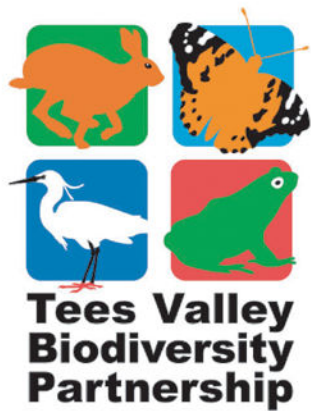




Put Tees Valley Wildlife on the Map



Wildlife Workshops

in species identification and recording

2010



If you enjoy being out in the countryside and observing wildlife, these practical workshops will give you opportunities to develop species identification skills and meet like-minded people.

By collecting information about our wildlife, we can gain a better understanding of how our wildlife is changing and decide what needs to be done to help wildlife thrive in the Tees Valley.

You can do something practical to help wildlife by recording your wildlife observations. By taking part in one of the local, regional or national survey schemes you will discover more about your local environment.

Small, friendly and informal workshops, with lots of hands-on learning.

Take home pack plus support, so you can continue to develop your wildlife skills.

Book early

From previous experience we anticipate a high demand for places. We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

See pages 6 and 7 for booking information.

The cost of workshops is heavily subsidised with a charge of £10 per person per workshop.

For more course information contact the Tees Valley Biodiversity Coordinator on

01287 636382 or email

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Sharing the natural world with your family

Wednesday 12th May 9.30am - 2.30pm Location: Newham Grange Country Farm, Coulby Newham

National surveys have revealed that children are spending less time outdoors and missing out on the fun of exploring their natural world. Grandparents and other family elders are often key people in sharing their love and knowledge of wildlife with their younger relatives. Richard Buckley (Middlesbrough Council) and Sue Antrobus (Tees Valley Biodiversity Partnership) will give you lots of simple, cheap and practical ideas for helping you to make learning about wildlife fun for your family with games, activities, wildlife surveys and craft projects.



British mammals - tracking, filming and surveying

Wednesday 26th May 10am - 4pm Location: Margrove Heritage Centre, nr. Guisborough

Find out how to identify, monitor and film urban mammals, including foxes, otters, hedgehogs and moles. Join Kenny Crooks from the Tees Valley Wildlife Trusts' Wild Places project to gain observation and tracking skills. Over recent months, Kenny has been experimenting with filming mammals as part of this project. He will be able to give practical tips on how to capture mammal on film using night CCTV. During the session we will be viewing film footage and emptying humane small mammal traps.



Introduction to pond ecology and wildlife

Sunday 13th June 10am - 4pm Location: Guisborough Forest and Walkway

Ponds are brimming with wildlife, providing a valuable habitat to freshwater life, amphibians and birds. Tees Valley Pondscape Officer, Rachel Jackson will provide you with an introduction to pond wildlife and ecology covering what features make a pond good for wildlife and how ponds can be sensitively managed. Find out about the Tees Valley pondscape project in a practical session and how to record and survey pond life.



Untangling the umbellifers - an exploration of the umbellifer plant family

Sunday 18th July 10am - 4pm Location: Nature's World, Acklam

The umbellifers have a reputation for "all looking alike", but with a little patience and assistance the diversity and beauty of this plant family is revealed. This informal day with ecologists Helen Herring (Wildflower Ark) and Sue Antrobus (Tees Valley Biodiversity Partnership) will look at the plants in their natural habitat and as growing specimens, including umbellifers in the garden such as parsley, fennel, carrot and celery. Participants will come away being able to distinguish cow parsley from upright hedge parsley and wild anemone from hemlock.



Discovering dragonflies

Sunday 1st August 10am - 4pm Location: Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park

Join entomologist Dean Heward for an introduction to the ecology, biology and behaviour of dragonflies. August is the perfect time to observe some of the magnificent hawker species in flight. The day, suitable for beginners as well as those with some experience, will comprise an indoor session and an outdoor visit to the ponds at Cowpen Bewley to observe the species and their key identification features.



Macro moths for beginners

**Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th September
7 - 11 pm (Saturday)
10am - 12.30pm (Sunday)**

Location: Wynyard Woodland Park

Be amazed by the variety and beauty of the Cinderella sisters to butterflies. Ecologist Robert Woods (Industry Nature Conservation Association) will lead a practical evening of demonstrations of different moth trapping techniques. This will be followed by a morning focusing on species identification skills and an introduction to the various monitoring schemes.



Wonderful wildfowl and waders

**Sunday 26th September 10am - 4pm
Location: Saltholme Wildlife Reserve and
Discovery Centre**

The Tees Valley is a great place in which to watch wildfowl and wading birds. Join Eric James and Vic Fairbrother (Teesmouth Bird Club and British Trust for Ornithology members) on this informative workshop. Recommended for those who already have some basic bird watching experience you will be guided through the distinguishing features of these often tricky species. There will be advice on books and equipment, practical tips on where and when to watch waders and wildfowl, how you can make your bird watching count and a practical bird hide session.

Booking Form

Name _____

Address _____

Post code _____

Email address _____

Telephone number _____

Workshop title _____

Number of places required _____

Value of cheque enclosed _____

To secure a place a fee of **£10 per person per workshop** is charged. Please make cheques payable to **Tees Valley Wildlife Trust** and return with the booking form opposite to:

Sue Antrobus, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, Margrove Heritage Centre, Margrove Park, Boosbeck, Saltburn TS12 3BZ.

Accessibility and public transport

The workshops take place in suitably equipped countryside centres in the Tees Valley which have disabled access. However, all the courses involve outdoor field work. If you have a special need please contact us and we will do our best to help. All the venues are on public transport routes. Please check www.traveline.info for the latest timetables, or phone Traveline on **0871 2002233**



The **Tees Valley Biodiversity Partnership** is a collection of organisations working together to conserve, enhance and promote biodiversity through the Tees Valley Biodiversity Action Plan.

www.teesvalleybiodiversity.org.uk



2010 International Year of Biodiversity

These workshops are being organised to celebrate the **2010 International Year of Biodiversity**. To find out more about activities and events around the UK visit

www.biodiversityislife.net



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