



2010 Course Timetable

An Introduction to Badger Ecology and Management

£165 Nr Stroud, Gloucestershire March 8th & September 20th

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to badger ecology and the interpretation of field signs, and basic guidance on options available for the management of badger issues. Instruction will be from experts with over ten years experience working with badgers in research and management. A classroom session will cover fundamental badger ecology, survey and study methods, management and legal issues. A field session will provide practical instruction in the identification and interpretation of badger field signs, and demonstration of techniques such as sett activity surveys and bait-marking. The course is endorsed by the UK Badger Trust.

Wildlife and the Law: An Introduction to UK Wildlife legislation

£165 Nailsworth, Gloucestershire May 6th & October 6th

A good understanding of the legislative framework for the protection of the UK's wildlife and habitats is essential for ecology professionals. This course is ideal for those in the conservation and biodiversity sector, environmental consultants and planners, who wish to enhance their understanding of wildlife legislation. The course provides a comprehensive introduction to relevant legislation, guidance on its application, workable solutions to legal issues and discussion of commonly encountered situations.

Phase One habitat Survey: the basics and beyond.

£165 (£178 incl. handbook) Stroud, Gloucestershire July 12th & Aug 2nd

Phase One habitat survey is an essential tool for professional ecologists. This course is aimed at those who may be required to carry out Phase One surveys in relation to development, planning, countryside management, mitigation or conservation. A comprehensive introduction to the Phase One habitat survey approach and discussion of related techniques is followed by practical instruction in the field.

The Identification of Common Grassland Plants

£165 Near Stroud, Gloucestershire July 13th

Based in the Cotswolds with a diverse range of neutral and calcareous grassland habitats, this course will allow you to develop a degree of confidence in the identification of common plants of UK lowland grasslands. The day is largely field-based, with a short classroom session. Particular attention will focus on the accurate identification of grasses, sedges and flowering plants commonly associated with improved, semi-improved and unimproved agricultural grasslands. As the content complements that of the Phase One Survey course, a 10% discount is available on the total cost when both are booked together.

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Introduction to Bat Ecology and Surveying

£165

Near Stroud, Gloucestershire

Summer 2010 (tbc)

Aimed at those just starting to get involved in bat work, this course provides a comprehensive introduction to bat ecology and the basics of surveying. Instruction is provided by a commercial consultant with extensive experience carrying out bat survey work. A classroom session will cover aspects of basic ecology, legal issues and approaches to conducting surveys. A field session will provide an opportunity to plan and conduct bat survey work on an area of farmland, with associated outbuildings and a wind turbine. The more advanced aspects of identifying bats using detectors are covered in the 'Bat Identification using Bat Detectors' course, and a 10% discount is available on the total cost when both are booked together.

Bat Identification using Bat Detectors

£175

Near Stroud, Gloucestershire

April 19th & September 27th

This course provides training in the use of bat detectors and the interpretation of the resulting data. It includes a comprehensive introduction to bat echolocation, instruction on the basic theory behind bat detector technology, what equipment is currently available and the identification of bats using recordings of their calls. This is followed by an evening field visit putting theory into practice by observing and recording bats at a site which hosts six different species, including Greater and Lesser Horseshoes.

We will be running a selection of these courses in Windermere St Annes, in the Lake District. Dates will be announced soon.

If you are interested in booking a place or obtaining further information on any of these courses then please email us at

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