

April 2011

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Group News*

Willows in the dawn sunlight at Waterside © John Newbould

Eight species of butterfly seen during March

Garden Bird Watch

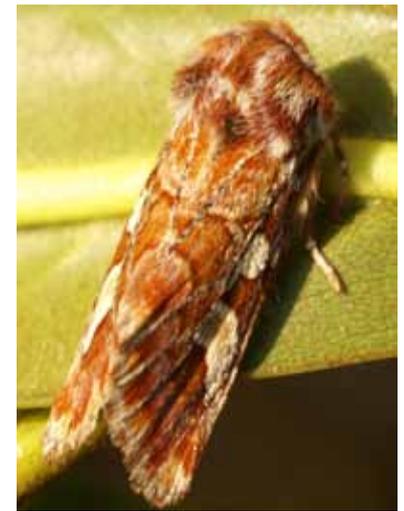


Adder © J A Newbould

Richard Porter drew my attention to this collection of Adders under corrugated sheeting. A recent discussion at a National Trust volunteers meeting about Adder bites came up with the following recommendation: *It is best not to move about in order that the toxin remains at the site of the sting. Call for ambulance assistance, where you should be taken to Accident & Emergency for observation. Keep limbs covered in potential adder areas.*

A record 25 gardens supplied a bird list for March recording a total of forty-two birds. The 407 records averaged 16 per garden with Janet Craig on Old Bincombe Lane managing 33 species. Grey Wagtail seems to have disappeared again, after being present in the winter months. Thrush numbers have dropped with nobody reporting Mistle Thrush.

There were three sightings of the tiny Goldcrest, which was the top bird in the RSPB garden bird watch. Goldfinch numbers seem to have dropped in gardens although I have seen 30 most days in Waterside Caravan park. Ruth Eggerton reported a Black Redstart from Northdown Farm on 15th March. Chiffchaff are back, but nobody reported a Swallow or Sand Martin, although Caroline Crisp reported the latter from Lodmoor. Jon Campbell and I saw Swallow on 31st March at Lower Bockhampton.



Pine Beauty © J A Newbould

Moth trapping began in earnest on 11th March and by early April, fourteen species had landed in my trap, including the two illustrated, which I have not seen before. At least ten people reported butterflies with Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock being frequent.

Lead-coloured Drab below



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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SUTTON POYNTZ BIODIVERSITY GROUP
Garden Wildlife Watch - Month 4 - 25th - 30th April 2011

Name

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Date	Species	Number	Comment
	Blackbird		
	Blackcap		
	Blue Tit		
	Brambling		
	Buzzard		
	Carrion Crow		
	Chaffinch		
	Chiffchaff		
	Coal Tit		
	Collared Dove		
	Common Pheasant		
	Duncock		
	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 1st May. Thank you
 If you wish to email the information, I can send an electronic list. Please email me.

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