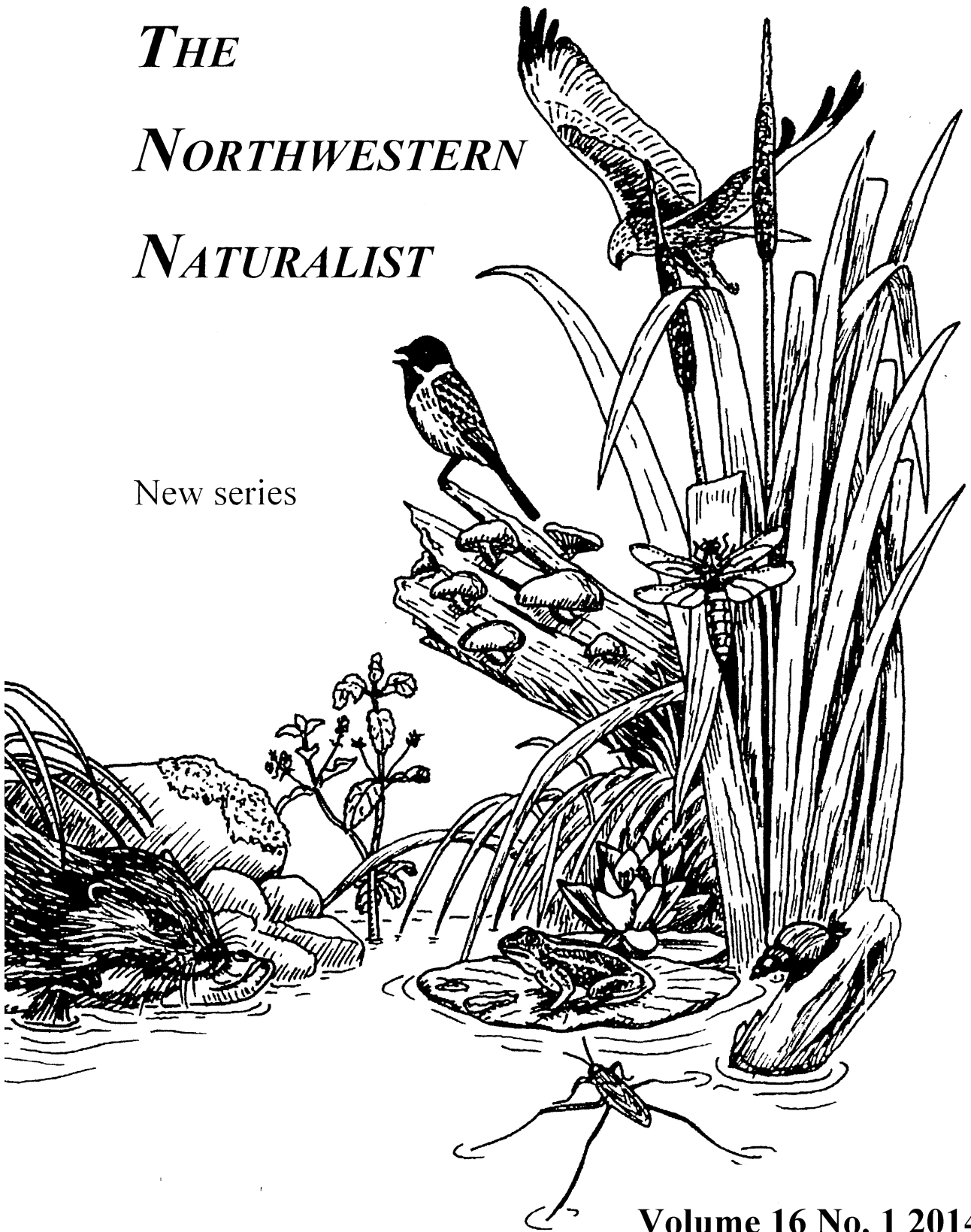


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SOCIETY DIARY

Please note that members of the Northwestern Naturalists' Union are welcome to attend the meetings of all the affiliated societies.

