

Birds of Shropshire by Habitat and Season 2023-24



Do you enjoy watching birds? Would you like to expand your expertise by building on your current knowledge of common birds? Do you know which birds to expect in different habitats in Shropshire? Would you like to be able to identify the characteristic birds of the county in different seasons?

If so, this course is for you.

The course will meet sixteen times from September 2023 until June 2024, on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings. In each month, a classroom session will introduce the birds expected in different environments and/or seasons. This is followed by an outdoor trip on a following Sunday morning (not necessarily the next Sunday), during which you will put into practice the identification tips learned previously. You will accumulate expertise each month by building on the principles covered in previous sessions.



Course Leaders. Allan Heath, Dave Pearce and John Arnfield.

Cost. The course costs £95 for the 16 sessions, payable in advance.

Locations & Times. Tuesday indoor sessions will meet in the National Trust's Chalet Pavilion in the Cardingmill Valley, Church Stretton, at 7:30 p.m. on designated dates. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. For field trips, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. on specified Sunday mornings at the field excursion destination.

Joining the Course. Contact John Arnfield by email at arnfield.2@osu.edu or visit our website at https://introbirdcourse.wordpress.com/ where meeting dates and topics are listed and a downloadable form to sign-up to the course is available.



This course is sponsored by the Church Stretton branch of the Shropshire Ornithological Society and the National Trust (Cardingmill Valley & Shropshire Hills).