

Field Identification of Beetles



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Course Overview

This course will look at different types of beetle and how to identify a select few distinctive species in the field. On this course you will be:

- *introduced to beetle ecology*
- *shown how to identify distinctive species and groups*
- *shown how to use a hand lens to look closely at living specimens*
- *practice identification techniques*
- *shown how to get help with identification of beetles*
- *introduced to submitting beetle records and the various beetle recording schemes*



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There will be classroom sessions and practice at identifying beetles in the field. We will collect beetles from Bushy Park 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 beetles is needed – just a passion for nature and learning more about wildlife that is often overlooked.

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.

Course Fees

Non-resident: £5

What is included within the fee?

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



About the Tutor

Katy Potts has been fascinated by Beetles since 2013 when she was introduced to them by a professor when studying Conservation Biology at university. She now works at London's Natural History Museum in the Beetle department where she is curatorial assistant working on an African Beetle project. She was also one of the first year trainees on the Identification Trainers for the Future project at the NHM (which was in partnership with the Field Studies Council) where she spent the year training in species identification and studied teaching so that she could then pass these skills on to others. Katy also co-manages the National Longhorn Recording Scheme which collects and manages all records for Longhorn Beetles in Britain. Katy has a real passion for Beetles and hopes to inspire others on this Learn to Love Beetles course.



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 website: fscbiodiversity.uk/courses

Getting there

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



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