ACCRINGTON NATURALISTS' AND ANTIQUARIANS' SOCIETY

Meetings start at 2.30 pm at Antley Methodists' Church Hall, Blackburn Road, Accrington. Enquiries 01254 381236 or 236076. Non-members welcome - £2.00 minimum lecture fee.

ALTRINGHAM AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Except where otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at St Peter's Assembly Rooms, Cecil Road, Hale and will be timed approximately as follows: 7:30pm informal gathering, 7:45pm lecture, 9:15pm tea and chat. Entrance charges: £1.50 members £3.00 guests.

All excursions leave from the car park at St Peter's Assembly Rooms, Cecil Road, Hale at the times indicated. If you intend to join the excursion please give three days notice. Food and drink for the day and suitable footwear are advisable.

<http://www.altnats.org.uk>, info@altnats.org.uk, 0161 865 0118

BLACKBURN & DISTRICT BIRD CLUB

Indoor meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month at St. Silas's Church Hall, Preston New Road, Blackburn at 7.30 pm. Outdoor meetings are held to observe and study birds in the field, and are usually led by a member of the committee.

CHESHIRE ACTIVE NATURALISTS

To find out more information about how to join Cheshire Active Naturalists visit www.cheshireactivenaturalists.org.uk or email Martyn at Martyn@czd.org.uk

CHEADLE HULME & BRAMHALL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Indoor meeting venue: St. Michael's Church Hall, St. Michael's Avenue, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 2PG at 7.30pm

Thursday 18 September : In the footsteps of David Livingstone (Part 2)
Brian White

Thursday 16 October : AGM (7.15pm) + Land of the Long White Cloud
Heather James

Thursday 20 November : The Snowy Owl – King of the Arctic
Gordon Yates

Thursday 11 December : An Exploration of Styal Country Park
John Hill Wilson

Thursday 15 January 2015 : A Little Bit of China in Your Garden
Marion Bray

Thursday 19 February : Merely Lakes
Hugh Beggs

Thursday 19 March : The Bird Lady
Joan Potts

Thursday 16 April : Excavations at Mellor
Donald Reid

Thursday 17 September : Dark Peak & White Peak
David Frith

CHORLEY AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings September - April St Mary's Parish Centre Chorley.

See www.chorleynats.org.uk for details or telephone Phil Kirk 01257 266783

GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL RECORD CENTRE

Any queries contact: Steve Atkins, Local Record Centre Development Officer, E-Mail:
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Telephone: 0161 342 4121 Mobile 07792 041 528

Greater Manchester Ecology Unit, Council Offices, Wellington Road, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 6DL

LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Indoor meetings are at 7.30pm, unless indicated and are at Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham

LIVERPOOL BOTANICAL SOCIETY

Indoor meetings are held in the Clore Natural History Centre, World Museum, Liverpool, starting at 11.00am. Unless otherwise stated field meetings begin at 10.30am.

Saturday 8 November : Working at the National Herbarium, Paris
Wendy Atkinson (plus members' holiday photos)

Saturday 13 December : Ecological Restoration and Habitat Creation
Dr Phil Putwain

Saturday 10 January 2015 : Costa Rica and Other Rainforests
Eric & Barbara Greenwood.

Saturday 7 February : AGM
members' field meeting photos

Saturday 7 March : Special Trees of Ness Botanic Gardens
Tim Baxter

MACCLESFIELD & DISTRICT FIELD CLUB

Indoor meetings commence at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Roe Street, Macclesfield. www.maccfieldclub.co.uk. Starting points for walks are obtainable from the walk leader. Adequate footwear should be worn, no dogs please.

