

## Birds and Gardens tour – SW England

29<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017



### Trip list - Birds

- Greylag Goose *Anser anser*  
Several pairs at Stodmarsh on the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> April, at least 20 on the reserve at Dungeness the following day and several pairs at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*  
Fairly common in small numbers or flocks.
- Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*  
Very common, pairs or small groups seen on seven dates.
- Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*  
At least 2 on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, at least 10 in Poole Harbour from Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> and two pairs at Lodmoor, Weymouth on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata*  
A male on the pool and stream at Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Gadwall *Anas strepera*  
4 (2 pairs) on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 4-5 at Lodmoor, Weymouth on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*  
About 5 on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May and a pair at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*  
Fairly common in small numbers or flocks, seen on seven dates.
- Pintail *Anas acuta*  
A group of 6 (3 pairs) on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*  
At least 6 (3+ pairs) at Stodmarsh on the afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2 the following morning at Dungeness and 4 (2 pairs) at Lodmoor, Weymouth on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca*  
10, mainly in pairs on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May and at least 30 at Radipole, Weymouth on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*  
A flock of 6 on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*  
At least 20 on the pools at the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, and a similar number at Lodmoor and Radipole, Weymouth on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Ring-necked Duck

- A single male, associating with a small flock of Tufted Ducks on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May. A rare but increasing visitor to the UK.
- Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa*  
2-3 seen in fields between Petersfield and the New Forest on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*  
Very common in small numbers, seen on eight dates.
- Common Loon/Great Northern Diver *Gavia immer*  
1 in full breeding plumage off the beach at Pentewan, Nr St. Austell on 7<sup>th</sup> May and another later the same day from Caerhays car park.
- Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
At least 1 at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*  
Fairly common, mostly in pairs, seen at Stodmarsh, Dungeness and Radipole.
- Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*  
At least 4 from Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*  
10+ offshore from Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup> May and a similar number from Kynance Cove at the Lizard on 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*  
Very common, seen on 9 dates.
- European Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*  
Small numbers at Portland Bill, the Lizard and at Caerhays.
- Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
Small numbers at Stodmarsh, Dungeness and Poole Harbour.
- Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
Up to 3 at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5+ at Arne, Poole Harbour on 4<sup>th</sup>, and 1-2 at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*  
4 (2 pairs) at Stodmarsh on the afternoon of the 30<sup>th</sup> April, a pair on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness On 1<sup>st</sup> May and a female at Lodmoor on the morning of 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*  
Fairly common, mostly single birds, most numerous in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*  
2 heard 'squealing' from within dense reeds at Stodmarsh on 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*  
Fairly common in small numbers at Stodmarsh, Dungeness, Lodmoor and Radipole.
- Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*  
Fairly common in small numbers at Stodmarsh, Dungeness, Lodmoor and Radipole.
- Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*  
Fairly common in pairs or small numbers at Dungeness, Poole Harbour, Lodmoor and Dawlish Warren.
- Grey/Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*  
At least 5 on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 20+ on mudflats at Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

Fairly common in pairs or small numbers at Dungeness and Arne RSPB reserve, Poole Harbour.

- Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*  
A single on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*  
A single at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Redshank *Tringa totanus*  
1-2 at the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, several on the mudflats from Arne RSPB reserve at Poole Harbour on 4<sup>th</sup> and at least 1 at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*  
At Dungeness up to 4 were feeding in a field on the RSPB reserve on 1<sup>st</sup> May, a single on the beach from Caerhays car park on 7<sup>th</sup> and about 10 at Dawlish Warren on 9<sup>th</sup>.
- European Curlew *Numenius arquata*  
At least 1 in Poole Harbour from Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*  
At least 50 in Poole Harbour from Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*  
1 in Poole Harbour from Arne RSPB reserve 4<sup>th</sup> May and at least 5 at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Sanderling *Calidris alba*  
A single on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Dunlin *Calidris alpina*  
2-3 on shingle islands on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, at least 100 on mudflats at Arne RSB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> and 3 at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*  
A single at Radipole on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Guillemot / Common Murre *Uria aalge*  
At least 60 from the cliffs at Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Razorbill *Alca torda*  
3-4 on the sea below the cliffs at Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*  
Singles from the cliffs at Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup> May and Kynance Cove, Lizard on 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*  
Fairly common, breeding flocks at Dungeness and in Poole Harbour, seen on eight dates.
- Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus*  
Up to 5 adults in the Black-headed Gull breeding colony in Poole Harbour seen from Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- Herring Gull /European Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*  
Common, seen every day, including in and around Heathrow.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*  
Up to 6 at Lodmoor and Radipole on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*  
Fairly common in small numbers at Dungeness, Radipole and Portland Bill.
- Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoides*  
A 1st year bird seen briefly and poorly in strong winds feeding over the warm water outflow from the power station at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

