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Wycombe Wildlife Group is a registered charity with the following objects:

To conserve the environment, mainly using volunteers, for the benefit of the public.

To educate the public in the principles and practice of conservation.

Within **Wycombe District** the Group:

Surveys wildlife habitats and their associated flora and fauna, giving those taking part plenty of opportunities to increase their knowledge and identification skills.

Helps manage local wildlife sites, undertaking practical conservation work on local nature reserves.

Provides advice to schools, other bodies and individuals on all aspects of wildlife.

Stimulates public interest in wildlife and its conservation.

Organises walks, talks and other activities covering a wide range of wildlife topics.

Provides advice on and encourages wildlife gardening.

Organises activities for young children and their parents.

Co-operates with other groups with similar aims and supports the Environment Centre on Holywell Mead.

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Editorial

After the long winter and the late spring, everyone welcomed the arrival of summer. The amount of blossom was exceptional, some trees and shrubs which had never flowered before putting on a magnificent show. A *Pyracantha* in my garden which hardly ever has any blooms was covered in blossom, for example.

Summer, however, has had its drawbacks. The spells of intense heat have been hard for some people to bear, and the hosepipe ban has meant many garden plants have suffered. Grass has turned brown, foliage shrivelled, and ponds dried out. In the countryside, where we cannot go with our watering-cans, the effect has been even worse.

The drought has had a knock-on effect on birds and animals which have found it difficult to find food and water, and at least one hedgehog has been found suffering with dehydration. The only creatures who have flourished have been, as usual, the insects. Not as dependent as birds and mammals on water, they have taken full advantage of all the nectar and pollen about, and even drunk their fill of human blood, with all the bare flesh on offer. Several people, myself included, have had to be treated with antibiotics to counteract the effect of their bites.

However, this stifling summer, with the hottest July since 1914, has had its compensation as the report below shows. Many of us will have seen migrant visitors: the Painted Lady and Red Admiral and moths such as the Hummingbird Hawkmoth have been spotted by local people. Among our natives, the colourful Peacock and Comma have also been more numerous.

Pat Morris

On a recent walk around Wendover Woods, we passed a Butterfly-bush (*Buddleja davidii*) which lived up to its name by hosting 15 species of butterfly in the five minutes we stood by the bush. *Can you beat this?*

Roger and Frances Wilding.

New Members

We welcome the following new members, and look forward to meeting them at future events:

Mr & Mrs B.E. Cullip Lynette Ankrom Ms E.R.J. Kerry
Miss Ellen Hawes Kristi Stevens & Adam Pidding

Views expressed in this 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.

The Water Vole

Once a very familiar mammal of the English countryside, the population has undergone one of the most serious recent declines of any British mammal. The species has been in decline for many decades, and a national survey in 1996-1998 showed that the Water Vole had been lost from a massive 94% of sites and had vanished from entire catchments in northeast Scotland, North Yorkshire and Oxfordshire. The main causes for their decline include destruction of bank side vegetation, pollution, poisoning and the introduction of the American Mink.

The Water Vole is the largest and most famous of the British voles. "Ratty" in Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows* was not a rat, but a Water Vole. Water Rat is a local name for the species. Water Voles have a short hair-covered tail, a blunt, rounded nose, and a small chubby face with small ears. They have a rich chestnut-brown coat, but some individuals often have black fur.

It is widespread throughout Britain but is generally restricted to lowland areas along densely vegetated banks of slow flowing rivers, ditches, lakes and marshes where water is present throughout the year.



Water Voles are herbivores, feeding on a huge variety of waterside vegetation. Their burrow systems have several entrances above ground which can often be identified by a "lawn" of cropped grass around the hole. Underwater entrances provide the Water Voles with a safe route in and out. Male voles live along about 130 metres of water bank, while females have ranges about 70 metres long. They deposit distinctive black/greenish, shiny faeces in latrines. Latrines occur throughout and at the edges of their range during the breeding season. During the breeding season between April and September, 1 to 5 litters consisting of 3-7 young can be produced. Their life expectancy can be from 3 months to 3 years in the wild.

Water Voles have many predators which include Mink, Weasels, Cats, Foxes, Pike, Owls and other birds of prey. Water Voles have some protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, which makes it an offence to disturb, obstruct or damage Water Vole burrows.