Wednesday 24 September : Ordsall Hall & Dunham Massey Field Trip (9.00am)
Sue Titford 01625429573

Monday 27 October : Annual General Meeting followed by a talk
Finds along an Ancient Silk Road, Dorothy Bently Smith

Monday 24 November : Peak and Northern Footpaths
David Bratt

Thursday 4 December : Christmas Dinner at Chesters, Chestergate, Macclesfield
(12.30pm)

MANCHESTER FIELD CLUB

Indoor Meetings are held at Sale United Reformed Church Hall, Montague Road, Sale, M33 3BU, near Sale Metro station, commencing 7.00pm. Free to members, visitors £2.00

Walk organiser: Alan Hill, 15 Merston Drive, East Didsbury, M20 5NT. Tel: 0161 445 1535 Website: www.manchesterfieldclub.org.uk

MANCHESTER MICROSCOPICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

All meetings are held in the Stopford Building (Medical School) University of Manchester M13 9PT, corner of Oxford Road and Aker Street (next to the Holy Name Church), Manchester, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All are welcome – feel free to bring a friend or two. Non-members and members of other Societies are welcome. The Society's library will be available at all Stopford meetings and includes copies of our Newsletters and literature on microscopic history, as well as many books on microscopy and Natural History.

See also our Internet site at <http://www.manchestermicroscopical.org.uk>

MARPLE NATURALISTS

Meetings commence at 8.00 pm at United Reform Church, Hibbert Lane, Marple, SK6 7NN.

NELSON NATURALISTS SOCIETY

All meetings are held at Christ Church, Carr Road, Nelson and start at 7.30pm
Enquiries: David Nelson 01282 863012 davidnelson@btinternet.com

Wednesday 24 September : Tibet, Everest and Alpines
Alan Oatway

Wednesday 8 October : Wild Britain
Peter Smith

Wednesday 22 October : Bee-eaters and Kingfishers: An introduction to Goa
Chris Galvin

Wednesday 5 November : Snowy Owl - King of the Arctic
Gordon Yates

Wednesday 19 November : Morecombe Bay Wildlife Safari
Gordon Fletcher

Wednesday 3 December : Arctic and Alpine Plants and Wildlife of Norway and
Northern Britain
Alan Schofield

PRESTON BIRD WATCHING AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings at St. Mary's Church Hall, Cop Lane, Penwortham.

Further details from Steve Halliwell 01772 705468, www.prestonsociety.co.uk

ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

www.rochdalefieldnaturalistsociety.co.uk

Indoor Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month, September to April, at
Cutgate Baptist Church, Edenfield Road, Rochdale.

Enquiries: 01706 630707 and 814884. Charges: Members £2.00, Non-members £3.00.

All Excursions depart from the cul-de-sac at Manchester Road, Rochdale. Time:
Coaches 0900hrs, Cars 1000hrs

Coaches return at 1700hrs except during the months of November, December, January
and February when return is at 1600hrs

Queries: Field excursions – Secretary 01706 843685 /
secretary@rochdalefieldnaturalists.co.uk

Coach bookings – contact Fred Royle on 01706 644394 Coach Price: £14.

Saturday 13 September : Silverdale Area, Lancashire – Coach Trip
Steve Pinnington

Saturday 27 September : Padiham and River Calder, Lancashire – Car Trip
Fred Royle

Thursday 9 October : The Private Lives of Butterflies
Laura Sivell

Saturday 11 October : Filey, N. Yorkshire – Coach Trip
Rick and Karen Cowley

Saturday 25 October : Dunsop Bridge, Bowland, Lancashire – Car Trip
Steve Pinnington

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Shark Tagging In Liverpool Bay

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In 2012 marine biologist Mathew Clough set up the Liverpool Bay Marine Life Trust (LBMLT) whose aims include understanding the marine ecology and educating the public about what species are found in the region. With a particular interest in Sharks, Matt was keen to organise some Shark tagging trips around Liverpool Bay. He eventually found a local offshore charter boat 'Tuskar' whose skipper Stan Dickinson had the vital fishing skills and knowledge of where to find sharks in the local area. The UK Shark Tagging Program run by Dr Ken Collins of Southampton University provide the tags needed in return for any data LBMLT collect. Places are offered to interested members of the public on the Shark tagging trips in order to pay for the charter.

