

Hazel catkins, February 2011 © John Newbould

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Sutton
Poyntz
Biodiversity
Group News

January brings relief to local wildlife. Is spring near?



In the autumn of 2010, we received a grant from the OPAL project to buy equipment. As part of this grant, we were asked to make a presentation in the next village to see if a similar group can be established. An exhibition accompanied by a presentation at 3.00p.m. will be held in:

Osmington Village Hall 1.30 to 4.00pm

Saturday 5th March

Tea & Coffee will be available.

Can you help?

Garden Bird Watch

We are now running into year three of this project. Interestingly people are becoming better. In January 2011 you recorded a total of 44 species against 42 in 2010 and just 32 in 2009. Song Thrush is outstanding recorded on 16 gardens - the highest ever. Mistle Thrush has also scored well. Is Greenfinch fighting back in 11 gardens? Bullfich was recorded from two gardens in Plaisters Lane. Has anybody seen Siskin? Jon Campbell and I saw two Linnet in a hedgerow on 8 February. Walks on the hill have not proved productive recently, especially on windy days.

Lapwing and Redwing were present under East Hill for most of January, but little was to be seen on February 7th

The Snowdrops season is starting with the first seen by John in a Sutton Poyntz garden was on 12 January. Willow catkins are also just starting to appear.

We began January wondering how much damage had been done to the local bird populations. Friends in the north of England thought that many small birds had suffered. Here, things seem to be fine. There are plenty of Blue Tits, Great Tits, Chaffinch and Goldfinch. Two gardens reported Brambling in late December and the end of January, whilst four were seen under East Hill on January 31st. David Emery and Jon Campbell reported a passing Hen Harrier whilst on February 7th, Andrew Mc Larty drew our attention to a bird in scrub in the valley bottom. This turned out to be a pair of Firecrest identified by David Emery. Another Sutton Poyntz first, Firecrest are distinguished from Goldcrest by

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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



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SUTTON POYNTZ BIODIVERSITY GROUP Garden Wildlife Watch - Month 2 - 20th- 26th February 2011

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Date	Species	Number	Comment						
	Blackbird								
	Blackcap								
	Blue Tit								
	Brambling								
	Buzzard								
	Carrion Crow								
	Chaffinch								
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	Coal Tit								
	Collared Dove								
	Common Pheasant								
	Dunnock								
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	Goldcrest								
	Goldfinch								
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	Greater Spotted Woodpecker								
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	Grey Wagtail								
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	House Sparrow								
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	Pied Wagtail								
	Redwing								
	Redstart								
	Robin								
	Rook								
	Song Thrush								
	Sparrowhawk								
	Starling								
	Treecreeper								
	Wood Pigeon								
	Wren								
	Yellowhammer								

Please return to 3 Brookmead Close, Sutton Poyntz, DT3 6RS after 26th February. Thank you

If you wish to email the information, I can send an electronic list. Please email me.

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