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Idle Valley Nature Sightings

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What's On - Events at Idle Valley Nature Reserve

Every Tuesday of each month – Wellbeing Walk (Bellmoor Lake area) starting from the **Idle Valley Visitor Centre Cafe at 10:30am till 12:00pm**. Take in the views, chat with someone new and enjoy the benefits of walking in nature. Volunteer led walk sponsored by Co-op Lincolnshire.

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Thursday 3rd September & Thursday 1st October – Photography and Wildlife Walk (Longer Walk) starting from the **Idle Valley Visitor Centre Cafe at 10:00am till 3:00pm**. If you are interested in a longer walk around our beautiful Idle Valley Nature Reserve, join us on the first Thursday of every month. Volunteer led walk.



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Idle Valley Wildlife Watch Group from Ros Schwarz - Group Leader.

In August, the Wildlife Watch group theme was "Meadow Magic". After talking about the hot weather and its effects on wildlife, we went out to the Education meadow to look for grasshoppers and bush crickets. Not many damselflies and dragonflies this time but lots of early blackberries which we picked (and ate) on the way back to the centre! Some of those wonderful creatures that we saw are shown below (Below left to right) female **Common Stretch-spider**, a **Roesel's Bush-cricket** and a **Lesser Marsh Grasshopper** ©R. Schwarz.



General Information & What's On

Seasonal wildlife activities for 7 to 12-year-olds, with a walk in the reserve. Meeting Point is the Idle Valley Visitor Centre at 10:30am until 12:30pm. **£2.00 per child**. Please contact Ros on idlewatch@nottswt.co.uk for more information. Our next group session is on **Saturday 12th September** and the theme will be '**Mouse Tales**'.

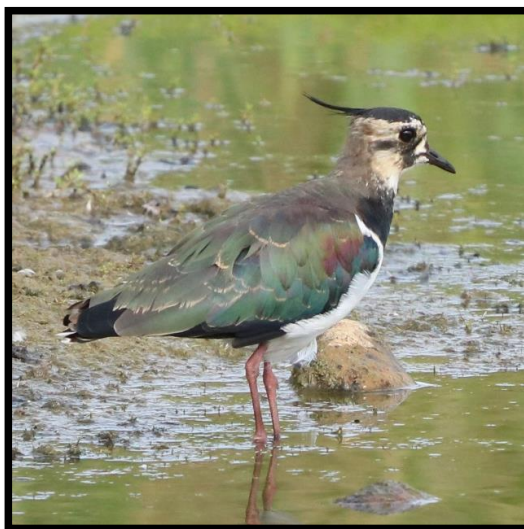
Footsteps into Nature



Local Birdwatching & Wildlife Walk Group

Review of the 'Birdwatching & Wildlife' walk from Wednesday 29th July 2026

My walk began at the 'Beaver Tour' car park, off Chainbridge Lane, where we heard a singing Chiffchaff and a distant calling **Green Woodpecker**. We headed along Hawthorn Lane where also immediately a single **Swift** flew strongly south. The continuing dry weather having now killed off most of the grass verges and even the Evening Primrose were going over. We checked Chainbridge Scrape (West) but apart from a few Common Tern and a few ducks nothing special could be seen. Well, not until I spotted what I initially thought was an adult Mediterranean Gull, which from a few photographs was re-identified as a hybrid gull, presumed Mediterranean x Black-headed. We continued towards Cross Lane junction then waited here for a few minutes, hoping to hear Turtle Dove. No joy here, but as we walked west along Cross Lane, Vicky heard the 'purring' of a **Turtle Dove** at some distance. I heard it briefly and unbelievably; it was the first one I had encountered this year. We saw a couple of dragonflies, including Migrant Hawker and Brown Hawker and a couple of **Painted Lady** butterflies entertained us. As we approached Neatholme Lane I heard the "Cronking" of a **Raven**, with two birds noted circling Neatholme Fen for a few minutes before heading off east.



