



GARDEN BIRD WATCH

January 2012 started with extremely mild weather with winter not arriving until the 28th. Consequently, Fieldfare and Redwing have hardly been seen in the village and Thrush numbers are down on previous years with just three reports of Song Thrush. Bellamy Cottage reported Mistle Thrush feeding on Mistletoe berries on the 14th and also reported Siskin. Puddledock Cottage reported Kingfisher perched in the garden on the 10th. Bullfinch was seen in the gardens to the north of Plaisters Lane. The Monday morning walks reported Treecreeper early in the month. Yellowhammers seem to have moved into gardens especially on Old Bincombe Lane where the owners provide plenty of seed. There were two reports of Grey Wagtail associated with the River Jordan but just one report of Goldcrest. Four Green Woodpecker were seen together at Overcombe Barn.

Events

Help plant the hedge
Friday 10th
February 10.00a.m.

Contact Peter Shreeves



Wildlife Walks –
 Mondays from Fox
 Cottage near the
 Mission Hall at
 9.30am. All
 welcome.

OTHER WILDLIFE REPORTS

On January 21st around 5.30p.m. I drove to Dorchester *via* Whitcombe. All along the hedges, the winged male Early Moth was busy searching for the virtually wingless females to mate. The following day, I searched the hedges of Puddledock Lane with no success. However, this moth should be around until March.

Dorothy Emblem reported Frogs mating on January 28th in the garden pond. She also drew my attention to another appeal for Hedgehog records, as this species seems to be in major decline. The best I could manage was one taken as Carrion at Portland Bill.

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Bowleeze Cove at dawn
 John Newbould

Sparrowhawk David Emery



TWO CONUNDRUMS

In the February *Register* Janet Craig, asks where do the Canada Geese fly to? Well not wholly the answer but in part, there are many in the Frome valley between Dorchester and Wareham.

Did you know that House Sparrow rarely goes more than 1 km from its natal colony? Sometimes fledglings move to a nearby colony but generally they are faithful to their first colony. It seems that they are doing well in villages, but even small towns have few colonies. The population in Sutton Poyntz appears to be increasing.