At the early hour of 7am one morning in early July 2013 a small group of eager Shark taggers met at Priory Wharf in Birkenhead and boarded 'Tuskar'. We sailed along the River Mersey passing Perch Rock and New Brighton lighthouse, following the channel markers buoys out and around the Burbo Banks wind farm off the Wirral where I spotted our first Harbour Porpoise *Phocoena phocoena* of the day. Harbour Porpoise are regularly seen off New Brighton and have been seen as far upriver as Runcorn this year. We also sighted a few small pods of Bottle-nosed Dolphins *Tursiops truncatus* totalling at least twelve individuals. These observations were later passed onto the Sea Watch Foundation who are doing outstanding

work understanding the population size, feeding patterns and favoured areas used by Cetaceans in the region.

The skipper was aiming for a site at West Hoyle about seven miles out where he had recently caught one of the main target species for tagging - Tope *Galeorhinus galeus*, a major predator of Atlantic Mackerel *Scomber scombrus* in Liverpool Bay. Tope is one of the most widely fished Shark species with females reaching up to 185cm and males 170cm – its flesh, fins and liver oil are all utilised but unfortunately late maturity and low reproductive potential make Tope vulnerable to over-fishing.

The anchor was dropped and the volunteers grabbed rods positioned around the boat, dropping fishing lines with silvery lures overboard in order to catch the all important Shark baiting fish – Atlantic Mackerel. It wasn't long before the lines were being quickly reeled in with Mackerel after Mackerel being deposited in collecting buckets. The catch didn't comprise just of Mackerel though, a variety of other Fish species were reeled in including Whiting *Merlangius merlangus*; Lesser Weever Fish *Echiichthys vipera* – which bury themselves in the sand and are predators of small invertebrates and other fish, we handled this species carefully as spines on the first dorsal fin and on the gill cover can inject poison; a couple of Gurnards - Red Gurnard *Aspitrigla cuculus* and Grey Gurnard *Eutrigla gurnardus* who can emit a grunting or growling noise, they are bottom feeders whose feelers allow them to detect molluscs, crustaceans and even other fish; and Greater Sand Eel *Hyperoplus lanceolatus* with a distinctive dark spot on either side of the snout. These other fish species were de-hooked from the lures, quickly photographed and released back overboard.

Our fishing activities were drawing quite a crowd of Northern Fulmar and Lesser Black-backed Gulls bobbing around the boat hoping for scraps. Further out we noted five Common Scoter, Kittewakes, European Storm-petrels their dangling feet tip-toeing across the surface of the sea, Manx Shearwaters in their droves skimming around – one individual circling around the boat, Guillemots and a couple of Puffins – a good local tick for offshore Wirral! A few jellyfish species floated by the boat - Moon Jellyfish *Aurelia aurita* and Lion's Mane Jellyfish *Cyanea capillata*.

A bucket of gloopy fish 'chum' which was fermenting nicely in the heat and rather fragrant to say the least was poured into a metal mesh container and lowered overboard. Smell is an incredibly important sense to a shark, demonstrated by the fact that up to two-thirds of the total weight of a shark's brain is made up of the olfactory lobes, which analyse smell. The lines at the stern of the boat were baited with Mackerel to attract the Tope and also sent overboard. The lines soon started buzzing and after the skipper or mate checked that a fish was definitely on and it wasn't just the tide that was taking the line out then each of the volunteers had a turn in reeling in the line hoping for Tope. Unfortunately we were out of luck - we did catch a couple of smaller Shark species though - Small-spotted Catshark (a.k.a. Lesser Spotted Dogfish) *Scyliorhinus canicula* and a few very grumpy Bull Huss (a.k.a. Nursehound, Greater Spotted Dogfish) (right above) *Scyliorhinus stellaris* who aggressively doubled back on themselves to bite their own tails whilst on deck. We also landed a few Thornback Rays *Raja clavata* (right below) – who lie camouflaged covered in sand on the sea floor during the day and

feed at night with a preference for crustaceans. Again after removing the fish hooks and a quick photo these were returned to the sea unscathed.



With time pressing we threw a few Mackerel scraps to the patient Northern Fulmars which had to quickly gobble their food down whilst being harassed by the Lesser Black-backed Gulls. The Lesser Black-backed Gulls weren't to have it all their way when out of nowhere a Great Skua

appeared and nabbed their Mackerel before flying off, settling further out on the sea to digest its scavenged meal.

