

**Birds and other Wildlife recorded in June
(JK 06/07/26)**

BIRDS: The two birds of prey species recorded in June were Red Kite and Common Buzzard. Stock Dove and Woodpigeon were regulars, but no Collared Doves noted this month. Skylarks were heard singing regularly in the adjoining fields. Dunnock (common but easily overlooked) and Robins were about, as were Song Thrushes and Blackbirds. The following warblers were heard fairly frequently: Blackcap – with its enchanting melodic song – Common Whitethroat, Willow Warbler and Chiffchaff. Goldcrests were occasionally heard (not often seen!). Other species that were regularly recorded included Wren, Great Tit, Blue Tit and – less frequently – Long-tailed Tit.

Nuthatches are still calling regularly, and a few people were lucky to see/ hear Treecreepers, surely one of our best camouflaged small birds! Jackdaws were common as were Magpies and Carrion Crows. A couple of juvenile Jays were spotted on the 21st, and – to the surprise of the observer – a party of over 20 Rooks flew over the wood on the 13th. If only they would settle in their old haunts in the spring and re-start the rookery!

No Starlings or House Sparrows were noted, even near the human habitation bordering the Woods, but there were a couple of sightings of Chaffinch and Goldfinch.

MAMMALS: No deer recorded this month, but there were records of Grey Squirrel, Rabbit, a Common Shrew (deceased), and a Badger.

BUTTERFLIES: Large Skipper; Large White; Small White; Green-veined White; Holly Blue; Red Admiral; Painted Lady; Comma; Marbled White; Meadow Brown; Ringlet. The regular butterfly transect recorders will no doubt be able to add more species! (Peacock almost certainly). On the 20th one person recorded 20 Meadow Browns on a hour's walk!

Other Invertebrates recorded include Cinnabar Moth, Mottled Beauty (a moth, not a member of the Friends of Linslade Woods!), Silver-Y; Green oak Tortrix, and Banded Demoiselles.

Please send in your records - birds, invertebrates, interesting plants – all gratefully received!