



River Plant Identification

Amesbury, Wiltshire

Tutor: Sharon Pilkington

A 1 day course covering how to identify a range of common riparian plants, focusing on submerged, emergent and bankside communities of a chalk river.

Details

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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 Avon (a shallow chalk river) focusing on 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 or thigh waders
- ▶ 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 or Dominic Price on 07968 786390.

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 Walk to river and ID of species
- 13.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Continued field ID of riparian species
- 14.45 Practical exercise
- 16.00 Departure

Directions

We will meet in the large car park by the Recreation Ground and Cemetery in Amesbury at the end of Bonnymead Lane (off Church Street) at SU149411. Please note that there are no public toilets, cafes or shops here.

Nearest postcode: SP4 7BB

Google directions: [Here](#)

Nearest Train Station: Grateley or Salisbury (both about 10km)

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