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Saturday 14th September
Autumn foraging in Egerton



Tutor: Steve Kirk

Join us on a treasure hunt for nature's wild harvest. Discover the foraging opportunities in different habitats. Learn to identify and gather wild fruits, roots, nuts and berries. Return with your harvest and find out the best ways to cook and preserve them, with live cooking demonstrations. Finally, sample some freshly prepared wild fare from the autumn bounty.

Meet at **Egerton Village Hall.**

10.00am – 4.00pm

£30 per person

Saturday 14th September
Bat Handling and Identification*



Tutor: Hazel Ryan

In Partnership with the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)*

An introduction to British bat ecology followed by species ID, handling and sexing, including health and safety precautions. A practical session will enable participants to practice handling permanent captive bats and to identify preserved specimens using a key.

Aimed at those currently training towards a bat licence and requiring handling and ID practice. Attendees require an up-to-date vaccination against rabies and tetanus.

9.45am – 4.45pm CIEEM Members £170 Non-Members £220

*Please book directly with CIEEM:

<http://events.cieem.net/Events/EventPages/07072018000000BatHandlingandIdentification.aspx>

Sunday 15th September
Badger Ecology and Field Signs



Tutor: David Williams

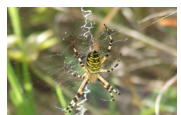
This workshop will provide a comprehensive background in badger biology and ecology. Learn techniques used to survey badgers and gain an understanding of the threats that they face.

We will then visit a woodland site to look at field signs before meeting Wildwood's captive badgers. Own transport required for off-site visit.

10.00am – 4.00pm

£30 per person

Saturday 28th September
Introduction to Spider Identification and Ecology



Tutor: Steve Kirk

Learn how to identify British spiders reliably and understand their role in the ecosystem. Spend time out in the field finding spiders in their natural habitats. Guidance will be provided for

those interested in becoming involved in spider recording and there will be opportunities to discuss their conservation.

10.00am – 4.00pm

£30 per person

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Saturday 5th October
Harvest Mouse Ecology and Surveying



Tutor: Steve Kirk

In Partnership with the Heritage Lottery Fund and Kent Mammal Group (KMG)

This course is for anyone wishing to participate in the Kent Harvest Mouse Survey. Learn about the ecology and the key factors affecting the status and distribution of harvest mice in this country. An opportunity to examine a variety of harvest mouse nests and gain the practical surveying experience in the field needed for the survey.

10.00am – 4.00pm

Free for survey volunteers

For details on all of our courses, see our website

Important Information

- Minimum age for all courses is 16yrs unless specified.
- All under 18s must be accompanied by a paying adult unless specified.
- All courses are held at Wildwood Trust, unless otherwise specified, and include Wildwood entry fees and materials. Wildwood does not provide transport.
- All courses must be paid for at the time of booking and are non-refundable unless cancelled by Wildwood.
- Lunch is not provided. Participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch in the Wildwood Cafe.

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Conservation Courses

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Koniks; wild horses for courses

Sunday 14th July

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For more information about courses, email:
courses@wildwoodtrust.org

Jun/July

Sat 22nd June, Fri 26th July, Fri 23rd August

Dormouse Handling and Surveying Workshop



Tutor: Suzanne Kynaston

This course is aimed at ecological consultants and those in training for their dormouse handling licence. A classroom session on survey methods followed by handling, sexing and weighing captive dormice under supervision. Limited to 6 places per workshop.

10.30am – 4.00pm

£60 per person

Saturday 29th June

Dormouse Handling and Survey Methods



Tutor: Hazel Ryan

In Partnership with the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)*

An introduction to dormouse ecology followed by more detailed information about dormouse survey and handling techniques including nut searches, nest ID and the use of nest boxes and tubes for survey and monitoring. Handle, sex and weigh adult dormice (and possibly young) in our captive enclosures.

9.45am – 4.45pm CIEEM Members £170 Non-Members £220

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<http://events.cieem.net/Events/Event-Listing.aspx>

Saturday 6th July

Introduction to Bat Ecology and Conservation



Tutor: Hazel Ryan

In partnership with Kent Bat Group

Aimed at those interested in bats or just starting out in bat work, this course provides a general background to the ecology and biology of these fascinating mammals with a particular focus on bats in Kent and the work of Kent Bat Group. Includes survey methods, monitoring, bat identification, meeting live captive bats and a visit to our bat flight cage.

