

Surveying for Window-winged Caddis Flies



Whitmoor Common
Friday, 18th May 2018

A half-day course for volunteers who would be willing to carry out surveys for Window-winged Caddis Flies (*Hagenella clathrata*). The course aims to teach volunteers:

- About the ecology and known distribution of Window-winged Caddis Flies
- How to identify the species
- Where, when and how to find the species
- How to submit records to the Species Recovery Trust

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Details

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The Window-winged Caddis Fly (*Hagenella clathrata*) is an extremely rare caddis fly. In England, it is now found in only two sites on the Shropshire/Welsh boarder, three sites in Staffordshire, and two in Surrey (Whitmoor and Chobham Common). It is thought to have declined with the drying out of its habitat, the encroachment of trees into its boggy habitat, wildfires, and the opening of tussock habitat by livestock trampling the ground.

The Species Recovery Trust is working in collaboration with Surrey Wildlife Trust to estimate how many caddis flies remain at the two Surrey sites and to assess how vulnerable the populations are. This will allow us to then target our conservation work appropriately. It is also possible that the caddis fly is found at other sites in Surrey that have not been surveyed to date, and so we are also keen to expand our survey effort to other sites.

To achieve this, we are planning to set up a long-term monitoring programme for the Window-winged Caddis Fly, and this is the main purpose of the volunteer day. We will teach you how to survey for the species and you will then be asked to carry out at least one survey each spring/summer and to submit your records to the Species Recovery Trust.

This is a great way of becoming involved in protecting your local wildlife whilst also learning new ecological skills.

The course will start with an indoor session in the Surrey Wildlife Trust portacabin in Pirbright, where you will learn about the ecology and distribution of the caddis fly, and how to survey for and identify it. We will then head outside for a practical session where we will hope to find some caddis flies. This will take place on Whitmoor Common, a 10 minute drive from Pirbright.

The training course is free of charge – to register, please email charlotte.carne@speciesrecoverytrust.org.uk.

Your leader for the training course will be Scotty Dodd, who is an authority on Window-winged Caddis Flies.

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What to bring

- Notebook/clipboard
- Water and snacks
- Firm boots and outdoor clothing

Any problems on the day please call Charlotte Carne on 07581328478.

Please inform us of any relevant medical requirements/conditions we should be aware of prior to the training day.

Schedule

12.45 Arrival and Welcome

13.00 Start of Course – indoor session to learn about the caddis fly

14.30 Outdoor practical session

16.30 Finish

Directions

Address:
Surrey Wildlife Trust portacabin
School Lane
Pirbright
Woking
Surrey
GU24 0JN

Whitmoor Common
Worplesdon
Jacobs Well
Guildford
GU4 7PZ

Google maps – [click here](#)

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Car parking is available on site, but it can get full. There is alternative parking on Pirbright Green, which is a 5 minute walk from the portacabin. Brookwood train station is about a 15 minute walk away. Please let us know if you will be travelling by train so that we can make sure we will have enough cars to get to Whitmoor Common.

For more information on Window-winged Caddis Flies [click here](#)

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