Phil Horwood
Wycombe District Council Ranger Service

Come to Phil's talk at the Environment Centre on the 9th October and learn even more about this charming mammal

"Ratty" the Water Vole
Arvicola terrestris

Wycombe Town Show

A big thank you to all who helped with our display at Wycombe Town Show on August 19th and 20th, especially to Kristi Stevens and Adam Pidding, who provided additional materials and helped set up and dismantle the exhibition. Adam's mural was a great success with the children, whose artwork was mounted onto it.

Wycombe Wildlife Group held 5 other exhibitions during the summer, at the Environment Centre, Hughenden Manor, Wycombe Museum, Aylesbury Museum and Prestwood. If you would like to become involved with this aspect of publicity, contact Pat on 01494 529484.

Chaos - Garden bird feeding attracts wrong customers



Brown Rat
Rattus norvegicus

Who's been eating my food?

I have always fed large numbers of birds on such delights as bread, cheese, raisins and packs of wild bird food in my tiny garden, and at present I am keeping track of them for the BTO Garden Birdwatch scheme. Being quite keen to increase numbers, on seeing in a garden centre packets of food for specific birds, such as Sparrow food, Blackbird food etc., I decided this was just the thing, and bought examples of the whole range.

I still continued to feed the birds with the former mixture and also fat balls etc., though these all tend to be engulfed in less than half an hour by the Starlings - and who said these were getting scarcer? They should see my birdtable crammed with baby Starlings all shrieking to be fed.

Now I got out all my old birdfeeders and even bought some new ones, and put out all of these delights and sat back to watch the result. The first puzzling development was the sight of a Goldfinch ignoring his Thistle seed and stuffing himself on the Sparrow food. This did not matter a lot, as some Sparrows were sampling the Thistle seed, and ever since they have been mixing and matching at these feeders which are side by side. I had put a sort of plastic saucer on a holder just under the Sparrow feeder, intended for water, but noticing that the Sparrows (or the Goldfinches) were throwing a lot of seed down on the ground, I put the saucer underneath to catch the waste, meaning to put it back in the feeder, but fortunately a Woodpigeon started to work hard eating up these rejects so I left it alone. Later I found that what all the birds really liked was Sunflower hearts.

The Robin food I put on a sunken log in a shady spot, but the Robin would not eat it unless it was on the ground; the Dunnocks also liked it on the

ground, but, of course, the Starlings would eat it from anywhere and the Robin and Dunnocks had to be very quick to get any. The only creature who really adored the Robin food, and would eat it on the log, was a large Rat, which came from the opposite house every time I put it out, until I blocked off the hole in the fence.

I did not seem to be doing very well, but I had high hopes of the Blackbird food, which I put on the ground near the sloping rim of the pond where the Blackbird went to bathe and drink. The first time I saw him come down I got quite excited because he was obviously rooting about among the food: a few moments later, he emerged triumphantly with a small worm in his beak and carried it away. Since then, he does start towards the Blackbird food, but of course the Starlings are there first.

Two Blue Tits used to come down to drink and search among the shrubs, so I filled a small feeder with Blue Tit food. That was about eight weeks ago and I have not had to refill it, so nobody seems to like it much. I have seen Blue Tits and Sparrows try just a quick bite, then try to get at the fat balls in the container next door. Sometimes they get something and then fastidiously clean their beaks on the fence, but usually, of course, the container is covered with fighting baby Starlings.

With some misgiving, I then bought dried Mealworms, soaked them in warm water, and put them down on the lawn in a small container. At first they seemed to be completely ignored, and I thought I had lost again. However, that afternoon, I noticed an eager feeder polishing them off, and even the Starlings were keeping their distance. It was the small black cat from next door!

Mary Williams

Visit to Road Farm on 22nd April 2006

The day of the Wycombe Wildlife Group visit to Road Farm was the sort of beautiful spring day we had been wishing for through those cold March weeks. The air was gentle, the sky blue and the sun was finally making itself felt. It was the perfect day for looking around for the signs of spring in the animals and plants on the farm.

Our two children, four and nearly two, were excited to discover the plan was not to walk around as I had told them, but to ride on the trailer pulled by a tractor. We all clambered aboard, and set off to see the sheep. Lambing was underway, so there were many wobbly legged, engaging little creatures to see.

