

Flora & Fauna recorded in April 2026

Birds: A Pheasant was heard. Red Kites were about – 2 were seen interacting on 14th. A Buzzard was the only other raptor reported this month. A Lesser Black-backed Gull flew over.

Stock Doves and Woodpigeons were plentiful, but no Collared Doves. Both Green and Great-spotted Woodpeckers were about. Skylarks hovered and sang in adjoining fields.

Other “regulars” included Dunnock, Robin Song Thrush and Blackbird. Blackcaps were very noticeable, often singing loudly; high numbers of 12 and 14 individuals were recorded in the mid-month. A Common Whitethroat was seen on the field due to be built on by the Peabody company.

There were many singing/calling Chiffchaffs this month. Other species included Goldcrest, Wren, Great Tit, Coal Tit (often harder to find), and Blue Tit and Long-tailed Tits. Nuthatches and Treecreepers are always part of our woodland avifauna – though the latter can be difficult to see – and to hear!

The usual corvids were about: Jackdaw, Magpie, Jay and Carrion Crow and a single Rook were heard. Starlings and House Sparrows were met with nearer to human habitation. Finally, Chaffinch and Goldfinch completed the month’s bird notes.

Mammals: Grey squirrel, Rabbit and Roe Deer

Butterflies: Those noted were Brimstone, Large White, Small White, Green-veined White, Orange-tip, Holly Blue, Red Admiral, Peacock, Comma, and Speckled Wood.

There will no doubt be much more information from the regular butterfly recorders.