



Identifying Trees and Shrubs in Winter

The Natural History Museum, London

A 1 day course giving participants

- *the skills and confidence to identify trees and shrubs when not in leaf*
- *a chance to see the majority of British native trees growing in the museum wildlife garden*
- *a full set of twigs to label and take home*
- *a free copy of the FSC Aidgap Winter Trees guide*

Details

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Natural History Museum. London
10.30-4pm

Identifying trees through the winter months, when they rarely hold any leaves or fruits, is a real art form; but surprisingly simple when you know what to look for. This course will give participants a chance to look at the majority of British native species and learn how to confidently identify them, as well as collect twigs from common trees for future reference.

The session will involve time spent in the classroom looking at specimens and learning to use the guidebook, as well as a field session to further improve skills and a chance to test your skills at the end of the day.

Included in the course fee is a free copy of the acclaimed 48-page colour guide book to winter trees and shrubs.

What to bring

- ▶ Notebook
- ▶ Something to carry your twigs home in
- ▶ Water, lunch and snacks (coffee and biscuits provided and there is time to buy an astronomically expensive sandwich in the museum if you forget lunch)

The Wildlife garden can be bitterly cold in the winter so please bring plenty of outdoor clothing. Feel free to bring any (native) twigs you would like us to look at, apart from Ash twigs.

Any problems on the day please call Dominic Price on (07968) 786390

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

Feedback from previous courses

'I thought it was a well presented course, it felt nice and informal while I learned a relatively formal identification method, which I much approve of. The tutors were very open to questions and enquiries. Thumbs up all round.'

'I feel more confident in identifying a range of species, which wasn't the case before attending'

'My twig collection is now on display in the Ecology Consultancy office where staff are testing their knowledge and the book has been very well received. Thanks again to Dominic and Leif.'

'I thought it was great - good location, right amount of trees taught (anymore and I might've started to lose concentration, any less and I might've been a bit disappointed).'

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Schedule (approximate)

- 10.00 Arrival at Angela Marmont Centre (the queues can be long)
- 10.30 Start of course. Looking at twigs and using the guide.
- 11.45 First visit to wildlife garden
- 1.00 Lunch
- 1.45 Second session with visit to wildlife garden
- 2.30 Sort specimens
- 3.00 Test and summary
- 3.50 Finish

Directions

The course is being run in the Angela Marmont Centre. Come into the main entrance of the museum and from the main hall turn left towards the Orange Zone, descend the staircase to the cocoon and turn left. You may need to ring the bell to be let into the centre. Later in the morning we will head out to the wildlife garden, where we will spend a couple of hours before returning to the classroom.

Please allow adequate time to queue and go through the bag search.

The nearest tube for the NHM is South Kensington, once through the ticket barriers turn right and head down the subway until you see signs (approx. 10 minute walk).



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