10.00am – 4.45pm

£30 per person

July

Saturday 6th July

So You're Thinking of Keeping Bees



Tutor: Peter Lamkin

Have you been thinking of keeping honey bees but want to know more? This one day course will give you an insight to the fascinating hobby of beekeeping, its costs and commitment. Finishing with a hive inspection, come and discover if it's for you.

11.00am – 4.00pm

£30 per person

Sunday 7th July

How to Survey for Hazel Dormice: Footprint Tunnels, Tubes and Boxes



Tutor: Simone Bullion

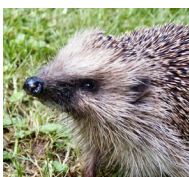
This course aims to demonstrate the range of survey techniques for dormice through a combination of indoor and field based sessions. As well as checking nest boxes and nest tubes, for which a survey licence is required, we will also spend time practicing the new technique of footprint tunnels and how to recognise evidence of dormice. This course is aimed at consultants, but also suitable for anyone interested in the ecology of dormice.

10.00am – 4.30pm

£50 per person

Wednesday 10th July

Hedgehog Ecology and Management for Practitioners



Tutor: Emily Wilson -

Hedgehog Officer PTES

In Partnership with People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES)

This course is aimed at people involved in the management of public spaces or private amenity land. Hedgehogs are also frequently overlooked in ecological impact assessments; small management changes can dramatically improve areas of land for this UK BAP species, potentially reversing its decline and enriching biodiversity more broadly.

This course has been produced in partnership with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS).

10.00am – 4.30pm

£50 per person

Sunday 14th July

Koniks; wild horses for courses



Tutor: Anne Riddell

This course explores the origins and successes of the Konik horse in wetland grazing projects across Europe, together with the role of other primitive horses - like the Exmoor pony - in modern habitat conservation, followed by an opportunity to visit a Konik horse grazing project in Kent.

10.30am – 4.00pm

£35 per person

Aug/Sep

Saturday 10th August

Owls: Their Natural History and Conservation



Tutor: Simon Ginnaw

Throughout history and across many cultures, owls have been both feared and venerated, despised and admired, and considered wise and foolish. The real natural history of these beautiful creatures is even more fascinating, and during this day course we will delve into the adaptations, biology, and fascinating lives of our native owls, including the opportunity to meet them. Learn how we can help to conserve them and their environment.

10.00am – 4.00pm

£30 per person

Saturday 17th August and Saturday 21st September

Dormouse Ecology and Conservation*



Tutor: Hazel Ryan

In partnership with the Mammal Society*

This one day course is recognised as the definitive course on dormouse ecology and monitoring. It is ideal for those with a general interest or those working towards their Dormouse Handling Licence. Included is a field visit to check nest boxes, information on relevant legislation and often the opportunity to handle a dormouse under supervision with guidance on best practice.

9.30am – 4.45pm

from £94 per person

*Please book direct with the Mammal Society

<http://www.mammal.org.uk> Tel: 023 8001 0984

Friday 30th August - Sunday 1st September

Mammal Identification Weekend*



Tutor: Suzanne Kynaston

The Mammal Identification Weekend provides a great chance to learn the key distinguishing features of all UK mammal species. Classroom sessions will cover the key visual clues to identification, tracks, feeding signs, nests, burrows, sounds, droppings & skeletal remains. There are plenty of opportunities to develop your practical skills during six field-based sessions focusing on small mammal trapping, field signs,

handling small mammals and the analysis of owl pellets. Successful completion of the course and optional assessment leads to the FSC accredited certificate in basic mammal identification.

Prices include accommodation and meals, single rooms are available at a supplement. Non-residential places are available on request.

This course will take place at Juniper Hall Field Centre, Old London Road, Dorking RH5 6DA

from £205 per person

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Coming soon: Small Mammal Survey Skills & Kent Mammal Identification. Keep up-to-date at wildwoodtrust.org