



Sutton Poyntz Biodiversity News



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December 2021 Garden Bird Watch this month 27th December to 2nd
January



Garden Bird Watch:

I am afraid for various reasons, I have not many lists from members this month. The National Trust has kept me quite busy sorting out waxcap records on the Golden Cap Estate. Unfortunately here, when Rita and Colin went to check on our population near the Chalbury reservoir the grass had been cut so no waxcaps. Woodland fungi have also been low in numbers this year.

There is not a lot exciting to report. Dave reported two redwings from his garden, which I think is a low number possibly due to the mild November with the birds not coming in from the continent. We usually see good numbers in the clump at the crossroads by Came Down but nothing much there except around 200 Jackdaws in the arable fields this week. Jack reported a single Jay, but there usual food of acorns at this time of the year has not happened so I suppose they are moving about looking. Grey wagtail has been seen around the junction of Sutton Road and Plaisters Lane in small numbers but where are pied wagtail? They have hardly featured in 2021.

Birds of Conservation Concern. BTO/British Birds reveal new Red List.

Red List: Eleven species have been added and six moved to **Amber list**.

The red list birds added include: swift, purple sandpiper (occasionally seen off the Spittles at Lyme Regis and Portland Bill), house martins and greenfinch straight from green to red but we have occasional sightings on our feeders in Sutton Poyntz

Amber List: New Moorhen, rook, sedge warbler, sparrowhawk, wren and wood pigeon. From the Red List to Amber: song thrush, redwing, grey wagtail