

Bushy Park	Beginner	5 th September 2018	Wed	£5 Non-resident
				This course is offered at a reduced rate thanks to support from the FSC BioLinks project

Field Identification of Spiders



Course Overview

Many spiders can be identified and recorded in the field, with the aid of simple equipment such as spi-pots, pooters and small tubes, before being released again. On this course you will be:

- *introduced to spider & harvestman ecology*
- *shown how to identify distinctive species and groups*
- *shown how to look closely at living specimens*
- *practice identification techniques*
- *shown how to get help with identification and all things spidery*
- *introduced to submitting spider records*



There will be classroom sessions and practice at identifying spiders in the field. We will collect live spiders around the site and bring them back into the classroom for a closer look, before releasing them again.

Please note that this course is a course for beginners and absolutely no experience of flies is needed – just a passion for nature and learning more about wildlife that is often overlooked.

Course Fees

Non-resident: £5

What is included within the fee?

- A one-day (6-hour) training course and access to identification resources
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- A certificate of attendance



About the Tutor

Edward Milner is a spider ecologist and has undertaken professional spider surveys across many London sites. Edward is the British Arachnological Society area organiser for the Spider Recording Scheme in London, Middlesex, Orkney and Shetland. He also is the spider recorder for London Natural History Society and runs spider training and engagement events across London.

Start and finish times

Registration will open at 9.30am, with the course starting promptly at 10.00am. The morning will involve a classroom session and the afternoon will include a field session. The course will end at approximately 4.00pm.

What to Bring

What to bring with you if you can:

- Notebook and pencil
- Lunch
- Optional - Hand Lens (if you have one)
- Outdoor clothing and footwear suitable for the prevailing weather conditions.

There will be a member of staff with first aid training and access to a first aid kit on site. If you have special medical requirements please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan the course. *Please be aware that this is a Deer Park, and there can be ticks. Please consider wearing long sleeved tops and trousers, even if the weather is nice, and bring insect repellent.*

How to Book

Bookings can be made by telephoning the FSC Head Office on 01743 852100, emailing enquiries@field-studies-council.org or by visiting the FSC Biodiversity website:

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/biodiversity>

Getting to FSC Bushy Park

FSC Bushy Park @ The Stockyard, Bushy Park, London

FSC work in the Stockyard Education Centre (TW12 2EJ), on Hampton Court Road. It is within the Park offices complex and is a working stockyard, with large vehicle movements throughout the day. A map of the Park can be found on The Royal Parks Website which shows the Park offices, and The Stockyard Education Centre is marked on the downloadable map.

- **Train:** the nearest stations are Hampton Court or Hampton station, both about a 20 min walk from the Centre.
- **Bus:** 111 (from Kingston station) or R68 (from Hampton Court Station).
- **Car / Minibus:** There is restricted parking at the Centre – please check in advance. Pay and display parking is available in the Park (See The Royal Parks website for details and prices).
- **Coach:** drop off only, no on-site parking.

FSC BioLinks project

This course is part of the FSC BioLinks project and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. More information about the project and other FSC BioLinks training courses can be found on the FSC Biodiversity webpage:

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