At Neatholme Fen we saw a good number of birds including five **Black-tailed Godwit**, six **Green Sandpiper**, an adult **Yellow-legged Gull** was noted above for what seemed like ages, as it interacted with a Lesser Black-backed Gull. Little Egret, Great Crested Grebe, Grey Heron and several Lapwings were also noted plus Buzzard and a distant Sparrowhawk. We spoke with Mel who talked about her numerous Turtle Dove sightings, she suggested up to three pairs were now on site, which shocked me as there have been very little reported sightings of late. We heard another **Green Woodpecker** along Neatholme Lane and here we also saw quite a few **Willow Emerald Damselflies**. Arriving at Neatholme Pit we had a brilliant view of an adult female **Marsh Harrier** over the reedbeds and there were up to 9 adult Red-crested Pochard plus 2 small ducklings with a lone female. We saw a few Sand Martin and the odd Swallow here but little more so we set off walking towards Neatholme Scrape.



Here, apart from plenty of duck, coots and a total of 48 Mute Swan, we didn't see many more birds. However, we did get a pair of **Common Blue** butterflies, a couple of Common Darter and another Brown Hawker dragonflies. The weather was now getting hotter and more uncomfortable, so we hastily made our way back to the car. A decent morning's birding and wildlife spotting and once again thanks to all who attended and have shared their photos on the group WhatsApp page. (Images) ©G. Hobson.

Gary Hobson (Walk Leader)

My next walk will be on: -

Friday 25th September – 'Footsteps into Nature' – 'Birdwatching & Wildlife Walk at Idle Valley NR.

Meet at Chainbridge Lane at the 'Beaver Tour' parking area at 2:30pm until 5:30pm. We will do a loop around Alan's Meadow, Chainbridge Pit, the riverbank, then return along Chainbridge Lane via Chainbridge Scrape (East) viewpoint. Looking for autumn migrants and other wildlife. Leader is Gary Hobson.

If you would like more information about the group and be added to the group WhatsApp page, please contact Gary Hobson (Walk Leader) via email/mobile: **ghlbc@hotmail.co.uk** or **07464964879**

Lound Bird Club

General Information

If you would like to join the **Lound Bird Club**, please send your Name, e-mail address, and a contact number to Gary Hobson (Membership Secretary) to **ghlbc@hotmail.co.uk** Membership of the club is free. We have been an established local bird watching group since 1990, recording the birds and wildlife at the Idle Valley Nature Reserve (formerly known as Sutton & Lound Gravel Pits SSSI), and support the work of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. We offer a program of free walks throughout the year and a series of monthly indoor meetings (September to April) with guest speakers giving talks on birds and occasional alternative wildlife subjects. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday each month from September through to April, at Sutton-cum-Lound Village Hall, with a £3 entry fee to cover refreshments and hire costs.

What's On

LBC Autumn/Winter 26/27 - Indoor Meetings Program.

Below are the first two dates for the forthcoming Autumn/Winter Indoor Meetings for Lound Bird Club. We have purposely asked local speakers to come and talk for us, and you will see from reading the speaker bio's that the subjects are very exciting. A full list of all our meetings will be published soon. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday each month from September through to April, at Sutton-cum-Lound Village Hall, with a £3 entry fee to cover refreshments and hire costs.

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 - Royston Packer presenting a talk titled '**A Wildlife Journey**'.

My talk will feature wildlife from home and distant destinations. It is a presentation of music video projected images and Storytelling.

"Hi my name is Royston Packer (DPAGB.AWPF LSINWP), I live in Doncaster, South Yorkshire. I have had a lifelong passion for nature and photography. My business career took me away from my passion for almost a quarter of a century, time only allowing me to dabble! In 2000 I had the opportunity to set up my own media company producing film for the private and public sectors. This enabled me to rekindle my interests in imagery. I had the good fortune to work alongside of a very talented BBC wildlife cameraman, Graham Horder. I am a multi International Award winning photographer. Now retired I have devoted my time to all things photography. I travel extensively in pursuit of my photography. I am a passionate traveller to India. Tigers are high on my list of subjects."



Wednesday 28th October 2026 - Peter Garrity presenting a talk titled '**Barn Owls - The Inside Story**'.

Tonight Peter will dig deep into the history of one of the UK's most popular and yet mysterious birds. He will share his own two year intimate story spent monitoring and filming these enigmatic creatures.

