

# DRONFIELD WILDLIFE & NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

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### JULY

#### METEOROLOGICAL

#### **WEATHER REPORT from DRONFIELD –from garden bird surveys– BSS.**

The month started with spells of sun through high cloud and also periods of rain. The 3<sup>rd</sup> was rainy and overcast and then back on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> to sun and cloud. Windy on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> was mainly rainy then from 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> it was sunny with cloud and breezy for much of the time. 13<sup>th</sup> had showers. 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> was overcast but also spells of sun and cloud. It was hot on the 17<sup>th</sup>, it rained on 18<sup>th</sup>. Another spell of sun with cloud and some wind. Showery on 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. It was cloudy bright on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, sunny & breezy on 26<sup>th</sup> and rain on 27<sup>th</sup>. It was sunny with wind & showers on 28<sup>th</sup> and the end of the month 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> was sunny & cloudy with hot days for the last two.

#### GARDEN BIRD SURVEY

The most numerous birds in 10 gardens (monthly totals)

	<b>Species</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>None at</b>	<b>Most at</b>
1	House Sparrow	1402	-	299 at [18], 279 at [4], 238 at [3]
2	Woodpigeon	606	-	87 at [18], 80 at [4], 79 at [3][15]
3	Blackbird	558	-	110 at [18], 104 at [20], 85 at [3]
4	Starling	451	[1][8][17]	209 at [3], 156 at [6], 28 at [18]
5	Duncock	252	[1]	65 at [4], 53 at [18], 50 at [3]
6	Blue Tit	239	[18]	51 at [1], 50 at [14], 40 at [8]
7	Magpie	218	[8]	82 at [3], 35 at [4], 30 at [15]
8	Goldfinch	176	[17]	36 at [8], 34 at [6], 29 at [4][20]
9	Great Tit	105	[4][6][15][17]	55 at [1], 24 at [8][14], 2 at [3]
10	Robin	97	[3]	33 at [18], 22 at [1], 15 at [8]
11	Collared Dove	88	[6][14][17]	36 at [15], 14 at [1][8], 10 at [3]
12	Carrion Crow	87	[1][6][18][20]	52 at [3], 22 at [14], 13 at [8]
13	Greenfinch	70	[4][15][17][20]	51 at [8], 7 at [4], 6 at [1]
14	Chaffinch	34	8 gardens	24 at [1], 10 at [14]
15	Wren	17	7 gardens	8 at [14], 6 at [1], 2 at [18]

#### Others

Song Thrush in garden [14], 5 juveniles in [1] & heard from garden [18] twice. Coal Tit only seen in garden [14] and Long-tailed Tit in [3] and [4]. Jackdaw in garden [15] and flew over [8]. Bullfinch in

[1] and [14], Garden [1] had Great-spotted Woodpecker and Nuthatch. Sparrowhawk at [14] and flew over [3][15][18].

Mallard seen in [14], Linnet at [4], Pied Wagtail at [8] and Feral Rock Doves at [20].

Birds flying over were :- Rook [3][4], Jackdaw [8], Swift [6][15][18], House Martin [3][18], Kestrel [1], Buzzard (common this month) [1][6][8][14][17], Black-headed Gull over [3][4] and Lesser Black-backed Gulls over [18].

