**Bird Identification for Ecological Consultants**

This course is aimed at fulfilling CPD (Continuing Professional Development) needs for Ecological Consultants doing bird surveys.

Ecological consultants are the new ‘custodians of our countryside’ and a good sound knowledge of bird identification is vital to accurate survey work. This course aims to give both new and established consultants the confidence to identify difficult species. A certificate of completion will be issued to those completing the course.

The course will major on bird identification by both sight and sound and will include early Spring migrants and late Winter visitors in the field. Some of the course will also be held in the classroom when sound files and illustrated presentations will be used.

There will be the opportunity to identify birds both around the Flatford Mill area and also on one day at a Suffolk coastal reserve. The visit to the coast will be by minibus.

**About the Tutor**

Carl Chapman is a qualified ornithologist, has a diploma in photography and Norfolk’s cetacean and pinniped recorder as well as being heavily involved with several environmental charities. He is a trained ecologist specialising in several protected species and is also an advanced driver and is a qualified first aider.

Carl has run his travel organisation, Wildlife Tours & Education since the beginning of 2008; initially with just tours around Norfolk. As customers returned, they asked if they could be taken around other parts of the UK. Now he usually does a longer tour each month of the year.

He has been watching birds and other wildlife for more years than he cares to remember and has been teaching Bird Courses at Flatford and other institutions for many years.