- 2 together, and presumed to be a pair, at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*  
Up to 6 at Stodmarsh on 30<sup>th</sup> April, at least 5 on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness and a further 50 feeding over the outflow from Dungeness power station on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*  
At least 1 seen poorly in strong winds (with the Common Terns ) feeding over the outflow from Dungeness power station on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*  
2 in Poole Harbour from Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*  
Common, seen every day.
- Common Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus*  
Common, seen every day.
- Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*  
Common, seen almost every day.
- Cuckoo/ Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*  
1 heard calling at Stodmarsh on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1 seen near Fritham in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Little Owl *Athene noctua*  
1 in the field at Sissinghurst Castle on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- Common Swift *Apus apus*  
At least 2 over Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> May and 20+ at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup> and 75+ over Dawlish Warren on 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*  
1 along the edge of the lake below Sissinghurst Castle on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.
- Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*  
2, a pair, in Yarner Wood NNR on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Eurasian Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*  
Heard calling at Sissinghurst on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 1 at Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*  
Singles or pairs at Dungeness, Arne, Lodmoor, Radipole and Portland Bill.
- Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*  
1-2 in flight near Heathrow and 1 at Wisley on the morning of 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*  
1-2 in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and at Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Magpie *Pica pica*  
Fairly common, seen on 9 dates.
- Red-billed Chough *Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax*  
Up to 3 seen briefly and mostly in flight at the Lizard on 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- Eurasian Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*  
Common, seen every day.
- Rook *Corvus frugilegus*  
Common, seen every day.
- Carrion Crow *Corvus corone*  
Common, seen every day.
- Common Raven *Corvus corax*  
At least 2 at the Lizard on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

- Bearded Tit/Reedling *Panurus biarmicus*  
1-2 seen well in reeds at Radipole on 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- Skylark *Alauda arvensis*  
1-2 mostly in pairs at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup> and Trendlebeare Down, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*  
Fairly common in small numbers, mostly pairs or groups of 3-4, seen on 4 dates with max of 20+ at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May and similar number at Radipole on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Common House Martin *Delichon urbicum*  
3-4 at Dawlish Warren on 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris*  
1 near Fritham in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and at least 1 on the feeders at Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Coal Tit *Pariparus ater*  
1-2 in trees at Beaulieu Road in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and up to 6 on the feeders at Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Great Tit *Parus major*  
Common, seen every day.
- Eurasian Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*  
Common, seen every day.
- Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*  
2, a pair, in Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*  
One in Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Eurasian/Winter Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*  
Very common, seen every day.
- White-throated Dipper *Cinclus cinclus*  
One in the stream at Pentewan, near St Austell on the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*  
2 near Fritham in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 2-3 at Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*  
Fairly common but mostly heard or seen briefly, 5+ at Stodmarsh on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 5+ on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, at least 5 at Radipole and 3-4 at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*  
Small numbers seen or heard singing at Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> May.
- Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard on 8 dates.
- Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*  
2, a pair, seen and heard singing in Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*  
3-4 seen and heard singing at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, at least 1 at Lodmoor on 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 at Kynance Cove, the Lizard on 8<sup>th</sup> and 1-2 at Dawlish Warren on 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*  
At least 5 seen or heard singing in the reeds at Stodmarsh on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 3+ at Lodmoor and 10+ at Radipole on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

- Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard on 8 dates.
- Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard on 6 dates.
- Eurasian Robin *Erithacus rubecula*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard almost every day.
- European Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*  
At least 5 pairs at nestboxes in Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*  
2 males seen and at least 1 other heard singing near Fritham in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 2 seen and heard singing in Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup>.
- European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*  
Pairs in the New Forest, near Fritham and at Beaulieu Road on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, single male Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> and pairs at Portland Bill 5<sup>th</sup> and Kynance Cove, the Lizard on 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*  
Single at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 3 at Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kynance Cove, the Lizard on 8<sup>th</sup> and 2 at Dawlish Warren on 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*  
Very common, seen every day.
- Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard on 6 dates.
- Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*  
Pairs or singles in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> and Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup>.
- European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*  
Very common, seen every day.
- Dunnock / Hedge Sparrow *Prunella modularis*  
Very common, seen every day.
- Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*  
A pair at Yarner Wood NNR on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Pied / White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen on 8 dates.
- Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*  
3-4 on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 1-2 in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> and at Arne 4<sup>th</sup> and Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*  
Singles near Fritham and Beaulieu Road in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, at least 1 at Arne RSPB reserve on 4<sup>th</sup> and 1-2 at Trendlebeare Down, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus*  
Singles at Portland Bill on 5<sup>th</sup> May and at the Lizard on 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*  
A singing male at Trendlebeare Down, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*  
1-2 at Dungeness RSPB reserve on 1<sup>st</sup> May, and at Lodmoor and Radipole on 5<sup>th</sup> and at Dawlish Warren on 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Cirl Bunting *Emberiza cirlus*

An immature male at Dawlish Warren on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Part of the successful conservation work to safeguard this scarce and declining species once restricted to a few areas in south Devon.

Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Fairly common in pairs or small numbers, seen on 9 dates.

Eurasian Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

At least one seen in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*

Fairly common in small numbers, seen on 5 dates.

Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus*

Single in trees at Beaulieu Road in the New Forest on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 3-4 on the feeders at Yarner Wood NNR, Dartmoor on 6<sup>th</sup>.

European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

Fairly common in small flocks.

Eurasian Linnet *Carduelis cannabina*

Fairly common in pairs or small flocks, seen on 5 dates.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Fairly common in small numbers, seen on 8 dates.

Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

A single on the feeder in the reserve warden's garden at Dungeness on 1<sup>st</sup> May.