Training courses

Identiplant
This BSBI distance learning online and real plant identification throughout the summer. With the support of a tutor, 15 units track the flowering season, each ending with a short question sheet. £300; subsidies available for volunteers.
www.bsbi.org/training-courses

Plants are green
This FSC online course, approved by BSBI, is designed for anyone interested in the biology of plants. Many plant life processes are very complicated, but they are explained from first principles in straightforward language without jargon or unnecessary detail and with plenty of illustrations. 10 units, each ending with a short question sheet, requiring you to observe real plants. Under development – see BSBI and FSC websites for updates.

In the field...
The best way to get to grips with plants is by observing them in the field with the help of a knowledgeable tutor. Every year FSC runs a range of courses from a nationwide network of study centres. Courses in 2018 included woodland plants, coastal plants, limestone flora, dandelions, daisies, thistles, ferns, grasses sedges, rushes and lichens.
Prices start from £45 for a day course and £200 for a residential course.
www.field-studies-council.org/naturalhistory

BSBI runs a programme of national field meetings. Find out more at: www.bsbi.org/field-meetings

Local botany groups also run field meetings across the country. Find out what’s happening in your area: www.bsbi.org/local-botany

Nationally recognised qualification in botanical ID skills

BSBI Field Identification Skills Certificate
An independent validation of your plant identification skills, recognised by employers and which helps you to assess your progress. The low cost assessment takes one full day – applications and details on the BSBI website www.bsbi.org/field-skills

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- Training courses
- Wide range of ID guides and books
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Online plant keys www.botanicalkeys.co.uk/flora/
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Full colour laminated charts packed with information and designed for use in the field.

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