## ORNITHOLOGICAL

	Black-headed Gulls on old Gladys Buxton playing field (3678) during month: 12 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> , 10 on 15 <sup>th</sup> , 12 on 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> , 25 on 28 <sup>th</sup> . Also Lesser Black-backed Gulls: 2 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 on 8 <sup>th</sup> .	BSS
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1835 hrs Pair of Pied Wagtails on Bowling Green in Cliff Park (358784) 1850 hrs Grey Wagtail on River Drone/Mill Lane (356782)	G&EG
4 <sup>th</sup>	1010 hrs Raven flying east over Green Lane (356790)	G&EG
5 <sup>th</sup>	1045 hrs 3 Swifts feeding over Marsh Avenue (355791)	G&EG
10 <sup>th</sup>	1040 hrs Female Mallard & 8 ducklings walking along Jordanthorpe Parkway on the road heading east towards Dyche Lane (357804)	G&EG
11 <sup>th</sup>	5 Swallows over garden [8]	CS
12 <sup>th</sup>	Young Wren eating ants in garden [1] Unstone, also 24 <sup>th</sup> . Buzzard circling overhead at end of Callywhite Lane (3678)	R&JS BSS
13 <sup>th</sup>	2 Swallows on ground [8] appeared to be collecting earth for nest building, also on 14 <sup>th</sup> .	CS
16 <sup>th</sup>	2035 hrs. C60 Jackdaw returning to roost in trees at Dronfield Church (353785)	G&EG
17 <sup>th</sup>	Swallows over garden [1] Unstone 1330 hrs 10 Swifts & 4 Swallows feeding together over Marsh Avenue (355791)	R&JS G&EG
18 <sup>th</sup>	1220 hrs Juvenile Blackbird trapped in greenhouse [15] (successfully rescued)	G&EG
19 <sup>th</sup>	2105 hrs Barn Owl hunting over field off Barlow Lees Lane (344764)	G&EG
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sparrowhawk killed a Woodpigeon on lawn at garden [14] Cross Lane, C.A.	P&MK
27 <sup>th</sup>	1245 hrs Buzzard circling over Stonelow Road/PaddockWay (360792)	G&EG
29 <sup>th</sup>	1145 hrs Buzzard flying south over Half Acre Lane (366777)	G&EG

**Garden Bird Survey**  
**10 Gardens**

**Garden Birds**

**Total Species for month July - 36**

**Maximum numbers seen together**

Garden No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
House Sparrow	35		238	279		119		3						17	186		17	299		209
Starling			209	13		156								2	18			218		25
Blackbird	31		85	55		32		12						37	68		24	110		104
Blue Tit	51		33	27		6		40						50	21		4			7
Collared Dove	14		10	1				14							36			4		9
Magpie	10		82	35		1		1						15	30		7	13		25
Chaffinch	24													10						
Dunnock			50	65		18		20						18	3		2	53		23
Robin	22			2		8		15						7	5		1	33		4
Greenfinch	6		4			1		51						7					1	
Song Thrush	5													1					Hd	
Great Tit	55		2					24						24						
Wren	6					1								8					2	
Coal Tit														6						
Carrion Crow	1		52			8		13						22	1					
Mistle Thrush																				
Woodpigeon	38		80	79		57		56						70	79		17	87		43
Rook			FO	FO																
Jay																				
G.S.Woodpecker	7																			
Goldfinch	5		5	29		34		36						2	15				21	29
Sparrowhawk			FO											1	FO				FO	
Pied Wagtail								1												
Long-tailed Tit								4						3						
Linnet				1																
B.H. Gull			FO		FO															
Goldcrest																				
Treecreeper																				
Jackdaw								FO							12					
Feral Rock Dove																				2
Bullfinch	2													3						
Kestrel															FO					
Nuthatch	8																			
Swallow								4						5						
Mallard														1						
L.B.B. Gull																			FO	
Blackcap																				
Fieldfare																				
C.Buzzard	FO					FO		FO						FO				FO		
Swift						FO									FO				FO	
House Martin		FO																	FO	
Tawny Owl														Hd						
Redwing																				
Total	18	16		14		13		17						23	14		8	16		11

## BOTANICAL

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gladys Buxton School Site (3678) Black Knapweed, Bramble, Broad-leaved Willowherb, Buddleia, Chamomile sp., Common Mouse-ear, Common Ragwort, Common Vetch, Creeping Buttercup, Creeping Thistle, Daisy Dandelion, Elderflower, Field Poppy, Germander Speedwell Great Bindweed, Hoary Willowherb, Kidney Vetch, Knotweed Lesser Trefoil, Mallow, Marjoram, Meadow Buttercup Meadow Vetchling, Moonpenny, Mugwort, Orange Hawkweed (Fox & Cubs), Perennial Sowthistle, Pineapple Mayweed Red Valerian, Ribwort Plantain, Rocket, Rose Bay Willowherb Selfheal, Teasel, Tufted Vetch, White Clover, Wood Avens Wood Spurge, Yarrow, Yellow Honeysuckle	M&LF
3 <sup>rd</sup>	C12 Broad-leaved Helleborines seen on path between Callywhite Lane and Stonelow Road (361783)	G&EG
6 <sup>th</sup>	Purple Loose Strife, Reed Mace in new pond and Reed Mace in standing pond. Wetland area of Lea Brook Valley (3478) – Hogweed, Bramble, Common Ragwort, Ox-eye Daisy, Marsh Thistle, Great Hairy Willowherb, Broad-leaved Willowherb, Rose Bay Willowherb, Meadow Crane's-bill, Yarrow, Dandelion, Meadow Buttercup, Bristly Ox-tongue, Red Campion, Common Groundsel and Herb Robert.	AB

