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Wycombe Wildlife Group is a voluntary organization the **OBJECT** of which is to further the ecology and knowledge of the urban and fringe areas of **High Wycombe**, Buckinghamshire; to conserve, protect, restore and create wildlife habitats; to encourage colonization and survival of all plants and animal life in such areas and to promote the education of the public in matters pertaining to wildlife and its conservation.

Within **Wycombe District** the Group aims to :

- Survey and map wildlife habitats.
- Protect important wildlife sites.
- Study wildlife sites and associated flora & fauna.
- Manage wildlife sites and associated flora & fauna.
- Stimulate public interest in wildlife & its conservation.
- Encourage wildlife gardening.
- Co-operate with other groups of similar aims.
- Promote the objectives of the Group.
- Encourage active participation in conservation of all persons & groups & provide appropriate training to that end.

(A detailed copy of the aims of the group is available on request)

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EDITORIAL

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Maurice Young on November 18th 2004. He will leave a huge gap among the many conservation organisations which he supported.

One of Maurice's roles as a member of Wycombe Wildlife Group, was to typeset our Newsletter. He undertook this task in 1990, once funding from Wycombe District Council ceased, and would have completed 15 years as production editor this year. He fully intended to typeset this newsletter as usual, even when illness prevented him from participating in any other activities (but he died before he could do so). Such was his dedication to his work. It is only through the help of Maurice's family that the newsletter has been produced at all, and the Group much appreciates their help at this time of sorrow. Of course, this newsletter lacks the new cartoons and illustrations that Maurice was so good at but we will continue to use his legacy of artwork whenever we can.

The production of the newsletter was only a tiny fraction of what Maurice did for Wycombe Wildlife Group, and for conservation as a whole. Some of his achievements are printed on the opposite page, though the list is endless. In the meantime, however, we shall notice his absence from the pages of our newsletter, while we mourn that of his familiar figure from our many other activities.

Our sympathies go out to his wife and family. It is a sad loss both to them, and to conservation as a whole.

Raffle Prize acknowledgements

The Trustees thank Hazlemere Food Hall, Hazlemere Lighting, Nottcutts Booker Garden Centre and members of Wycombe Wildlife Group for their generous donations of prizes for the 2004 Christmas raffle.

Welcome to new members

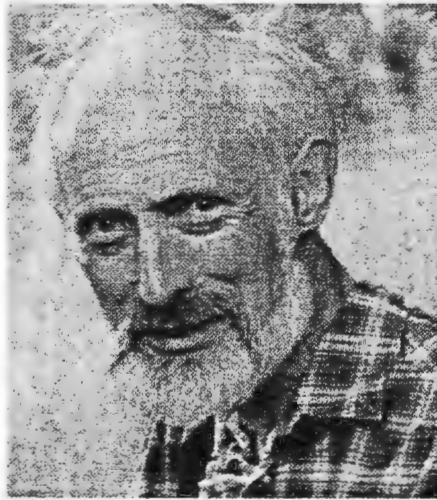
We welcome the following new members, who have joined since September 2004 and look forward to meeting them at future events:

Mrs Davina Embleton, Ms Nicole Prater, Mr Nick Holdsworth, Mr & Mrs Pat & Dave Brooker

Views expressed in the newsletter are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Group.
For the purposes of management of the Group membership information is held on computer.

Maurice Gerrard Young

22 December 1936 – 18 November, 2004



To this day I have a leaflet in my possession announcing a course "Discovering the Wildlife of the Chilterns". The leaflet is dated 23rd May 1988, its tutor, Maurice Young. Was the course a test piece for a future Urban Wildlife Group? Certainly Maurice was actively supporting such a venture in 1988, and Wycombe Urban Wildlife Group was launched in April of the following year, with Maurice as a leading figure. (He actually was one of the leaders at the Group's launch walk). Possibly, leading wildlife walks was one of the activities which endeared Maurice most to the public. Sweepnet in hand, he would explain about the insects caught, and, using the magnifying glass, which always hung around his neck, point out the means of identification of some of the orchids and other flora in the reserves he managed. (E.g. Butlers Hangings and Gomm Valley).

