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Eco Skills Project

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Freshwater
invertebrates



Slugs
and
snails



Bees, wasps
and ants



True
flies



Beetles

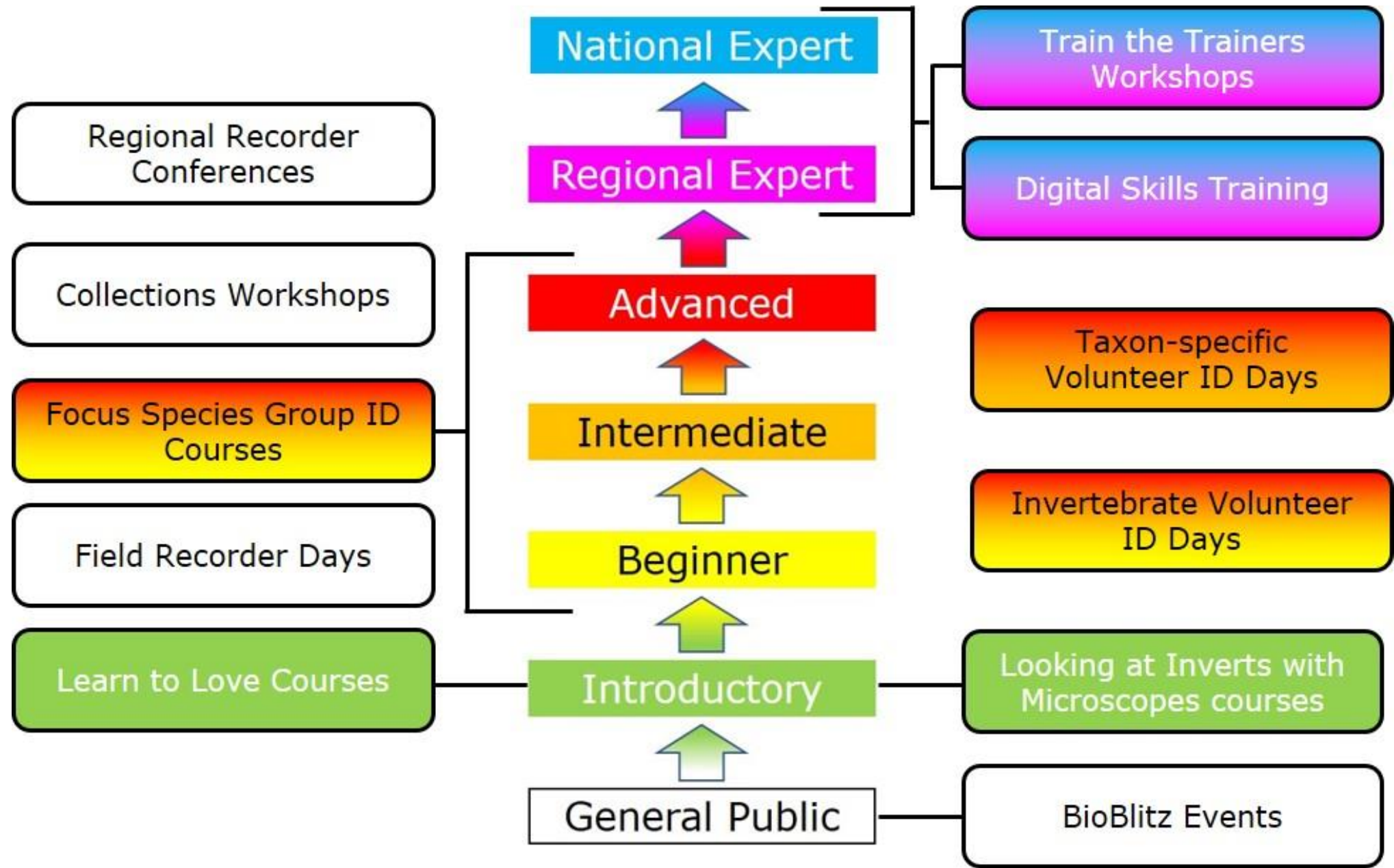


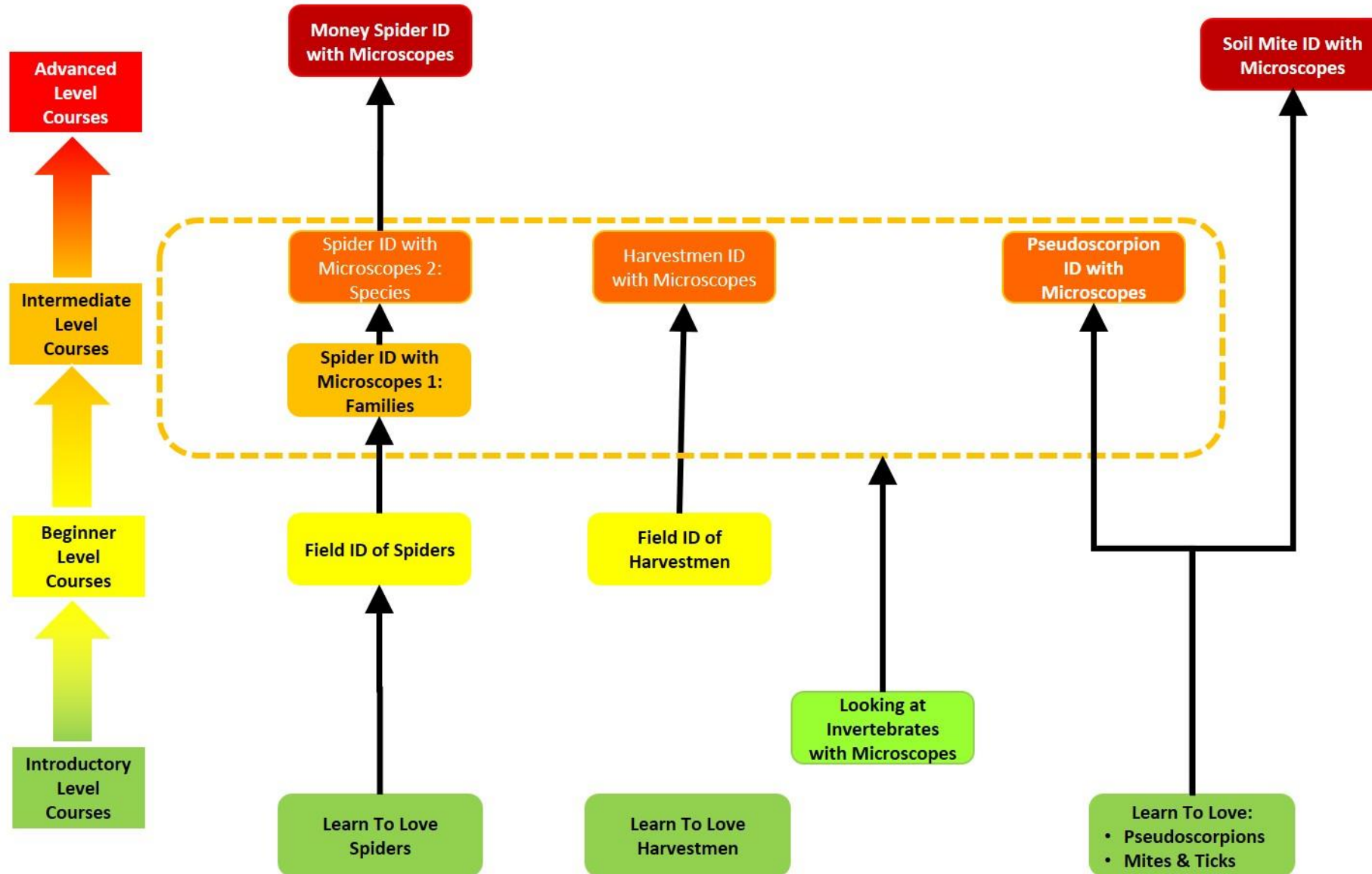
