

In Search Of Scottish Ladybirds

16th - 19th August 2010

Led by Jeff Clarke

Level: Open to all



*18 Spot Ladybird
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The Field Studies Council (FSC) is an environmental education charity committed to helping people explore, understand and be inspired by the natural world. Each year over 100,000 people experience the FSC through visits to our network of 17 Centres

In Search of Scottish Ladybirds: A two day course covering identification and survey techniques with one of the UK's most enthusiastic Ladybird Recorders. Course Tutor Jeff Clarke is the county recorder for Ladybirds in his native Cheshire. Ladybirds are among the most popular of insects and their fascinating life histories and recent changes in species distribution makes recording them a rewarding experience. Many parts of Scotland are under-recorded for ladybirds and during this course we hope to add many new dots on to the distribution maps as well as having enormous fun in search of these beautiful insects.
This course is suitable for all ages.

Your Tutor: Jeff Clarke is a freelance ecologist and environmental educator with a lifelong passion for the natural world. www.jeffclarkeecology.co.uk

Equipment to bring with you:

Wellingtons and/or waterproof walking boots (some are available at the centre at a small cost)
Waterproof clothing (some are available at the centre at a small cost)
Lunch Box , Vacuum Flask
Rucksack
Plenty of spare warm clothing
Hand Lens

Useful reading: FSC Guide to Ladybirds of the British Isles

Booking Procedure

To book a place on this course, please complete the booking form and send it together with a deposit of £50.00 (cheque payable to Field Studies Council). Provisional bookings should be made by telephone. Payment of the balance of the course fee will be 30 days before the beginning of the course. Cancellation after this date may leave the customer liable for the full amount – a condition which is accepted when the booking is confirmed. You are recommended to take out personal cancellation insurance to cover this eventuality.

Course Fees & What's Included

Resident - £175 Sole Occupancy / £145 Shared Accommodation includes tuition, full board accommodation, transport to sites, use of library, from supper on the 16th until after breakfast on 19th of August 2010

Non – Residential - £128 includes tuition packed lunches, evening meals and transport (in other words everything but bed and breakfast).

Transport – Any excursions during the trip will be made in either the Centre vehicles or private cars. The cost of this is included in the fee. For anyone who kindly uses their own vehicle for the course excursions will be reimbursed for petrol costs at a set rate.

Times – Resident and Non-resident visitors are requested to arrive at the centre before 7pm on 16th and report to reception. Supper will be served at 7.30pm after which there will be an introductory talk about the centre. Breakfast is served at 8am. Tuition will end on the evening of the 18th with departure after breakfast on the 19th of August 2010.

Weekend/Mid week Courses – Courses that run from Friday to Sunday or mid week may finish late, so to accommodate this we maybe able to offer extra nights accommodation.