

Knapp & Papermill Reserve, Alfrick Pound

Friday 12th February 2016. Weather fairly cold, damp . 5 people. Wet warm winter. and early spring with very short, very cold spells.

Park and meet by Leigh Brook near reserve entrance. Walked past Info Centre, through orchard and Daffodil Meadow, along bottom of Big Meadow then along Leigh Brook and into Papermill Meadow. Round the bottom of the meadow, up the far side, then turned left, up to the top of the meadow than into the coppice to the info board. Turned right , walked down the slope to the path at the bottom of the wood above Big Meadow, looking at the recent tree work and scrub clearance. Walked left along woodland edge, then through gate back onto meadow and across meadow to the brook. Retraced steps through Daffodil Meadow and the orchard to the entrance on the lane.

Plants seen, discussed

| English name | Scientific name | Comments |
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| Adders tongue fern | <i>Ophioglossum</i> | |
| Butterbur | <i>Petasites</i> | Buds just appearing, along brook at bottom of Big Meadow |
| Celandine, lesser | <i>Ficaria verna</i> | In flower |
| Dandelion | <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> | In flower |
| Daffodils (cultivated) | <i>Narcissus</i> | In Daffodil Meadow |
| Ground ivy | <i>Glechoma hederacea</i> | In flower |
| Marsh marigolds/Kingcups | <i>Caltha palustris</i> | In flower, in ponds |
| Saxifrage, opposite-leaved | <i>Chrysosplenium oppositifolium</i> | |
| Snowdrops | <i>Galanthus nivalis</i> | Widespread |
| Strawberry, barren | <i>Potentilla sterilis</i> | |

Birds

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| Blue tits | <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i> | |
| Great tit | <i>Parus major</i> | |
| Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo atthis</i> | Along brook, Bridges Stone, by lane |

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| Ravens | <i>Corvus corax</i> | 2, Overflying |
| Redwing | <i>Turdus iliacus</i> | Orchard |
| Thrush, song | <i>Turdus philomelos</i> | Near entrance |
| Tree creeper | <i>Certhia familiaris</i> | By brook |
| Wagtail, grey | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | |
| Wren | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | |

Miscellaneous

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| Muntjac deer | <i>Muntiacus reevesi</i> | In coppice above path along brook to Papermill meadow |