As part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, Road Farm has been implementing a number of measures to improve the diversity of farmland wildlife. The increase in intensive farming in recent times has coincided with a decrease in numbers of plants, insects and birds. Examples of this more wildlife friendly farming were pointed out to us as we bumped around the farm on the trailer, including:

- A chalk grassland field planted with suitable grasses and wild flowers to encourage insects, used for sheep grazing.
- Maintaining hedgerows and coppicing.
- Cereal crops planted at a reduced rate and with reduced amounts of fertilizer to allow more wildflowers to grow amongst the crop.
- Margins of fields left uncultivated to give space for wildflowers and habitats for small mammals.

It was a fascinating and very informative day. It was encouraging to see positive attempts to improve wildlife diversity on agricultural land. The farmers were welcoming and interesting, and obviously had a great deal of passion for their work, which they were keen to share.

Martha Riley

Many thanks to John Knight and his son for giving up their morning to show us round, and also for cups of tea in the farmhouse kitchen afterwards.



John Knight talks about his wildlife-friendly farming measures

Photographs by Lorna Cassidy



The children are shown a tiny lamb

WYCOMBE WILDLIFE FAMILY GROUP

Reports of Wycombe Wildlife Family Group meetings APRIL - JULY 2006

Saturday 18th April Breakfast with the birds

A disappointingly few of us gathered at 8am in the Environment Centre car park. It was a beautiful, if cold, morning and we set off around the back of the Dyke through the woods. We heard the newly arrived Willow Warblers and Chiffchaffs - always a thrill to listen to. This time of year is always good for bird song. In total we heard or saw 26 species of birds. We saw 22 Mute Swans, as well as juveniles. The adults were very active, chasing each other up and down the Dyke. There were no signs of any nests, not even Coots' nests. Perhaps the weather was just too cold. We walked back to the car park, having enjoyed a chilly but rewarding morning.

Incidentally, I heard in our garden that week a Blackbird, a Mistle Thrush, a Jay, a Greenfinch, a Green Woodpecker and even a Lapwing. The reason for this was that the Starling on our roof was a very good mimic.

Frances Wilding

Thank you to Frances for leading this walk

Saturday 13th May Mammal tracking in Downley and Hughenden

To our delight, a number of new families appeared who turned out to be mostly Downley residents. We were happy to welcome back some familiar faces as well.

The walk started outside Moor Lane chapel with Julie giving a number of safety points. Kristina then mentioned the broad features of the walk and we strode off. Almost immediately we came across a muddy patch showing evidence of both horses and dogs. Further evidence of horses was seen all the way to the Hughenden field where we branched off the main footpath to enjoy the Bluebell woods. A number of Badger setts were spotted and how to identify an occupied sett was discussed.

Our event finished back outside the chapel where Julie provided clay and scrapers so that everyone who wanted to could make their own 'animal footprint' using the templates she provided. The forecast rain held off until the evening!

Kristina Frydberg
Wycombe Wildlife Family Group leader

Saturday 10th June 2006 Pond dipping at Funges Meadow Nature Reserve



*Report and photograph by
Julie Hopton*

A total of fifteen parents and children enjoyed a couple of hours dipping for the inhabitants of the pond in Funges Meadow Nature Reserve during the afternoon of Saturday 10th June, whilst many people sat inside watching the Cup Final. Temperatures were scorching, but the water was mesmerising and the will to catch a whopper was enormous! Tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, a variety of leeches, freshwater shrimps, snails, and a couple of baby fish kept the children riveted. A couple of baby crayfish took centre stage.

Although the weather was particularly hot, it was much nicer to be outside in the fresh air and the tranquility of the nature reserve, than sweltering indoors watching the television. Well done to all who turned out and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. Don't forget that the 'Family Funday' is not far away - Saturday 9th September 4pm until dusk! Come along for as long as you wish, have fun helping the WDC Ranger Service 'make hay', pond dip, bug hunt, and hopefully pick up the sounds of bats hunting their prey over the pond after we all enjoy a well deserved picnic. For more information contact the WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825.

Saturday 8th July 2006 Great Butterfly Hunt

After meeting up at Wycombe Wanderers with a brief introduction on what we might see, we set off up the hill towards Sands Bank LNR. As we headed up the hill there was quite a bit of cloud and a stiff breeze, not ideal for butterflies, but nevertheless we soon saw some Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns. As we entered the reserve we soon spotted a Gatekeeper next to the kissing gate, nice to have it where it should be.

