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Group News*

Frog spawn in garden ponds on 14th February

Garden Bird Watch



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Bob Ford from I-Spot explaining the latest Open University course *Neighbourhood Nature* (S159) at Osmington Village Hall on 5th March.

Last month we advertised the open afternoon at Osmington Village Hall. Disappointingly, our neighbours showed little interest, but we recruited three new houses to our garden bird watch team. The blanks on the attached sheet reflect these new members or holidays.

Four sheets listed Frog Spawn between the 14th and 21st of February. This period of spawning was also the time of the most road kills, with six seen in the Preston – Sutton Poyntz Area by myself and others. As the tadpoles hatch, they are carnivorous and eat their siblings.



Butterflies are also on the wing, with three species reported including Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell. Group members have been concerned about the small birds on the S.S.S.I. in particular Stonechat. Janet Craig saw one at the top of Plaisters Lane, whilst Ruth Eggerton saw one on West Hill. Within gardens, forty-five species have been recorded, including Kestrel, Sparrow-hawk, Goldcrest, but only two Song Thrush



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

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