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Soil
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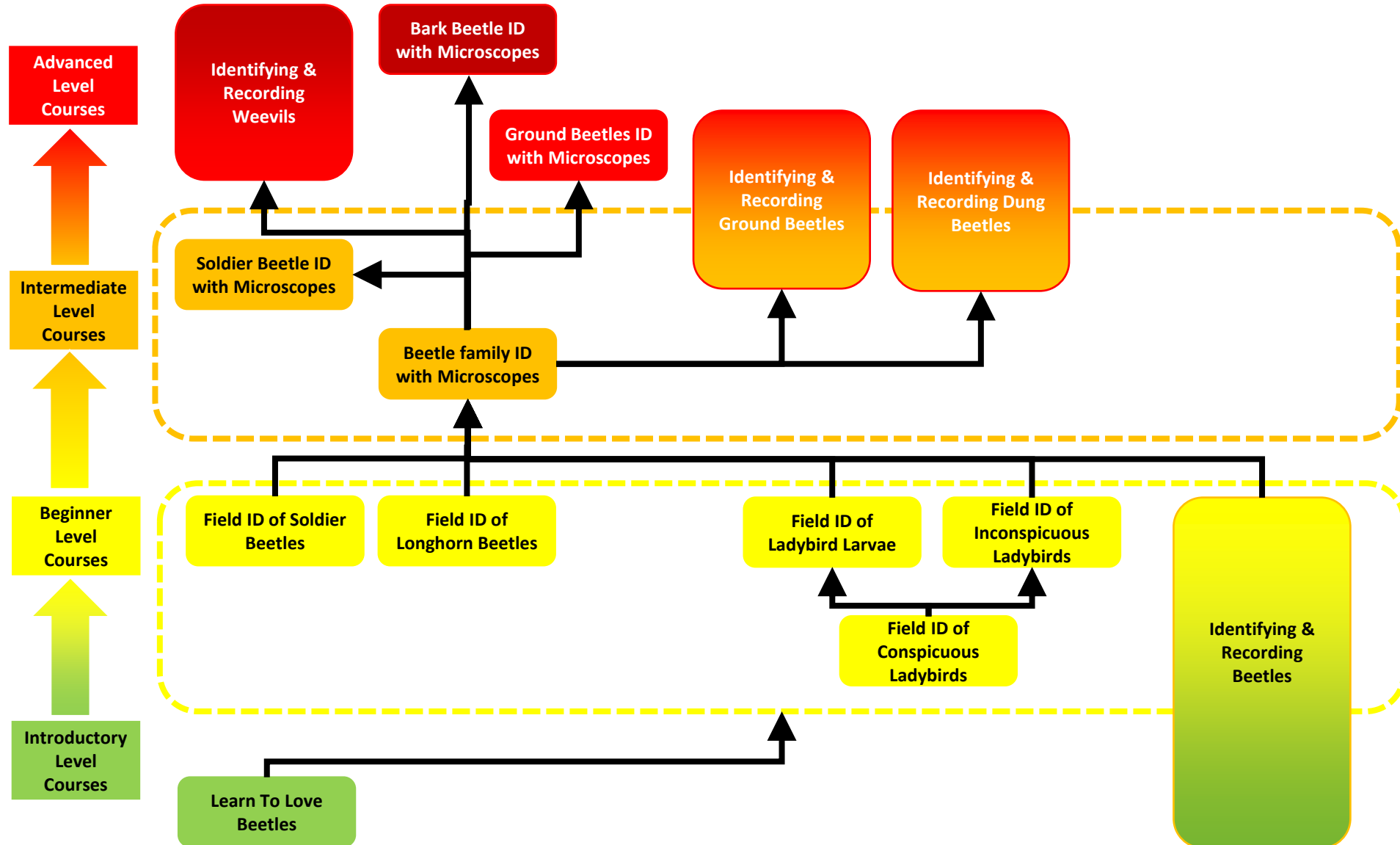


