

Botany for Beginners 2017

An introduction to plant identification

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF MODULES

Module 1: Getting started with plant identification (April)
Module 2: Spring flowers of woodlands and glades (May)
Module 3: Summer meadow flowers 1 (May)
Module 4: Summer meadow flowers 2 (June)
Module 5: Plants in and by water (July)
Module 6: Weeds of town and garden (August)
Module 7: Trees, deciduous and evergreen (September)

Fee: £50 per module.

A 10% discount is offered to members of LRWT, BSBI or Friends of the Botanic Garden, whose names appear on current membership lists.

Book securely online at: <http://shop.le.ac.uk/>

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University of Leicester Botanic Garden: Botany for Beginners

COURSE MODULES 2017

Module 1 *Getting started with plant identification.* Saturday 29th April, 10.00-17.00: Botanic Garden. Sunday, 30th April, 10.30-15.30: Botanic Garden

Module 2 *Spring woodland flowers.* Saturday 13th May, 10.00-17.00: Attenborough Arboretum. Sunday 14th May, 10.30-15.30: Cloud Wood

Module 3 *Summer meadow flowers (Rutland).* Saturday, 27th May, 10.00-17.00: Botanic Garden. Sunday, 28th May, 10.30-15.30: Merry's Meadows

Module 4 *Summer meadow flowers (Charnwood)* Saturday, 3rd June, 10.00-17.00: Botanic Garden. Sunday, 4th June, 10.30-15.30: Ulverscroft LNR

Module 5 *Plants in & by water.* Saturday, 8th July, 10.00-17.00: Botanic Garden. Sunday, 9th July, 10.30-15.30: Aylestone Meadows

Module 6 *'Weeds'.* Saturday, 19th August, 10.00-17.00: Botanic Garden. Sunday, 20th August, 10.30-15.30: Rally Bank LNR, Leicester

Module 7 *Trees.* Saturday, 16th September, 10.00-17.00: Attenborough Arboretum. Sunday, 17th September, 10.30-15.30: Botanic Garden

This part-time course will help you become more familiar with at least 350 local wild plants. Each module focuses on a different group of plants; we show you how to identify them, using classroom-based tuition sessions, follow-up fieldtrips to local sites, and resources like herbaria and websites. We aim to increase your appreciation and understanding of the plant diversity of Leicestershire & Rutland.



Starting in May, you will see most of the wildflowers frequent or abundant in Leicestershire & Rutland and by September, you should be able to:

- identify at least 350 of the commoner species (50+ per module) by sight or key;
- identify some species which occur occasionally in Leicestershire & Rutland;
- use ID keys & hand-lenses effectively.

No prior knowledge or qualifications are required, and there are no exams or formal assessment, but we do provide a certificate of attendance. This course can be taken for personal enjoyment, to help you as a conservation volunteer, or as preparation for further study.



The fieldtrips: we visit flower-rich nature reserves managed by **Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust (LRWT)**; we help you practise your new ID skills and show you how to survey a site (seeing the most plants in the shortest time) and record your finds: all important skills for wildlife conservation.

Local botany group: while on the course, you are welcome at field meetings of the Leicestershire & Rutland group of the **Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland (BSBI)**. You can see interesting plants, try out your new skills and pick up plant ID tips.



On-line resources: see images of wild plants recorded locally on the **NatureSpot** website, where you can also post your own wildflower records. We will check any photographs taken in Leicestershire & Rutland and aim to help you name that plant.



You can build on your experiences and develop your skills further by taking the Botanic Garden's follow-up course, *Plant Identification Skills*, which starts in October every year. See the Garden's website for more details: www.le.ac.uk/botanicgarden

COURSE DETAILS 2017

Fees:

Each module: £50

*Discount rate: £45

All modules: £350

*Discount rate: £315

*offered to members of LRWT, BSBI or Friends of the Garden.

You can take modules singly or in any number & combination.

Venue: Indoor tuition sessions are held in the coach house at the **Botanic Garden**, Oadby or classroom at **Attenborough Arboretum**, Leicester.

Teaching staff:

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For more resources, see the following websites:

www.bsbi.org.uk

www.lrwt.org.uk

www.naturespot.org.uk