

Early Season/Vegetative Grass Identification

Old Sarum, Salisbury

A one-day course giving participants

- *confidence in identifying key grasses when not in flower*
- *a good feel for grass groups of neutral and unimproved calcareous grassland and their use as indicator species*
- *a chance to learn memorable features, allowing grasses in any condition to be identified to species level*

Details

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Nearly every species of grass and most sedges have at least one key feature, which can be used to pinpoint them to genus and species level. This course aims to teach people to spot and memorise these characters for the majority of common species and some of the more specialised species found on unimproved grasslands.

This training day will give participants the confidence to identify a wide range of grasses and sedges at a time of year when many of them are not flowering. Throughout the day several species will be repeatedly examined and candidates being tested on these, leaving them able to confidently identify 20 species. The workshop will be carried out on 3 different grassland types, and also focus on using indicator grasses to assess habitat type and quality.

What to bring

- ▶ Notebook/clipboard
- ▶ Water, lunch and snacks, firm boots (steep banks) and outdoor clothing
- ▶ Hand lens (there will be some to purchase on the day)
- ▶ £2 for parking at Old Sarum

Old Sarum can be extremely exposed to the weather and there are no indoor facilities beyond the loos.

Any problems on the day please call Dominic Price on (07968) 786390

Please inform us of any relevant medical requirements/conditions we should be aware of prior to the course.

Feedback from previous courses

'I really enjoyed the course and found it much more useful than courses I have attended recently'

'Just wanted to say thank you for such an enjoyable and interesting day. Dominic is always such an excellent and relaxed tutor, who can even make learning grasses so enjoyable.'

'Dominic is a brilliant teacher, it's the quirks one remembers well, not keys.'

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Schedule

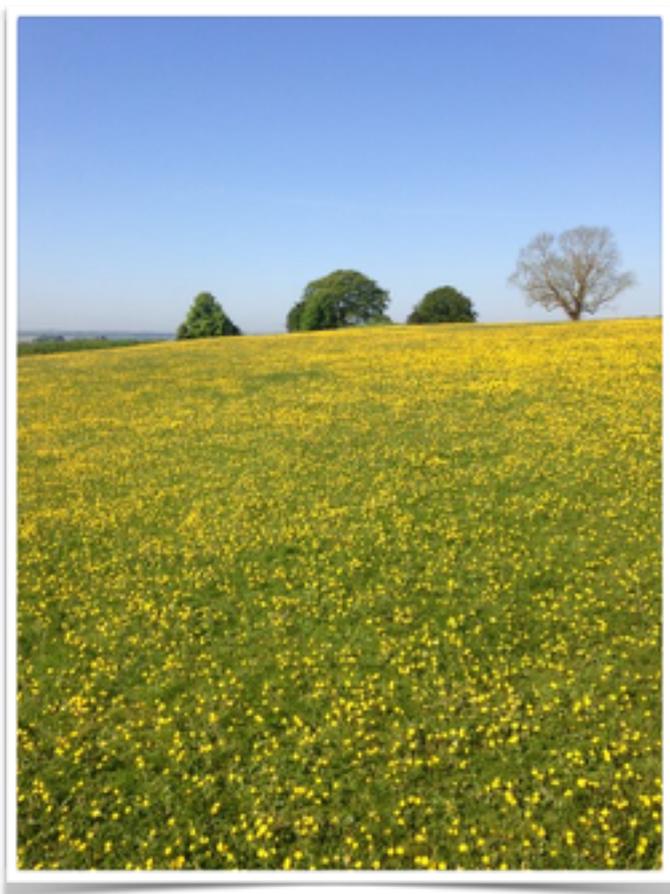
10.00 Arrival and Welcome
10.15 Start of Course
3.45 Finish.

Directions

Old Sarum is signed off the A345, 2 miles north of Salisbury. Meet in the main car park, up the steep drive (where there are also loos). The gates open at roughly 9.30am. There is a £1 charge for parking.

Address: Old Sarum, Castle Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire - SP1 3SD
Google maps - click [here](#)

Please ask if you would like a lift from/to the train station



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