



# ecology courses

## **Hazel dormouse ecology and survey techniques**

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This is an introductory course which will provide you with the skills and knowledge to undertake GCN surveys and is aimed at those working in consultancy or conservation. This course is part classroom and part field based.

### **COURSE CONTENT**

- Legislation and conservation priorities
- Dormouse ecology
- Identifying field signs and avoiding potential confusion with other species
- Assessing habitat suitability for dormice
- Survey methods, inc. hazelnuts, hair-tubes, CCTV, wild nest, nest tube and nest box surveys
- Practical experience of planning and undertaking dormouse survey.
- Handling and biometric processing of dormice\*.
- Reporting survey results for clients and conservation purposes.
- Health and safety considerations

\*If dormice are found, handling will be demonstrated but we do not offer handling experience. There is no guarantee of finding dormice during box checks. Attendees must be fit and able to walk across rough terrain. Appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear should be worn.

A course certificate will be issued following completion of a test.



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## **Hazel dormice & development including licensing**

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This advanced course is aimed at people who have attended our 'Dormouse ecology and survey' course or are already experienced in undertaking dormouse surveys and have a good understanding of dormouse ecology.

Following attendance, you should be able to design appropriate survey and mitigation strategies and successfully apply for dormouse mitigation licences.

### **COURSE CONTENT**

- Legislation, protection and planning considerations
- Impacts of development on dormice
- Licensing
- Survey requirements
- Dealing with dormice on a development site
- Mitigation, including practical measures and techniques
- A review of case studies

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