

Field ID of Damselflies

FSC BioLinks



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Date Weds 10th July 2019	Location Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre	Level Beginners	Course fee* £5
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*This course is offered at a reduced rate due to support from the FSC BioLinks project

Course Overview

There are around 20 species of damselfly in Britain. They are incredibly beautiful insects, but often get overlooked due to their larger and showier cousins, the dragonflies. Many damselflies can be identified and recorded in the field. On this course you will be:

- introduced to damselfly ecology
- taught the names of different features of damselfly bodies
- shown how to identify distinctive species
- shown how to safely catch, examine and release damselflies in the field
- helped to learn and practice identification techniques
- introduced to submitting damselfly records
- advised how you can take your interest further

The day will include a mixture of classroom and outside sessions so please dress appropriately.

Timetable

Please arrive in time for the course to start promptly at 10am. Refreshments will be available from 9.45am. The course will end at 4pm.

What's included?

- 6 hours of tuition.
- Certificate of attendance.
- Light refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits).
- Use of tea and coffee making facilities.
- Any excursions during the course will be on foot.

Please note lunch is not included and you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

About the Tutor



Sue Rees Evans was the Shropshire County Recorder for Dragonflies and Damselflies for eight years. During this time Sue created the 'Shropshire Dragonflies' website (shropshiredragonflies.co.uk) - an online atlas and the Shropshire Dragonfly Watch blog. Already an enthusiastic recorder of adult Dragonflies and Damselflies, an MSc in Biological Recording gave Sue the opportunity to dive into the world of larval and exuvial identification. With a real enthusiasm for hands-on teaching, Sue has taught numerous courses on both as an Associate Tutor for the FSC and for various Wildlife Trusts, the National Trust and projects further afield such as 'Cold-blooded and Spineless' in the North Pennines.

What to Bring

- Notebook and pencil
- Field guides/keys (if you have one)
- Hand lens (if you have one)
- Lunch (or purchase lunch from the centre café)
- Small rucksack or bag
- Waterproofs (just in case!)
- Stout shoes, boots or wellies
- Water bottle and/or thermos flask
- Hat and sunscreen
- Casual clothing

There will be a member of staff with first aid training and access to a first aid kit on site. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have special medical or access requirements.

Getting there

The Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre is situated beside the A49 on the southern outskirts of Craven Arms – 20 miles south of Shrewsbury, 7 miles north of Ludlow. SATNAV via post code SY7 9RS.

How to Book

Please book online via www.fscbiodiversity.uk/courses or contact FSC by phone on 01743 852100 or email on enquiries@field-studies-council.org.

About FSC BioLinks

FSC BioLinks is an exciting new biodiversity project for FSC, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, running from 2018 to 2022 inclusive. It is all about invertebrate identification! FSC BioLinks will bring together new volunteers with existing volunteers who have skills in invertebrate identification and recording. The aim is to build and strengthen the biological recording community by providing training, learning opportunities and digital tools for people involved in biological recording and those that wish to become involved. Training opportunities will be given at all levels from beginner to expert, allowing people to progress and consolidate their skills and experience.

This **Field ID of Damselflies** course is part of a structured pathway of training courses on dragon and damselflies. The diagram below shows the FSC BioLinks training pathway illustrates where this course fits into it.