Arachnids





2020 Beetle ID Training Courses





Big Tree Country 2:

Tree Identification for Improvers

KD ■ Sat 26 May - Thu 30 May ■ £330 ■ Intermediate

Tutor: Jerry Dicker

This course builds confidence and skills in the identification of native, non-native and woodland trees found in the Big Tree Country. It will also study spring woodland ground flora communities and woodland ecology/history and management. The course complements the preceding course, both built to receive a 12% discount on fees.

Trees and Tree Identification in Summer

RM ■ Mon 27 May - Wed 29 May ■ £295 ■ Open to all

Tutor: Joanna Cooper

Summer is a great time for looking at broad-leaved and coniferous trees, their leaves and needles are at their best and one can often see the young shoots of trees and shrubs. This course will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them. The course will also look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Tree Identification: Summer

LDN ■ Sat 01 Jun ■ Non-residential ■ £35 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Bettina Morley

The trees in the Big Tree Country are magnificent there is a huge variety of tree species. As the park is ideally suited for learning how to identify trees. There will be an introduction to taxonomy and tree terminology. The course will be based on practical observation with the aim to improve your observational skills. At the end of the course, you should be able to identify the genus of many of the trees and also a number of species. Fee includes PSC field out short. See Name Tag.

Discovering Veteran Trees

LDN ■ Sat 22 Jun ■ Non-residential ■ £35 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Sharon Brown

The historic parkland of Greenwich Park, much of it on a steep slope, still contains many veteran trees. It is also the setting for an array of veteran trees. This course will survey their ecology and importance as a habitat and look at the development of the parkland within its landscape. Other activities will include assessment of veteran trees for their wildlife value, mapping the location of our veteran trees and collecting the gathered data. Fee includes PSC field out short. See Name Tag.

Identification of Deciduous

AM ■ Sat 29 Jun ■ Non-residential ■ £35 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Rachel Cox

This course will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Mammals

Deer Ecology

KD ■ Fri 05 Apr - Mon 08 Apr ■ £152 ■ Open to all

Tutor: Geoff Day

Geography and ecology of the deer in the Big Tree Country. This course will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Introduction to Mammals

AM ■ Sat 06 Apr ■ Non-residential ■ £42 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Chris Ford

This is the first of a series of courses in the Big Tree Country. It will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Discovering Bats in Epping Forest

EF ■ Sat 27 Apr ■ Non-residential ■ £45 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Roger Howard

This is a day of learning about bats in Epping Forest. It will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Bat Ecology (Beginners to Intermediate)

MA ■ Wed 29 May - Fri 31 May ■ £289 ■ Open to all

Tutor: Richard Compton

This is a day of learning about bats in Epping Forest. It will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Identification of Bats

PM ■ Fri 21 Jun - Mon 24 Jun ■ £395 ■ Intermediate

Tutor: Lisa Worledge and Helen Miller

This is a day of learning about bats in Epping Forest. It will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Identifying British Trees

BW ■ Sat 25 Jul ■ Non-residential ■ £45 ■ Open to all

Tutor: John Handley

This is a great time of the year to do this extensive group, which the leaves, flowers and even flowers are still present, helping you to become familiar with them before having to rely on photographs, bark and buds. A range of equipment and use of field notes will be provided to distinguish between many of the British trees. The focus of this one-day course will be broad-leaved trees through British woodlands, planted, semi-planted and ancient trees, and their ecology and management.

Introduction to Woodlands

BW ■ Wed 31 Jul ■ Non-residential ■ £45 ■ Open to all

Tutor: John Handley

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Broad-Leaved Trees

JH ■ Fri 23 Aug - Sun 25 Aug ■ £268 ■ Intermediate

Tutor: Ros Bennett

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Identifying Woodland Trees in Leaf

EF ■ Sat 07 Sep ■ Non-residential ■ £35 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Andy Doane

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Introduction to Orchards

LDN ■ Sat 14 Sep ■ Non-residential ■ £35 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Leslie Williams

Traditional orchards are a cultural feature in the local landscape and a beautiful wildlife habitat. There are thousands of apple varieties, many considered local to particular areas. How can you design and create a community orchard or one in a garden? Why are orchards important, and how can one encourage the trees during the first few years? Based in Greenwich Park, fee includes PSC field out short. See Name Tag.

Tree Identification: Autumn

LDN ■ Sat 21 Sep ■ Non-residential ■ £35 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Bettina Morley

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An Introduction to British Land Mammals

LDN ■ Sat 21 Sep ■ Non-residential ■ £460 ■ Open to all

Tutor: Debbie Aldon

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Identification of Conifers

PM ■ Fri 18 Oct ■ Non-residential ■ £295 ■ Intermediate

Tutor: Mark Duffell

Conifers are a group of trees with distinctive needle-like leaves and cones. They are a group of trees that are found in many of our woodlands. This course will look at the main types of conifers growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Getting to Know Conifers

JH ■ Fri 08 Nov - Sun 10 Nov ■ £268 ■ Intermediate

Tutor: Ros Bennett

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Trees and Tree Identification: The Challenge of Early Winter

PM ■ Fri 15 Nov - Sun 17 Nov ■ £270 ■ Open to all

Tutor: Ros Bennett

This is a day of learning about bats in Epping Forest. It will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Grass Identification

PM ■ Fri 31 Mar ■ Non-residential ■ £35 ■ Beginner

Tutor: Sharon Brown

This is a day of learning about bats in Epping Forest. It will look at the main types of trees and shrubs growing in the Big Tree Country, their leaves and needles, and how to identify them.