"In the summer of 2023 I thought to myself - why not put an owl box up? I might get a Tawny Owl or Kestrel nesting in the following breeding season and that would be interesting!" I set about designing and constructing a box and eventually put it up in a large Oak tree at the end of my garden. I also installed cameras inside and out to record any activity - and then I waited. I never realised what incredible events would occur over the next two years. There were depressing lows but also euphoric highs along the way - every emotion-packed moment recorded on camera with some never witnessed before footage. This is a story of natural selection and survival. Was all of the effort, stress and time worth it? I will let you decide!



Peter Garrity has been an ornithologist for over 50 years. He is a long standing member, trustee and newsletter editor of the Sheffield Bird Study Group. He is also an amateur wildlife photographer and videographer. A number of his photographs have appeared in national and local publications, and his videos have featured in various TV productions in the UK and North America.

Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) – Remaining 2026 'Core Count' Dates

13th September	11th October	22nd November	13th December
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A one Sunday per month survey of wetland birds recorded on the 'Sutton & Lound Gravel Pit' count site and completed in collaboration with the BTO Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS). The combined data of several hundred WeBS Core Count sites across the UK is used to produce an annual summery review titled the 'Waterbirds in the UK,' which can be downloaded from the BTO here: - [bto-rspb-jncc-naturescot-waterbirds-in-the-uk-webs-gsmp-report-2024-25.pdf](https://www.bto-rspb-jncc-naturescot-waterbirds-in-the-uk-webs-gsmp-report-2024-25.pdf)

If you can help with the monthly WeBS count, please contact Gary Hobson who can assist with adding you to the volunteer counter WhatsApp group.

Bird Sightings for July 2026 compiled by Gary Hobson.

July is again a typically quiet month for birdwatching on the reserve and indeed our wider recording area. Sadly, no WeBS count was undertaken during the month. Once again, I have again included e-bird reports within these sightings, with the only downside being that e-bird does not allow for the poster to indicate birds at specific locations within a larger site like Idle Valley NR. Three walks were held in July, a 'Footsteps into Nature' walk around the middle section of the reserve on Friday 3rd, a Lound Bird Club walk was held at Bellmoor on the 19th and another 'Footsteps into Nature' walk around Neatholme Pits area of the reserve on the 29th.

Just two counts of **Mute Swan**, including a count of 65 on the reserve on the 27th and 48 at Neatholme Scrape on the 29th. A number of **Egyptian Goose** were noted with 9 at Neatholme Fen on the 26th, and a further counts of 14 on the 26th and 16 on the 27th were noted. A single ♀ **Garganey** was on Bellmoor Lake on evening of the 31st. A huge influx of **Gadwall** was noted from mid-month including a record breaking count of 775 birds on the various pits off Neatholme Lane. A single 'eclipse' male **Wigeon** was noted with Mallard on Tilm Pool on the 3rd and what may have been the same bird was noted on Neatholme Fen on the 26th. Three reports of **Red-crested Pochard**, including a single at Bellmoor Lake on the 19th, 30 were counted at Neatholme Scrape on the 23rd and 9 were at Neatholme Pit, with a further two small ducklings with an adult female, on the 29th. A small number of **Swift** were reported, including two over on the 19th, up to 18 birds on the 27th and a single flew south over Chainbridge Lane on the 29th. This juvenile **Cuckoo** was being fed by two attentive Reed Warbler parents at the small pool by the Children's Play Area at the Rural Learning Centre on the 12th and it was seen again on the 15th in bushes on the Boardwalk nearby. (Below) A case of me being very lucky that this Cuckoo was being fed in the open on the 12th ©G. Hobson.



