



Nature-Positive Landscaping

Greener Practices for Healthier Ecosystems

1 DAY COURSE

RETHINKING LANDSCAPING IN THE UAE

As urban landscapes expand across the UAE, landscaping practices have an increasingly important role to play in supporting — or disrupting — local ecosystems.

This professional development opportunity introduces landscaping teams, supervisors, and environmental managers to the principles of ecosystem engineering: a practical approach that works with nature to enhance biodiversity, improve soil health, and create more resilient green spaces.



MANAGING LANDSCAPES WITH NATURE IN MIND

Participants will explore how small changes in maintenance practices can have a significant ecological impact. Topics include understanding the breeding seasons of native pollinators, insects, and birds; reducing disturbance during sensitive life-cycle periods; identifying valuable habitat features; and using organic matter such as leaf litter, dead wood, and natural mulch to enrich soils and support healthy food webs. The training also explores how irrigation, pruning schedules, pesticide use, waste management, and vehicle movement influence local wildlife and ecosystem balance.



LANDSCAPES BEYOND APPEARANCE

Designed specifically for landscaping and forestry sectors operating in arid and urban environments, **this hands-on programme equips teams with practical strategies to shift from purely aesthetic landscape maintenance towards biodiversity-positive land stewardship.** By learning to recognise landscapes as living systems rather than static green spaces, participants will develop the knowledge and confidence to create environments where both people and wildlife can thrive.



TRAINING RESOURCES

Interactive resources form a key part of this hands-on programme. Using real-world landscaping situations, **participants explore practical biodiversity-focused decision making, while building familiarity with native pollinators, birds, reptiles, mammals, and beneficial insects commonly found across managed landscapes.** Designed specifically for arid and urban environments, these bespoke resources provide practical, visual tools not typically found in traditional landscaping training programmes.