

TRAINING COURSE

Demystifying Ornithological Survey Techniques for Fieldworkers: Best Practice for Environmental Impact Assessment

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is primarily for fieldworkers who conduct ornithological impact assessments (e.g. survey work at pre- and post windfarm construction sites) who want to ensure that their survey techniques are appropriate to project type, season, habitat and species, and that they meet the current best practice standards. As these standards are constantly updated and improved, this course is suitable for both inexperienced and experienced fieldworkers. The course content is suitable for many types of survey work and, if required, can be adapted to suit the training requirements of individual participants (e.g. more emphasis on flight activity surveys for windfarm-specific participants).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, participants will understand the following:

- Habitat interpretation and mapping
- Which species to select for surveying
- Breeding bird surveys
- Non-breeding bird surveys
- Flight activity surveys
- How to define the survey area
- How to select VPs
- Timing and duration of surveys
- What data to collect
- How to record data
- Field skills (disturbance, H&S, GPS)

COURSE DURATION

This is a two-day course. Day one is classroom-based and day two is spent out in the field to demonstrate the practical aspects and limitations of field survey techniques.

CONTACT DETAILS

To find out the dates of the next training course at our Scottish HQ, or to discuss the option of our trainers delivering this course at your own location, please contact ruth.tingay@natural-research.org in the first instance.