Vegetative Grass Identification

PM ■ Fri 10 May - Mon 13 May ■ £395 ■ Intermediate

Tutor: Sharon Brown

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Introduction to Grasses

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Animals

The Mammal Society

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Course	Date	Time	Level	Fee
Mammal Identification	KD ■ Fri 28 Jun - Sun 30 Jun	10.00 - 12.00	Open to all	£264
Grass Identification	PM ■ Fri 31 Mar	10.00 - 12.00	Open to all	£234
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Bat Conservation Trust (BCT)

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Course	Date	Time	Level	Fee
Using Bat Detectors	JH ■ Thu 04 May	10.00 - 12.00	Open to all	£264
Bat Ecology and Conservation	JH ■ Fri 10 May	10.00 - 12.00	Open to all	£234
Surveying for Bats	NC ■ Mon 29 Jul - Fri 02 Aug	10.00 - 12.00	Open to all	£460

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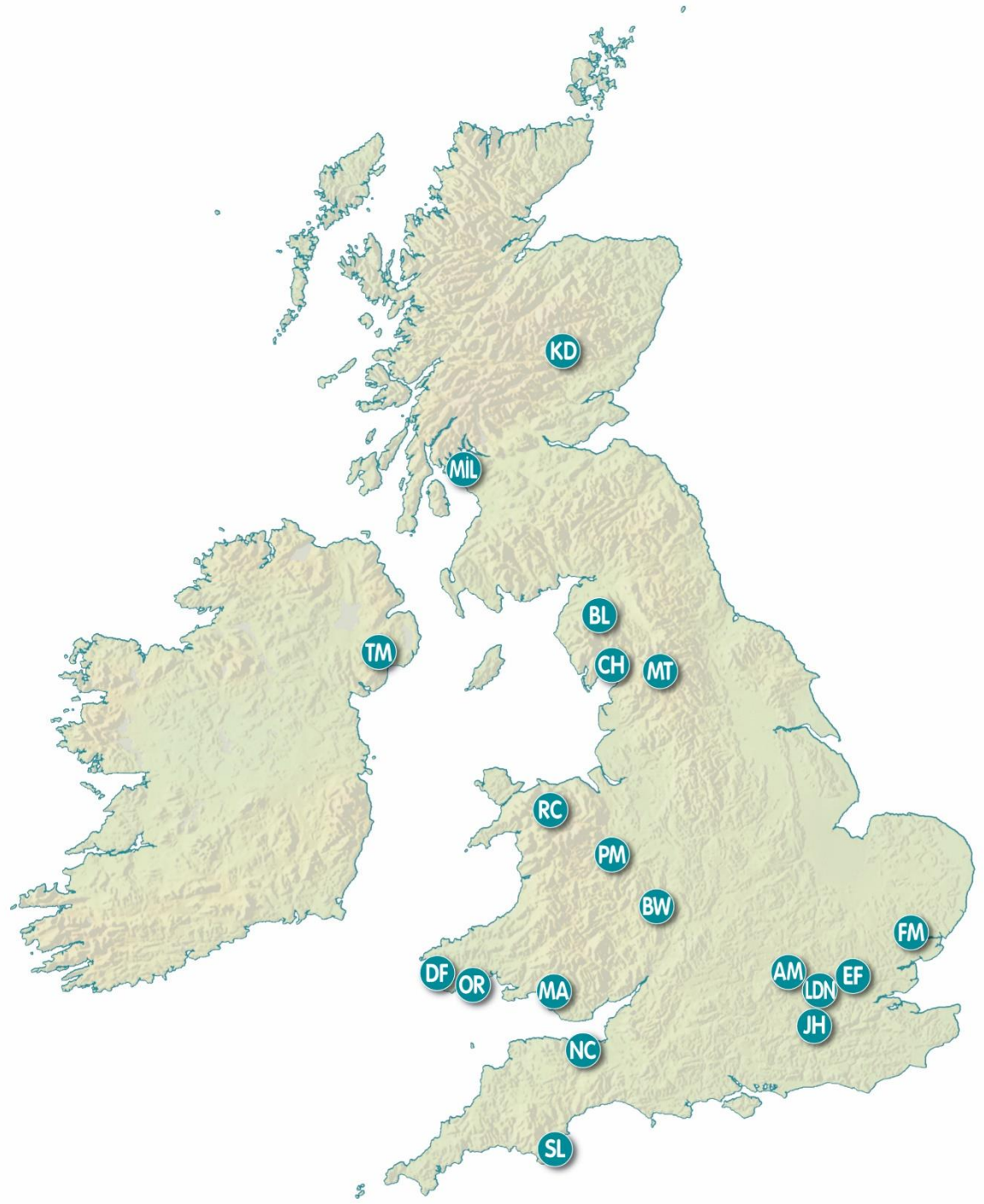


