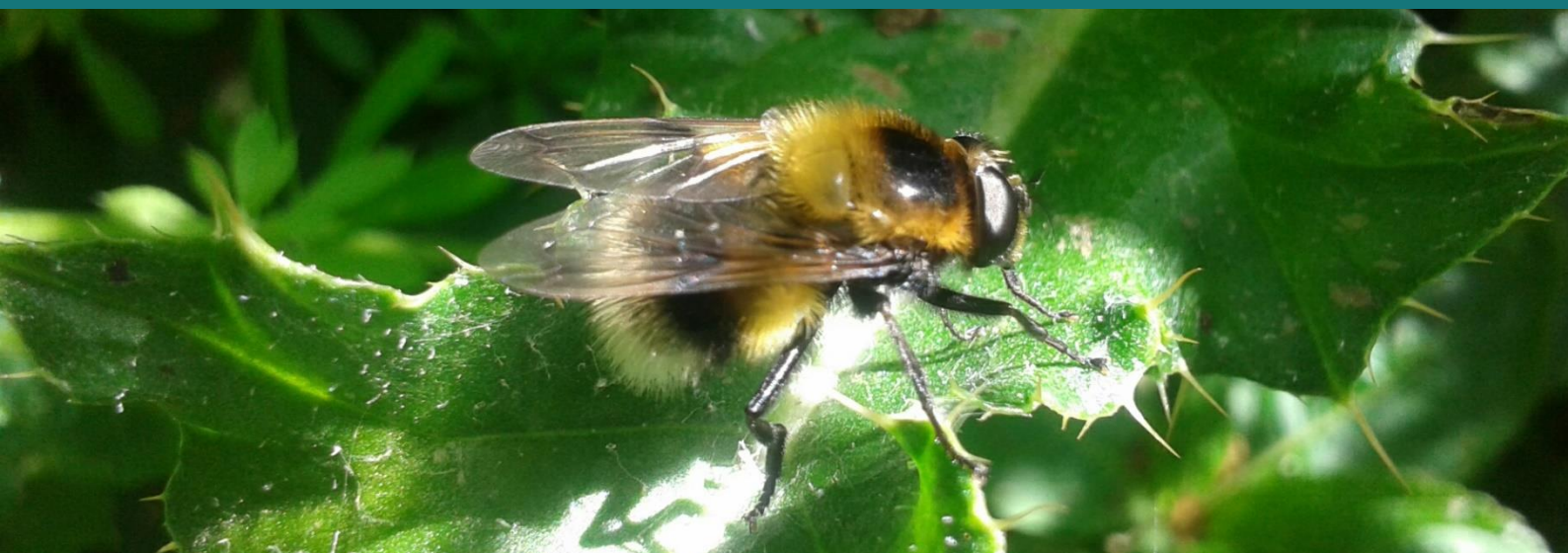


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Field ID of Hoverflies



Date 6 th June 2020	Location FSC Bishops Wood	Level Beginner	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

Hoverflies are some of the most obvious, charismatic and frequently encountered flies. There are many different species in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours – including some excellent mimics of species such as bumblebees. This day course will provide an introduction to hoverflies as a group, and after a presentation to start the day off you will learn how to find, catch and examine them, and where possible how to identify the species.

We will be using a variety of field guides, including the new 'Britain's Hoverflies A Field Guide' by Ball & Morris.

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



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Nigel Jones is a Shropshire entomologist with a particular interest in aculeate Hymenoptera (bees, wasps and ants) and Diptera (true flies). He has studied flies for over 30 years and his major passion is the Brachyceran flies, which covers many families, including hoverflies (Syrphidae), soldierflies (Stratiomyidae), Fruit flies (Tephritidae), lance-flies (Lonchaeidae), Dolichopodidae, Empididae and Tachinidae. Nigel is the Shropshire Diptera Recorder and has added hundreds of fly species to the county list.

Nigel is co-author of the recently published Provisional Atlas of bees, wasps and ants of Shropshire.

What to Bring

- Notebook and pencil
- Field guides/keys (if you have one)
- Hand lens (if you have one)
- Lunch
- 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

Bishops Wood Field Centre, Crossway Green, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire DY13 9SE

From Kidderminster (M5, A38, AA49 southbound): On the M5 heading southbound coming off at junction 5, taking the third exit on the round about to get onto the A38. at the first roundabout take the third exit onto Kidderminster Road going straight over the next roundabout sticking too Kidderminster Road. At the second left turn to follow Doverdale Lane. Once you have come to a sign turning right onto the AA49 take it until you get to the Mitre Oak pub on your left. Take the first exit on the roundabout onto Bishops Wood Lane, finally taking the first left on you will arrive at Bishops Wood Field Centre.

From Worcester (M5, AA49 northbound): On the M5 heading northbound, take Junction 6 to Worcester/ Kidderminster taking the second exit heading for the AA49 northbound, continuing for 9 miles. At the roundabout with the Mitre Oak pub take the first exit onto Stourport Road. Take the first left onto Bishops Wood Lane, finally taking the first left on you will arrive at Bishops Wood Field Centre.

How to Book

Please book online via www.fscbiodiversity.uk/courses. If you need to get in touch with us, please contact the FSC by phone on 01743 852174 or email on biolinks@field-studies-council.org.

About FSC BioLinks

FSC BioLinks is an exciting project for the FSC which brings together existing volunteers and naturalists with skills in biological recording and invertebrate identification, with new ones. It will run for 5 years and is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. As part of the project remit a range of subsidised training courses are available. This course is part of a structured pathway of training courses on flies. The diagram below shows the FSC BioLinks training pathway for flies and illustrates where this course fits into it.

