

### Introduction to the Care of Entomology Collections

<p><b>Course Description</b></p>	<p>Do you have insect collections in your museum? Would you like to discuss these entomology collections with a specialist? Would you like a basic introduction to curation and management of entomology collections?</p> <p>This workshop will aim to develop participants' confidence in working with entomology collections. The day will provide an overview of the history of insect collections in Scotland and the intellectual value of entomological collections today. Using the extensive entomological collections at the National Museums Collection Centre, the emphasis will be on the practical care and use of insect collections.</p> <p>Separate elements of the day will focus on evaluating the significance of individual insect collections; recognising signs of pest infestation and pest management; assessing adequacy of historical storage furniture and packaging and looking at examples of current good practice; mobilising data from collections and making it available to a wider audience; preparation and labelling of new material; and an introduction to identification resources, study and field-collecting equipment.</p> <p>This workshop is aimed at non-entomologists with responsibility for insect collections.</p>
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>	<p>Following this workshop participants should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be more aware of the types of entomological material likely to be found in Scottish collections</li> <li>• Have some basic knowledge of professional good practice in curation and management of entomological material</li> <li>• Know where to go for further information and advice</li> </ul>
<p><b>Course leader(s)</b></p>	<p>Ashleigh Whiffin, Assistant Curator – Entomology Vladimir Blagoderov, Principal Curator - Invertebrates, Entomology</p>
<p><b>Advance preparation</b></p>	<p>Participants must complete a pre-workshop questionnaire via the online sign up to highlight priority issues for discussion and to inform course leaders about their current situation.</p>
<p><b>Cost</b></p>	<p>Free of charge</p>
<p><b>Venue</b></p>	<p>National Museums Collection Centre, Edinburgh</p>
<p><b>No of participants</b></p>	<p>8</p>

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