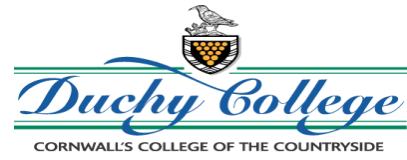




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LADYBIRD IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

DATE: WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2008
LOCATION: DUCHY COLLEGE, ROSEWARNE, CAMBORNE
(SW 645 411) GO TO RECEPTION
LEADER: DR KEITH ALEXANDER
COST: £25 (BOOKING ESSENTIAL)



While Ladybirds tend to be very popular with naturalists they are not at all easy to identify. This workshop will cover the range of species likely to be found in Cornwall - 32 species are currently known- introduce recorders to their identification and discuss their habitat associations and how to find them. Coaching in identification will, however, be the main focus. Participants will be provided with a copy of an identification guide and coached in its use. This will be supported by a practical search to find ladybirds in their habitats.

- ❖ 9:30 am **Registration** and coffee.
- ❖ 10:00 am **Introduction** to the workshop; information on general life cycles and habits; structural features used in identification; the Cornish ladybird fauna and what is currently known about their distribution.
- ❖ 11:00 am **Break**
- ❖ 11:15 am **Examination** of dead specimens under a binocular microscope and gaining experience in the use of the identification key.
- ❖ 12:30 pm **Break for Lunch**
- ❖ 1:30 pm **Fieldwork** in Rosewarne gardens: searching for Ladybirds in suitable looking places and discussing habitat associations and field identification tips.
- ❖ 3:30 pm **Break**
- ❖ 3:45 pm **Examination** of the live specimens that we will have gathered from the gardens and general discussion.
- ❖ 5:00pm **Finish**

Optional Items to Bring

- ❖ Packed Lunch. Or you can go to the campus café at lunchtime.
- ❖ Specimens that you would like to identify.
- ❖ Your favourite hand lens.
- ❖ Sweep net or beating tray. A white sheet and a stick will do.

Useful Texts

- ❖ See Attached Reading list for useful texts

For further information, if you have any suggestions for future workshops and field trips, or would be able to help lead a workshop, please contact Sue Scott at the Records Centre Wildlife Information Service on (01872) 240777 xtn 240.