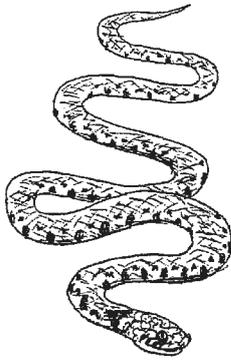
We then headed up the chalk grassland bank, towards the woodland above, with the weather thankfully improving as we went. There were Meadow Browns and Marbled Whites everywhere we looked, and mixed in with them were quite a few Ringlets. We were soon into the wood and looking out for any Speckled Woods, and not having much luck. Then a few minutes later, we spotted one, but it decided it wasn't hanging around to be looked at, and disappeared into the trees. Better views were just round the corner though, with a more obliging Speckled Wood. We also saw Large Skipper and Small or Essex Skipper in a clearing, and just before returning to the chalk grassland got some great views of a Ringlet, showing off the rings which give it its name.

Once back out on to the grassland, we decided to have a break from the butterflies and went over to see if we could find some Slow Worms and sure enough we found four under some corrugated iron. Then it was back to the butterflies and we were lucky enough to find a caterpillar, not from a butterfly though, but the very butterfly like Burnet Moth, and we also found the pupa as well. Almost a full life cycle!

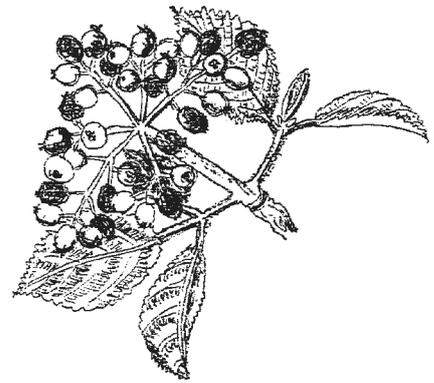
As we headed back towards the start, with butterflies all around us, we managed to spot two more species, Small Tortoiseshell and Common Blue, giving us a total of nine species for the afternoon. So thanks to everyone who came on the walk and made it worth while running.

Tony Speight
Wycombe District Council Ranger

WWFG welcomes a new leader, Kristi Stevens, who will replace Dave, who has retired in order to take up training for his future career. Kristina is retiring as a full-time leader, though she still hopes to support events from time to time. Everyone thanks her for her years of service with the Family Group. Her reports and photographs will be much missed.



Grass Snake
Natrix natrix



Wayfaring-tree
Viburnum lantana

Hughenden walk - Saturday 6th May 2006

A small party, led by Roger and Frances, met at Hughenden Church and climbed up through the Buttercups, Daisies and cowpats, to enter the wood behind the car park. We found a large variety of plants there from the commonplace Dead-nettles, Ground-ivy, Violets, Celandines etc., to several large clumps of the not so common Coralroot in full flower.

We continued along a chalky path bordered on the right by a bank of Box, small Yews, Gorse, Traveller's-joy, Cherry, Mezereon, Wayfaring-tree, Privet and wild Roses. On the left were Primroses, Bugle, Germander Speedwell, Silverweed, Mulleins, one Cowslip and a field full of lambs. On into Hanging Wood with its Beeches, Laurels, and Yews on which Roger pointed out Artichoke galls. Scrambling over some felled trees, we came across a small plantation of newly planted Pines, all in protective cages. A stile led us into a field with a Skylark singing, and another stile took us into Hunts

Hill Lane, towards Naphill Common, where Frances helped us to identify the many bird songs around us.

Roger led us to one of the ponds where the very rare Starfruit has been found and a rustling in the undergrowth behind us revealed a two foot long Grass Snake gliding in our direction, so we all had a good view of it. Close by was a large clutch of brownish-beige eggs in the bracken, cold and unattended (later checked and confirmed as Pheasant eggs).

Veering off towards Cookshall Farm we saw lots of pretty Field Pansies and admired the lovely views across the valley- then it began to rain! We returned to Hughenden via Downley Common and admired the Bluebells in the wood below the Manor, which were almost at their best.

A very enjoyable and informative walk. A total of 44 plants and 12 birds were noted during the walk.

Audrey Roberts

Cock Lane and Gomm's Wood walk

Roger and Frances led a second walk, starting from the Cock Lane Cemetery car park, during the evening of Wednesday 19th July. In spite of clouds threatening a storm, four people bravely turned up for the walk. It was a highly successful event with 56 plant species in flower recorded and 10 invertebrates, five of them nectaring butterflies.

