Useful Resources



Online Resources

For those who like to use technology there are a number of different resources available.

www.ispotnature.org if you are having difficulty identifying a plant take a photograph and upload it to the site and online contributors will help to identify it or you could browse the 30,000 species already identified on the site. Useful for any species not just plants.

A number of wild flower Apps are available to purchase but some have a limited number of species and you need to make sure that you select one for British flowers. www.isoperia.co.uk has an App called Wild Flower ID Automatic Recognition & Reference – Wildflowers of the British Isles. This has an automatic ID recognition facility using your photograph to give the probability of it being a particular species and seems to have good reviews.

A DVD-ROM is available called **Interactive Flora of the British Isles: A Digital Encyclopedia by C A Stace**. This is a computerised version of Stace's book New Flora of the British Isles and covers 5325 species.

The Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland has a website at www.bsbi.org.uk which has some useful resources. If you have identified the family and want to determine the species look under Training and select Identification for a useful plant crib or if you look under Resources and select Species Account there are some detailed articles about a limited number of plants.

The Wild Flower Society website <u>www.wildflowersociety.com</u> is a site for interested amateur botanists with some interesting articles about identifying difficult plant groups like Bittercresses.

Other Websites to Check out

- Plantlife www.plantlife.org.uk
- The Woodland Trust http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk
- The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland www.botanicalkeys.co.uk/flora/
- My Wildflowers (online key) www.mywildflowers.com/identify.asp
- Wildflower Finder http://wildflowerfinder.org.uk/

Flower walks and talks (not related to the CWA project)

Talk by Simon Harrap on the Wildflowers of Norfolk on Thursday 12th May 2016 7.30 – 9.30pm at Town Green Centre, Wymondham. Cost £2, includes refreshments. See NWT website What's On for full details

Wildflower walk at Neatherd Moor and Clarkes Acre on Wednesday 8th June 2016 7 – 9pm led by Helen Baczkowska NWT Conservation Officer. See *NWT website What's On for full details*

Guided walk at Beeston Common, Sheringham on Sunday 19th June 2016 2 – 4pm led by Honorary Warden Francis Farrow. See NWT website What's On for full details



Wildflower walk at Sculthorpe Moor, Fakenham on 2nd July 2016 10 am to 12.30pm with reserve warden Tim Smith. Hawk and Owl Trust members £4, non-members £5. Booking essential phone 01328 856788.

Wild Flowers Revealed: Catfield Fen, Sunday 26 June, 10.30am. Norfolk Flora Group and Norfolk and Norwich Naturalist Society, park at Catfield Hall, TG 3776 2128

Wild Flowers Revealed: Holkham Dunes and Gun Hill, Sunday 7 August, 10.30am. Norfolk Flora Group and Norfolk and Norwich Naturalist Society, park at Burnham Overy Staithe, TF 8451 4438

For other walks and talks check out:

- Norfolk and Norwich Naturalist Society www.nnns.org.uk
- Ted Ellis Trust www.wheatfen.org/
- Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service http://www.nbis.org.uk/upcoming-events

Workshops and Courses

Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society Workshop: Basics of plant identification, Sunday 19th June 10am – 4pm at Natural Surroundings with tutor Simon Harrap. Cost £15.

Aimed at beginners and improvers. Looking at the main plant families. E-mail <u>courses@nnns.org.uk</u> to book. See NNNS website for full details

The Field Studies Council runs a number of Wild flower courses from their different Centres across Britain. For full details of their Natural History Courses look on their website www.field-studies-council.org The nearest Centre is at Flatford Mill in Suffolk's Constable Country where the following wild flower courses are being held in 2016.

13 – 16 May Wild Flower Identification. The Top 20 Flower Families. Tutor Alanna Cooper. Cost £397

Intermediate level. Identification course for anyone with a recent or renewed interest in wild flowers

27 - 30 May Wild Flower Identification. The Top 20 Flower Families. Tutor Alanna Cooper. Cost £397

Intermediate level. Identification course for anyone with a recent or renewed interest in wild flowers

- **03 05 June** Introducing Grass Identification and Ecology. Tutor Jonny Stone. Cost £274 Beginner level Principles of grass identification down to individual species
- 5 8 August Identifying plants: Using Botanical Keys with confidence. Tutor Alanna Cooper, Cost £394

Open for all levels. Course for people who want to identify plants to species level

9 – 11 AugustWildflower identification for absolute beginners. Tutor John Hopkins. Cost £236

Absolute beginner level.



15 – 18 August Identifying difficult plants led by Tutor Ros Bennet. Cost £349

Intermediate level demystifying the identification of difficult plant groups

All of these are residential courses at the Flatford Mill FSC Centre at East Bergholt in Suffolk. The prices given are for residential with sole occupancy of a room, there are reductions for sharing rooms and non-residential participants. This is just a small selection of the Natural History courses run by FSC, look on the website if you are interested or prepared to travel further afield.