The anchor was hoisted and we sailed back towards Birkenhead whilst being trailed by Northern Fulmars, Lesser Black-backed Gulls and a Gannet. We noted a couple more Harbour Porpoise on the return trip along with a three Grey Seal *Halichoerus grypus*. As we passed Perch Rock a Mediterranean Gull was amongst the Black-headed Gulls and a small flock of Ringed Plover skimming along the shore. An absolutely fabulous day with a variety of marine life species and great birding despite the disappointment of no taggable Sharks!

Yellow Trees

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Whilst on the Northwestern Naturalists' Union Bryophyte and Lichen Section meeting at Tom Wood, Charlesworth, on the 4th June 2011, John Lowell asked me to identify a yellow lichen. It was one I had not seen before called *Candelaria concolor* and the dot map in Dobson had only two dots within a 50 km radius of the site. One in Yorkshire and one in east Derbyshire. As it was about five metres over the vice county boundary in Derbyshire (SJ997933) I contacted the vice county recorder Steve Price who informed me that it was the third record for the county.

I thought no more of it until late 2012 when my brother, Alan, said he had found a yellow tree in Stalybridge (right) and that it was covered in *Candelaria concolor*. The tree was on a bit of roadside grass on High Street, by its junction with Grosvenor Street (SJ961983) (see illustration) and

then a few weeks later we found a bit on a tree on Werneth Low. It then started to appear in very small patches on tree trunks in the area and I found a tree in the War Memorial Garden at Ashton-under-Lyne which I have decided to monitor with frequent photographs. The first two taken three months apart show a visible increase.

I was getting off a bus in January 2014 on London Road in Manchester between Fairfield Street and Mancunian Way and there was a tree with a considerable amount on it and on the way home I saw some on a tree by the new Lyme Square development in Openshaw identified from the upper deck of a bus and later confirmed by close inspection. There appear to be a number of trees on Ashton Old Road at Openshaw with it, some are yellow to about two and a half metres. Other known sites are at Wythenshawe Park, Woodbank Park in Stockport, Levenshulme, Diggle, Dukinfield and on a Plane tree between the stalls



selling cooked meats in Piccadilly, Manchester.

We are told that lichens take many years to grow a few centimetres but this must have all appeared in the last two years or less. I have no idea what has caused it to spread so rapidly but I recommend that you look out for it and watch how fast it grows. The only common thing between the sites is that most are within ten metres of a main road and it faces the road or the rear of traffic. It only grows in small quantities on sites away from roads, the Werneth Low site has hardly increased in a year, whereas the Openshaw site has noticeably in the last three months.

The lichen is bright yellow and formed of very small squammules which curl up at the edges giving it the appearance of a crisped lettuce. It usually grows on the trunk of the tree.

Another lichen that has just appeared in the area is *Normandina pulchella* it is not spreading as rapidly but Alan and I have already found it on Longridge Fell, Moses Gate Country Park, Daisy Nook Country Park at Ashton-under-Lyne and at Charlesworth near to the first sighting of *Candelaria concolor*.

Reference - Dobson F. S. *Lichens – An Illustrated Guide to British and Irish species*. 6th Edition 2011.

A.G.M.

2015

The 2015 A.G.M. will be held at

2.00 p.m. on 7 March 2015

At Bolton Library.

Notes From A Wandering Wildlife Watcher: Winter Birds in Werneth Park, Oldham 2013/2014

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Werneth Park is a small oasis of green within a built up area just to the south of Oldham Town Centre. The Park and adjoining 'Hollies' area is bounded by Manchester Road to the west, Frederick Street to the north east and Wellington Road to the south east.

The Park is comprised of mainly open grassland with recreational facilities and allotments towards the Frederick Street boundary. There is, however, a wooded area basically linear in form bounding the west and south east sections of the Park and it is this area which holds the greatest ornithological interest. Visits were undertaken between the end of November 2013 and into March 2014 and the sightings made form this report.