Another most enjoyable and rewarding walk and no rain this time.

Pat Morris

Family Bug Hunt

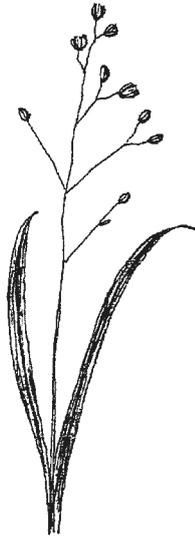
Dear Wycombe Wildlife Group

During my brief stay in England last week, I and my wife Margret and 5-year old son Patrick joined your most fascinating bug hunt. Thank you for providing us with a great morning! I wish you good luck with your future endeavours, which I may well get to hear about.

Hugh Culverhouse

Among the collection of slugs, worms, and beetles, which Patrick helped to find were several moth larvae. The Small Quaker, Large Ranunculus and Oak Lutestring were among those found. Thanks to Tony Marshall who identified everything, and whose expertise and enthusiasm made this such an enjoyable event.

Pat Morris



Railway walk Tuesday 9th May

On Tuesday 9th May, Brian Turnock led a walk covering Fennell's Wood and the adjoining section of the former railway line. We met at the public car park in Kingsmead Road and walked a short way along the back stream on the south side of King's Mead before crossing Kingsmead Road and joining the path along the former railway track, which is now a conservation area. We followed the track to the point where it is necessary to divert into Fennell's Wood to skirt round the grounds of Loudwater Combined School, which extend over the former railway. After rejoining the track, we followed it to the bottom of Treadaway Hill. From there we walked back through the section of Fennell's Wood south of the M40, went through the foot tunnel under the motorway into the lower section of the wood and, after a circular walk around this part of the wood, returned to our starting point.

As Brian said when we started, the walk could be completed in half an hour but that it would take longer if we stopped to look at interesting things on the way. The fact that the walk lasted well over two hours, gives an indication of how interesting the walk was. Brian explained that the former Great Western railway line from Bourne End to High Wycombe was closed in 1970 and that 8 years later the section we were walking along was bought by Chepping Wycombe Parish Council. Fennell's Wood, which is on the south side of the former railway, is divided into two sections by the M40. It is still privately owned but the Parish Council negotiated an access licence, giving the public freedom to roam in the wood in addition to the

existing public footpath access. We also heard about the management work carried out both in the wood and on the former railway track by the Fennell's Wood Conservation Group and it was nice to meet three of its members who joined us on the walk.

It was interesting to see that Loudwater School was making good use of the section of the school grounds within the woodland edge as an environmental resource. It was also good to see that the ecological value of both the wood and the former railway track is being preserved. We saw Badger setts, Fox dens, Deer tracks, Artichoke Galls on Yew, an unusual snail (which no-one present could identify), Pendulous Sedge and the new inflorescence on Wood Melick, Wood Millet and Wood Barley. We also saw a good selection of spring flowers, including Goldilocks Buttercup, Coralroot and Wintercress.

The area covered by the walk is close to urban areas but it is remarkably litter-free. Unfortunately, the building of additional housing on some of the former large gardens in Kingsmead Road right up to the conservation area boundary is likely to have an adverse impact. There is bound to be increasing pressure to fell mature boundary trees and an increase in the amount of dumped material arising from boundary vegetation being cut by the new owners.

Our thanks to Brian for leading this walk and we look forward to other walks on his patch.

Roger Wilding

Training opportunities

Would you like to improve your knowledge of plants and animals? Do you wish you could put a name to more of the many insects that you come across or perhaps even learn to identify mosses and lichens?

Whilst the ability to identify most flowering plants and some of the larger insects can be improved by taking part in wildlife walks and surveys and/or by observation and use of good reference books, some of the difficult groups of both fauna and flora can only be identified with the use of microscopes and some expert tuition.

WWG has received an offer from St Bernard's School in Daws Hill Lane to use their new laboratories and equipment, if they are successful in their forthcoming bid for specialist scientific school status. The Government funding for the new facilities would be conditional on one third of the money provided being used for community purposes. As well as using the school's facilities out of school hours, there could be opportunities for

gaining some basic qualifications in biology or environmental studies.

