve your own spoons. **There are two separate dates for this workshop.**

Date(s): Saturday 2 February 2019
OR Sunday 3 February 2019

Timings: 10am – 5pm

Venue: Cambourne

Trainer(s): Mark Ricketts

C Trail Cameras for Wildlife

Whether you are using trail cameras (camera traps) on a nature reserve or in your back garden, they are an invaluable tool in revealing the presence and behaviour of your local wildlife. Do you know which one to purchase? Do you know how to set it up, how to position it, and what to do with the resulting photographs and/or video clips? This **2-day workshop** will help you to get the best from your trail camera.

Date(s) and timings:

Saturday 6 April 2019 - 2pm – 5pm

Sunday 7 April 2019 – 10am – 1pm

Venue: Corney's Barn, Great Fen

Trainer(s): Henry Stanier

C Charcoal Making

Discover the process of producing lumpwood charcoal. Examine the history of charcoal use and production. Learn how this process affected the landscape and preserved the existence of our ancient woodland blocks. Get hands on with the work of preparing, loading, firing and sealing a 1.8m charcoal ring kiln and learn how to make your own charcoal in an oil barrel. Discuss the opening of the kiln, bagging and marketing of the lumpwood charcoal to the local community.

Date(s): Sunday 19 May 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Grafham Water

Trainer(s): Greg Belcher

Basic Ecology Skills



N Biological Recording – An Introduction

How can you make the most of your wildlife observations? Biological records are the accepted format for wildlife observations and help us to understand and conserve the natural world around us. This workshop will introduce you to the process of biological recording, including how to work out grid references and submitting records to the appropriate people. The indoor session will focus on the basics of biological recording, why it is important and how to go about recording wildlife. The outdoor session will be putting this into practice on the reserve, generating high quality biological records.

Date(s): Sunday 14 April 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Lings local nature reserve

Trainer(s): Ryan Clark

N BES 1 - Species and Habitats (including Habitat Classification)

This workshop combines an introduction to the basic ecology of species and their populations, with a description and classification of the main habitats in our three counties. It will look at the factors which control individual species distributions, and how species may be used as 'indicators', to evaluate and monitor habitats.

The second part of the day is a brief introduction to the main habitat types in the three counties, and how they can be classified. We will also look at how size, location and surrounding landscape affects the value and the management of a habitat for wildlife.

Date(s): Saturday 1 June 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve

Trainer(s): Brian Eversham

N BES 2 - Habitat Management and Monitoring

The Trust puts much effort into grazing, mowing, coppicing and other activities – why? How do we decide what to do? What are the underlying principles? The day will concentrate on the underlying ecological processes in managing habitat, and the basic features of the major habitat types – heathland, grassland, wetland and woodland.

The last part of the day will explain the role of monitoring in conservation, and which plants and animals to record in which habitats.

Date(s): Saturday 17 August 2019

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Old Sulehay nature reserve

Trainer(s): Brian Eversham



Linking in with the Training Workshops programme in Northants, NBRC's WILDside project will continue to offer lots of opportunities for additional tuition, mentoring sessions and the chance to put your developing skills to the test.

Whether you're just starting out with recording wildlife, want to monitor a particular reserve, local wildlife area or your own back garden, if you live in or near to Northamptonshire, WILDside will have plenty to offer you during 2019.

WILDside has the following opportunities for you:

- Countywide surveys to help broaden your knowledge and fill 'gaps in the map'
- Classroom and field teaching sessions – helping to reinforce your knowledge
- Local wildlife site 'expeditions' – adding to our knowledge of key sites
- The chance to use your own experience to mentor and enthuse others
- Lots more besides!



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