



Wimslow sunrise © John Newbould

December – January walk  
to be arranged see poster

**Garden bird watch 27<sup>th</sup>  
December to 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January**

**Seasons Greetings to  
all our readers.**

### *Bird Red Data List.*

*British Birds* **108** 706-746 December 2015 has published the fourth list of Birds of Conservation Concern. There are 19 additions to the red data list including birds we see in Sutton Poyntz. The paper may be downloaded from [www.bto.org.uk](http://www.bto.org.uk). The full paper is easier to read than the BTO summary. Included in the changes are mistle thrush, common nightingale (often seen at Ringstead), black redstart (Portland Bill) whinchat (passage migrant seen on West Hill) and grey wagtail. Tawny owl has moved to the green list. Common kingfisher is classed as European **Vulnerable**. Some birds are doing better including little egret (reported from Puddledock Lane) now on the green list together with green woodpecker, barn owl, goldcrest, European stonechat, northern wheatear (a passage migrant here) brambling (not be seen for some time) and rarely seen here siskin.

All this is the result of thousands of hours of bird watching with data reported to the BTO and assessed by their scientists.

### GARDEN BIRD WATCH November 2015

Katrina Blee reported a small party of lapwing in the Waterworks field on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and a party of 50 Redwing were present on the eastern end of Came Wood, before coming down to feed amongst the Neolithic burial mounds on 5<sup>th</sup> December. Watch out for both and fieldfare moving about across the area. Generally birds have been thin in many gardens with house sparrow in fewer gardens in smaller numbers. Following the photograph from pat Bellis of sparrow-hawk in November, four people have reported the bird in November. Ruth reported the only grey wagtail of the month, but both Colin and I watched one playing in a fountain on Puddledock Lane on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Just one pair of song thrush were seen from Fox Cottage and no mistle thrush. Nuthatch seems to have disappeared having being present since June.

Jon Campbell reported yellowhammer corn bunting, song thrush four times and good numbers of skylark on the Wessex Water monthly survey. He also reported goldcrest from the wood as well as from Old Bincombe Lane.



Lesser celandine in  
flower early December



Mistletoe at Bellamy  
Cottage



Coal tit on feeder in Janet  
Craig's garden



Capillary thread moss *Bryum  
capillare* by the bus stop.

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