



Devon Birds Programme
of
Branch and Society Meetings
for
2013

All DBWPS members are welcome at any meeting organised by the Society or its branches. Many meetings are free or require only a nominal charge to cover hire costs and refreshments. Non-members are also welcome. Indoor meetings may charge an admission fee. Every attempt has been made to make this clear in each entry. If in doubt, please contact the event organizer.

FIELD MEETINGS

Please read these notes before attending Field meetings

Meetings may be cancelled in bad weather; if in doubt, please contact the appropriate organiser. Members should have a degree of fitness as the terrain may sometimes be rough and any member with any medical condition which might affect them during the field trip is asked to mention this in confidence to the fieldtrip leader. For your own comfort and safety if you are joining a walk please make sure that you wear walking boots or stout shoes and check whether a drink and packed lunch is required and don't forget your waterproofs and a torch for evening walks.

PLYMOUTH BRANCH

Enquiries to Lesley Goonesekera 01548 856011			
Bring lunch as meetings may continue into afternoon			
Jan 7	Mon	10:30	Broadsands SX896572 small parking fee may be necessary. Meet at entrance to cp. For grebes and divers
Feb 19	Tues	09:30	West Charleton marsh SX 752425- park in village and meet at sewage works marsh lane . Wellingtons /walking boots / walking pole advised. For waders and ducks
Mar 23	Sat	10:00	Slapton SX821423 meet tank cp don't pay for parking until you check with leader. For gulls and ducks and early migrants. Bus pass may be useful.
Apr 23	Tues	10:00	Yarner woods -meet Trendlebere Down 0.3 miles past entrance. SX783795 For pied flycatchers/wood warblers
May 11	Sat	10:30	Dartmoor- meet Bennett's Cross SX 680817. Walk to Challacombe (toilets at Postbridge). For redstart and cuckoo
Jun 29	Sat	20:30	Stover Country park SX 831751. Meet by toilets- please bring a torch and "mosi" treatment...For nightjars
No July Meeting			
Aug 29	Thurs	10:00	Wembury meet NT car park SX518484 For migrants
Sep 16	Mon	10:30	Bowling Green Marsh Topsham SX968882 meet Holman Way car park
Oct 19	Sat	10:00	Soar/Bolberry Down - Meet NT car park SX713375 for migrants and Ring Ouzel
Nov 11	Mon	10:00	Thurlestone SX676420 Meet car park top of cliff overlooking beach beyond golf club. For waders
Dec 7	Sat	10:00	New Efford Marsh meet timbers car park Aveton Gifford SX694472 10.00am for sandpipers/kingfisher . Wellingtons advised. Possible lunch at Fisherman's Arms afterwards

Plymouth - Indoor Meetings - if you are interested in joining this group please contact Liz Harris Tel: 01752 789594

EAST DEVON BRANCH

Enquiries to: David Jannaway , 16 Badger Close, Newton Poppleford, Sidmouth EX10 0EA Tel: 01395 567159			
Jan 16	Wed	09:30	Bowling Green Marsh - Meet Holman Way car park SX968882 (morning only) AS
Jan 24	Thurs	09:30	Axe Est & Reserves - Meet river bridge layby. SY254902 BO
Feb 6	Wed	09:30	Otter Estuary - Meet White bridge SY075830. (morning only) CT
Feb 22	Fri	09:30	Exminster Marshes - Meet RSPB c/p SX954872 (morning only) DM
Mar 3	Sun	10:00	Broadsands - Meet Beach car park SX896572 IP
Mar 16	Sat	10:00	West Charleton Marsh - Meet Ashburton Arms SX752426 JR
Mar 27	Wed	10:00	Fingle Bridge - Meet car park before pub. SX743900 AW
Apr 9	Tues	19:30	AGM. Followed by Guest Speaker Charlie Fleming at Blue Ball Inn (A3502) Sidford
Apr 12	Fri	10:00	Ideford Common Meet car park off B3192 at SX902790 AS
Apr 22	Mon	10:00	Thurlebear Wood and Swell Wood - Meet ST274213 DJ
May 8	Wed	09:30	Yarner Woods and Parke Meet Trendlebere c/p SX783795 JR
May 16	Thurs	10:00	Fernworthy Dartmoor Meet main car park SX669839 DJ
May 23	Thurs	10:00	Venford Reservoir - Meet North car park SX686713 Joint meeting with Taw & Torridge branch JM
Jun 4	Tues	10:00	Shapwick Heath. Somerset Levels - Meet Ashcott corner ST448396 DM
Jun 17	Mon	10:00	Meldon Quarry - Meet car park SX561918 AW
Jun 28	Fri	10:00	Challacombe and Soussons Down - Meet SX692791 WJ
July 10	Wed	20:30	Mutters Moor for Nightjars - Meet Peak Hill c/p SY108873 DJ
Aug 10	Sat	09:30	Dawlish Warren (morning only) -Meet reserve end of car park SX980785 IP
Sep 4	Wed	10:00	Portland Meet Ferry Bridge SY668754 DC
Sep 16	Mon	09:30	Beer Head (morning only) - Meet SY227888 SW
Sep 22	Sun	10:00	Soar Bolberry Down - Meet car park SX713375 DJ
Oct 15	Tues	09:30	Axe Estuary & Reserves - Meet Blackhole Marsh. SY249915 BL
Oct 31	Thurs	10:00	Chew Valley & Blagdon Lakes Meet Harriots Bridge ST569580 IP
Nov 10	Sun	10:00	Slapton Ley Meet layby opposite caravan site. SX824447
Nov 28	Thurs	10:00	Fremington Creek - Meet layby on main road SS520324. Joint meeting with Taw & Torridge branch
Dec 11	Wed	09:30	Escot Park. Field meeting followed by Christmas Lunch/Lunch only if you wish - Meet Escot Gardens car park SY081981