Maurice was an expert photographer, and slides of the wildlife existing on local nature reserves frequently formed the basis of his many talks, given both for Wycombe Wildlife Group (as it became) and the other organisations he supported. Bats, dormice and glow-worms were some of these. Field-work visits to nature reserves figured in the 1988 "Discovery" course, and so did advice on wildlife photography. Maurice was always willing to give advice, whether it was to a school wishing to set up a wildlife corner, or someone wishing to construct a wildlife pond. Advisory wildlife leaflets were the natural consequence, and now form part of Maurice's legacy. One of the last things he did was to update them.

Maurice was a firm believer in education. He began as a teacher of biology, though botany was his specialist subject, and duly became the Group's Education Officer. His advice, both to schools, and the Group as a whole, was invaluable. He helped set up the Sheepridge Nature Reserve, as an educational resource, and installed features there good for wildlife, such as a bee wall.

Not only was Maurice a member of Wycombe Wildlife Group, but also of other organisations, such as BBOWT (BBONT in 1988) and he served on their committees, as well as for the Group. Other bodies to which he belonged were the BSBI, Plant Gall Society and Plantlife. He also carried out practical conservation on their behalf – scrub bashing, dogwood in particular, - as well as for us.

When I look back, I realise what a lot of Maurice is contained in that early leaflet – it was modest and humorous, as he was; it contained a questionnaire like a flora key, - Maurice the botanist, and it sported a Chiltern Gentian on the front cover – Maurice the artist and illustrator. And its choice also showed the wisdom which Maurice at the time could not have suspected, for the Chiltern Gentian has since been voted the symbol of our county by members of Plantlife. How pleased Maurice must have been!

Pat Morris

(The above illustrations of the Chiltern Gentian first appeared in Issue 38 of Wildlife News)

Oxford Urban Wildlife Group

Our activities

Our group was started in 1988 and, after 16 years, the group is still flourishing, organising a full programme of events around the City. Guided walks to places of wildlife interest are especially popular, so we often have to limit numbers. Summer botanical surveys take us to new places and balmy evenings in bluebell woods or watching a hunting barn owl have given us unforgettable memories. Our quarterly newsletter "Oxford Wildlife News" is a team effort – members contributing articles on their special interest or passing on their expertise. We sometimes give talks to other groups and broadcast on local TV and radio. At city events we have stalls selling plants and books aimed at encouraging an interest in wildlife

Boundary Brook Nature Park

A big commitment started in 1990 when we leased, from the city council, an area of derelict allotments in East Oxford which was threatened with re-development. We enlisted the help of members and local people who turned up to a massive litter blitz and set to work to clear the site which we optimistically named Boundary Brook Nature Park. The next step was to plant an area of woodland and native hedge when local families with children armed with sea-side buckets and spades joined local conservation volunteers.

We next hired a JCB and driver to excavate a pond and marsh area and soon the site had acquired a rich mosaic of habitats. Over 14 years the park has matured – the woodland, once a forest of little stick-like whips, now hides the blocks of flats and looks like an exciting forest to visiting children. We added a

"hay meadow", "cornfield" and bird orchard which attract a range of wildlife. On open days people come and explore and the demonstration wildlife garden, kitchen garden and range of composting methods give visitors ideas about how their garden could be run organically and made more attractive to wildlife. Our fortnightly work parties give a chance to acquire skills in conservation work as well as getting healthy exercise out-of-doors.

The park is regularly used by school groups, including children with special needs and physical disabilities. A pack for schools, suggests a range of projects and activities for the site and pond-dipping is always one of the most popular although investigating what lives under a log elicits the loudest shrieks.

As well as attracting human visitors, the park has become an important conservation site in this densely populated part of Oxford. Among the 50 species of birds using the site, herons and kingfishers are regular visitors. The most exciting visitors included a bittern, snipe, a wry-neck and this autumn a woodcock. In spring the ponds and marsh are swarming with amphibians (hence the bittern's visit) and a family of foxes have made this their permanent home.

I hope your group will make a second visit to see the changes.

Janet Keene

If you are ever planning to visit Oxford and want to know when the site is open you can contact me (01865 820522) or visit our website www.ouwg.org.uk.



Young visitors to the Boundary Brook Nature Park

(Oxford Urban Wildlife Group photograph)

A fabulous year for fungi

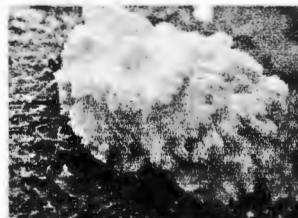
Although the long hot summer of 2003 made that year one of the worst for fungi for ages, 2004 certainly made up for it, with species normally only found in the autumn turning up in the middle of the summer and an abundance of fungi everywhere in the autumn months.