It would be helpful to get some feedback from members and representatives of affiliated bodies, or any readers who are members of other local groups that might want to take advantage of the above opportunities. It would be useful to have an idea of the sort of skills those interested would like to gain.

Opportunities also arise from time to time for members of charities to be nominated for free training covering a wide range of skills such as computer usage, charity administration and finance, first aid, risk assessment etc. If we knew that individual members might be interested in gaining any such skills, we could let them know as and when course places become available. Have a think about it: it wouldn't cost you anything and would make you an even more valuable member of WWG.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Roger Wilding

WWG's new management structure gets off the ground

The new Wycombe Wildlife Group management structure, approved at the AGM in May, has been implemented. The Executive Committee, comprising the elected trustees, met on 5th June and initial meetings of the three sub-committees covering Activities, Publicity and Services have been held.

Attendance at meetings of the sub-committees is open to any member who would like to get more involved in the running of WWG, without the formal commitment of being a trustee.

If you would like to find out more about what each sub-committee deals with, give me a ring or e-mail me.

Roger Wilding

Moth trapping

There were four events held during the summer of 2006, with those at Kingsmead Road and Prestwood Nature Reserve yielding a total of 30 species in each case. The Pine Hawkmoth and four Elephant Hawkmoths at Prestwood were the most

impressive. Thanks are due to Paul and Ellis Bowyer for tending the moth traps, and to Karen Roberts for her reports to Wycombe Wildlife Group.

Pat Morris

NOTICE

It would be appreciated if all future wildlife sightings could be notified to Malcolm Pusey, for the WWG website, and to Angus Idle, for WWG and County Records, as well as to Pat Morris for the newsletter. E-mail addresses are shown on page 71.

Creating a wildflower garden at Hughenden Manor

At the request of the National Trust, Wycombe Wildlife Group is creating a native wildflower garden within the walled garden at Hughenden Manor to complement the various organic gardening projects being developed there. The initial planting took place on 19th May, a few days after Frank Parge, the head gardener at Hughenden, gave a talk about the walled garden at our AGM. Our thanks to Frank for the talk and to Margaret Simmons, Wendy and Dave Thomas, Irenke York, Wendy Willson, Harry Wheate and Mary Williams for their help with the planting.

The lack of rain delayed the planned further planting but I took advantage of the heavy downpours in mid August to put some more plants in when I went along to Hughenden for a meeting to discuss further wildlife gardening activities within the walled garden. Over fifty native species are now growing in our wildflower patch. I hope the newly planted ones survive any hard winter conditions just as well as the ones planted in May survived the summer drought.

The National Trust would like us to make some bird and animal homes for placing in the walled garden and are keen for WWG volunteers to maintain the wildflower garden and be available to talk to visitors when the walled garden is open (currently on Fridays). These tasks could of course be combined and we could propagate and sell plants of species in flower to encourage visitors to incorporate wildflowers into their gardens and raise funds for WWG at the same time. I will of course keep in touch with the WWG members who have already helped with the Hughenden project but would be pleased to hear from anyone else who would like to get involved.

Roger Wilding



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If so complete this application
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I / We wish to join WWG

Name :

Address :

Tel. no.

Amount enclosed, (please circle)

£5 (Individual/Family/Household/
School/Organisation)

£2.50 (Student or Retired Individual)



WILDLIFE NOTICE BOARD



Observations



- 14.04.06 Dunnock's nest with eggs in Hazlemere garden
- 22.04.06 2 Hares at Road Farm, Great Missenden
- 04.05.06 Swifts at Cressex
- 26.06.06 3 young Woodpeckers in Carrington Road
- 29.06.06 Humming-bird Hawkmoth in Tylers Green
- 17.07.06 Brown Bush Cricket in Whitfield Road, Hughenden
- 27.07.06 Cream Spot Ladybird in Amersham Hill Drive
- 28.07.06 Vestal Moth in Amersham Hill Drive
- In July 06 Lesser Stag Beetle in Tylers Green
- 4 Humming-bird Hawkmoths in Tylers Green
- Volucella inanis (a Hoverfly)
- 65 Starlings in Tylers Green
- Hornet in Tylers Green
- Hare at Puttonham Place Farm
- 03.08.06 House Martins feeding at Hughenden Park
- 07.08.06 Straw Underwing moth in Amersham Hill Drive
- 25.08.06 Humming-bird Hawkmoth in Amersham Hill Drive

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