



ecology courses

Hazel dormouse ecology and survey techniques

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.