It was 28 November 2013 and I was on Frederick Street in the early afternoon. A small bird was flitting near the top of a now barren tree inside Werneth Park. It was a grey, overcast typical November day. Rain was threatening. I was some distance away and didn't have my binoculars with me but the bird's movements and shape suggested nuthatch. I thought I could discern a tinge of blue or maybe it was just the dull light playing tricks with my eyes. The bird then vacated the tree and luckily flew in my direction - it veered off flew past me and settled on the driveway of a property opposite the Park. It was a nuthatch. As I looked up the driveway, it was pecking at the

minute gaps in the rough surface obviously foraging for food.

I later began to wonder what other birds might be inside the Park and then decided to find out.

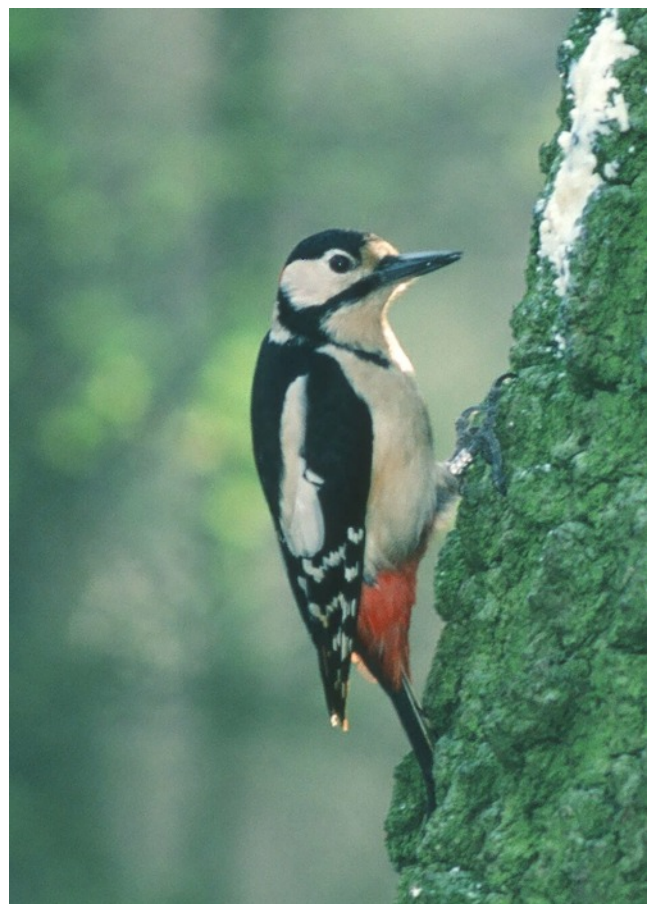


It was some weeks later on 21 December that I spent an hour in the early afternoon strolling around the Park. The expected species were seen in that time - magpie, wood pigeon, carrion crow, blackbird, chaffinch (both male & female), blue tit and mistle thrush. A robin was tick, tick, ticking away before bursting into its squeaky song. Of interest was the sighting of a single coal tit and small flocks of goldfinches (7), long tailed tits (10) and redwing (5). Between that day and year end I visited the Park a further four times - all afternoon visits. Seventeen species were seen on those four visits and of those, great tit, song thrush (for me always a delight to see), dunnock, great spotted woodpecker (female), wren and a female sparrowhawk were new. The sparrowhawk caused great consternation amongst the carrion crows as it flew rapidly at low level across the bowling green. On the last day of the year I

noted that the redwing flock had now increased to thirteen in number.

The first day of the New Year saw me again in the Park for a brief visit. It was a windy day so that would most likely account for the paucity of birds. The redwings were still around but now only six and four mistle thrushes where on the open grassy area looking for food.

Fifteen species were seen on a late morning visit on 5 January - black headed gull and common gull were feeding on bread being thrown onto the grassy area by a passerby taking a stroll in the Park. The attendant carrion crows and magpies didn't get a look in as the gulls, squabbling amongst themselves as they do, quickly hoovered up the food. I returned on the 8th January for a 45 minute period straddling noon. A wren 'buzzed' at low level across the path in front of me before disappearing into the ground foliage. A splendid looking male bullfinch



perched on a branch was a new species recorded. And two mistle thrushes looked to be pairing up for the breeding season.