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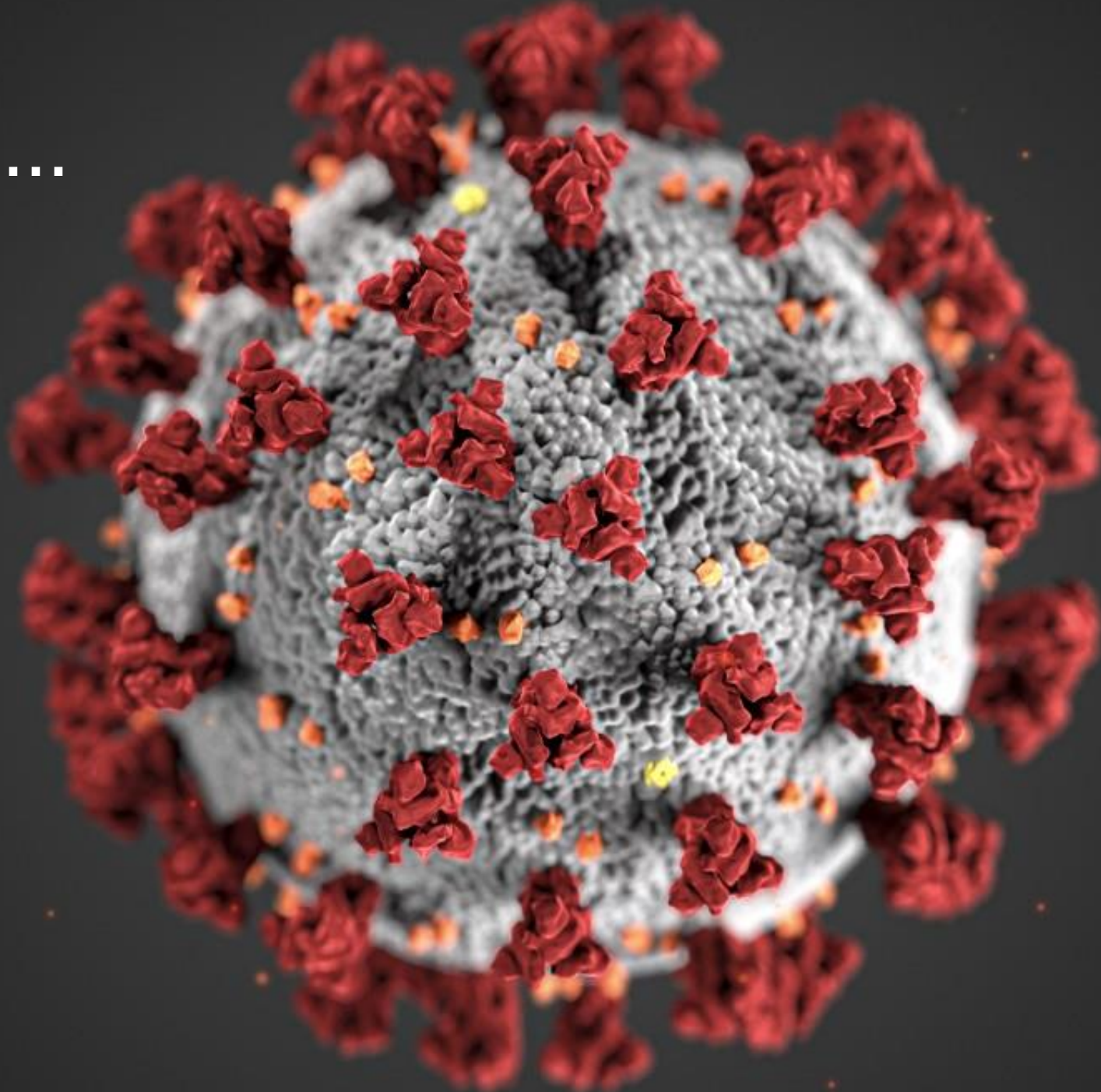




