PLANT IDENTIFICATION SKILLS: INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
2017-18

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER BOTANIC GARDEN

a) Module 1: plant families (£400)  3rd October – 12th December 2017
   classroom and laboratory-based learning

b) Module 2: plant species (£400)  April – June 2018, dates tbc
   six field trips

c) Modules 1 & 2, paid in advance (£750)

We recommend that:
• module 1 is preceded by at least one Botany for Beginners module or similar;
• module 2 is preceded by either module 1 or at least three Botany for Beginners modules or similar.

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This course is for everyone keen to develop or improve their plant identification skills. We aim to increase your appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the diversity of the British flora, including many of the plants in your own garden.

We combine lectures, laboratory classes and field trips, and start by teaching you how to identify the main plant groups and important families (module 1, October-December). Then we introduce you to the methods and practice of species identification (module 2, April-June).

We present topics in an evolutionary context to help you understand something of how plants have evolved; we explain the roles played by reproductive biology, geography and ecology; and we help you to become confident using various identification aids, including keys, and equipment such as hand-lenses and dissecting microscopes.

The range of sites we visit on our six field excursions provide you with all-important personal experience and practice.

You will also be invited to attend optional field meetings with the local botany group.

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.