It was a mainly cloudy day on 22 January with the mild unseasonal weather continuing when I again visited. A ninety minute period revealed 16 species including a male great spotted woodpecker. The woodpecker was high up in a tall mature tree stationary on a slightly inclined branch. The sun briefly made an appearance but for five minutes or more, the woodpecker remained motionless. It then started to inch its way slowly further up the branch, pecking at areas of moss and decaying timber as it travelled.

Later four greenfinches and two collared doves were seen. A group of five wood pigeons sat crouched motionless in a tree, watching almost sentinel like over the surrounding area. If disturbed the clattering of their wings as they take flight would be enough to counter the ever present road traffic noise emanating from Manchester Road. A mistle thrush was singing high up in a tree and with snowdrops in bloom it felt more like Spring than Winter.

Further visits at the end of January and throughout February were always interesting - no new species seen but the ever present redwing flock were always a welcome sight. The mistle thrush singing seemed to get louder and a female great spotted woodpecker was noted on 7 February.

Into March and as the meteorological Spring starts a jay appeared on the 4th bringing the species total during the period to 25.

Incidentally (or is that depressingly) neither house sparrow nor starling were seen in the Park on my visits. Decreasing spe-

cies nationally, a few house sparrows are in the adjoining built up areas but the starling is now scarce in the immediate locality. The appearance of the first hibernating butterfly species is only a few weeks, if not days, away and if the mild weather persists and the summer migrant birds will soon be arriving. I wonder which species will visit Werneth Park either to stay or pass through to their breeding ground. Maybe I should continue visiting to find out?

NWNU Lecturer List

The next edition of the NWNU Lecturer List is well underway. If you are on the existing list and have not already been contacted or wish to be added to the list please contact:

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NWNU New Treasurer

Alexander Mansfield is the new Treasurer of the North Western Naturalists' Union.

Would members of affiliated societies receiving this Newsletter please ensure that Alexander's details are passed on to their respective Treasurers.

alexandermansfield3@gmail.com

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Liverpool L13 5YE

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Saturday 8 November : Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Barnsley, South Yorks –
Coach Trip

Barbara Waddington/Sheila Simpson

Thursday 13 November : Wader Project - Bowland

Gavin Thomas

Saturday 22 November : Dovestones, Saddleworth (RSPB*) – Car Trip

Marolyn Colley

Thursday 4 December : A Shot at Wildlife – Images 2010

Pauline and Ian Greenhalgh

Saturday 6 December : Fairburn Ings, West Yorkshire (RSPB*) – Coach Trip

Pam Jackson

Saturday 20 December : Styal Woods, Cheshire (NT) – Car Trip

Peter and Dinah Francis

Thursday 8 January 2015 : A World of Birds (Film)

Gordon Yates

Saturday 10 January : Llanfairfechan, North Wales – Coach Trip

Pat and Maggie Culkin

Saturday 24 January : Wince Brook, Middleton – Car Trip

Sheila Carr and Bob Newing

Thursday 12 February : Extramadura

William Howarth

Saturday 14 February : Burton Mere Wetlands, Wirral – Coach Trip

Rick and Karen Cowley

Saturday 28 February : Dovestones, Oldham (RSPB*) – Car Trip

Rick & Karen Cowley

Thursday 12 March : The Wigan Wetlands

Mark Champion

Saturday 14 March : Tittesworth Reservoir, Staffs – Coach Trip

Peter and Dinah Francis

Saturday 28 March : Roddlesworth, West Pennine Moors – Car Trip

Fred Royle

Thursday 9 April : Members night (A selection of members' slides)

All welcome.