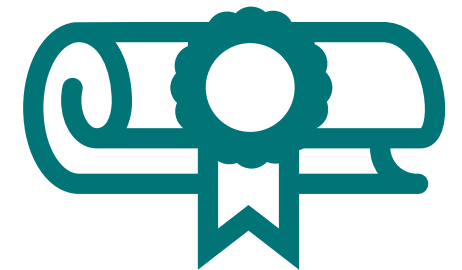
Changes within the FSC



And then...



What did we want to achieve







Week 1: Introduction to Biological Recording

Restricted Available from **16 September 2020, 7:15 PM**

During Week 1 we will provide you with an introduction to [biological recording](#) and get you set up on the iRecord platform for the assignments that will be set in future weeks.

Learners should allow 2 to 3.5 hours to work through all of the content ahead of the live session. The live session will be 1 hour in duration and take place at 18:30 on 23.09.2020.

We'd like to start by asking you to tell the class a little bit about your experience with iRecord (don't worry if you're new to it - this course is designed for absolute beginners) and what you hope to get out of the course.



Assignment 1.1: Your iRecord Experience (5-10 mins)



Workbook: Biological Recording (50-150 mins)



Assignment 1.2: Your Goals (5-10 mins)



iRecord Site Tour (5 mins)



Assignment 1.3: Getting Started with iRecord (10 mins)



iRecord Account Settings (10-15 mins)



Week 1 Test (15 mins)



Assessment Level	Knowledge description (Natural History)	Skills description (Natural History)	Roles (Natural History)
Authority	Authoritative knowledge of subject, including detailed knowledge of specialist areas. Able to communicate subject to a range of audiences, including the academic or scientific community.	Demonstrates full competence across all subject skills and able to demonstrate these to all audiences. Authority on standards and guidelines relating to technical methods and use of specialist equipment.	Considered authority on subject.
Expert	Excellent knowledge of subject, including detailed knowledge of specialist areas. Able to communicate subject to a range of audiences, including the academic or scientific community.	Demonstrates full competence across all subject skills and able to demonstrate these to all audiences. Able to evaluate technical methods and use of specialist equipment to make recommendations.	Considered expert on subject, holding nationally important professional and/or volunteer roles specialising in subject.
Advanced	Very good knowledge of subject, including some specialist areas. Able to communicate subject to a range of audiences, including the academic or scientific community.	Considerable experience of subject skills and able to demonstrate these to less experienced individuals. Experience of undertaking highly technical methods. Highly competent with specialist equipment and able to advise others.	Holds professional and/or volunteer role specifically relevant to the subject. Minimum level for FSC associate tutor. Highly valued biological recorder for subject and records rarely or never queried by experts.
Improver/ Intermediate	Basic to good knowledge of subject, with good understanding of all basic terminology and concepts. Able to share knowledge with general population to Beginner-level audiences and communicate with Advanced and Expert-level individuals regarding subject.	Experience of applying range of subject skills and able to demonstrate competence in most relevant basic skills. Competent with using specialist equipment, though with limited or no competence regarding highly technical methods	Minimum level for applying subject knowledge and skills within professional and/or volunteer role without supervision. Active biological recorder for subject and contributes verifiable records to national scheme.
Beginner	Limited knowledge of subject, with understanding of some basic terminology and concepts. Able to communicate some basic concepts to general population audience.	Limited experience of applying basic skills and unable to demonstrate competence. Little or no experience of using any specialist equipment.	Requires further development (or supervision/guidance) in order to be able to apply subject knowledge and skills within professional and/or volunteer roles. Relevant recorder experience limited to entry level citizen science projects and initiatives, though may have some experience of records being accepted.
Introductory	Understands the importance of nature, but with little or no knowledge specific to the subject.	May be aware of the skills relevant to the subject but little or no experience of applying them and unable to demonstrate competence.	Little or no previous experience with relevant volunteer, recorder or professional roles relating to the subject.
General Population	General population (little or no knowledge of or engagement with natural history)		

