



BIRDWATCHING for BEGINNERS

At Yorkshire Coast Nature we love to share our enthusiasm for the birds and wildlife around us

July – September 2022 Course Details

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Who is the course for?

This 8-week course is for beginner Birdwatchers; those of you who have developed a curiosity about the birds you see in your garden or your local park, and want to know more.

It is designed to give you a better understanding of a variety of birds and their chosen habitats. The course will give you confidence in how to spot and identify them, and a greater understanding of the resources that exist to help you pursue this interest on your own. Who knows, you may even get hooked!

Who will be teaching me?

The course will include both indoor sessions, learning the basic skills and longer, outdoor sessions where you can put your new found knowledge and skills into practice. Our expert tutor Margaret Boyd will provide you with all the guidance you need. Margaret is a qualified teacher who started birding at a very young age. She has been sharing her passion for the subject as one of the YCN guiding team for many years. You can see Margaret's profile [here](#).

What will I learn?

The course will cover:

- Bird identification skills
- How to find birds in a variety of habitats
- Fieldcraft – top tips that you won't find in books
- Equipment - and how to use it
- Parts of a bird – their topography
- Bird sounds
- How to use resources such as field guides
- An introduction to bird conservation

How big is the group?

At Yorkshire Coast Nature we want to give you the best experience possible, so all our wildlife trips are run in small groups. This course is no exception. Our maximum group size will be 8. This guarantees that you will have a good birding experience both in the classroom and outside 'in the field'.

When are the sessions?

We will be running two concurrent courses starting in July - exactly the same content but at different times of the day. We have a daytime only course and, for those of you with work or other commitments, we are running an evening classroom session with field visits on alternate weekends. You can see the dates and times in the table below.

If you are interested in joining us, please check the dates and times and choose the course that best suits your availability.

We are sorry, but it is not possible to swap between courses.

July 18th – Sept 5th Course Dates

COURSE A week days - daytime					COURSE B weekday evening and weekends				
Session	day	date	time	venue	Session	day	date	time	venue
Week 1	MON	18/07/22	10am-12	indoor venue	Week 1	MON	18/07/22	7- 9pm	indoor venue
Week 2	MON	25/07/22	9am -1pm	outdoor venue	Week 2	SUN	24/07/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue
Week 3	MON	01/08/22	10am-12	indoor venue	Week 3	MON	01/08/22	7- 9pm	indoor venue
Week 4	MON	08/08/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue	Week 4	SUN	07/08/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue
Week 5	MON	15/08/22	10am-12	indoor venue	Week 5	MON	15/08/22	7- 9pm	indoor venue
Week 6	MON	22/08/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue	Week 6	SUN	28/08/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue
Week 7	WED	31/08/22	10am-12	indoor venue	Week 7	WED	31/08/22	7- 9pm	indoor venue
Week 8	MON	05/09/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue	Week 8	SUN	04/09/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue

September 26th – November 14th Course Dates

COURSE A week days - daytime					COURSE B weekday evening and weekends				
Session	day	date	time	venue	Session	day	date	time	venue
Week 1	MON	26/09/22	10am-12	indoor venue	Week 1	MON	26/09/22	7- 9pm	indoor venue
Week 2	MON	03/10/22	9am -1pm	outdoor venue	Week 2	SUN	02/10/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue
Week 3	MON	10/10/22	10am-12	indoor venue	Week 3	MON	10/10/22	7- 9pm	indoor venue
Week 4	MON	17/10/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue	Week 4	SUN	16/10/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue
Week 5	MON	24/10/22	10am-12	indoor venue	Week 5	MON	24/08/22	7- 9pm	indoor venue
Week 6	MON	31/10/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue	Week 6	SUN	30/10/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue
Week 7	MON	07/11/22	10am-12	indoor venue	Week 7	MON	07/11/22	7- 9pm	indoor venue
Week 8	MON	14/11/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue	Week 8	SUN	13/11/22	9am-1pm	outdoor venue

Where will the course take place?

The indoor sessions will be in York, in the Harriet Room, a spacious modern building near the entrance to [York Cemetery](#) and close to the city centre. The venue is light, has good facilities and ventilation, and with a small group there are ample opportunities for social distancing. There are also several bus routes which stop outside the cemetery.

Our outdoor sessions will take place at a variety of suitable venues around the York area that are accessible by car and public transport.

What are the costs?

The cost for the course is **£275** per person

Costs include:

Expert tuition and bird guide

8 sessions over 8 weeks – indoor and outdoor (a total of 24 hours tuition)

All course materials including a free birding notebook

Use of binoculars if needed

YCN will make a donation of 5% of the course income to a local bird conservation project.

Costs do not include:

Transport

Bird reserve entrance fees (if applicable)

Parking fees

You will find binoculars very useful on this course, but don't worry if you haven't got any. We will be discussing the use of equipment and we have high quality binoculars available for the outdoor sessions if you require them.

If you have any further questions, please email info@yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk

You will receive further details, how to find us and what to bring on booking.
We look forward to meeting you.

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