



Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 © John Newbould

**SUTTON POYNTZ  
BIODIVERSITY GROUP  
NEWSLETTER  
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*Long-tailed Tit with ring* © BTO Images



*Pied Wagtail* © Janet Craig 2/12/2010

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**WALKS:** Monday mornings from Fox  
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The editor is always pleased to receive  
your photos and notes.



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For the first time in two years, a member (Jack Winsper) reported a ringed bird from his garden. It happened to be a Pied Wagtail ringed at Abbotsbury in 2009. The British Trust for Ornithology manages bird ringing in the UK. Each bird ringed is given a unique number allocated to a specific ringer. It is weighed, measured and logged with data supplied to BTO on a regular basis. A typical ring is shown on the right leg of the Long-tailed Tit on the left although in some special instances colour-coded rings are used. If you can read the number or find a ringed bird BTO welcomes your report. This is not a task for the faint hearted. Training takes five years, if you can find a trainer and involves some early mornings. For more information visit <http://www.bto.org/ringing/>

At the time of writing, the very cold weather has prevented some people sending their reports to me. However, many people have reported Black-headed Gulls, which is not on the list. Andrew McLarity reported Little Egret (a Sutton Poyntz first) from the River Jordan along Puddledock. Lodmoor and Radipole were frozen before the snow arrived and with Jon and Sue Campbell a walk to Osmington and back revealed around 20 Snipe on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, whilst earlier in the week there were 100 Lapwing and a similar number of Golden Plover below East Hill. There have been many reports of Grey Wagtail back with increased numbers of Pied Wagtail. One member reported Goldcrest whilst Peter Shreeves reported two Barn Owls calling from Plaisters Lane.



*Sutton Poyntz from Wimslow Hill 9.00am  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2010.* © John Newbould

*Seasons Greetings to all our readers*