



Notification of CCF Training Course

“Tree Marker Training – Early Transformation to Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) in Sitka spruce”

To Be Delivered By Silviculturist Ted Wilson MSIF

Date: March 20th and 21st 2019

Venue: Lawlors Hotel Naas and a Private Forest at Killeel, Co. Kildare

Pro Silva Ireland is delighted to announce the running of a training course on early transformation to CCF in Sitka spruce plantations. The course involves indoor and outdoor sessions over two days with practical tree marking exercises in a specially prepared forest area. Participants will receive individual feedback on tree marking and will learn the difference between conventional early thinning in clearfell forestry versus tree selection for CCF management. The course is designed for foresters and “hands on” forest owners who are taking their first steps in CCF management.

Ted Wilson is a silviculturist with international experience and interests in tree biology, silvicultural systems and forest conservation. His primary focus is silvicultural science and the management of continuous cover forests. Ted is currently a Teagasc Walsh Fellow in Silviculture, a PhD candidate in UCD and the lead researcher on the Teagasc/UCD TranSSFor Project: transformation of Sitka spruce stands to Continuous Cover Forestry in Ireland.

The course is limited to **10 participants** and the cost will be **€225 for Pro Silva Ireland members or €275 for non-members** (who will be offered free membership of Pro Silva Ireland if they register for the course). The course will be worth 45 SIF CPD Points. To register, please email membership secretary and treasurer Manus Crowley (manus@enfor.ie) and arrange payment with him.

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