Interesting fungi such as the Collared Earthstar (*Geastrum triplex*) appeared in Pat's garden in 2004 and I found the Striate Earthstar (*Geastrum striatum*) and over 40 fruiting bodies of the Parrot Waxcap (*Hygrocybe psittacina*) in our garden. The rare Old Man of the Woods (*Strobilomyces strobilaceus*) turned up both in Bradenham Woods and at Common Wood, and I found the rare Tiered Tooth (*Hericium cirrhatum*) in the latter location.

Collared Earthstar in Pat's garden



Tiered Tooth in Common Wood



Photographs by
Eric Britnell

A number of visits were made to Common Wood in 2004 in connection with the ecological survey being undertaken there for the Penn and Tylers Green Residents Society who now own most of the wood. Thanks to Penny Cullington of Bucks Fungus Group, the list of fungi recorded in Common Wood since August 2003 has now reached a total of just over 150 species, including quite a few I had never even heard of. On a visit to the wood in July last year, Penny found a *Russula*, which she took home for microscopic examination and it keyed out to a species never previously recorded in Britain. Her identification of the fungus as *Russula lepido-color* was confirmed by Kew and resulted in the species being looked for and found subsequently at three other UK sites.

A knock-on benefit of last year's abundance of fungi was that it enabled Frances and I to extend the number of species that we have eaten, enjoyed and survived, to over 20.

Roger

Roger led a fungus walk in Common Wood on Saturday 2nd October 2004, attended by 15 people and some 28 species of fungi were identified. Thank you, Roger for an interesting and instructive morning

Pat

Moth Trapping - 2004

Two moth-trapping events were planned for Common Wood in 2004. The first took place in April, when the aptly-named Early Thorn was one of some 20 species attracted to the four light traps. The second fixture, in September, was cancelled due to lack of public support (and, possibly, poor weather earlier in the day). Four other privately-arranged moth-trappings took place in members' gardens during 2004. Of these, the one held at Bassetsbury Lane in May also had to be abandoned when, by 10 pm, no moths had arrived, and the night was deemed too cold. At Flackwell Heath, the night was again cold (9 degrees C, although it was mid-June), but at least 12 species of moths were recorded. July and August were much warmer, and met with better success. At Cadmore End, a new site for the Group, 25 species were recorded and at Deeds Grove 26, plus abundant numbers of the curiously-shaped tree hopper, *Centrotus cornutus*. Visitors to these venues had the added bonus of being shown round the owners' wildlife gardens.

Many thanks to: Jenny & Chris, Andrew, Lisa and Emma, Barbara & Jim, and Roger, Frances & Eva, for their hospitality. Thanks, too, to the indefatigable light-trappers Martin Albertini, Peter Hall, Paul and Ellis Bowyer and Eric Britnell, for their support, and to our photographer, Stan Armstrong.

Results of all moth-trapping events are published both on WWG's and Butterfly Conservation's web-sites.

Pat Morris

Autumn Visit to Bledlow – 26 October 2004

A grey mild morning. The small group led by Roger and Frances Wilding met at the Church, and took the public footpath alongside, first to view the Garden from above. The closeness of the church to the ravine of the Lyde valley gives rise to a verse attributed to Mother Shipton "Those who live and do abide, shall see Bledlow Church fall into the Lyde" We decided it's going to be a few years yet.

Returning to the road, we entered by the small gate and took the top right path, leading through the dense growth of Berberis, Acers, Box, Sorbus, with luscious red berries, Bamboos, all vying for light and room, with masses of ground cover, Comfrey and ferns. One young Indian Bean tree stood out. On down steepish steps to the infant Lyde stream, fed from numerous springs trickling out of the steep-sided ravine, and which later joins the River Thame, and eventually meets the Thames near Dorchester. We paused on the bridge and admired the tranquil scene. This pure spring-fed pool was once thriving watercress beds, which my great-uncle Boxer Williams used to harvest and send up to London on the first up train. A handsome duck house now stands in the middle.

