

Colwall area

Thursday 14th March 10 am to 12.30 pm approx. Five people. Weather cold, frost early morning, dry, sunny, cool.

Parked at Colwall station (SO 756 425), first visited Ballard Nature Reserve just over the footbridge. Followed footpath uphill along stream on the left then a fence, through sheep pasture to gate. Still going straight up, went up steps then bore right and then left up fairly steep pasture land to a gate, ground levelling out. Still going up, followed foot path between two hedges then left at a gate, along footpath between a hedge and green chain-link fence past wood pasture on the right. Followed footpath along towards large house. Turned left down the pasture hillside to reach and go alongside a hedge on the right, then turned left again and followed hedge on level ground back to the gate. Retraced our steps down the sheep meadow hillside to the station. Approx 1 mile.

Birds

| English name | Scientific name | Comments |
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| Blackbird | <i>Turdus merula</i> | |
| Blue tit | <i>Cyanistes/Parus caeruleus</i> | In nature reserve |
| Buzzard | <i>Buteo buteo</i> | Overflying |
| Chaffinch | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | In nature reserve |
| Crow | <i>Corvus corone corone</i> | |
| Dunnock | <i>Prunella modularis</i> | |
| Goldfinch | <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> | |
| Great tit | <i>Parus major</i> | In nature reserve |
| Green woodpecker | <i>Picus viridis</i> | |
| House sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | |
| Jackdaw | <i>Corvus monedula</i> | |
| Jay | <i>Garrulus glandarius</i> | |
| Long-tailed tit | <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i> | |
| Magpie | <i>Pica pica</i> | |
| Mallard | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | |
| Nuthatch | <i>Sitta europaea</i> | |
| Pheasant | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> | |

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| Raven | <i>Corvus corax</i> | Overflying |
| Robin | <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | In nature reserve |
| Rook | <i>Corvus frugilegus</i> | |
| Song thrush | <i>Turdus philomelos</i> | |
| Treecreeper | <i>Certhia familiaris</i> | On tree in wood pasture |
| Wood pigeon | <i>Columba palumbus</i> | |
| Wren | <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | |

Flowers

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| Coltsfoot | <i>Tussilago farfara</i> | In nature reserve |