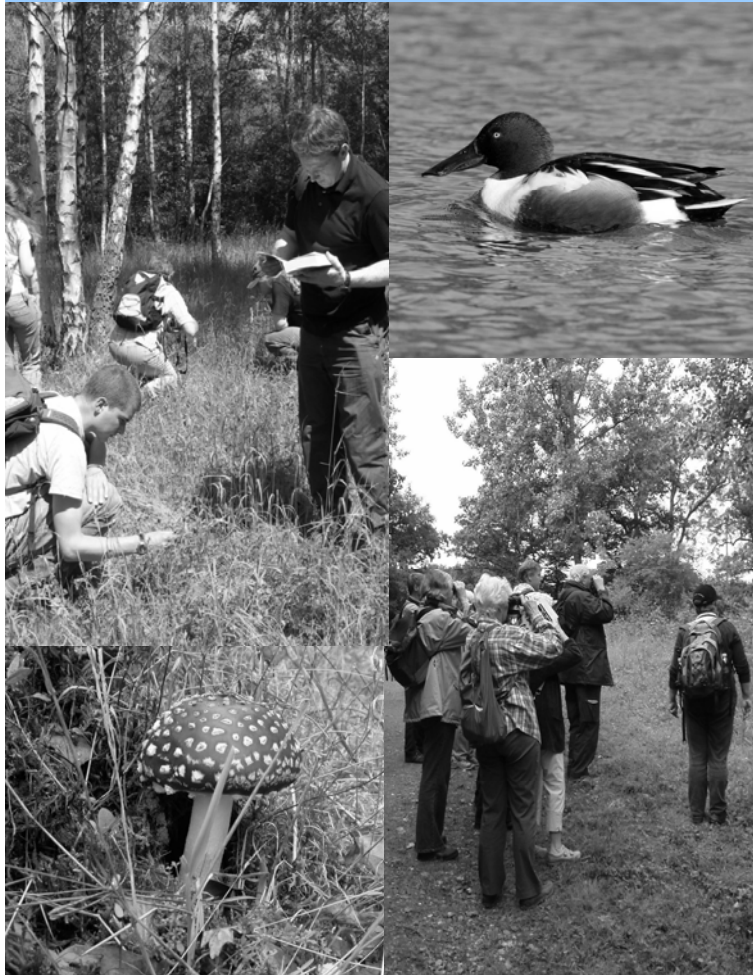


Herts &
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Learning About Wildlife Workshops

June 2009 – April 2010



Protecting **Wildlife** for the Future



Welcome to our Learning About Wildlife Workshop Programme

This year, in collaboration with the University of Hertfordshire and the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, we are running another series of workshops covering a range of subjects which aim to:

- Introduce you to new subjects and wildlife.
- Increase your awareness and knowledge of the wildlife around you.
- Develop your skills in species identification and introduce you to species recording.

Which in turn will:

- Enable you to play your part in conserving and protecting the natural world.
- Help us to monitor species on these sites. (All species recorded on the day will be added to species databases).
- Increase your enthusiasm for wildlife and encourage you to learn more!

Our workshops are open to anyone over the age of 12 with an interest in wildlife and conservation, whether you are a complete beginner or want to gain further knowledge and experience. Please note however under 16s will need to be accompanied by an adult.

How to Book

To book onto any of our workshops, please complete the form at the back and send it with a cheque made payable to Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust to:


Jennifer Gilbert
HMWT, Grebe House,
St. Michael's Street, St. Albans,
Herts, AL3 4SN.

All workshops are available on a first come first served basis and places are limited. **Further workshop details will be sent to participants approximately two weeks prior to the event.** If you are unable to attend, please give us as much notice as you can so that we can offer your place to someone else.

If you have any queries, please contact Jennifer Gilbert at the Trust on **01727 858901** or **jennifer.gilbert@hmwt.org**.

Details of these training courses are also available on our website: **www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/herts**

Please note: We reserve the right to cancel workshops. If this happens a full refund will be given.



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.

Booking Form

Your full name,
including title
(Mr, Mrs, Dr etc)

Your address,
including post code

Telephone number
(daytime)

Email address
(if relevant)

Are you a member
of HMWT? Yes No

Course Title	No. of places	Total cost
Total cost of all courses		£

Please make cheques payable to 'Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust'

We will not pass your information to anyone else, but may send you other information about working with the Trust. Please tick here if you do not wish to receive such information.

Help us to make the
two counties richer
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We need your support to continue our work in conserving, protecting and enhancing the wildlife and habitats of the local area as well as helping to improve everyone's quality of life.

Visit our website www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/herts
to find out more about:

- * **Other membership opportunities**
- * **Our work in promoting understanding and interest in wildlife**
- * **Volunteering for work parties on nature reserves**
- * **Visiting our 43 nature reserves**
- * **Our programme of activities and events**
- * **Campaigns to protect threatened habitats and rare species**

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