Four reports of **Turtle Dove**, including a pair photographed at Neatholme Fen on the 19th (Below left) ©B. Foster), singles were at Cross Lane and Walters Lane on the 26th and a single was still 'purring' at Cross Lane/Water Ski Pit on the 29th. From discussions with one of the wildlife trust staff members who is regularly on site, they were sure that up to three pairs were probably present this summer which is good to hear. A pair of **Black-necked Grebe** were present at one location on the 23rd. Detail will remain vague within this bulletin during the breeding season for the safety of this rare county and nationally sensitive breeding species. Up to 8 **Oystercatcher** were noted from Doughty's Pit (Sutton Trout Lake) on the 3rd and four were noted elsewhere on the 11th. Two counts of **Lapwing**, including 40 on the 6th and c100 on the 27th. A single **Ringed Plover** was on Neatholme Fen on the 26th-27th. A single report of three juvenile **Little Ringed Plover** at Bellmoor Lake on morning of the 31st. Four reports of **Black-tailed Godwit**, including singles at Neatholme Fen on the 21st and Chainbridge Scrape (East) on the 26th, five at Neatholme Fen on the 29th and a single remaining there on the 31st. Three reports of **Dunlin**, including singles at Neatholme Fen on the 26th-27th and a report of three birds on the reserve on the 27th. Just a single report of **Common Sandpiper** with a single noted at Neatholme Fen on the 26th. Numerous reports of **Green Sandpiper** from Neatholme Fen, with a single there on the 6th, two there on the 21st, rising to 6 birds there from the 23rd until the 29th. Additionally, a single was heard over Cross Lane at 2:00am during a moth trapping session on the 4th. A single **Wood Sandpiper** was noted at Neatholme Fen from the 17th until the 27th at least. A single 'hybrid' **Black-headed Gull x Mediterranean Gull** was present at Chainbridge Scrape (East) on the 29th. Three reports of **Common Gull**, including a single at Doughty's Pit on the 18th, three birds were on Neatholme Scrape on the 23rd and a single was over Neatholme Pit on the 29th. A single report of 10 **Herring Gull** on the reserve on the 11th. Three reports of **Yellow-legged Gull**, including an adult at Bellmoor Lake on the 11th, a single reported on the reserve on the 19th and an adult again over Neatholme Fen on the 29th. A seemingly good year for breeding **Common Tern**, despite the warm summer. Doughty's Pit seemed to be the key area and bird no doubt bred on the island there. Up to five were present on the 5th rising to 12+ (presumably including juveniles) there on the 18th. Up to five were at Neatholme Fen on the 26th. A single **Black Tern** was noted at Doughty's Pit before flying north on the evening of the 11th. A single **Spoonbill** was reported on the reserve on the 25th. Single **Great White Egret** were noted on Neatholme Fen on the 26th-27th. A good number of **Little Egret** were reported with up to four at Doughty's Pit on the 18th, increasing significantly to 11 birds from four areas on the 26th, including 8 together at Neatholme Fen. A count of 7 on the 27th was presumably from Neatholme Fen. This Little Egret was at Chainbridge Scrape (East) on the 26th (Below right) ©G. Hobson.



An interesting report, just outside the recording area but still relevant, was a single **Honey Buzzard** observed flying low over East Retford, being chased by crows and heading towards Idle Valley NR on the 2nd. In all likelihood this was one of the birds that are found in the Dukeries and not an early Autumn migrant from the continent? A single report of **Sparrowhawk** with a bird noted at Neatholme Scrape on the 6th. Three reports of **Marsh Harrier**, including a single over Clayworth Common on the 6th, two 2nd-summer birds again over Clayworth Common on the 14th and finally an adult female was hunting the reeds on Neatholme Pit on the 29th. Just two reports of single **Red Kite**, including a bird over Hallcroft Estate on the 23rd and another over the reserve on the 27th. Just two reports of **Kingfisher**, with singles noted from Neatholme Fen on the 22nd and Neatholme Pit on the 23rd. Three reports of **Green Woodpecker**, including a single at Clayworth Copse (The Willows) on the 6th, 2 were along Neatholme Lane on the 11th and a single was reported on the reserve on the 27th. A single report of two Kestrel at Neatholme Fen on the 26th. Single **Hobby** were noted at Neatholme Fen on the 26th. Two reports of **Raven**, including four birds noted on the 19th and a pair were noted interacting over Neatholme Fen on the 29th. A single **Grey Wagtail** was reported on the reserve on the 19th. Two reports of **Bullfinch**, including a single at Bunker Wood on the 22nd and a pair were near Neatholme Fen on the 26th.

