



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

# Wildlife Training Workshops 2021



Delve a little deeper into the natural history and varied wildlife and habitats of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire

Our programme of Wildlife Training Workshops offer a friendly atmosphere where you can expand your knowledge of the special wildlife right on your doorstep. Learn from knowledgeable and enthusiastic local naturalists and develop your natural history skills with a group of like-minded people.

For more detailed information, prices and to book your place, please visit our website: [wildlifebcn.org/workshops](http://wildlifebcn.org/workshops)

If you have any queries, or can't book online, please contact Juliette Butler, Training Workshops Officer, at [trainingworkshops@wildlifebcn.org](mailto:trainingworkshops@wildlifebcn.org)

## KEY

- B** Bedfordshire
- C** Cambridgeshire
- N** Northamptonshire

**Invertebrates**

**Botany**

**Vertebrates**

**Practical Skills**

**Habitat Management**

**Basic Ecology Skills**

Many of the workshops are a mix of online and outdoor in-person sessions. You can attend just the online session, or there are limited places available to also attend the outdoor session. See individual workshop descriptions and online for further details.

In light of changing Covid-19 guidelines, all events are subject to change.

### Introduction to Raptors with Henry Stanier

**C**

Learn about their ecology and how to identify these majestic birds at rest and in flight.

**Tue 12 Jan (7pm-9pm) online**  
**Sat 16 Jan (1.30pm-4.30pm) Great Fen**

### Introduction to Tree ID with Matt Hamilton

**C**

Learn to identify native broadleaved deciduous trees in winter.

**Wed 27 Jan (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 30 Jan (10am-4pm) Cambourne**

### Flies: The good, the bad and the ugly with John Showers

**N**

An introduction to the order Diptera and some interesting facts.

**Wed 17 Feb (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 19 Jun (10am-4pm) Old Sulehay**

### Pond Dipping for Adults with Richard Chadd

**C**

A crash-course in identifying pond macro-invertebrates to species level.

**Sat 10 Apr (10am-4pm) Ramsey Heights**

### Introduction to Dormice with Henry Stanier

**C**

Learn more about the monitoring and natural history of the species.

**Tue 13 Apr (7pm-9pm) online, plus an outdoor trip TBA**

### Introduction to Amphibians with Helen and Terry Moore

**C**

Learn all about our native frogs, toads and newts.

**Wed 14 Apr (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 17 Apr (7.30pm-9.30pm) Ramsey Heights**

### **Warbler Identification with Tony Fulford**

**C**

Learn to identify these birds by voice and plumage. Ideal for beginners or for a skills refresh.

**Tue 20 Apr (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 24 Apr (10am-4pm) Ramsey Heights**

### **Mammal Tracks and Signs with Peter Pilbeam**

**C**

Discover what footprints, holes in nuts, gnawed fir cones, setts and burrows can reveal.

**Wed 21 Apr (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 15 May (10am-4pm) Hayley Wood**

### **Bat Sonogram Analysis with Aidan Matthews**

Begin to develop skills to identify individual bats to species level from their sonar using bat detectors.

**Tue 11 May (7pm-8.30pm) online only**

### **Introduction to Invertebrates with Brian Eversham**

**N**

Discover the diversity and importance of invertebrates - and get started with identification skills.

**Wed 12 May (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sun 16 May (10am-4pm) Old Sulehay**

### **Refresher on Woodland Bird ID and Birdsong with Paul Gosling**

**N**

For those who need some practice identifying seasonal woodland birds with an expert guide on hand.

**Sun 16 May (10am-4pm) Lings**

### **Vegetative Grasses with Owen Mountford**

**C**

Develop a framework for identifying the commonest grasses in the region by vegetative features alone.

**Wed 19 May (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 22 May (10am-4pm) Upwood Meadows**

### **Introduction to Solitary Bees with Ryan Clark**

**N**

Learn all about these diverse pollinators and how to identify them to at least genus level.

**Wed 26 May (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sun 6 Jun (10am-4pm) Old Sulehay**

### **Meadow Ecology and Conservation with Matt Johnson**

**N**

Learn more about floodplain meadows, including botanical and hydrological monitoring techniques.

**Wed 3 Jun (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 5 Jun (10am-4pm) Bugbrooke Meadow**

### **Introduction to Grasses with Brian Eversham**

**C**

Get started with the identification of common grasses in the field.

**Thu 10 Jun (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 12 Jun (10am-4pm) Cambourne**

### **Introduction to Umbellifers with Brian Eversham**

**C**

Learn how to identify all the common species in our area, however difficult they might seem.

**Wed 23 Jun (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 26 Jun (10am-4pm) Cambourne**

Check out the full programme, find out more and book your place on our website: [www.wildlifebcn.org/workshops](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/workshops)

### **Introduction to Wildflowers with Matt Jackson** **N**

Learn about the characteristics of plants that are used to tell them apart and how to use identification keys.

**Wed 30 Jun (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 3 Jul (10am-4pm) Ditchford**

### **Introduction to Dragonflies with Henry Stanier** **C**

A beginner's guide to learn more about dragonflies.

**Tue 13 Jul (7pm-9pm) online**  
**Sun 18 Jul (10am-4pm) Great Fen**

### **Introduction to Grasshoppers and Bushcrickets with Brian Eversham** **B**

Learn to recognise all 20 or so local species by sight and/or sound.

**Thu 15 Jul (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sat 17 Jul (10am-4pm) Totternhoe**

### **Taking Solitary Bee Identification Further with Ryan Clark** **N**

Develop your skills with these fascinating bees using microscopes.

**Sat 24 Jul, Lings House - indoors only**

### **Elms, their Ecology and Identification with Brian Eversham** **C**

Discover more about these trees, and access a new key to the local species.

**Wed 28 Jul (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sun 1 Aug (10am-4pm) Cambourne**

### **Butterfly ID and Ecology with Andrew Bladon and Matt Hayes** **B**

Learn all about our diverse and beautiful local species.

**Tue 27 Jul (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sun 8 Aug (10am-4pm) Pegsdon Hills**

### **Trail Cameras for Wildlife with Henry Stanier** **C**

How to choose, set up and position them for the best results.

**Tue 3 Aug (7pm-9pm) online**  
**Sat 7 Aug (10am-4pm) Great Fen**

### **Heaths and their Wildflowers with Owen Mountford** **B**

Learn more about this threatened lowland habitat.

**Wed 11 Aug (7pm-8.30pm) online**  
**Sun 15 Aug (10am-4pm) Coopers Hill**

### **BES1 - Species and Habitats with Brian Eversham** **N**

An introduction to species distributions, and how to evaluate and monitor habitats.

**Sat 14 Aug (indoors and outdoors)**  
**10am-4pm, Old Sulehay**

### **BES2 - Habitat Management and Monitoring with Brian Eversham** **N**

Explore the ecological processes and management of different habitats and the role of monitoring in conservation.

**Sat 21 Aug (indoors and outdoors)**  
**10am-4pm, Old Sulehay**

### **Introduction to Small Mammals with Peter Pilbeam**

Demonstrations of small mammal trapping, identification and recording, and barn owl pellet dissection.

**Wed 22 Sep (7pm-8.30pm) online only**

### **Spoon Carving with Mark Ricketts** **C**

Learn to carve spoons from green wood using traditional techniques.

**Sat 23 OR Sun 24 Oct (10am-5pm),**