

An introduction to carrion beetles (Silphidae):

Much more than beasties on dead things!



Date Sunday 31st March 2019

Time 12 noon – 5 pm

Venue The Ecology Centre

They may have a grisly reputation, but carrion beetles are a fascinating group. Some are hunters, others show impressive strength by burying small mammal carcasses! They also have another side – unusually, with some carrion beetles both parents care for the young. Not only are they important decomposers, they can help forensic investigations.

- Learn more about these intriguing creatures
- Gain experience in survey, ID and use of microscopes
- Only 20 species recorded in the UK, mostly large

Led by Ashleigh Whiffin of National Museums Scotland (and a founder of the National Silphidae Recording Scheme).



No experience necessary. We will spend time indoors and outdoors. Please note that the day will involve some microscope work, viewing preserved beetle specimens and small mammal carrion.

Places are FREE but limited, so booking is essential.

For more information and to book a place, please contact Fife Nature:

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