

Workshop Programme

Learn About....Grasses

Field Site: King's Meads NR, Hertford Sat 27th June
Venue: St. Mary's Church Hall, Ware Time: 10am – 4pm
Tutor: Mark Gurney Cost: £30

An introduction to identifying grasses combining an indoor session covering the use of identification keys and field guides and a field visit to put your new skills into practice.

Learn About....Wild Flowers

Field Site: Hudnall Common Sat 4th July
Venue: Great Gaddesden Parish Hall Time: 10am – 4pm
Tutor: Mark Gurney Cost: £30

This workshop will teach you how to use field guides and identification keys to identify wild flowers, followed by an exploration of the Common to put your new skills into practice.

Learn About....Dragonflies and Damselflies

Field Site: Cornmill Meadows Sat 18th July
Venue: Abbey Farmhouse, Waltham Abbey Time: 10am – 1pm
Tutor: Roy Woodward Cost: £15

An introduction to the life cycle, behaviour and identification of dragonflies and damselflies with the emphasis on the adults of species found in Hertfordshire and Essex.

Learn About....Native Tree Identification

Field Site: Northaw Great Wood Sat 8th August
Venue: n/a – fully outdoor Time: 10am – 1pm
Tutor: Neale Holmes-Smith Cost: £15

Ever walked around a wood and wished you knew what you were looking at? This workshop combines an introduction to tree identification techniques with a walk in the wood putting your skills into practice.

Learn About....Bats

Field Site: Cassiobury Park, Watford Sat 5th September
Venue: St. Luke's Church, Watford Time: 6.30pm–9.30pm
Tutor: Daniel Hargreaves Cost: £15

An introduction to bat biology, ecology, conservation tools, monitoring techniques and identification methods followed by a 'bat walk' to identify bats in the park using acoustic equipment.

Fungi Foray

Field Site: Northaw Great Wood Sat 24th October
Venue: Room at Northaw Great Wood Time: 10am – 1pm
Tutor: Chris James Cost: £15

An introductory talk, followed by a walk around the wood looking for and collecting fungi specimens for identification. You will learn about the role that fungi play in the natural environment and be introduced to woodland species.

Hedgelaying for Beginners

Field Site: Attenborough Fields, Bushey Sat 5th December

Venue: n/a – fully outdoor

Time: 10am – 4pm

Tutor: Rob Hopkins

Cost: £30

Hedgelaying is a traditional method of hedgerow management often used for nature conservation, benefiting both the hedge and many plants and animals. Come and learn the skills that will enable you to maintain a hedge for wildlife.

Animal Tracks and Signs

Field site: Kelshall Farm

Sat 16th January 2010

Venue: Kelshall Village Hall

Time: 10am – 4pm

Tutor: Keith Seaman

Cost: £30

Come and learn the indicative signs of animal presence in the field through locating and understanding animal tracks and signs.

Learn About....Wildfowl

Field Site: Stocker's Lake NR

Sat 23rd January 2010

Venue: Mill End Baptist Church

Time: 10am – 1pm

Tutor: Tim Hill

Cost: £15

Learn all about the Colne Valley's post-Christmas quackers. An illustrated talk followed by a reserve visit will help you tell the dabblers from the divers and what makes Stocker's Lake a des-res for ducks from as far afield as northern Russia.

Learn About....Winter Tree Identification

Field Site: Sherrardspark Wood, WGC

Sat 6th February 2010

Venue: n/a – fully outdoor

Time: 10am – 1pm

Tutor: Neale Holmes-Smith

Cost: £15

After an introduction to winter tree identification techniques, you will have a guided walk around the wood putting your skills into practice.

Learn About....Water Voles

Field Site: Silvermeade, Broxbourne

Sat 17th April 2010

Venue: Broxbourne Parish Church Hall

Time: 10am – 1pm

Tutor: Alison Hauser

Cost: £15

Following an indoor talk on water vole biology, ecology and conservation, you will have a guided walk around Silvermeade looking out for water vole field signs along ditch edges.

Learn About....Woodland Wild Flower Identification

Field Site: Great Groves Wood

Sat 24th April 2010

Venue: Brickendon Village Hall

Time: 10am – 4pm

Tutor: Neale Holmes-Smith

Cost: £30

A session on the origins and structure of woodlands, woodland survey methods and practical identification will be followed by a visit to a local woodland to put your new skills into practice.

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