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Botany for Improvers

with Mark Duffell

Wednesday 11th May 2016
The Gateway, Shrewsbury

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Where: The Gateway, Chester Street, Shrewsbury
When: Wednesday 11th May 2016, 10.00am – 4.00pm
How much: £45.00

Most botanists start out identifying plants by comparing their specimens to photographs or illustrations in books. This course is aimed at those people wanting to progress from picture book identification onto proper ‘Floras’. This course will introduce simple techniques and the use of field guides to enable identification of a wide variety of plant families and species. The course will concentrate on the key characters needed for identifying a range of families and recognition of an individual as belonging to a particular family. By working through the ‘Floras’ together, participants will discover how to use keys for accurate identification. Useful identification tips will be illustrated with specimens and presentations. The mysteries of Floral formulae and their use in aiding identification will be unravelled throughout the weekend.

You will learn about individual wildflowers and the stories they can tell about their ecology and habitats, their uses and the meanings behind their names.

We will concentrate on using the keys in the ‘industry standard’ Stace’s ‘*New Flora of the British Isles*’; learning how to master the keys and not be put off by the botanical terminology it contains.

Focusing on practical skills, with group and individual keying; this course is ideal for amateur or professional botanists/ecologists both in the voluntary or ecological sector.

Although aimed at the improver no prior knowledge of botany is required, although the more knowledge you come with the more you will get out of the course.

By the end of the course you will have a good understanding of how to use a Flora and how to approach identifying a ‘new’ specimen and go on to make an accurate identification; even willingly reaching for ‘Stace’.

Tutor: Mark Duffell runs *Arvensis Ecology*, splitting his time between conducting botanical surveys and teaching botanical identification and survey techniques.

Prior booking is essential – please fill in the form opposite and return with your payment to the MMU office at the Gateway or visit the online store:
<http://www.sste.mmu.ac.uk/recording> and go to the online store.

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