Feral/Escapes/Unconfirmed

The 'escaped/feral' ♂ **Orinoco Goose** was still present associating with Egyptian Geese at Walters Farm pool during the month.

A. Blackburn, S. Came, B. Foster, K. Fisher, D. Anderson, G. Collins, C. Titshall, A. Todd, J. Purrinton, J. Furguson, I. Cowgill, D. Richardson, P. Cottam, P. J. Freeman, A & B. Merrick, T. Carter, G. Hobson, D. Housman, M & L. Vickers, S. Davenport, V. Giles, P. Cadman, P & E. Hobson, I. Hunt, Mel, Andy, e-bird, RBA, BirdGuides, Lound Bird Club (Website), Footsteps into Nature (What's App), Nottinghamshire Birdwatchers (Website), Idle Valley Bird Sightings (Facebook), Lound & Idle Valley Bird News (What's App), Notts Bird News (What's App), Notts Rare & Scarce (What's App). Please submit bird sightings to the above groups/pages or email them to **ghlbc@hotmail.co.uk**

Lound Moth Group



The following are just a small selection of moth species that were significant during the month. This list and images are compiled by Paul Hobson from Lound Moth Group data held by our resident moth expert Philip Cadman, who is also the local 'Entomology Recorder' for the Idle Valley NR & Lound Bird Club recording area. The header image is an Oak Beauty moth ©Annie Verkade.

Moth trapping sessions across the recording area were as follows: - Water Ski Pit & Chainbridge Scrape (West) on the 3rd, at Linghurst Pool and Clayworth Common/Tiln North/Chainbridge Pit (Netting only) on the 10th, at Carr Hill School on the 18th, and finally at both Bunker Wood & Bellmoor Sand Pits (Netting Only) on the 24th. There were several new additions to the recording area/reserve and several 2nd and 3rd records!

MACRO MOTH HIGHLIGHTS – July 2026

A trapping session on the 3rd recorded a single **65.009 Buff Arches *Hasbrosyne pyritoides*** to the 125w MV trap at Chainbridge Scrape (West)/Hawthorn (Below left) ©P. Hobson, a single **70.227 Bordered Beauty *Epione repandaria*** to the same trap and a **69.006 Privet Hawk-moth *Sphinx ligustri*** to the 30w LED Bin Trap at the Water Ski Pit (Below right) G. Hobson.



A trapping session on the 10th at Neatholme Fen/Linghurst Wood recorded a single **66.007 Oak Egger *Lasiocampa quercus***, a single **70.148 Maple Pug *Eupithecia inturbata***, a new addition to the reserve (Below left) ©C. Watkin, a single **73.168 Double Lobed *Lateroligia ophiogramma*** and best of all, a single **73.01 Dewick's *Plusia Macdunnoughia***, a new addition to the reserve (Below right) ©P. Hobson, all coming to the 125w MV trap.



Further netting of moths at Chainbridge Pit/Hayton Common on the 10th produced a single **70.025 Lesser Cream Wave *Scopula immutata***, the third record for the reserve (Below left) ©G. Hobson, and a single **70.188 Bordered Pug *Eupithecia sccenturiata*** (Below right) ©P. Hobson



A trapping session at Carr Hill School on the 18th produced, a single **73.28 Small Ranunculus *Hecatera dysodea***, a new addition to the recording area (Below left) ©P. Hobson, a single **70.268 Pale Oak Beauty *Hypomecis punctinalis***, a single **71.006 Alder Kitten *Furcula bicuspis***, the second record for the recording area (Below centre) ©P. Hobson, and a single **70.205 The Magpie *Abraxas grossulariata***, rare in the recording area (Below right) ©P. Hobson, all to the 125w MV trap. Also, a single **70.16 White-spotted Pug *Eupithecia tripunctaria***, which are rare in the recording area, to the 30w LED Bin trap.



