



Photos of Reed Leopard and Fenn's Wainscot both by Jon Clifton

Wetland & Wainscots Training Course at Hickling Broad National Nature Reserve – Sunday July 22nd or Tuesday July 24th 2012

Following successful training courses in East Anglia and the West Midlands over recent years, Jon Clifton and Dave Grundy are joining forces to run two special Wetland and Wainscots training courses in 2012 at this nationally exciting Broadland site.

The courses are aimed at people with 'intermediate' abilities in identifying moths who want to learn more about the species found in this very specialised habitat. If you are unsure whether you qualify as 'intermediate' then get in touch - I'm sure you will manage fine as long as you are not a total beginner. Whatever your skill level, the courses will stretch your knowledge. Course details are;

Sunday July 22nd 2012 – 10am to 4pm or Tuesday July 24th 2012 – 10am to 4pm. In the morning there will be slide talks on wetland habitats, associated species and their identification, the speciality wainscots and other species found at Hickling Broad will be the main highlights. Live moth specimens caught the night before on the reserve will be identified by participants in the afternoon with assistance from the two instructors.

At the end of the course there will be an opportunity for all participants to see moths caught the night before and to photograph them where possible. The course will be based at the Hickling Broad NNR classroom next to the Visitor Centre at grid reference TG428222. This is approximately 4 miles SE of Stalham and just off the A149 Stalham to Caister-on-Sea road and is clearly signposted from Hickling village with 'brown badger' tourist signs into Stubb Road and on to the nature reserve. (There will be a maximum of 20 participants per course – booking essential)

Please make sure that you book for these training courses as places are limited.

Please bring a packed lunch with you. Training course places will be offered to applicants who apply first and once the course is full then a waiting list will be used. Further details will be sent out to participants just

before the course. Jon in Norfolk and Dave in the West Midlands will be organising other training courses in their areas in 2012, please contact them for further details of these.

These training courses will be classroom based, but there will also be examination of live moth specimens (that were trapped the night before). Moths caught will of course be dependent on weather conditions, but possible specialist reedbed species to be seen if weather conditions are good will be; Fenn's, Fen, Webb's, Silky, Brown-veined and Southern Wainscots, Dotted and Small Dotted Footman, Reed Leopard, Crescent and Garden Tiger.

These training courses are unfortunately not sponsored in any way (due to environmental spending cuts) and therefore places for participants will need to be charged for to cover Jon & Dave's expenses. The rate for people attending courses is at £25 per person for the day. Firm bookings for courses will only be accepted on receipt of a cheque for £25. Refund of cheques will only be possible if four weeks of notice is given of your cancellation. Please make cheques payable to D. Grundy.

If trainees wish to purchase a moth trap or other equipment, then this will be possible on the course if they contact us before the event.

Note: originally this course was just advertised for one day on Sunday 22nd July 2012, but due to the course booking so quickly, a second date has now been booked for Tuesday 24th July 2012. So you are welcome to book for either day.

Please book direct with myself, Dave Grundy, by phone, post or email;
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