Next, a stout decking pathway over very boggy ground. A tree fern and Swamp Cypress looked very much at home, as did Skunk Cabbages, Hostas, Bamboos, and Gunneras, whose large leaves had been cut and inverted over the new shoots to protect them from winter frosts. Very few birds about- Long-tailed Tits, Robins, and a lone Moorhen. Back up the steps to complete the circuit. We shall look forward to seeing the spring flowers on the follow-up visit in the Spring programme.

Frances had kindly collected the key to the 800 year-old church, so we had the opportunity to view the 14th century wall paintings, and other treasures inside at our leisure.

A very pleasant morning

Audrey Roberts

PS The "help yourself" bucket of apples outside one of the Bledlow houses was well supported.

What to-do in your wildlife garden this winter

Put out nyjer seed for goldfinches. Nyjer also attracts chaffinches, bullfinches and house sparrows, and, if you are lucky, siskins.

Keep feeders and ground below them clean to prevent disease. Regular use of Ark-Klens liquid or Garden-Klens powder is useful for this. Take down feeders and wash them periodically in detergent with a dash of bleach.

Shake nut feeders each time before filling to avoid compaction and the creation of mould.

Remove uneaten scraps at the end of the day, to discourage rats.

In freezing weather, empty birdbaths after dark, ready to refill next morning. Bore a hole in pond ice with a saucepan containing boiling water, to release build-up of gases.

Nectar and pollen are important food sources for birds early in the year, as well as for insects. Make sure your garden contains plants which flower early, such as Mahonia.

Build starling nest-boxes (hole size 45mm) and sparrow hotels, and put them up ready for spring.

Pat

Earthworks at Cock Lane

We were pleased to have some further help from Earthworks Conservation Volunteers on 20 November with one of our practical conservation tasks at Cock Lane. After a day's scrub bashing with a bonfire to keep us warm, we all went home a little bit weary but pleased with the day's achievements.

New member Nicole Prater helps out regularly with the Group's conservation work. Is there anyone else out there who would like to join us? There is something suitable for most people's abilities and the work is good for you as well as for the environment. Why not make a New Year's resolution to come and have a go. The WWG activities programme lists the opportunities available but always ring the evening before to make sure there hasn't been a last minute change of date, time or location.

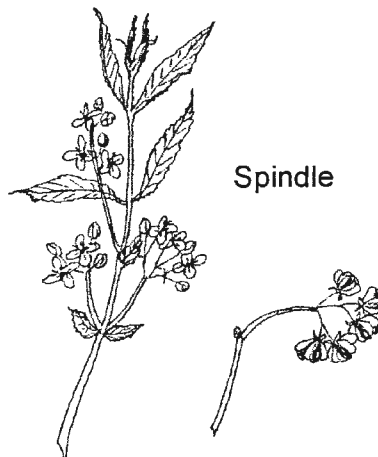
Roger

"Trees, hedges and woods"

An illustrated talk by Roger Wilding

Roger's talk in October could quite appropriately have been subtitled "If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise" because surprise us he certainly did with the number and variety of species to be seen in this important wildlife habitat. He explained how post Ice-Age Britain was re-colonised by a succession of tree species, each becoming established where the climate, altitude and geology were suitable. Each tree species provided ecological niches for a variety of other species including fungi and insects, many of which are peculiar to a particular type of tree and we still see today associated with a particular type of woodland. The early colonisers such as Birch and Scots Pine were largely replaced in lowland Britain by broadleaved species such as Ash, Oak and Beech. Each type of woodland habitat is further characterised by particular species of fungi, lichens, ferns and higher plants that typically flourish there. Roger showed us excellent pictures of many of these species, some familiar to us but several - especially some of the fungi, molluscs and insects - quite unfamiliar! Man, of course, has managed woods for centuries and Roger mentioned the benefits of mixed planting and traditional pollarding and coppicing in promoting biological diversity.

Roger went on to discuss of the typical shrubs and their widespread disappearance. Hedges has been recognised as a refuge for many different species and in so many places, many of which have adopted a climbing or scrambling lifestyle.



hedgerow habitats and some trees that grow there. Since ancient times, the importance of hedges has been recognised by ecologists, conservationists and farmers alike. As well as providing food and shelter for many different species, they provide corridors along which individuals of a species can move and in so many places, many of which have adopted a climbing or scrambling lifestyle.

So surprise yourself - go for a walk along a hedgerow or into a wood in your neighbourhood and see what you can find.

Our thanks to Roger for an interesting evening - we look forward to more talks in the series.