A trapping session at Bunker Wood on the 24th produced single **70.214 Tawny-barred Angle *Macaria liturata***, the second record for the reserve, four **73.082 Tree-lichen Beauty *Cryphia algae***, new additions to the reserve and increasing rapidly in Nottighamshire (Below left) ©P. Hobson, a single **73.353 Dotted Clay *Xestia baja***, a scarce moth on the reserve, a single **73.119 The Crescent *Helotropha leucostigma***, the third reserve record (Below centre) ©G. Hobson, a single **73.139 Twin-Spotted Wainscot *Lenisa geminipuncta***, rare on the reserve (Below right) ©C. Watkin, and finally a single **70.182 Current Pug *Epithecia assimolata*** was netted and was a new addition for the reserve.



MICRO MOTH HIGHLIGHTS – July 2026

A trapping session at Chainbridge Scrape (West) on the 3rd recorded two **35.101 Eyed Gelechia *Gelechia sororculella***, new additions to the reserve (Below left) ©P. Hobson, a single **36.001 Poplar Needle-moth *Batrachedra praeangusta***, a new addition to the reserve list (Below centre) ©P. Hobson, a single **49.225 Larch Bud Moth *Spilonota laricana***, a new addition to the reserve (Below right) ©P. Hobson, a single **49.232 Dark Aspen Roller *Epinotia maculana***, the fourth record for the reserve and is scarce in Nottinghamshire, a single **35.046 Grizzled Moss-moth *Bryotropha senectella***, the third record for the reserve, and finally a single **35.01 Vetch Moth *Aproaerema anthyllidella***, a new addition to the reserve. All trapped using a mix of 125w MV and 30w LED traps.



A trapping session at Linghurst Pool on the 10th produced a third record of **35.101 Eyed Gelechia *Gelechia sororculella***, a single **63.034 Dusky Pearl *Udea prunaris***, a new addition to the reserve (Below left) ©P. Hobson, a single **49.148 Scarce Willow Marble *Apotomis lineana***, the second record for the reserve (Below centre) ©P. Hobson, a single **63.028 European Corn Borer *Ostrinia nubilalis***, a new addition to the reserve (Below right) ©P. Hobson, a single **49.283 White-cloaked Tortrix *Gypsonoma aceriana***, the second record for the reserve and is rare in Nottinghamshire. All trapped using a mix of 125w MV and 30w LED traps.



A walk into the Sandy Hills area on the 12th produced a single **63.112 Hook-tipped Grass-moth *Platytes alpinella***, the third record for the reserve (Below left) ©G. Hobson.

A trapping session at Carr Hill School on the 18th produced a single **28.012 Dingy Concealer *Borkhusenia fuscescens***, a new addition to the recording area (Below right) ©P. Hobson. A trapping session at Bunker Wood (South) on the 24th produced a single **62.074 Large Tabby *Aglossa pinguinalis***, the second record for the reserve. All trapped using a mix of 125w MV and 30w LED traps.

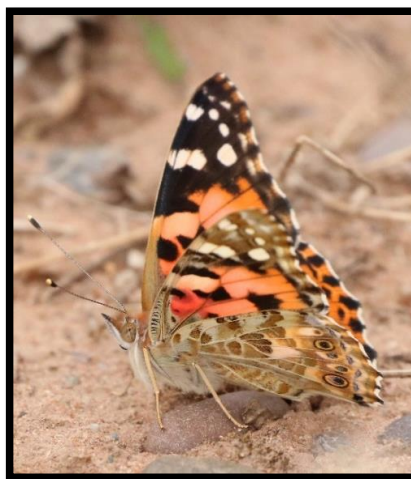


Other Nature Sightings for July 2026 compiled by Gary Hobson.

Butterflies – The following table gives the daily totals of the 'non-white' butterflies species noted across the reserve/recording area throughout the month with peak numbers highlighted in bold: -

Species/Date	3rd	6th	10th	15th	17th	20th	24th	27th
Small Skipper	4	16	1					
Large Skipper		2	1		1			
Brimstone	2		2	1				
Ringlet	75	20	19		5			
Meadow Brown	15	47	2		95	4	15	12
Gatekeeper	80	58	41		85	30	45	25
Silver-washed Fritillary	1							
Red Admiral	6	10	3	2	3	4	5	
Painted Lady		3		5	2			
Peacock		1		1	1			
Comma	6	2		2				
Purple Hairstreak	1							
Small Copper		1						
Holly Blue		4		1			2	
Brown Argus		2	6				1	2
Common Blue			3	3	2		1	

Noted highlights were as follows: - A single **Silver-washed Fritillary** was noted in a Lound Garden on the 3rd. **Painted Lady** numbers have fallen in July with this individual (Below) photographed at Doughty's Pit on the 5th ©G. Hobson.



