

# Wildlife and Ecology Courses 2016

## Get closer to your local wildlife

Join one of our absorbing short courses with friendly, experienced tutors. Site visit, course pack and refreshments or lunch included.

"Very friendly, very approachable, but also very informative." Adrian, Cheltenham



### Beginner / Enthusiast / Student Courses

10 <sup>th</sup> April	Reptiles for Beginners	Forest of Dean	9.30am-1pm	£18
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Ecology for Beginners	Cirencester	1-5pm	£20
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Woodland Ecology	Nr. Wickwar	9.30am-4pm	£40
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Forage Lore	Nr. Stroud	9.30am-1.30pm	£20
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Grassland Ecology	Gloucester	9.30am-4pm	£45
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Cotswold Wildflowers	Andoversford	9.30am-4pm	£22
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Wildflowers, friends & foes	Cheltenham	1-5pm	£18
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fungi for Beginners	Nr. Stroud	9.30am-1.30pm	£16

### Enthusiast / Student / Professional Courses

21st April	Riparian Mammal Ecology	Bourton on the Water	9.30am-4pm	£100
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Badger Ecology	Nr. Stroud	9.30am-4pm	£100
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Newt Ecology & Surveying	Forest of Dean	9.30am-4pm	£100
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Managing Grassland for Butterflies	Nr. Stroud	9.30am-4pm	£100

**For details and booking**

[www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/whats-on)

or call GWT on 01452 383333



## Half or One Day Courses for Adults 2016

**Reptiles for Beginners** Forest of Dean  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - 1pm £18



Reptile ecology and survey techniques for adders, grass snakes, common lizards and slow worms with Rob Ward of Glos Amphibian & Reptile Group and

Ellen Winter of GWT. Course introduction then visit two nearby nature reserves for practical survey experience. Course pack and refreshments included.

**Ecology for Beginners** Cirencester  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1 - 5pm £20



Learn about the relationships between plants, animals and their environment; predators and prey, pollinators and parasites. David Scott-Langley of Glos Naturalists' Society will introduce key concepts before a site visit to look at a variety of wildlife and habitats. Course pack and refreshments included.

**Woodland Ecology** Nr. Wickwar  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am - 4pm £40

Join respected Woodland Advisor Paul Rutter to learn about woodland plant adaptations and distribution factors such as geology, microclimate and ecotones. Then into Lower Woods nature reserve for practical surveying, veteran tree features and habit management best practice. Course pack and lunch included.

**Forage Lore** Nr. Stroud  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am - 1.30pm £20

Join Ellen Winter of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust for a fascinating introduction to responsible, legal, seasonal foraging, along with some fun folklore. Taste delicious wild food, but the focus is on skills to take away - identifying common edible species in suitable habitats, and how to prepare them. Course pack and refreshments included.

**Grassland Ecology** Gloucester  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am - 4pm £45

Dr Colin Studholme, GWT Director of Conservation leads this course around three sites to demonstrate environmental factors affecting lowland grassland evolution. Compare diversity through surveying neutral v. limestone, improved v. unimproved grasslands. Course pack and lunch included.

**Cotswold Wildflower ID** Andoversford  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am - 4pm £22

Look at wildflowers as never before, and learn about the management need for them to thrive. After an introduction to rare traditional Cotswold limestone grassland, you will spend most of the day at stunning Kilkenny nature reserve learning to identify and record the wildflowers there. Course pack and lunch included.

**Wildflowers, friends & foes** Cheltenham  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1 - 5pm £18

Under the friendly guidance of tutor Robert Homan you will start identifying and recording wildflowers and shrubs. You will then look at their amazing relationships with the fascinating pollinators and parasites, galls and miners who make up their friends and foes. Course pack and refreshments included.

**Fungi for Beginners** Nr. Stroud  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am - 1.30pm £16



Can you tell a deathcap from an earthstar? Enter a realm of bizarre shapes, colours and smells led by experienced tutor and fungi forayer Dr Lee Heyward of Cotswold Fungus

Group. This friendly introduction will help you start identifying and recording the beautiful, diverse and rewarding kingdom of fungi. Course pack and refreshments included.



## One Day Courses for Professionals and Enthusiasts

All professional courses include course pack, lunch and attendance certificate



### Riparian Mammal Ecology

Bourton on the Water

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.30am-4pm £100

Ecology and conservation of Britain's native river mammals - otter, water vole, water shrew, and their interfaces with American mink. Practical riverside survey techniques, assessing field evidence, threats and habitat management best practice. Led by John Field, GWT's County Mammal Recorder.

### Badger Ecology

Nr. Stroud

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 9.30am-4pm £100

Introduction to badger ecology and field work led by GWT's Pete Bradshaw - first lay vaccinator in the UK. Covering survey techniques, assessing field evidence, badgers interface with farming, and habitat management best practice. Great for professional or general interest in badgers.

### Newt Ecology and Surveying

Forest of Dean

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am-4pm £100

A unique opportunity to study newt ecology and gain Dewsbury box trap experience with David

Dewsbury – how the Dewsbury trap compares to others and get practical field experience with it. Particularly suitable for those wishing to extend their existing newt license.

### Managing Limestone Grassland for Butterflies

Nr. Stroud

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am-4pm £100

Leading butterfly expert Dave Simcox provides an in-depth introduction to the evidence base, ecology and habitat management of limestone grassland for rare butterflies. After an introduction, much of the day will be at GWT's Daneway Banks reserve - one of the UK's most successful large blue reintroduction sites.

### Dormouse License Training

Nr. Stroud

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am-4pm £100

Join Mick Peacey - a dormouse county expert who has been involved with GWT's Siccaridge Wood nature reserve for over 20 years. In that time he has worked extensively surveying for its dormouse inhabitants. Mick will be using his expert knowledge to teach those looking to gain their own dormouse licence.

