

# Land management advice training 2018

## Bespoke courses

**The RSPB's land management advice unit has worked with a range of organisations over the last 10 years to develop bespoke courses to meet their needs.** These courses are a cost-effective way of delivering training, can be held on your own sites, and can cover the species, habitats and topics that are most important to you.

We primarily cover management for wildlife in wetlands, woodland, scrub and the urban environment. However, we can also run courses and workshops about heathland, arable and pastoral habitats, uplands and minerals site restoration.

Examples of previous courses include Managing Parks for Biodiversity, Arable Farming for Wildlife and Wet Grassland Management for Wildlife. Our tailor-made courses are ideal for groups of 8–15 people and include refreshments and all the resources needed.

To book your place, or to discuss tailor-made courses for your team, please call us on **01767 693308** or email: **conservation-advice@rspb.org.uk**



## Excellent value expertise from the RSPB

As well as our bespoke training, the RSPB delivers a number of one-day courses. These are all led by experienced advisors who draw on techniques developed across our reserve network and from work with landowners throughout the UK to improve habitats for wildlife. See overleaf the courses you can choose.

### The course package includes:

- **Field visits and indoor sessions led by experienced advisors and land managers.**
- **Complementary information packs – and management handbook where applicable.**
- **Opportunities to share experience and network with other land managers.**
- **Each course costs just £120 + VAT and includes refreshments and a buffet lunch.**

**Suitable for:** land owners, advisors, land managers and others who are involved in habitat management.



# Wet grassland

Andy Hay



## An introduction to wet grassland

**Date: 19 June 2018**

**Location: Chipping Moss, Lancashire**

An introduction to lowland wet grassland and its management for wildlife, and in particular breeding waders. We will cover the ecology of key species and the basics of hydrological control, the effect of soil types, sward management and grazing regimes. The management, restoration and creation of this habitat will be discussed. There will be a site visit in the afternoon.

## Advanced lowland wet grassland: managing wet grasslands into the future

**Date: 20 June 2018**

**Location: Chipping Moss, Lancashire**

A stand-alone, or a follow-on course from *An introduction to wet grassland*. We will look in more detail at some of the advanced management solutions available for wet grassland, particularly climate mitigation and colonising species, and the outcomes they can deliver. We will also look at predator management and monitoring. You can discuss your own site and management challenges in a question and answer session.

Andy Hay



# Reedbeds

Ben Andrews



## An introduction to reedbeds

**Date: 22 August 2018**

**Location: RSPB Ham Wall nature reserve, Somerset**

An introduction to reedbeds and their management for wildlife, focusing on reedbed specialist species. We will cover the ecology of key species and the basic reedbed vegetation types, hydrology and management techniques. As well as discussing management, we will also touch on restoration and creation of this habitat. There will be a site visit in the afternoon.

## Advanced reedbed management

**Date: 23 August 2018**

**Location: RSPB Ham Wall nature reserve, Somerset**

A stand-alone course, or a follow-on from *An introduction to reedbeds*. We will look in more detail at some of the advanced and dynamic management solutions available for old or degraded reedbeds, and the outcomes they can deliver. We will also look at the more practical elements of management, including predator management and climate mitigation. There will be opportunities to discuss your own site and management challenges in a question and answer session.

Andy Hay



## Creation of reedbeds

**Date: 12 September 2018**

**Location: RSPB Ouse Fen nature reserve, Cambridgeshire**

This workshop will introduce the principles of the design and establishment of new reedbeds, from concept and design to practical considerations and species target requirements. We will go through the design and construction of Ouse Fen and then follow this with a site visit. Due to the nature of the site, there are limited spaces on this course, so booking early is advised.

**Nature After Minerals**  
Working together to restore quarries for people and wildlife

Andy Hay



# Urban

Sarah Niemann



## Managing for nature in parks and green spaces

**Date: 17 April and 25 September 2018**

**Location: Beeche Centre, High Elms, Bromley, London**

This interactive workshop is for contract managers and operative team leaders. It reviews the value of public open space for people and wildlife. It will unravel the jargon describing management requirements for wildlife and introduce delegates to basic ecological requirements of some key urban species. An afternoon site visit will look at the application of the theory covered in the morning.

John Day



## New builds and birds

**Date: 25 April 2018**

**Location: National Self Build and Renovation Centre, Swindon, Wiltshire**

This interactive course for architects, ecologists and planners will review policy obligations and introduce delegates to the species most likely to nest in or on new buildings. It will highlight the need to focus on the species in most need of conservation action, and how best to provide for them in new developments. There will be emphasis on house sparrows and swifts and we'll review the options available for starlings and house martins.

Ben Genovese



## Retrofitting buildings for birds

**Date: 26 June 2018**

**Location: National Self Build and Renovation Centre, Swindon, Wiltshire**

This is an interactive course for architects and ecologists. It will introduce delegates to the birds most likely to nest in buildings. It will review the legal obligations, what to look for and how to protect, mitigate and or enhance the nesting opportunities. There will be particular emphasis on declining priority species such as the house sparrow and swift, and also rural species such as the barn owl.

John Day



## Wildlife-friendly show gardens

**Date: 11 July 2018**

**Location: The Gateway, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire**

This interactive workshop is aimed at those who design show gardens for developers. It will dispel some of the myths around what a wildlife garden is and introduce the species most likely to be attracted to and benefit from a wildlife garden. We'll look at the features that make gardens most attractive to both wildlife and people, while demonstrating to home-buyers what they might like to include in their own new garden. There will be a site visit to the nearby show gardens at the award-winning Kingsbrook development.

# Woodlands

Jenny Hibbert



## Woodland management for wildlife

**19 March 2018 at Maulden, Bedfordshire**

**27 June 2018 at RSPB Leighton Moss nature reserve, Lancashire**

This course will cover general good practice woodland management for wildlife, then look in detail at habitat requirements for a range of species and how to target management for them. There will be time for discussion of woodland management issues, followed by lunch and a site visit, where we'll see a range of woodland habitat types and management techniques.

# Minerals

## Calcareous grassland enhancement, creation and management



**Date: 4 July 2018**

**Location: Dove Holes quarry, Derbyshire**

An introduction to grasslands - creation, establishment and aftercare - aimed at the minerals industry. Join us to learn about creating and managing calcareous grassland habitat to benefit a wealth of species. We will be covering: grassland creation techniques; choosing what is right for your soils; establishment; common issues and “what good looks like”, as well as the importance of aftercare management. The day will focus on calcareous grasslands surrounding CEMEX Dove Holes quarry in Derbyshire and will include a light lunch and afternoon site visit.

## Delivering biodiversity through minerals planning



**Date: 9 October 2018**

**Location: Stanwick Lakes, Northamptonshire**

With vital habitats being lost at an alarming rate, biodiversity enhancement – through priority habitat creation and management as an integral part of minerals restoration – can throw a much-needed lifeline to declining species. This Nature After Minerals course will showcase best-practice examples of how minerals planning can help to deliver significant net-gains in biodiversity, particularly at a landscape scale, and discuss how to implement these concepts. Open to all minerals planning stakeholders.

Chris Tomson



Tarmac