## MAMMALS

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grey Squirrel in garden [20], also 9<sup>th</sup>. S&GR  
 12<sup>th</sup> Grey Squirrel crossing Old Unstone Line near Unstone (375773) BSS

## AMPHIBIANS

Common Toad – frequently squats in gully which collects waste from kitchen sink [18] another one uses the gully from the bathroom waste!! M&LF

## INSECTS

- Butterflies during month at [4] – Small White, Large White 15th-19th, Small Tortoiseshell 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, Gatekeeper 17<sup>th</sup> and Peacock 30th & 31<sup>st</sup>. BB
- Butterflies during month at [15] – Large White, Small White, Green-veined White, Comma, Small Tortoiseshell, Gatekeeper, Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Peacock. G&EG
- Other insects during month at [15] – Red-tailed Bumble Bee, Buff-tailed Bumble Bee, White-tailed Bumble Bee, Carder Bee, Honey Bee, 7 spot Ladybird, Green Shield Beetle, Green Lace Wing, Lily Beetle, Vine Weevil. G&EG

Gladys Buxton School Site, Dronfield - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Botanical

Black Knapweed  
Bramble  
Broad-leaved Willowherb  
Buddleia  
Chamomile sp.  
Common Mouse-ear  
Common Ragwort  
Common Vetch  
Creeping Buttercup  
Creeping Thistle  
Daisy  
Dandelion  
Elderflower  
Field Poppy  
Germander Speedwell  
Great Bindweed  
Hoary Willowherb  
Kidney Vetch  
Knotweed  
Lesser Trefoil  
Mallow  
Marjoram  
Meadow Buttercup  
Meadow Vetchling  
Moonpenny  
Mugwort  
Orange Hawkweed (Fox & Cubs)  
Perennial Sowthistle  
Pineapple Mayweed  
Red Valerian  
Ribwort Plantain  
Rocket  
Rose Bay Willowherb  
Selfheal  
Teasel  
Tufted Vetch  
White Clover  
Wood Avens  
Wood Spurge  
Yarrow  
Yellow Honeysuckle

Insects

7 spot Ladybird  
Cinnabar Moth,  
Butterflies – Comma, Small White, Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Small Skipper

## Visit to Whitwell Woods 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 & 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Graham & Eileen Gill and Mick & Linda Fairest went on a (social distancing!) butterfly “safari” to Whitwell Woods on 13/7/20 but due to inclement weather decided to re-visit on a better day in July.

Here we are again on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 (third hottest day ever recorded in UK!). Luckily we had chosen an excellent location as we were well shaded under the dense canopy for most of the time and it remained pleasantly warm. We had taken a packed lunch intending to make a day of it.

We took the left hand path through the top entrance and made our way to pick up the circular walk which brought us to a shaded picnic table we used as a “base” as this area proved to be the most productive part of the wood for butterflies. This appears to be due to the fact that Barry Russ a butterfly enthusiast has for many years carried out an introduction of butterflies which he has reared from eggs to improve their survival. This was the second time we had bumped into Barry this month (complete with butterfly net on this occasion as he was carrying out his own activities). A lady came by who was also doing butterfly recording and we spent time with her chatting about our sightings so far that morning. Butterflies in this area included the Silver Washed Fritillary, some females of which, the Valezina, is a special form where the orange on the wings is replaced by a beautiful greenish pearl effect. These sightings made our day. Also seen was a male Speckled Wood butterfly defending its domain (a leafy shrub) against any other butterfly passing by regardless of size i.e. Large White, Fritillary, Comma etc. This behaviour provided minutes of entertainment for us, similar to Corvids harassing any Buzzard which happens to fly over close by.

After lunch we continued following the red route, taking in the pond where we had hoped to see the many dragonflies that normally frequent this area, but on this occasion they were absent! We slowly made our way back to the cars having recorded everything we had seen on 13<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> July. As we stepped out of the wood into the car park the heat hit us, had we arrived in the Tropics? NO just a UK 1 day heatwave!

