

February 2015

SUTTON POYNTZ BIODIVERSITY GROUP NEWSLETTER

Wildlife Walk – March 2015

Date and venue to be announced on local posters.

A strange story from Wyndings

I just had to pass on to you a very interesting and actually exciting happening up here. I looked out of the window and there was female kestrel sitting on the top of the bird table, the birds had scattered but some sparrows were very noisily sitting in the bush beside the table. Suddenly a male kestrel flew in and sat for a minute, before flying off followed by the female who came straight back to the bush with the birds in. It tried to get at them from the top and then proceeded to walk all round the base of this bush for a few minutes trying to get at the now very quiet sparrows. Sensing no luck she then flew off. It was quite amazing but I couldn't get close enough with my camera and was so fascinated as I have never seen any behaviour like this before.

Dorothy Emblem



Winter Work parties:

We have nearly completed the construction of an access path through the wood and most of the coppicing for this winter. Have also put up some additional bird and bat boxes near to the clearing we have created so it should be interesting to see how the biodiversity develops in the cleared area this summer. – Dave Emery



Sunset over Chalbury Hill fort 26th January 2015 ©Janet Craig

GARDEN BIRD WATCH January 2015

Jays have again been reported from Sutton Road and I omitted to report Jay from Puddledock Lane in December. All 18 people who submitted a report mentioned blackbirds, but only two reports of song thrush, one of a single fieldfare and no redwing were reported. However, good numbers of redwing were present at Came Cross roads on 7th February. Jon Campbell saw his first greenfinch for a long time on Old Bincombe Lane. Three people reported yellowhammer, with those people supply seed on the ground near cover. Green woodpecker was reported by six people and I can hear it calling off Puddledock lane in early morning.

Wild flowers started to bloom towards the end of January with lesser celandine and primrose in hedge bottoms. Snowdrops are also starting to flower. badgers seem to be having a hard time, with road casualties outside Seaview and towards Overcombe corner on Preston Road recently.



Buzzard



Song Thrush



Bullfinch

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