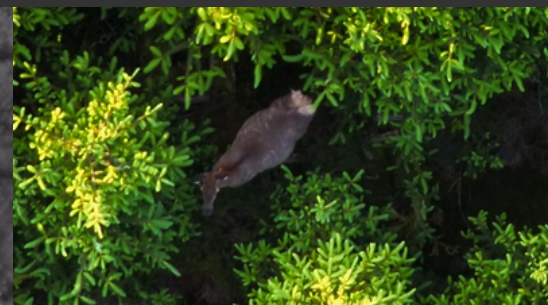
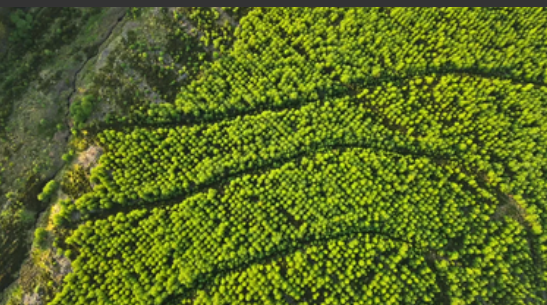


DEER CENSUS & SURVEY TECHNIQUES

DRONE SURVEYS | DEER ACTIVITY & HABITAT IMPACT ASSESSMENTS | APPLICATION IN DEER MANAGEMENT



KEY DETAILS:

Date: Thursday 18th April 2024

Time: 09:30 – 17:00 (with 1 hour lunch)

Location: Wild Ken Hill, Ken Hill Estate & Farm, near Heacham, West Norfolk (PE31 7PQ)

Ticket details: £50 per person (includes a simple lunch of sandwiches, cake and fruit and basic drink refreshments and a certificate of attendance).

EVENT OVERVIEW:

This 1-day special BDS best practice event offers deer, land, forestry, wildlife, rewilding and conservation managers, practitioners, and students a unique opportunity to develop and enhance their understanding of deer census and deer habitat impact assessment techniques at a rewilding site with mixed arable, woodland and grassland habitats.

This is a perfect event for those looking to adopt more ethical, evidence-based and sustainable approaches to their existing or future deer and land management strategies. Students interested in working in these and related fields will gain a wealth of knowledge and networking opportunities from the event.

Please note this event is limited to 50 people, so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.



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FULL ITINERARY:

09:30 Arrival & coffee

10:00 Introduction to the site and day

10:15 Wild Ken Hill overview

10:30 Deer activity and habitat impact assessments

11:15 Coffee

11:30 Drone surveys as a census method

12:15 Bringing the information into Deer Management

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Woodland visit & habitat impact assessment demonstration (outdoors)

16:00-17:00 Attendance certificates & depart

OUTLINE OF THE DAY:

Your presenters for the day will include deer management experts Nick Rout (Head of Training, BDS), Glyn Ingram (Head Ranger and Deer Manager, Sky Park Farm), and Rhian Tyne (BDS Assistant Training Officer), wildlife manager and wildlife survey expert Ben Harrower (BH Wildlife Consultancy), and rewilding and conservation experts Dominic Buscall (Founder, Wild Ken Hill) and Hetty Grant (Conservation Manager, Wild Ken Hill). This is a rare opportunity for learners to access the combined expertise and knowledgebase of a highly experienced and dedicated group of deer, wildlife, rewilding, and conservation managers.

The day will include a demonstration (weather dependent) and presentation about drone survey technology as a method to census deer, as well as a presentation and practical training on deer activity and habitat impact survey methodology including reporting and interpretation of results. The final elements of the day will include a presentation of how survey elements can be combined to develop an evidence-based deer management plan for a site. The importance of evidence-based approaches and landscape scale collaborative approaches for establishing a more ethical, effective, and sustainable national deer management strategy will be discussed. Participants are welcomed to ask questions and initiate discussions relevant to the topics taught on the day.



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BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS:

[To book, please visit the event booking page here.](#)

Please remember the event is limited to 50 spaces, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

If you have special dietary requirements, please be sure to include them.

HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Nick Rout, BDS Head of training via email at nick.rout@bds.org.uk.

EVENT FUNDING & PRICING NOTE:

Please note this is a non-profit, best practice educational event with all ticket proceeds contributing towards a portion of the costs of running the event.

A deer survey using drone technology will be conducted on site prior to the event (weather dependent) and may be included as part of the event day. This survey has been supported by funds raised by BDS members, supporters, and The Reed Foundation during a campaign on The Big Give fundraising platform (Nov. 2023).

The drone survey educational elements of the day are being provided by the kind generosity of BH Wildlife Consultancy. The site venue, catering and facilities are kindly being provided and arranged by Wild Ken Hill.

WEATHER NOTE:

If the weather is not suitable for drone surveys on the day (i.e. high winds), the drone survey presentation element will be provided in a remote format. All other elements of the day will continue as outlined and attendees are advised to wear clothing appropriate for the weather on the day as one of the sessions will be outside.



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