

Spider Hunting Wasp ID with Microscopes



Date 26 th June 2020	Location FSC Bishops Wood	Level Intermediate	Cost* £5
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*This course is offered at a reduced rate due to support from the FSC BioLinks project

Course Overview

The spider-hunting wasps, or Pompilidae, are a beautiful and fascinating group of solitary wasps. This course will provide a refresher on the identification of spider-hunting wasps and a chance to get your own specimens verified and your identifications checked. It is most suitable for those who have previously attended a spider-hunting wasp course, or who are experienced with identifying other groups of wasps to species level.

Please note that this course will involve the use of specimens that have been killed and preserved.

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



Ian Cheeseborough is self-employed in the field of habitat management and entomological surveys, mainly in Shropshire.

He has been studying Aculeate Hymenoptera – bees, wasps and ants – for the past seventeen years and is Shropshire County Recorder for this group of insects.

What to Bring

- Notebook and pencil
- Identification keys (if you have any)
- Hand lens (if you have one)

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 or access requirements, please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan the course.

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.

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

About FSC BioLinks

The FSC BioLinks project is a 5-year project focussing on invertebrate identification and strengthening the biological recording community. It's funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund. This course is part of a structured pathway of training courses on **aculeate hymenoptera**. The diagram below shows the FSC BioLinks training pathway for this group.

