



Thank you OPAL



Garden Wildlife

Thank you to all who returned the bird recording sheets. Once again, I am running slightly behind due to trips away.

The autumn migration is continuing apace, but interestingly we are not seeing the number of Swallows and House Martin flocks of past years. One of the mysteries of the migration process is why birds choose a particular route. Last week a small party of us visited the coast to see migrating birds. We hardly saw a Swallow or House Martin all day, but a friend ringed over 1300 Swallows in East Sussex.

Good numbers of Yellow Wagtail have been seen at Lodmoor, whilst there is also an inward migration of some birds, e.g. Starling where numbers have built up at Bowleeze to around 100.

Harvest time also seems good for the Canada Geese with 370 flying east over Preston at 7.15am on 20 September.



Jersey Tiger © Janet Craig

Nature at Dusk evening

On 31st August, we held an open evening at the Waterworks. Twenty-six members of the public joined us including many holiday-makers to see around forty Pipistrelle Bats emerge from the Museum office roof. Later we ran a generator with a mercury vapour bulb to record moths including Brindled Green and Black Arches.

During the evening, we used bat detection equipment bought using OPAL grant funding. OPAL is in the final of the National Lottery Awards for the best environment project. It is your vote, which will count so please log on to:

www.opalexplornature.org

to vote.



Ferns on walls

Walking round the village, I often notice plants including ferns growing on garden walls. Invariably, these are old walls built prior to the Second World War using a lime-based cement, not the modern material. This fern seen just off Sutton Road is Rusty-back Fern *Ceterach officinarum*. Although not uncommon in Dorset, it is mainly found in the north-west of the County. Other ferns seen on walls in the village include Black Spleenwort, Wall-rue and Harts-tongue Fern.

Wildlife Walks – Mondays from Fox Cottage near the Mission Hall at 9.30am. All welcome.