Saturday 11 April : Kirkby Lonsdale, near Lancaster – Coach Trip

Pamela Jackson

Saturday 25 April : Swillington Ings, Leeds – Car Trip
Alan Nuttall

Saturday 16 May : Coombes Valley, near Leek (RSPB*) – Coach Trip
Sonia Allen

Saturday 30 May : Woolston Eyes, near Warrington – Car Trip
Peter and Dinah Francis

Saturday 13 June : Bampton Cliffs, Yorkshire (RSPB*) – Coach Trip
Sonia Allen

Saturday 27 June : Tandle Hill, Royton – Car Trip
Ron and Lynne Powell

Saturday 11 July : North Cave and Far Ings – Coach Trip
Peter and Dinah Francis

Saturday 25 July : Compstall and Etherow Country Park, Marple – Car Trip
Sonia Allen

Saturday 15 August : Hathersage to Calver, Peak District – Coach Trip
Pamela Jackson

Saturday 29 August : Moth Morning and Walk, Warton, Lancs – Car Trip
Peter Stevens and Heather Scaife

Saturday 12 September : Helmsley, North York Moors – Coach Trip
Sheila Carr and Bob Newing

Saturday 26 September : Todmorden area, West Yorks – Car Trip
Derek Clutterbuck

Saturday 10 October : South Lakes – Coach Trip
Pamela Jackson and Sheila Simpson

Saturday 24 October : Phillip's Park, Prestwich – Car Trip
Alan Flavell

Saturday 14 November : Knott End to Preesall, Morecambe Bay – Coach Trip
Pat and Maggie Culkin

Saturday 28 November : Lyme Park - Car Trip
Rick and Karen Cowley

Saturday 5 December : Carsington Water, near Ashbourne – Coach Trip
Sheila Simpson

Saturday 19 December : Towneley Park, Burnley – Car Trip
Derek Clutterbuck

* Please note there may be an entrance fee or parking charge at these venues

SADDLEWORTH NATURALISTS

All events listed are indoor meetings held at 7.30pm at the Brownhill Visitors' Centre at Dobcross.

Wednesday 10 September : Birdlife Through 40 Pennine Years
Gordon Yates

Wednesday 8 October : What's in a Name?
Tim Melling

Wednesday 14 November : A Shot at Wildlife
Pauline Mellor

December : no meeting

Wednesday 14 January 2015 : The Wildlife & Geology of Tenerife
Nick Martin

Wednesday 11 February : Saddleworth Wildlife
Ken Gartside

Wednesday 11 March : Wildlife Photography Around the UK
David Winnard

Wednesday 9 April : Annual General Meeting
Member's digital pictures, light refreshments

WILMSLOW GUILD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Indoor meetings held at Wilmslow Guild, 1 Brown Street at 7.45 pm. Visitors welcome to indoor meetings (£3.00) & field-trips (free).

Contact Roy Beacham (secretary) for further information on 01606 891957
rybeacham@aol.com

Thursday 18 September : Wildlife of the Isle of Avalon
Mike Roberts

Sunday 5 October : Styal, Cheshire Field Trip
Meet 10.30 am in the main National Trust car park for Styal Mill. SJ 836 830

Thursday 16 October : Africa
Paul Hobson

Thursday 20 November : Playing with my Flies
Lance Gorman

Thursday 11 December : Annual General Meeting & Members' Evening
Quiz, slides and seasonal fare

Thursday 15 January 2015 : Wildlife of the Weaver Valley
Jeff Clarke

Saturday 14 February : Rode Hall, Alsager Field Trip
David Warner

Thursday 19 February : Winter & Spring at Pikelow Farm
David Taylor

Thursday 19 March : Working on Derbyshire's Nature Reserves
Julia Gow

Saturday 25 April : Warburton's Wood Field Trip
Roy Beacham

Thursday 30 April : Newts in your Pond
James Grundy

Saturday 16 May : Lathkill Dale Field Trip
Steve Osborne

Wednesday 3 June : Hare Hill Field Trip
National Trust Gardener

Saturday 13 June : Loggerheads, Mold Field Trip
Roy Beacham

Saturday 11 July : Weaver Parkway, Winsford Field Trip
Roy Beacham

Saturday 19 July : The Roaches Field Trip
Gill Turner

Saturday 17 October : Marbury Country Park Field Trip
David Warner

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