

# Earthworm Identification Course

Take a closer look at the essential world beneath your feet. Learn how to spot these incredible creatures in your back garden, local park or woodland and find out more about the amazing role each of these little heroes plays.

Earthworms, they just wriggle around, right?

Wrong! They do so much more than pop up every now and again out of the soil and hope they haven't caught the eye of a hungry bird.

## Did YOU know that earthworms...

... are keen gardeners?

... leave castings in the soil rich in nutrients, improving your soil fertility and keeping your plants and vegetables healthy?

... breathe through their skin?

And that there are 26 species of them in the UK? That's right, 26. (Not just the one brown earthworm you think you keep seeing!)

## Who is the course suitable for?

- Beginners, all ages and abilities.
- Natural History societies, schools, clubs, any group with an interest.
- No previous earthworm knowledge required.

## Dates and locations

Earthworm Identification Courses can be booked flexibly to fit the needs of your individual society or group. We come to you on the Saturday or Sunday of your choice (subject to ESB staff availability) throughout Winter, Spring and Autumn.

### What you'll discover

- How to identify the most common earthworm species with the help of experts
- Soil ecology and earthworm habitats
- How to attract more earthworms into your garden
- How you can help us with our national recording scheme
- New-found knowledge to impress your friends, family and fellow gardeners
- A fun day out getting your hands dirty!

### What we provide

- Microscopes (up to a maximum of 6)
- Identification keys and charts
- Training for up to 12 people per course
- On completion, attendees will receive an Earthworm Society ID certificate.

### What we need from you

- A location with power sockets, a sink and tables and chairs
- A suitable site to sample (with permission to dig holes in the ground!)

Dig into an amazing wriggly world!

book today!



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For more information or to book a course, simply call Dan Carpenter on 0207 942 5208 or email [dan@earthwormsoc.org.uk](mailto:dan@earthwormsoc.org.uk)

## Who on earth are we?

The Earthworm Society of Britain is the only one of its kind in the country. Through events, activities, identification courses and training programmes, we aim to increase public awareness and interest in earthworms, the ways they help us and how we can encourage and maintain a healthy population here in the UK. We want to give these often overlooked little heroes the recognition they deserve!



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