

# Understanding and Identifying Trees

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009



## Course description

This course will introduce participants to the trees native to Britain and some commonly grown coniferous timber trees. It will cover biology, preferred growing conditions, uses, ecological value and taxonomy as well as species identification. During the course participants will handle and examine fresh samples of most of the trees native to Britain!

## Who will benefit

Anyone with a professional interest in trees such as countryside staff, site managers, environmental educators and conservation volunteers

Anyone with an academic interest such as students and trainees

## What participants will gain

After attending the workshop participants will:

- ◆ Understand a range of terms and structures useful in tree identification
- ◆ Be able to identify most of the trees native to the British Isles to species level
- ◆ Be able to identify several of the main species used in modern forestry
- ◆ Understand how trees function biologically including reproductive and dispersal strategies and the preferred growing conditions for the common species





## Facilitator

Bruce Ferguson has worked in countryside management both in the North East and now nationwide for the last 24 years. His specialist subjects are countryside recreation management (including interpretation and community consultation), environmental education and woodland ecology, conservation and management. He is proficient in plant identification and habitat survey in particular grassland and woodland. He is involved with the production of interpretive plans, interpretive media, site development and management planning, the development and production of environmental education teaching resources and environmental education programme delivery. In addition to full time consultancy work for Countryside Management Services (UK) Ltd, he has lectured for the last 15 years on many different environmental land based modules from diploma to master's degree in the subjects he delivers professionally through his consultancy work. He has been a visiting lecturer at Sunderland University since 1999. In addition to an environment-based degree, he is a qualified arboriculturalist. He is a member of the Association for Heritage Interpretation and an Associate of the Institute for Earth Education.

## Location

Wynyard Woodland Park,  
Thorpe Thewles,  
Stockton-on-Tees

## Cost

£65 excluding VAT  
*This is a non-residential course*

## Other information

Buffet lunch included  
Refreshments included  
Come prepared for some activities outdoors  
A X5 to X10 hand lens will be useful  
**It is important to book by 12th September however if you miss this date please ring to check availability**

### ***For further information please contact:***

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