



ecology courses

Introduction to bat ecology and survey techniques

This course provides an introduction to key skills, experience and knowledge necessary for undertaking professional bat work in the UK.

The course is classroom based but covers the fieldwork elements necessary. It is taught by an expert bat ecologist.

COURSE CONTENT

- Bat species in the UK; ecology, physiology and distributions
- Bats and the law - legal status and licences
- Bat conservation - threats to bats, including habitat and roost loss, pesticides and persecution
- Visual bat species identification
- Bat droppings and other bat signs
- Bat survey techniques and methods
- Health and safety
- Use of bat detectors and other equipment
- Survey effort
- Interpretation and reporting of findings

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



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