Our flower count was down on this second visit due to the council having mown the wide verge between the lay-by and the main Worksop road.

Reporter: Linda Fairest

### Butterflies

Ringlet, Green-veined White, Meadow Brown, Speckled Wood, Small White, Large White, Comma, **Silver Washed Fritillary (including Valezina form)**, **White Admiral**, Peacock, Red Admiral, Common Blue

### Insects

Leaf Miner, White-tailed Bumble Bee, Carder Bee, Cardinal Beetle, Hornet, 7 spot Ladybird.

### Botanical

Tufted Vetch, Meadow Vetchling, Meadow Sweet, Hogweed, Creeping Thistle, Nettle, Creeping Buttercup, Yellow Pimpernel, Bramble, Herb Robert, Wood Avens, Wound-wort, Enchanter’s Nightshade, Goose Grass, Great Willowherb, Burdock, Red Clover, Ribwort Plantain, Betony, Lords & Ladies, White Water Lily, St. John’s Wort sp., Bird’s-foot Trefoil, Black Knapweed.

### Birds

Chiff Chaff, Jay, Carrion Crow, Woodpigeon.

### Mammals

Stoat, Grey Squirrel.

## GLOW WORM SPOTTING NEAR CLOWNE - 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020

We received an invitation from Jim Russell, who has given us two excellent talks in the last two years, to join him on a Glow worm spotting walk one night from his house in Clowne. Jim said that he had led a few of these walks recently and that June and July were the best time for seeing good numbers. He told us that because of Covid-19 restrictions that he wanted to limit numbers to a maximum of six people. We arranged a night that was suitable for all of us and had a good weather forecast.

Linda and Mick Fairest and Eileen and Graham Gill drove out to Clowne in two cars (Covid-19 again) and met at Jim's house at 10.00pm. We started out along Hollin Hill Lane and walked to the bridge over the disused railway line and down the ramp onto the line itself. This was a former Midland Railway branch line that ran from Creswell to Staveley via Poolsbrook mainly for moving coal. It is now known as "The Greenway". Several Jackdaws were still calling in the rapidly fading light as we started out towards Creswell.

For the first half mile or so we didn't manage to see any glow worms despite shining our torches on and off to discover numerous white flowers, bits of tissue, silver paper etc that we had seen in the gloom. We did see a bat overhead hunting for moths and Jim said it would probably be a Pipistrelle. Our first glow worm was then spotted by Eileen in amongst the foliage on the banks. More and more soon followed as we made our way towards Creswell and by the time we had gone as far as Jim wanted to go along the line, we had counted 18. We were quite happy with this number, as our last glow worm forays out to Ollerton a few years ago were quite disappointing.

We then turned left onto the walkway alongside the main Creswell to Clowne road (A616) which has wide managed verges and are designated as "Roadside Verge Reserves". We had even better number along these as we walked back towards Clowne including a row of 5 in the space of a few metres. By the time we arrived back at Jim's we had counted 39, despite slowing down trying to find our 40<sup>th</sup>. We asked Jim what his record was for numbers and he said 91 – Hmmm! We'll be back next year! Nevertheless we were really pleased with 39 and we thanked Jim for inviting us out to see them.

Reporter      Graham Gill

## AUGUST

### METEOROLOGICAL

#### **WEATHER REPORT from DRONFIELD –from garden bird surveys– BSS.**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> were sunny and warm with 3<sup>rd</sup> still sunny but cooler. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> were a mixture of sun and showers but mainly dull. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> were sunny and very warm, then 9<sup>th</sup> was cloudy, with showers later each day. It was back to hot and sunny on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. The 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> were cooler and overcast with sunny spells. It was mostly rainy from 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> was sunny and warm. It was windy from 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> with sunny spells and showers. The 24<sup>th</sup> was sunny and warm, then windy again on 25<sup>th</sup> and heavy rain in varying spells up to 29<sup>th</sup>. The month ended with 2 days of sun and cloud.

