



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

House Sparrow.

### GARDEN BIRD WATCH

In a recent discussion, I learned that the Collared Dove had only started breeding in Britain in 1955. Checking on the National Biodiversity Network Gateway ([www.nbn.org.uk](http://www.nbn.org.uk)) there are now records from nearly all of Britain with the few 10km squares with no records in the remote uplands of Wales and Scotland. Just three gardens reported this bird in our monthly survey. Are we under-recording it? They are smaller than a Wood Pigeon and a creamy grey buff colour with black marks on the neck clearly visible. Most mornings I wake early and hear the typical call coo COO cuk. (BTO notes). Watch out for migrating Turtle Dove, whilst if you visit Lyme Regis, I often see Stock Dove.



Collared Dove © BTO

### OTHER WILDLIFE REPORTS

The one group, which appears to be thriving this year, is wild flowers. With plenty of rain there is luxurious growth, although flowering is a little later. I have seen four species of orchid in flower whilst on Dorset Flora Group excursions whilst locally Early Purple Orchid is well in flower. Cowslips are thriving with many more young plants in my lawn. Dorset Flora Group are holding their annual Wildflower Week from 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June. The programme may be collected from TI offices or the DERC website.



Fox © Derick Dodge

### DRAGONFLY ATLAS

This year (2012) is the final year collecting data on the distribution of Britain's Dragonflies. With April and early May so cold and wet, there have been few records with Mike Edwards telling me of the Large Red Damselfly (see bottom right) at Ringstead during the first week of May. I am happy to forward records or you may enter them directly using **Living Record** available on the DERC website [www.DERC.org.uk](http://www.DERC.org.uk)



There will be a fine book published next year in conjunction with the national Biological Record Centre

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