

Big Wasp Sort

FSC BioLinks



FSC BioLinks is an exciting project for FSC which brings together existing volunteers with skills in biological recording and identification, and new volunteers. As part of the project remit a range of subsidised training courses are available.

Date Tue 19 th Nov 2019	Location FSC London: Bushy Park	Level Beginner	Course fee* Free
Date Thu 28 th Nov 2019	Location FSC London: Bushy Park	Level Beginner	Course fee* Free

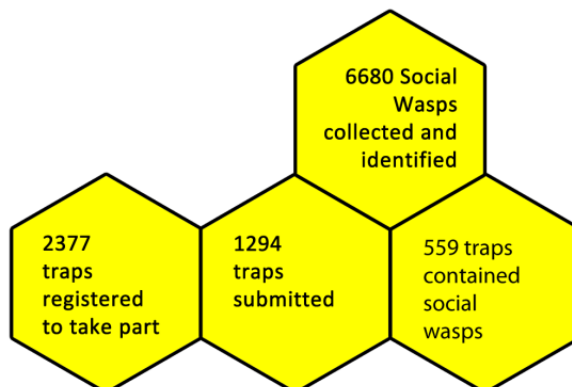
*This course is offered for free due to support from the FSC BioLinks project

Big Wasp Survey Overview

Wasps are ecologically essential insects. Both predators and pollinators, the social wasps (those yellow and black insects that bother us at picnics) live fascinating social lives and are much undervalued, even despised. However, just like their more glamorous cousin the honeybee, wasps are suffering as we change habitats and spray insecticides.

The Big Wasp Survey aims to gather important scientific data to help to quantify wasp species abundance, diversity and distribution.

Over the next couple of months, The Big Wasp Survey will be running several workshops, including these here in Bushy Park, to help sort and identify all the wasps received. In addition to helping them with this valuable research, the workshops will be a great opportunity to learn more about wasps and the best way to identify our most common species. No experience of wasp identification is required as Big Wasp Survey experts will be on hand to provide guidance.



The BWS 2017 in numbers © Big Wasp Survey

Please note that this course will involve the use of specimens that have been killed and preserved.

For more information about the Big Wasp Survey check out their website: www.bigwaspsurvey.org

Timetable

Please arrive in time for the workshop to start promptly at 10am. Refreshments will be available from 9.30am. The course will end at 4pm.

What's included?

- 6 hours of wasp-sorting fun!
- Certificate of attendance.
- Light refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits).

Please note lunch is not included and you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

What to Bring

- Notebook and pencil
- Hand lens (if you have one)
- Lunch

Please be aware that this is a Deer Park, and there can be ticks. Please consider wearing long sleeved tops and trousers, even if the weather is nice, and bring insect repellent.

There will be a member of staff with first aid training and access to a first aid kit on site. If you have special medical or access requirements, please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan the course.

How to Book

Contact us at biolinks@field-studies-council.org to book your space.

Getting there

FSC London: Bushy Park, c/o The Royal Parks, The Stockyard, Bushy Park, London

FSC work in the Stockyard Education Centre (TW12 2EJ), on Hampton Court Road. It is within the Park offices complex and is a working stockyard, with large vehicle movements throughout the day. A map of the Park can be found on The Royal Parks Website which shows the Park offices, and The Stockyard Education Centre is marked on the downloadable map.

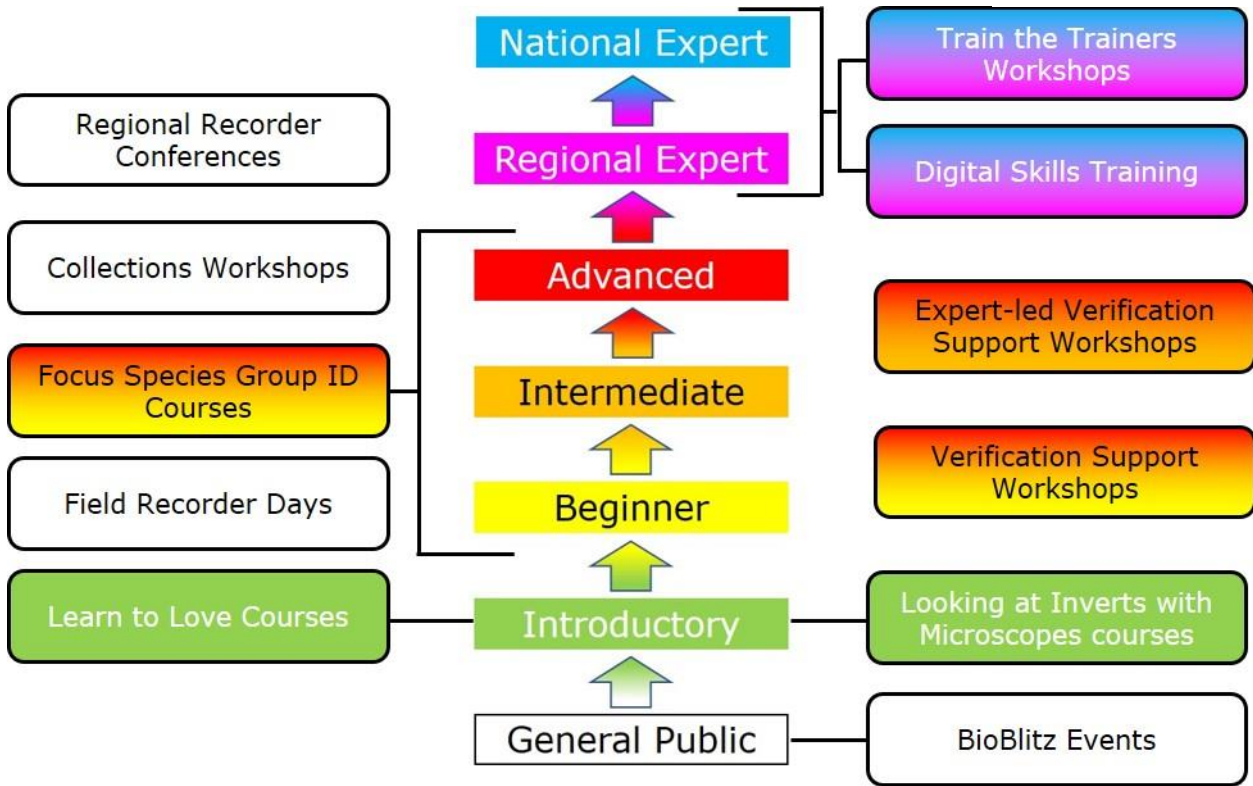
By Train: the nearest stations are Hampton Court or Hampton station, both about a 20 min walk from the Centre.

By Bus: 111 (from Kingston station) or R68 (from Hampton Court Station), bus stop is Garrick Villa.

By Car: Pay and display parking is available in the Park (See The Royal Parks website for details and prices).

About FSC BioLinks

This event is part of a structured pathway of training courses and events designed to train and support invertebrate recorders.



The FSC BioLinks project is a 5-year project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Field Studies Council.
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