The most numerous birds in 9 gardens (monthly totals)

	<b>Species</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>None at</b>	<b>Most at</b>
1	House Sparrow	1205	[8][17]	471 at [18], 247 at [4], 171, at [15][20]
2	Woodpigeon	494	-	90 at [18], 84 at [15], 79 at [4]
3	Starling	374	[1][8][14][17][20]	209 at [18], 92 at [6], 70 at [4]
4	Blackbird	272	-	75 at [18], 57 at [20], 37 at [4]
5	Dunnoek	190	[1][17]	65 at [4], 31 at [20], 23 at [8]
6	Blue Tit	181	[17][18]	54 at [15], 37 at [14], 31 at [1]
7	Robin	120	-	37 at [18], 22 at [20], 18 at [1]
8	Magpie	115	-	36 at [4], 32 at [15], 12 at [1]
9	Goldfinch	112	[17]	36 at [8], 28 at [4], 27 at [6]
10	Great Tit	80	[4][6][17][18][20]	49 at [1], 16 at [14], 13 at [8]
11	Greenfinch	72	6 gardens	70 at [8], 1 at [14], Hd at [18]
12	Chaffinch	31	8 gardens	31 at [1]
13	Collared Dove	30	6 gardens	16 at [1], 11 at [15], 9 at [8]
14	Jackdaw	27	6 gardens	26 at [15], 1 at [17], FO at [8]
15	Coal Tit	25	[4][14][17][18][20]	14 at [8], 8 at [1], 2 at [15]

### Others

A single Song Thrush at [1] on 4<sup>th</sup>. Wrens were seen occasionally at [4][14][15][17][18]. Long-tailed Tits were seen on 6 occasions at [8] and 4 occasions at [15]. Bullfinch at [1] & [17]. Great-spotted Woodpecker at [1] on 3 occasions at beginning of month and Sparrowhawk at [8] on 24<sup>th</sup>. Nuthatch in garden [1] seen on 4 occasions and once at [8]. Lesser Black-backed Gulls FO [18] on 2<sup>nd</sup> and a Raven over [18] on 25<sup>th</sup>. Birds flying over included Buzzard at [6][8][14][18], Rooks at [4]. A Pheasant was heard from garden [4].

### ORNITHOLOGICAL

- 1<sup>st</sup> 2 Tawny Owls calling near Bull Close Farm (360765) G&EG  
6<sup>th</sup> 3 Buzzards circling over Marsh Avenue (355793) G&EG  
2 Swifts and 2 House Martins feeding over rear garden [15]  
6 Swift feeding over Civic Centre at 1940 hrs (352784)  
Song Thrush foraging on Mill Lane (360781)  
Linacre – top reservoir (3273) – Moorhen, Mallard, Coot, Black-headed Gull, BB  
Blackbird. Middle reservoir (3373) - Mallard, Tufted Duck, and Dunnoek.



8 <sup>th</sup>	05.50hrs Kestrel caught prey in field off Furnace Lane, Fender 351753 Male Pheasant and 8 Magpie at Peak Resort, Unstone. (3776)	G&EG J&RS
9 <sup>th</sup>	2 Buzzard & 2 Pied Wagtail (3479)	CS
10 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Chesterfield Canal</u> (3973) Mallard (3873) Mallard, Blackbird.	BB
11 <sup>th</sup>	C30 Starling flying south west over Snape Hill Lane (357791)	G&EG
14 <sup>th</sup>	2 Buzzard circling over Snape Hill Crescent (354792)	G&EG
15 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Tit, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Robin and a one legged Carrion Crow at Metapic Wood (bottom of Half Acre Lane) (3777)	BSS
16 <sup>th</sup>	Female Sparrowhawk flying north over Paddock Way (356788) 12.45hrs 2 Buzzards circling over Snape Hill Crescent (354792)	G&EG
18 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Wagtail on River Drone near newsagents Dronfield Bottom(3578) 2 young Sparrowhawks interacting with one another before landing on roof and TV aerial at house on Ferndale Road viewed from garden [18] at 10am (3679)	BSS M&LF
24 <sup>th</sup>	Lesser Black-backed Gull chasing Buzzard off towards south east over Green Lane/Paddock Way (355790)	G&EG
26 <sup>th</sup>	C30 Starlings flying north over Snape Hill Lane (357791) Buzzard circling over Northfield School at 1350 hrs (356792)	G&EG
28 <sup>th</sup>	2 Swift flew over Balmoral Crescent, Dronfield Woodhouse (3378)	BB
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sparrowhawk kill – Blackbird – near pond at [14]	P&MK

