

# Field Course in Western Ghat Tree Identification



## Facilitator

Dr. Navendu Page

## Location

Rainforest Retreat, Coorg

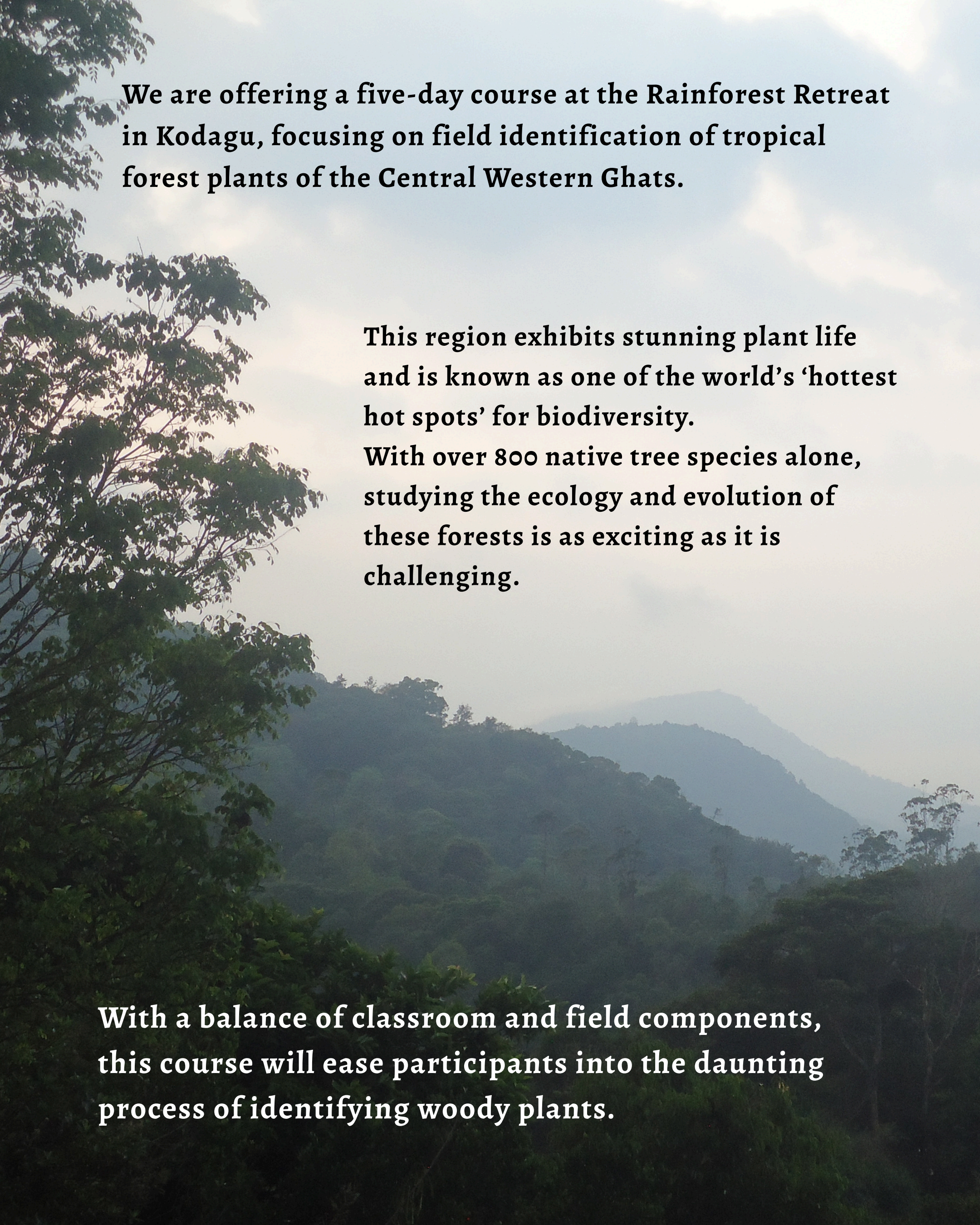
## Dates

14th-19th January 2026

## Who can apply

Early career plant ecologists, plant enthusiasts, and those collecting field data on different aspects of plant communities.





**We are offering a five-day course at the Rainforest Retreat in Kodagu, focusing on field identification of tropical forest plants of the Central Western Ghats.**

**This region exhibits stunning plant life and is known as one of the world's 'hottest hot spots' for biodiversity.**

**With over 800 native tree species alone, studying the ecology and evolution of these forests is as exciting as it is challenging.**

**With a balance of classroom and field components, this course will ease participants into the daunting process of identifying woody plants.**



**The process of identifying plants is similar to the logic of scientific deduction.**



**Over the five days we will familiarize ourselves with techniques to deduce affinities within families, genera, and species. We will also learn about tropical plant ecology and evolution.**

**Prior knowledge of botany is desirable but not essential!**





## About the Facilitator

**Dr. Navendu Page is a wildlife biologist and ecologist by training. He completed his PhD from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, where he studies the ecology of trees in the evergreen forests across the entire stretch of the Western Ghats. He has been teaching field botany through workshops and field courses for more than 10 years. His primary motivation behind conducting these workshops is to get young biologists interested in plants, since a strong foundation in field botany is essential for pursuing research in ecology, evolution, biogeography and ecophysiology.**



# About the Venue

**The Rainforest Retreat at Mojo Plantation is a unique project that combines eco-tourism with sustainable agriculture and environmental education.**

**It harbours a thriving ecosystem filled with rare and endemic species. Our richly forested valleys surrounded by Shola wilderness and grassland-covered hills provide the ideal habitat for this workshop. Participants will stay in beautiful rustic cottages surrounded by greenery, birdsong, and flowing water. For more information see [www.rainforestours.com](http://www.rainforestours.com).**





**This course is limited to 15 participants.**

**Please send your application to [rainforestours@gmail.com](mailto:rainforestours@gmail.com) with a brief writeup about yourself and how this course would be useful to you.**

**Cost: Rs. 15,000 (Including Food and Accommodation for six nights)**

**Application Deadline: 31.12.2025**

