



# **Aquatic and River Plant Identification**

## **Langford Lakes, Wiltshire**

Tutor: Sharon Pilkington

A 1 day course covering how to identify a range of common waterside plants, focusing on submerged, floating, emergent and bankside communities of slow-flowing/standing water.

## Details

### Aquatic Plant Identification

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Lowland freshwater habitats such as rivers and streams often support very characteristic communities of plants, many of which can be quite challenging to identify.

This course offers the chance to learn how to identify a wide range of riparian plants in the River Wylye (a small chalk river), disused gravel pits and associated wetland habitats including submerged, emergent and bankside communities of plants. Teaching techniques will focus on reliable and easily-memorable characters that can be used for much of the year. There will also be an opportunity to learn how to use a grapnel.

This workshop will be suitable for beginners and improvers alike.

## What to bring

- ▶ Wellies
- ▶ Lunch, water and snacks
- ▶ Notebook
- ▶ A hand lens
- ▶ Collecting bags (optional)
- ▶ Any ID guide you are happy working with (handouts will be provided)

Please inform us of any medical requirements/conditions we should be aware of prior to the course

Any problems on the day please call Sharon Pilkington on 07801 627449.

## Feedback from previous courses

'I thought the tutor was great. She worked well with a range of different people and clearly communicated the course content.'

'Excellent tuition, outdoor practical learning, good group size'

'The tutor took on board my objectives for taking the course and assisted with individual needs and questions. It was very well structured with species being discussed in detail before giving names. Time to write info down, good steady pace. Liked the idea of group presentations at the end. '

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## Schedule

- 10.00 Arrival and Welcome
- 10.10 Identification of river plants
- 13.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Identification of pond, stream and wetland plants
- 14.45 Practical exercise
- 16.00 Departure

## Directions

Just off the A36 Salisbury to Warminster road, follow signs for The Langfords. In Steeple Langford turn into Duck Street. Reserve entrance is on the left once you have crossed the river. Toilets are available in the reserve visitor centre.

Nearest postcode: SP3 4PA Grid Ref: SU03823692

Google Maps: click [here](#)

If using bus - use the No.265 bus service between Salisbury and Bath. Nearest bus stop is 500m away in Steeple Langford. Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets)



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