NNNS workshops for all 2016



Sunday 10 April 10.00am - 4.00pm Wheatfen	An introduction to microfungi Tutor: Tony Leech Microfungi are the 'spots and dots' – fungi you need magnification to see well. Many are beautiful – all are interesting. This workshop is very much 'an introduction', looking at the main groups and some of the literature. And what better venue to hold this than the home of the late Ted Ellis!
Saturday 30 April 10.30am - 3.30pm Sheringham Park	Solitary bees In addition to the familiar 'social' bees (bumblebees and honey bee) many other species have adopted a different lifestyle – the solitary bees. This workshop will cover the identification of solitary bees at least to genus level, using keys and microscopes. Participants will have the chance to learn techniques of collecting and preserving their own specimens. The day will also cover the conservation of solitary bees and how to encourage them in your garden.
Saturday 4 June 10.00am - 4.00pm Holt Hall	Heath and dune lichens CANCELLED Tutor: Peter Lambley Intended for the beginner, this workshop will cover collecting and the basics of identifying these attractive but little-studied, organisms. There should be an opportunity for some collecting in the field but the emphasis will on examination under stereo microscopes
Sunday 19 June 10.00am – 4.00pm Natural Surroundings	Basics of plant identification Aimed at beginners and improvers. We will look in detail at the anatomy of a plant, covering all the main plant families (e.g. the carrot family, the pea family, the cabbage family); how to use a hand lens, and the pros and cons of the various field guides on the market. Weather permitting, we will spend time out-of-doors and put what we have learnt into practice.
July or August [date to be announced] 10.00am - 4.00pm Somewhere in North Norfolk** Sunday 10 July 10.00am - 4.00pm Holt Hall	Seaweeds for landlubbers The North Norfolk coast is richer in seaweed species than generally recognised. Many of these can be found cast up on the beach, on rocks at low tide or on saltmarshes. This will be an opportunity to examine specimens and learn how to identify them. Please contact Tony Leech (over) to register an interest and receive details when available. Wildlife digital photography for beginners For those wanting to escape from 'auto' mode to capture wildlife subjects, or get to grips with a new digital camera. You do not have to have an advanced camera – compacts (but not phones) acceptable! Further details will be sent to enquirers. Workshop fee £25.
Saturday 27 August 10.30am - 3.30pm Sheringham Park	Grasshoppers and crickets This is for anyone who wants to find out more about these fascinating insects which provide a soundtrack to late summer. The native species of grasshoppers and crickets in Britain can provide interesting clues to scientific questions on climate change and evolution. This workshop focuses on the identification and ecology of the group, with both indoor and outdoor sessions.
Saturday 3 September 10.30am - 3.30pm Sheringham Park	Shield bugs and ground beetles Tutors: Tristan Bantock and Rob Coleman This workshop focuses on how to find some common species using a variety of field techniques. We will also provide a starting point for people who would like to advance their skills in the identification of these fascinating insects during an indoor session.