This single ♀ **Purple Hairstreak** was photographed at Bunker Wood on the 3rd (Below left) ©K. Driver and (Below right) ©V. Bell.

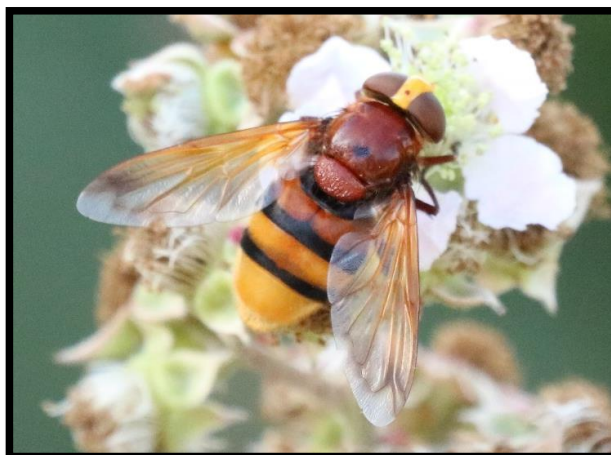


Dragonflies & Damselflies –

Noted highlight were as follows: - Two reports of **Willow Emerald Damselfly**, including two at Chainbridge Pit on the 24th and up to 6 at Bellmoor Lake on the 25th. Single **Migrant Hawker Dragonfly** were at the Rural Learning Centre on the 15th and at Chainbridge Pit on the 24th. Single **Southern Hawker Dragonfly** were at Chainbridge Wood on the 3rd and at Linghurst Lakes on the 6th. Several reports of **Emperor Dragonfly**, including two at Linghurst Lakes on the 6th and 17th, a single at Tiln Pasture on the 10th and two at Chainbridge Scrape (West) on the 27th. A single Broad-bodied Chaser was at Linghurst Lakes on the 6th. Three reports of **Ruddy Darter**, including a single at Tiln Pasture on the 10th, three at Bellmoor Lake on the 25th and two at Chainbridge Scrape (West) on the 27th. The star attraction and a new addition to the reserve list were the migrant **Red-veined Darters** that were found alongside Doughty's Pit on the 3rd, with 2 ♂'s noted initially, followed by 5 ♂'s plus a single ♀ there on the 5th and 3 ♂'s and a single ♀ on the 6th. Copulation was noted during this period so we may see further sightings next summer. A further single ♂ was photographed at Bellmoor Lake on the 19th. A selection of images (Below) were taken at Doughty's Pit ©G. Hobson/T. Carter



Insects – Two insects that we came across a couple of times during the month. A type of 'Tachinid' Fly likely to be *Tachina magnicornis* or *Tachina fera* and a common summer hoverfly species, the **Hornet Hoverfly** *Volucella zonaria* (Both Images) © G. Hobson.



Mammals – This **Mole** *Talpa Europaea* was above ground trying to dig itself in again at Bellmoor Lake woodland belt on the 2nd. A single **Roe Deer** *Capreolus capreolus* was noted at Doughty's Pit (Sutton Trout Lake) on the 18th.



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Submissions for inclusion in this publication can be sent to **Gary Hobson** via **ghlbc@hotmail.co.uk** Please state (species/observer/location/date) for all images.

In the case of regular **bird and wildlife sightings**, please submit sightings via the relevant **Wellness, Birdwatching or Photography 'WhatsApp' & 'Facebook' groups** linked to Idle Valley NR.

Submit all **Lepidoptera (moths and butterflies)** plus any **Dragonfly & Damselfly** sightings to our recorder, **Philip Cadman**, via **philip.cadman@sky.com**