

Introduction to Habitats, Surveying and UKHab

Objective: By the end of the session, attendees will be able to identify key habitat types, understand surveying approaches including what UKHab is and how it might be applied.

Content: During the session we will cover:

- What is a habitat?
- How particular habitats can be broadly identified e.g. ancient woodland, calcareous grassland, acid grassland, improved grassland
- Ecological importance of different habitats
- Importance of habitat surveys
- Understanding of different approaches to surveying
- Overview of UKHab
- Review of different habitat types and how surveys could be carried out

Trainer

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Rough guide to the day (programme subject to change)

Timing	Content	Learning
09:30 – 10:00	Arrival, welcome and introductions	
10:00 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Habitats – what are they and why they are important• Different surveying approaches• Introduction to UKHab	<p>Understanding of what habitats are and the different types of habitat with broad id features.</p> <p>Overview of surveying approaches with focus on UKHab.</p>
11:00-11:15	COFFEE	
11:15 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identification of key habitats using UKHab:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Woodland○ Grassland○ Wetlands○ Uplands etc.	<p>Closer look at different habitat types and how to broadly recognise the different types with classroom based exercises</p>
12:30-13:00	LUNCH	
13:00-15:00	Field practice in the fields around the venue.	Time spent in different habitats, examining different plant communities.
15:00-15:15	BREAK	
15:15-16:30	Surveying approaches and final questions	Looking at different methodologies