

The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales (WTSWW)

2012 Training Courses



After the success of last year's training courses at Parc Slip Nature Reserve, WTSWW will again be running a range of wildlife courses to enable existing wildlife enthusiasts to increase their field identification skills and learn more about the natural world. This year, courses will be held at both Parc Slip near Bridgend, and at the Welsh Wildlife Centre (WWC) near Cardigan.

Great Crested Newt Ecology and Survey Skills

Date: Saturday 14th April 2012 – **Venue:** Parc Slip

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** Dr Liz Chadwick

The course covers the ecology and conservation of this European Protected Species and what practical survey methods can be used to survey and identify them in the field.



Bird Identification

Dates: Saturday 28th April 2012 - **Venue:** Parc Slip

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** James Vafidis and Richard Facey

The course will focus on how to undertake breeding bird surveys and identifying bird species and their territories. This will be in conjunction with bird ringing demonstrations at the Parc Slip Nature Reserve.

Small Mammal Identification and Survey Skills

Date: Saturday 12th May 2012 - **Venue:** Parc Slip

Time: 9.30am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** Rob Strachan

The course covers small mammal survey methods, including those for voles, shrews, harvest mice and hedgehogs. Opportunity to join the tutor the evening beforehand to help set and bait mammal traps.



Basic Insect Identification

Dates: Saturday 26th May 2012 – **Venue:** Parc Slip

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** Mark Winder

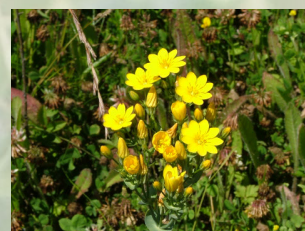
The course gives an overview of different terrestrial insect groups in the U.K., including their anatomy and ecology. In addition the course will also provide participants with the opportunity to learn how to identify insects in the field.

Vascular Plant Identification

Date: Saturday 2nd June 2012 – **Venue:** Parc Slip

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** Julian Woodman

Visit one of the most important grassland habitats in South Wales to identify a range of plants, including key grasses, sedges and rushes as well as wild flowers.



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Fern Identification

Date: Saturday 30th June 2012 - **Venue:** WWC

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** Prof. Barry Thomas

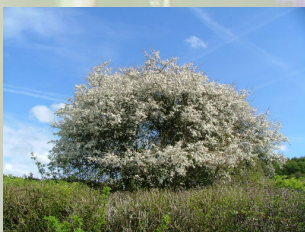
The course covers the ecology and life history of British fern species, from their evolution to how they spore. The course will look at key distinguishing features of several British fern species through classroom and outdoor field sessions

Reptile Ecology and Survey Skills

Date: Saturday 28th July 2012 – **Venue:** Parc Slip

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** Dr Rhys Jones

The course covers the ecology and conservation of our native reptile species, including the potential threats from development. The course will involve species identification and practical field survey techniques.



Tree Identification

Date: Saturday 25th August 2012 – **Venue:** Parc Slip

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** Mat Ridley

The course will cover how to identify a range of British tree and shrub species on the reserve. The course will include indoor classroom and outdoor field sessions, looking at tree bark and leaf structure and tree shape as distinguishing features.

Extended Phase 1 Habitat Surveying

Date: Saturday 1st September 2012 - **Venue:** Parc Slip

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm **Tutor:** Dr Richard Birch

The course will cover how to recognise different habitats through vegetation identification and how to accurately annotate field maps using Phase 1 survey methodology. The course will look at why extended phase 1 surveys play such an important role in ecological assessments.



Course Booking

- Courses cost £60 per person
- Limited places available. To avoid disappointment ensure you book early
- Payment for courses can be made by debit/credit card over the phone or by cheque. Cheques should be made payable to the **Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales**
- Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided - please bring own packed lunch. Restaurant available at WWC
- Due to the courses being partly field based – please bring suitable footwear and clothing
- Please note that there will be no refunds for any cancellations within two weeks of the course; there will be an administrative charge of £5 for all other cancellations. Should WTSWW have to cancel the course the full fee will be refunded

For further course information, please contact Marie Lindley on 01656 724100, email info@welshwildlife.org, or visit our website www.welshwildlife.org

Directions to Parc Slip
Fountain Road, Tondu, Bridgend,
CF32 0EH

<http://www.welshwildlife.org/visitor-centres/the-nature-centre/>

Directions to WWC
Cilgerran, Cardigan, Ceredigion,
SA43 2TB

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