



2022 Wildlife ID Training

The four short courses below have been organised by NatureSpot on behalf of Leicestershire County Council in support of the Parish Urban Verge Wildlife Project. They are free to join and open to all Leicestershire residents. Booking is essential.

These courses are aimed at those with little previous experience of plant and invertebrate identification, though those with more knowledge should also benefit.

Each course will comprise an online introduction (of around an hour) and an on-site workshop (of around 2 hours). The online sessions will be recorded so can be viewed at your own convenience if you are unable to join the live event. The dates below relate to the site-based workshops.

If you would like to attend any of these courses, please contact Roseanna Burton at Leicestershire County Council to book on: Roseanna.Burton@leics.gov.uk

Hedgerow Surveys and Management - Led by: Russell Parry and David Nicholls

Sunday 15th May, meet at 2pm Burroughs Road/Main Street, Ratby, SK51140588

Parking is available at Ratby Library, opposite. You will learn to identify all of the common shrubs found in Leicestershire hedges. An illustrated key will be provided and you will learn how to use it.

You will also be given an introduction to hedge management and the best techniques to maximise the benefit to wildlife. This will include guidance on conducting a simple hedgerow survey.

Wildflowers on Road Verges - Led by: Russell Parry

Sunday 22nd May 2022, meet at 2pm, Goodwood Road/Gifford Close, Leicester SK62880325

You will learn to identify the 45 species of wildflowers most commonly found by NatureSpot during the recent surveys of road verges in the biodiversity project. You will be shown how to recognise the key features which identify each species. An illustrated guide to all of these species will be provided.

Grasses on Road Verges - Led by: Russell Parry

Sunday 29th May 2022, meet at 2pm in the Evington Park car park (off The Common) SK62530304

Street parking is available on Gifford Close. You will learn to identify around 20 of the grass species most commonly found during the recent verge surveys. A simple key will be provided and you will be taught how to use it.

Wildlife on Road Verges - Led by: David Nicholls

Sunday 10th July 2022, meet at 2pm Ferndale Drive, Ratby SK51820577

Parking available at Ferndale Play Park or on-street along Ferndale Drive. This course will look at the many wildlife species that are commonly found on grassland verges. This will include the invertebrate species most commonly found during the recent verge surveys and help you to recognise first the group type and then the species. Illustrated ID guides will be provided.

