

## Hollybed Common and Hollybed Farm WWT reserve

Thursday 17th March 2016, 10 am to 12.30 pm. Eight people. Weather cold, no frost, dry and mostly sunny.

Parked at field gate into the reserve on New Road (SO 778 383). Stayed on lane, walked north-east to junction (Eight Oaks), turned left. Along lane, passing a footpath on the left but keeping on lane to next junction. Turned left, over a stream then onto Common. Followed main path across to join lane at Hollybed Street. Along lane, passing a footpath on left by a house but continuing on lane. Took next footpath on left, then straight along footpaths, through fields and up to a track. Turned left along track, then left through farm gate into WWT land. Followed public footpath round and down to small woodland area (The Orrels) along a stream. Through gate at end, then turned right round the bottom of the SSSI meadow, then straight along bottoms of two more meadows back to a gate into New Road.

### Birds

English name	Scientific name	Comments
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	
Blue tit	<i>Cyanistes/Parus caeruleus</i>	
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	
Crow	<i>Corvus corone corone</i>	
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	
Long-tailed tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	
Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	
Wagtail, pied	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	

Green woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	
Woodpecker, great spotted	<i>Dendrocopus major</i>	
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	

## Plants

English name	Scientific name	Comments
Black poplar	<i>Populus betulifolia nigra</i> ssp.	Trees
Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Bushes and trees, flowering
Bluebell	<i>Endymion non-scriptus</i>	In flower
Bramble	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	
Celandine, lesser	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Flowering
Cherry, wild(?)	<i>Prunus avium</i>	Hedgerow tree, flowering
Daffodils, wild	<i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>	Flowering
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacu officinale</i>	Flowering
Deadnettle, red	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Flowering
Dog's mercury	<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	
Golden saxifrage	<i>Chrysoplenium oppositifolium</i>	Alternate-leaved
Gorse	<i>Ulex gallia</i>	Western
Ground ivy	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Flowering
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	
Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	
Marsh marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Flowering
Mistletoe	<i>Viscum album</i>	Lots on old orchard trees
Mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	
Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	
Primroses	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	

Ramsons	Allium ursinum	Leaves
Snowdrops	Galanthus nivalis	Almost finished flowering
Speedwell	Veronica	
Strawberry, barren	Potentilla sterilis	
Violets, white	Viola sp.	
Wild arum	Arum maculatum	

### Misc.

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Frogs, frogspawn	Rana temporaria	On pond on Common