

## Saturday 23rd January Malvern Group birdwatching visit to the Christopher Cadbury Reserve, Upton Warren, nr Droitwich, Worcestershire

Met at 10 am in the car park for a two hour visit. Weather cloudy and rain showers at first, then sunny intervals. Cool with temperatures around 6°, slight breeze. Walked along vehicle access road past the smaller northern pool (no water birds seen), then past the buildings and along the right-hand track to the large hide to the east of the larger pool. After an hour or so returned to the car park then walked along the track to the east of the larger pool to visit both hides.

### Birds seen:

Curlew (*Numenius arquata*). Small flock grazing in the arable field between the A38 road and the car park.

Larger pool:

Black-headed gulls (*Larus ichthyaetus*); Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*); Coot (*Fulica atra*); Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) (adults and juveniles); Great-crested grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*); Grey herons (*Ardea cinerea*); Lapwings (*Vanellus vanellus*); Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) (m,f); Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*); Pochard (*Aythya ferina*); Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*); Shoveller (*Anas clypeata*); Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*); Mute swans (*Cygnus olor*); Teal (*Anas crecca*); Tufted duck (*Aythya fuligula*).

Bird feeders by eastern hides by larger pool:

Blackbirds (*Turdus merula*) (m,f); Blue tits (*Parus caeruleus*); Bullfinches (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*) (m.f); Dunnocks (*Prunella modularis*); Greenfinches (*Carduelis carduelis*); Long-tailed tits (*Aegithalos caudatus*); Reed buntings (*Emberiza schoeniclus*); Robins (*Erithacus rubecula*); Great spotted woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*).