Robert Raper

Further habitat talks are planned for the future, including ones covering coastal areas, grasslands, rivers and wetlands and possibly others.

Roger



Reflections from the kitchen window

Where had all the wild birds gone?

Do French birds behave differently?

Late summer and I realised that there were no Red Kites around. They are moulting, I was informed, and don't fly so far from their nests. But it wasn't just the Kites that didn't show up as often. Members of the Tit family were missing from the garden too. Now that I'm not working, having a gap year, someone said, I can spend more time looking out of the kitchen window. This has brought home to me how much luck is involved in bird-watching: being at the right place at the right time. More of this later.

We spent a week in Brittany at the end of September. I've noticed in other years that there don't seem to be as many small birds as at home. The most common bird was probably the Coot which we saw in large numbers on lakes and some rivers. Most surprising

to us were the number of Kingfisher which we saw mostly on tidal waterways. Often they were moving back and forth across the muddy river banks when the tide was out, seemingly oblivious to the boats and people around. In England my sightings have usually been a flash of electric blue and then the bird has gone. Can it be that French kingfishers aren't as shy as English ones? Or is it place and time?

When we came home the Kites had returned. Then, looking up from the washing-up one day, there were the Long-tailed Tits again. They never stay for long; a quick search through branches for insects or grubs and they are gone, moving from garden to garden in search of food.

Harry Wheate

Other 2004 observations

Seen in Holmer Green in 2004

Magpies "servicing" Muntjacs in a neighbouring field.

Greenfinch flock on Cotoneaster. (They also eat green *Daphne mezereon* berries - Editor)

A squirrel tipping a bread holder upside down to obtain contents.

Some bats around.

Irenke York

A bumper year- general observations

Plenty of Small Tortoiseshell butterflies along a hedgerow at Puttenham Place Farm.

Ringlet, Gatekeeper and Holly Blue butterflies also plentiful, generally in July..

Large numbers of hoverflies in gardens.

Aphids on flower heads of plants taken by House Sparrows, Blue Tits and Great Tits.

Lots of juvenile birds survived the summer and came to feeders, including Bullfinches.

Bumper crop of Beech mast, acorns, Holly berries, hips and haws. A good start to winter for birds.

Pat Morris

Red Kite video

A 30-minute documentary using highlights from the Red Kites CCTV Nestwatch is now available on VHS or DVD for £10 plus £1 p&p. If anyone would like a copy, please send a cheque, payable to Wycombe District Council to:

Cathy Rose
Red Kites Officer
Chilterns Conservation Board
8 Summerleys Road
Princes Risborough
Bucks HP27 9DT



School News

During the Autumn of 2004, members of Wycombe Wildlife Group visited two schools in the Wycombe District to give advice on the development of wildlife areas in their grounds.

Roger Wilding went to Oakridge School where there is a lot of space potentially good for wildlife but where a survey of the existing chalk grassland flora needs to be undertaken in the Spring and Summer before any suggestions for improvements can be made.

Pat Morris called at Manor Farm Community Junior School, where there is already a promising wildlife corner with many berried shrubs good for insects and birds, but a large pond sadly in need of attention. Pat forwarded advice on pond management to the school but called on the services of WDC Rangers to help clear the pond. Phil Horwood, accompanied by a work-experience student, needed waders and a saw for the task but managed to remove the invading Reed Mace and a great deal of pond plant debris, while members of the school's Environmental Club gathered up leaves to form a hedgehog hibernation site, and dead wood for a log pile. The children removed the Reed Mace left round the edge of the pond a week later, and put it on the compost heap. Future plans include a nettle patch for breeding butterflies and a summer meadow.

Here is what Deputy Head, Alison Peacock, at Manor Farm had to say afterwards:-

The members of the Environmental Club at Manor Farm Community Junior School in Hazlemere would like to say a big thank you to the Ranger Service from Wycombe District Council for their assistance with the school pond on Tuesday 23rd November. The pond had been left for years and was completely overgrown and needed a really good sort out! The pupils would not have managed it without the Rangers as it was a very strenuous job! We would also like to thank the Wycombe Wildlife Group, and in particular Pat Morris, for putting us in touch with the Rangers and for providing invaluable advice and support! What would we have done without you.

If your school would like a visit from Wycombe Wildlife Group to advise on your wildlife corner, contact Roger Wilding on 01494 438374.