Newsletter – John Newbould who welcomes your notes and pictures 01305 837384

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28 August - 3rd September

	Wyndings	Valley Cottage	Spinneys	Springbank PL	Spingside PL	2 old Bincombe Lar	5 Old Bincombe Lar / Old Bincombe & Brookmead	8 Old Bincombe	17 Old Bincombe	19 Old Bincombe	86 Sutton Rd	Northdown Farm	St Brivels	Mill Stream Cottage	Fox Cottage	The Cottage Puddock	2 The Puddledocks	3 The Puddledocks	55 Sutton Road	66 Sutton Road	69 Sutton Road	79 Sutton Road	Camelot Sutton Rd	The Old Bakehouse	83a Sutton Road	Total No gardens	Maximum	Minimum	Meadian	
Barn Owl				0																					0	0	0	0		
Blackbird	4			0	1	3	2	3	3			3	3	4	4		2		2	2	3			2	3	16	4	0	3	
Blackcap				0													1									1	1	0	0.5	
Black-headed Gull				0																						0	0	0	0	
Blue Tit	6			0	4	2	1	2	2			2	2	2	4						3	4	2	6	2	15	6	0	2	
Brambling				0																						0	0	0	0	
Bullfinch	1			0																						1	1	0	0.5	
Buzzard	2			0		3		3			2	2		1			1							1	1	9	3	0	1.5	
Carriion Crow	2			8	1			4									6			3	2	1	1	3	3	11	8	1	3	
Chaffinch	4			0	2			2				4	6	3	3					2	1			4		10	6	0	3	
Chiffchaf				0			2					1			2						3					4	3	0	2	
Coal Tit	1			0	1										2											3	2	0	1	
Collared Dove	10			0	2	6	2	8	2		1	4	2	2	2				2		2				2	15	10	0	2	
Common Pheasant	1			0				2									1									3	2	0	1	
Cuckoo				0																						0	0	0	0	
Dunnock	3			3	1			3				3	1	2	3				4		2	1	2	1	2	14	4	1	2	
Fieldfare				0																						0	0	0	0	
Goldcrest				0	2																1					2	2	0	1	
Goldfinch	5			0	4		3	7				8	5		3		5									8	8	0	5	
Great Tit	5			0	5		1	4				2	2		4				1		5	2		3		11	5	0	2.5	
Gr. Sp. Woodpecker				0	1							1					1				1					4	1	0	1	
Green Woodpecker	1			0	1			1			1	1					1								1	7	1	0	1	
Greenfinch	3			0				2				4	8		2						1				6	7	8	0	2.5	
Grey Wagtail				0																						0	0	0	0	
Grey Heron				1				1				1		1			1	1	1					1		8	1	1	1	
Herring Gull				6		4					5	4	5				3	4						4	2	9	6	2	4	
House Martin				0				18							1			6						6		4	18	0	6	
House Sparrow	40			20	3	26	4	21	8		10	10	16	22	30		12	6	11	2	15		4	4	6	20	40	2	11	
Jackdaw				7	1	5	4		1			4	4	4					2		7			6		11	7	1	4	
Kestrel				0				1	1								1									3	1	0	1	
Linnet	2			0																						1	2	0	1	
Long-tailed Tit	5			0	6		4		2			6					25	12			5			6		9	25	0	5.5	
Magpie	11			2	1	2	2	3	1		3	3	2	2	2		7	3	1	4	2			3	2	19	11	1	2	
Mallard				0																						0	0	0	0	
Mistle Thrush				0							3																1	3	0	1.5
Moorhen				0										4										2	2		3	4	0	2
Nuthatch				0																							0	0	0	0
Pied Wagtail				0							2															1	2	0	1	
Redstart				0																						0	0	0	0	
Redwing				0																						0	0	0	0	
Robin	1			2	1			3	2			2	2	2	2		1	1	1	2	2		1	2	2	17	3	1	2	
Rook	2			4	3		4	5			3	6	6				20			2	1			10		12	20	1	4	
Siskin				0																						0	0	0	0	
Song Thrush	1			0													1								1	3	1	0	1	
Sparrowhawk				1				1			1	1			1										1	7	1	1	1	
Starling	1			0		3															3					3	3	0	2	
Stonechat				0																						0	0	0	0	
Swallow				5			3				4	6	20	14	2		4								6	9	20	2	5	
Swift				0													2									1	2	0	1	
Tawny Owl	2			2							1															3	2	1	2	
Treecreeper				0																						0	0	0	0	
Whitethroat				0																						0	0	0	0	
Willow Warbler				0							2															1	2	0	1	
Wood Pigeon	4			2		4		4	2		2		4	5	4		4	4	2	4	2		1	2	10	4	19	10	1	4
Wren	1			0	2			1	1		1				1		1				4	2			2	8	2	0	1	
Yellowhammer				0																										
Counts	25	0	0	13	0	20	10	12	22	11	0	8	27	16	16	18	0	22	8	10	9	20	4	6	19	17	41			
Total Species seen	41																No of 0 records													
Total Records	##																													
Average	15																No of gardens													

SUTTON POYNTZ BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Garden Wildlife Watch - Month 9: 25th September – October 1st 2011

Name

Address

Post Code

Grid.Ref.

Date	Species	Number	Comment
	Blackbird		
	Blackcap		
	Blue Tit		
	Brambling		
	Bullfinch		
	Buzzard		
	Carrion Crow		
	Chaffinch		
	Chiffchaff		
	Coal Tit		
	Collared Dove		
	Common Pheasant		
	Duncock		
	Fieldfare		
	Goldcrest		
	Goldfinch		
	Great Tit		
	Greater Spotted Woodpecker		
	Green Woodpecker		
	Greenfinch		
	Grey Wagtail		
	Grey Heron		
	Herring Gull		
	House Sparrow		
	Jackdaw		
	Kestrel		
	Long-tailed Tit		
	Magpie		
	Mistle Thrush		
	Moorhen		
	Nuthatch		
	Pied Wagtail		
	Redwing		
	Robin		
	Rook		
	Song Thrush		
	Sparrowhawk		
	Starling		
	Treecreeper		
	Wood Pigeon		
	Wren		
	Yellowhammer		

Please return to 3 Brookmead Close, Sutton Poyntz, DT3 6RS after 1st October. Thank you
If you wish to email the information, I can send an electronic list. Please email me.

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