



Drinker moth West Hill

Nature Notes

On the 1st Sunday afternoon of July, Colin, Rita and John walked to West Hill to look at butterflies. We saw around a dozen species with around 30 what appeared to be small skipper on the track by the Waterworks wood. Collecting a few using a butterfly net allowed us to see the green underside confirming small skipper but one had a yellow underside. Using the picture gallery on iRecord butterflies app, we were able to confirm Lulworth Skipper. Large skippers were associated with bramble on the chalk hillside. There were large numbers of ringlet here and also Ros Evans noted a lot on Chalbury Hill fort earlier in the week. Marbled white were also present in good numbers. A single comma was seen in the village but we have also noted comma elsewhere in the County. Watch out for dragonflies. Pat Bellis photographed the golden-ringed below on East Hill.



Common evening primrose



Shark moth



Garden bird watch

23rd to 29th July 2017

Please send lists after 30th July 2017

In putting together this newsletter, I welcome photographs of interesting plant and animals and other aspects of the countryside around Sutton Poyntz

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Recording wildlife in our gardens reflects two main activities at this time of the year: birds and the larger insects such as moths. We had bird returns from 16 people with six people recording swifts flying over. This is pretty good considering their late arrival and in fact I could add them to my list after the recording week. Five reports of song thrush but Colin Marsh says he has seen more in the wider countryside around. The pied wagtail has still be around on my lawn most mornings and we had one report of grey wagtail from Old Bincombe Lane and Anthea saw one after the list had been sent. The Nuthatch Dave Emery has reported most of the year seems to have disappeared but a linnet ventured into his garden. Ros Evans reports house martins are still trying to nest after one failure on her house.

Colin, Rita, Jon and John have been recording moths regularly using light traps, although Rita found the drinker above on a dead stem on West Hill. Colin and Rita had a twenty-plumed moth, which I believe is new to the village list, we have had two records of the National BAP species the Lackey whist John has had two records of the migrant hoary footman, Which is a nationally Notable B species. Watch out for Jersey tigers this month.

Helen Yemm writing in the *Daily Telegraph* asks gardeners to keep planting insect pollinating plants such as the evening primrose (photographed on Sutton Road) to attract moths, bees and other pollinating insects. Lavender is especially good at this.

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