			Requirements and aims
BWA203	Finding Bees in their Natural Habitats	Introductory	Learners will be able to describe the natural habitats of bees and give some examples of interesting bees found in the UK.
BWA204	Bees as Pollinators	Introductory	Learners will be able to describe the ecosystem services bees provide us with and their role in pollination
BWA205	Bumblebee Ecology & Behaviour	Beginner	Learners will be able to explain bumblebee ecology, such as their nesting preferences, habitats, diet and their behaviour.
BWA206	The 'Big 8' British Bumblebees	Beginner	Learners will be able to describe how to identify the big 8 British bumblebee species by looking at tail colour, banding as well as the differences between castes
BWA207	Identifying Bumblebees in the Field	Beginner	Learners will be able to identify the big 8 bumblebee species in the field and understand how to use sweep nets/hand lenses to catch and examine bumblebees.
BWA208	Recording Bees	Beginner	Learners will be able to explain the importance of recording bees and understand how to submit records
BWA209	British Bee Taxonomy	Intermediate	Learners will have a general understanding of British bee taxonomy and classification.
BWA210	Bee Genera Characteristics and ID Features	Intermediate	Learners will be able to explain the morphological features of bees required for identifying British bees to genera level.

Level

Topics

Advanced Level (Professional)

Non-native Earthworms in the
British Isles

Earthworm Dissection

Using the Key to Earthworms
Found in Artificial Environments

Interpreting & Reporting
Earthworm Data

Intermediate Level (Recorder)

Preservation & Collection
Techniques: Earthworms

Earthworm Specimen ID
Practice: Earthworm Collection

Earthworm Specimen ID
Practice: Personal Specimens

Earthworm Specimen ID
Practice: Rare Earthworms

Earthworm Recording

Earthworm Identification
Features

Using FSC Key to the
Earthworms of the UK & Ireland

Using Microscopes to Identify
Earthworms

Earthworm Sampling Techniques:
Soil Pit Surveys

Earthworm Sampling Techniques:
Vermifuge & Microhabitat Methods

Earthworm Sampling Techniques:
Biomass

Earthworm Site Survey Practice

Beginner Level (Volunteer)

Earthworm Ecosystem Services
& Applications

Earthworms & Agriculture

Gardening For Earthworms

Earthworms & Composting

Introductory Level (Personal Interest)

Finding Earthworms in their
Natural Environments

Earthworm Field Signs

Earthworm Biology

Earthworm Ecology

Level

Courses

**Advanced
Level
(Professional)**

Advanced Earthworm ID with
Microscopes
Venue-based (1-day) / 4 Topics

**Intermediate
Level
(Recorder)**

Identifying & Recording
Earthworms
Venue-based (3-day) / 10 Topics

Earthworm Sampling
Techniques
Venue-based (1-day) / 4 Topics

Earthworm ID with
Microscopes
Venue-based (1-day) / 4 Topics

Earthworm Recording
Theory Course
Short Online / 2 Topics

**Beginner
Level
(Volunteer)**

Earthworm
Applications
Venue-based (1-day) / 4 Topics

Earthworms for
Farmers
Short Online / 2 Topics

Earthworms for
Gardeners
Short Online / 2 Topics

**Introductory
Level
(Personal Interest)**

Learn To Love
Earthworms
Venue-based (1-day) / 4 Topics

Learn To Love
Earthworms
Online / 4 Topics

Earthworm
Taster Course
Short Online / 2 Topics

Earthworms for
Environmental Educators
Short Online / 2 Topics



**Education &
Training
Manager**



**FSC BioLinks
Project
Manager**



**Education &
Training
Officer**



**Youth
Engagement
Officer**



**Senior
Course
Coordinator**



**Marketing
Officer**



**Project
Officer (West
Midlands)**



**Project
Officer
(South East)**



**Digital
Development
Manager**



**Marketing
Officer
(Part time)**



**Course
Coordinator**



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