



Hazel Dormice

Ecology & Survey

Techniques

This introductory course will provide you with the skills and knowledge on how to undertake surveys for hazel dormice. The course is part classroom and part field-based.

Course content:

- Legislation and conservation priorities.
- Dormouse ecology.
- Identifying field signs and avoiding potential confusion with other species.
- Assessing habitat suitability for dormice.
- Survey methods, including hazelnuts, hair-tubes, CCTV, wild nest, nest tube and nest box surveys.
- Practical experience of planning and undertaking dormouse survey.
- Handling and biometric processing of dormice*.
- Reporting survey results for clients and conservation purposes.
- Health and safety considerations.

*If dormice are found, handling will be demonstrated but we do not offer handling experience. There is no guarantee of finding dormice during box checks.

Attendees must be fit and able to walk across rough terrain. Appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear should be worn.

A course certificate will be issued following completion of a test.