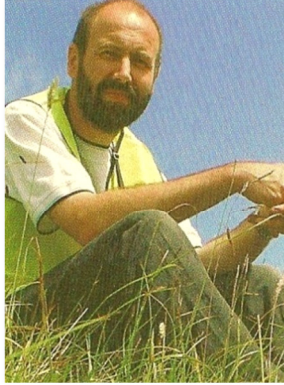




WildWatch North Pennines

Birds of the North Pennines Course outline 2014

This course gives you the chance to learn more about bird watching and how to better identify the birds you see in the North Pennines. The four day course will cover a variety of topics designed to bring you greater enjoyment and understanding from watching birds.



The course takes place on;

- Saturday 12th April at Sinderhope
- Saturday 10th May at Edmundbyers;
- Saturday 14th June at Bowlees nr. Middleton-in-Teesdale
- Saturday 8th November, at Talkin Tarn nr. Brampton.

These sites will provide the opportunity to study: riverine birds of the North Pennines', dales woodland birds, upland waders and birds of prey, wetlands and wildfowl

Each day-long workshop will comprise an indoor session and a field session. The field sessions will give participants a chance to see and find their own birds and to build up their skills, locating and identifying birds in the upland context.

The indoor sessions will be themed 'study sessions' with some structure and some fun. They will examine topics such as 'what is a bird', 'bird topography and identification' or look at a particular group or trope of birds (e.g. dales woodland birds) that cross-refers to the relevant

field session. £120 covers all four workshops or £30 per day. For those people registered and recording this course is offered at a discount price of £100 (or £25 per day). Please make cheques payable to Durham County Council and mark the reverse WildWatch. To book please go to

www.northpennines.org.uk/WildWatch

About Keith Bowey

Keith Bowey has worked in nature conservation and the field of ecology for over 30 years. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management. Today he runs his own ecological consultancy and works as a consultant to the Open University.

His ornithological work has taken him to locations across the British Isles and the world. He managed the multi-award winning Northern Kites Project, is one of the region's best known ornithologists and was lead author, and principal editor, of the The Birds of Durham, published in June 2012.



He has written extensively about birds and wildlife and contributed to many radio and television programmes,

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