**COURSE INFORMATION SHEET**



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| **Course Title:** An Introduction to the birds of Woodland | **Day/Date/Year:** Monday 20 April 2020 |
| **Start Time:** 9.30am | **Finish Time:**  1pm |
| **Course Tutor:** | Mike Russell |
| **Course description and subjects covered** | These special half day bird safaris are aimed at giving beginners an introduction to the bird life of Sussex in a variety of habitats. In April our woodland birds are busy establishing their territories and finding mates. It’s a great to get to grips with identifying birds through sight and song. The woodland habitats around Pulborough Brooks offer a great opportunity to watch warblers, finches, woodpeckers, Nuthatches, Treecreepers and other woodland birds. **PLEASE NOTE:** There is a £6 entrance fee charge to enter the reserve for non-RSPB members. Please bring your membership card if you are a RSPB member for free entry.No previous knowledge needed, just enthusiasm. .  |
| **Meeting point / Venue:** | We will meet outside the RSPB Pulborough Brooks visitors centre. The reserve is located between Pulborough and Storrington on the A283. Full directions are available on the RSPB website. |
| **Other sites to be visited:** | RSPB Pulborough Brooks Reserve |
| **What to bring:** | * Binoculars
* Appropriate footwear for walking in potential wet and muddy areas.
* Appropriate clothing for weather conditions at time.
* A field identification guide may be useful but not essential
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| **Other Information:**  | **PLEASE NOTE:** There is a £6 entrance fee charge to enter the reserve for non-RSPB members. Please bring your membership card if you are a RSPB member for free entry.Free car parking.There are toilet facilities and a café at the visitors centre.  |
| **Public Transport:**  | Compass Bus 100, from Burgess Hill to Horsham, stops at Pulborough train station and serves the stop immediately outside the reserve. It is a request stop, so you will need to ask the driver to drop you outside the reserve when you board. Contact Traveline at [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk) |
| **Accessibility:**  | We will be out for about 3 hours walking on rough tracks, which may be wet and muddy after rain. |