**Garden Bird Survey**  
**9 Gardens**

**Garden Birds**

**Total Species for August**

**Maximum numbers seen together**

<b>Garden No.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
House Sparrow	25			247		106								14	171			471		171
Starling				70		92									3			208		57
Blackbird	24			37		27		5						8	36		3	75		1
Blue Tit	31			18		12		28						37	54					
Collared Dove	16							9							11					2
Magpie	12			36		2		1						7	32		9	10		6
Chaffinch	31																			
Duncock				65		19		23						20	11			21		31
Robin	18			1		11		10						14	4		3	37		22
Greenfinch								70						1				Hd		
Song Thrush	1																			
Great Tit	49							13						16	2					
Wren	2			2										2	1		1	1		
Coal Tit	8					1		14							2					
Carrion Crow	1			7										9	3		1			
Mistle Thrush																				
Woodpigeon	39			79		44		43						64	84		8	90		43
Rook				6																
Jay																				
G.S. Woodpecker	3																			
Goldfinch	12			28		27		36						4	3			FO		2
Sparrowhawk								1												
Pied Wagtail																				
Long-tailed Tit								11							7					
Raven																		FO		
B.H. Gull																				
Goldcrest																				
Treecreeper																				
Jackdaw								FO							26		1			
Feral Rock Dove																				
Bullfinch	2																2			
Kestrel																				
Nuthatch	4					1		1												
Pheasant				Hd																
Grey Heron																				
Lapwing																				
L.B.B. Gull																		2		
Blackcap																				
Fieldfare																				
Grey Wagtail																				
C. Buzzard						FO		FO						FO				FO		
Swift						FO									FO					
Tawny Owl														Hd						
House Martin																		FO		
Total	17			13		13		16						14	17		8	14		9

## **BOTANICAL**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Several Broad Leaved Helleborines near fence on footpath between Callywhite Lane G&EG  
and Stonelow Road 361783  
Linacre Top Reservoir (3273) Great Hairy Willowherb, Meadow Sweet, Herb BB  
Robert, Rosebay Willowherb, Broad-leaved Willowherb, Foxglove, Bramble,  
Enchanter's Nightshade.  
Middle Reservoir (3373) Broad-leaved Willowherb, Foxglove, Bramble.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Broad Leaved Helleborine in Cobnar Wood (360755) G&EG
- 10<sup>th</sup> Chesterfield Canal (3873) – Broad-leaved Willowherb, Great Hairy Willowherb, BB  
Mugwort, Tansy, Tufted Vetch, Bramble, Dandelion, Lesser Burdock, Enchanter's  
Nightshade, White Clover, (3973) Swathes of Great Hairy Willowherb (6ft high),  
Meadowsweet, Tansy, Nettle, Good King Henry, Red Champion, Common Figwort,  
Herb Robert, Bird's-foot Trefoil, Red Clover, White Clover, Meadow Crane's-bill,  
Himalayan Balsam, Rosebay Willowherb, Purple Loosestrife, Hogweed, Angelica,  
Common Comfrey, Teasel, White Dead Nettle, Black Knapweed, Ox-eye Daisy,  
Ragwort, Creeping Thistle, Spear Thistle, Yellow Pimpernel.

## **MAMMALS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 2 Field Mice at dusk [20] S&GR  
Bat (probably Pipistrelle) hunting over Snape Hill Lane at dusk. G&EG
- 15<sup>th</sup> Common Shrew dead on Old Bents Lane just off Stonelow Road, (3678) BSS
- 27<sup>th</sup> 2 Badgers running up Firthwood Avenue (3679) S&GR

## **AMPHIBIANS**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Common Frog in garden [1] R&JS

## **INSECTS**

- Butterflies in garden [15] during the month – Gatekeeper, Large White, Small  
White, Holly Blue, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Red Admiral. G&EG  
Others- Red-tailed Bumblebee, White-tailed Bumblebee, Honey Bee, Carder Bee,  
Lily Beetle, 7 Spot Ladybird, Buff-tailed Bumblebee, Green Shield Beetle and  
Vine Weevil.  
Underground Wasp's Nest in neighbour's garden.
- In garden [8] during month – Small White, Green-veined White, Small CS  
Tortoiseshell, Peacock butterflies. Also Red-tailed and Buff-tailed Bumblebees  
on 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 16 Peacock butterflies in field next to pond in Frith Wood (3678), also a few BSS  
Gatekeepers.
- 6<sup>th</sup> 4 Gatekeeper butterflies in garden [17] BSS

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