

Sutton Poyntz Biodiversity News November 2016.



Grey Squirrel © Pat Dodge

Garden Bird Report:

We have had returns from 17 recorders this time. Thank you.

We have had the general increase in the number of blackbirds, which I am seeing in the few places I have been out this month. Regrettably, only one person saw song thrush. Do those of you who walk dogs see them in the fields as there are plenty on the National Trust's Golden Cap Estate. Our Frome Valley group saw our first fieldfare and redwing last week at Tincton, so keep a watch out, especially on hawthorn hedges with many berries.

I keep seeing grey wagtail around Sutton Road and Plaisters Lane, whilst one person did not report sparrows. Again only one person reported starling, whilst John Croydon reported 500 from Littlemoor fields around dusk on 3rd November. Anthea reported a sparrowhawk, whilst Tony thinks he saw water rail near Bellamy Cottage so keep your eyes open, if out early.