*Advice to schools
given by Wycombe
Wildlife Group*

*Existing chalk
grassland needing
to be surveyed*

*Help from Wycombe
District Council
Ranger Service
needed to deal with
Manor Farm's over-
grown pond*

*Environmental Club
members create
hedgehog hibernation
site and a log pile*

*Deputy Head thanks
the Ranger Service
and Wycombe Wild-
life Group for the help
provided*

*Does your
school need
advice?*

WATCH Meetings Autumn 2004

September 2004

Fun at Funges Meadow

On 11 September we arrived at Funges Meadow to see several families busily engaged in raking hay into enormous piles. Chris was kept busy removing the hay. Tony was setting up the barbecue and an interesting variety of burgers and sausages lay waiting to be cooked.

Julie distributed a quiz relating to animals and plants on the site, and everybody enjoyed searching around. Suddenly, a sizeable slow worm was spotted under the log pile. We also saw frogs, and a small toad as well as a flock of swallows wheeling in the sky.

Pond dipping was fun, as always. By this time our barbecued supper was ready, made even more enjoyable by generous portions of fried onions.

We were lucky enough to hear some bat activity on Julie's bat detector and the evening finished with the sight of a large moth in the moth trap.

Thank you to all the new families who joined us.

Kristina Frydberg

October 2004

Indoor Creative activities

The WATCH meeting on 9 October was very well attended and the children (and parents) enjoyed a range of activities.

They made pieces of bamboo canes, straw and old flowerpots into very grand winter homes for bugs. Yoghurt pots, sticks, and bird seed mixed with fat became feeders for the birds during the winter. The children also enjoyed the word searches and creating their own pictures from stencils.

November 2004

Recycling Wycombe's green waste

On 13 November, we went on a visit to High Heavens to see how green waste and bio waste was handled. We were met by Stuart Matthews, who showed us around the various stages and explained how the waste is processed through to the final stage where it becomes compost. Considering the lorries coming in with the waste, to the sorting, processing and final finished product, the whole area at High Heavens was extremely clean and there was very little smell. Soon most households will have green bins and hopefully we will all do our bit to reduce the amount of green waste that goes into landfill sites. Stuart also showed us around the glass sorting area, which was also very informative, as to where the different coloured glasses eventually go to be recycled.

Many thanks to Stuart for such an interesting morning.

December 2004

Christmas decorations from natural materials

During the WATCH meeting on 11 December both adults and children enjoyed making holly wreaths and Christmas decorations from natural materials. Thanks to the Rangers for collecting so much holly, Old Man's Beard etc for us to use.

Some beautiful wreaths and decorations were taken home, and the children must have been very proud of theirs.

Wendy Thomas



Children identifying water bugs at Funges Meadow

(photograph by Kristina Frydberg)

WATCH

Wycombe Wildlife WATCH meets on the second Saturday of each month. To join in the **WATCH** meetings, which are open to children between the ages of 8-12, please contact :
 Wendy Thomas on 01494 814068 or Julie (**WDC Ranger**) on 01494 421825

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Would you like to join us ?

If so complete this application (or a photocopy) and send to :
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 High Wycombe, HP11 2UB
 I / We wish to join WWG

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. no. _____

Amount enclosed, (please circle)
 £5 (Individual/Family/School member)

£2.50 (Student or Retired Person)





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Did You See ?



Last sightings

Humming-bird Hawkmoth	Amersham Hill Dr	04/10/04
Comma butterfly	Mop End	05/10/04
Large White butterfly	Hazlemere	07/10/04
2 Speckled Wood butterflies	Common Wood	11/10/04
Hornet	Common Wood	11/10/04
Red Admiral butterfly	Amersham Hill	18/10/04
Peacock butterfly	Amersham Hill Dr	08/11/04

Others

12 Stinkhorn fungi	Mop End	05/10/04
Knot Grass moth larva	Holmer Green	Mid Oct
Chiffchaff singing	Common Wood	20/09/04
1st Song Thrush singing	Tom Burt's Hill	20/11/04
20 Swans a-swimming	Rye Dyke	05/11/04

(More sightings are given on our web site)



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 Project Officer: Post vacant



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Booker Common & Woods Preservation Society	Ron Walker	01494 444824
British Naturalists' Assoc. S. Bucks Branch	Ann Jones	01494 675196
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	David Wilding	01296 330033
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