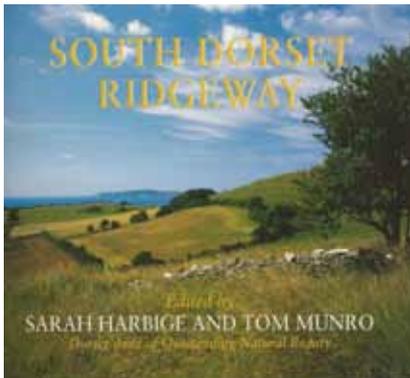


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Just 48mm of rain fell during May



**South Dorset Ridgeway**

The Dorset ANOB team have produced a delightful small book on aspects of life and history along the Ridgeway available from the County Museum @ £7.95, The natural history chapter was written by David Emery and Jon Campbell with some minor alterations by John N. The chapter is beautifully illustrated with "I wish" photographs of birds, butterflies and plants of the Ridgeway. There are chapters on archaeology, geology, farming and communities together with a gazetteer. The associated exhibition runs at the Museum until 25<sup>th</sup> June.

**Garden Wildlife**

Our garden bird watch week coincided with the Chelsea Flower Show. It is the one-week, when I will watch the television to see and hear the latest garden thinking. On the one hand, we saw these major show gardens, which bare little relation to the average garden but then the presenters constantly plug plants with open flowers, which encourage insects and other wildlife. In the village Garden Warbler turned up again in a garden and the lists showed animals from Water Vole to Common Lizard. Colin Marsh drew my attention to a Bee Orchid on Puddledock Lane and in the same area Serotine bat was picked up with the bat detectors.



Pond at St Gabriel's

With so little rain since the beginning of March, I have become concerned at low water levels in Dorset streams and ponds and the effects on animal communities associated with water. I was pleased to receive the National Biodiversity Newsletter, which ran a feature on ponds. It was timely that the latest edition of the NBN News has an update on ponds:

<http://www.nbn.org.uk/News-and-Events/NBN-news/NBN-powers-ponds.aspx> including a link to the Pond Conservation Trust featuring a booklet on creating garden ponds for wildlife.



Bat walk Waterworks 9.30p.m. 15<sup>th</sup> June weather permitting

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

Email [john\\_newbould@btinternet.com](mailto:john_newbould@btinternet.com)



**SUTTON POYNTZ BIODIVERSITY GROUP**  
**Garden Wildlife Watch - Month 6 – 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Name**

**Address**

**Post Code**

**Grid.Ref.**

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

Please return to 3 Brookmead Close, Sutton Poyntz, DT3 6RS after 26<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you  
 If you wish to email the information, I can send an electronic list. Please email me.

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