TAW & TORRIDGE BRANCH

Enquiries to: Jackie Bosley/Maria Fernandes , 15 Cleveland Park Northam, Bideford, EX39 3QH Tel: 01237 470089 Bring lunch as meetings may continue into afternoon			
Jan 27	Sun	10:00	Hartland Point – Meet at toll road car park (charge) SS231277 followed by Bude SS205075 car park (charge) Leader: Norman Briden
Feb 19	Tues	10:00	Skern SS451306 – Meet along old tip road, followed by Isley Marsh – Meet at Old Yelland Power Station SS483323
Mar 21	Thurs	10:00	Velator Reserve (to be confirmed nearer the date) visit this closed reserve with Jon Turner who manages the site for DBWPS – park in lay-by opp surf shop SS488358. Followed by: Baggy Point – Meet NT car park (charge) SS432397
Apr 25	Thurs	10:00	Woody Bay – Meet at lower car park SS676486 Shallowford SS714451– in the afternoon
May 12	Sun		Lundy Island (DBWPS Trip)
May 23	Thurs	10:00	Venford Reservoir – Meet North car park SX686713 Joint meeting with East Devon Group. For car sharing meet Barnstaple Leisure Centre far end car park (charge) 8.00am SS559326
Jun 9	Sun	10:00	Cloutsham/Horner Wood – meet at picnic car park SS897431. Leader: Norman Briden
Jun 30	Sun	21:00	Hartland Forest – Nightjars – Welsford Moor SS278211. Leader: Roger Doble
No meetings July and August			
Sep 22	Sun	10:00	Tamar Lakes – Meet in Upper Lake car park (charge) SS288116. Leader: Andy Cudmore
Oct 28	Mon	10:00	Bowling Green & Exminster Marshes – Meet Holman Way car park (charge) SX968882. For car sharing meet Barnstaple Leisure Centre far end car park 8.00am SS559326
Nov 28	Thurs	10:00	Fremington Creek – Joint meeting with East Devon. Meet lay-by on B3233 SS520324 followed by: Isley Marsh – pm Old Yelland Power Station SS483323. Leader: Norman Briden
Dec 15	Sun	10:00	Barnstaple to Ashford – meet Civic Centre car park (charge) SS554334 Carry lunch or visit Garden Centre café where hot food is available

NEW MID DEVON BRANCH

First Meeting Mid-Devon Branch first field trip to be held on Tuesday 5 March 2013.

Please contact Sue Ellis Tel: 01769 580970 for further details.

Enquiries to: Sue Ellis , Ms S Ellis 3 Wallingbrook Court, Leigh Road, Chulmleigh, EX18 7BL Tel: Tel: 01769 580970 Bring lunch as meetings may continue into afternoon			
Mar 5	Tue	10:00	Eggesford Forest – Picnic Area Car park just off the main A377 SS693105 Leader: Sue Ellis
May 23	Thurs	10:00	NE Dartmoor SX659914 – Meet before Moor Farm (grassy area with plenty of space) for Moorland species Leader: Mary Wallis
May 30	Thurs	21:00	Winkleigh Woods SS650081 for Nightjars Parking in layby beside the woods, space is limited to six cars so please car share if possible. Leader: Peter Howard
Jun 26	Wed	10:00	Grand Western Canal - Meet Sampford Peverell car park ST033143 Reed/Sedge Warblers & Dragonflies Leader: Ray Jones
Aug 1	Thurs	10:00	Witheridge Moor – Meet Witheridge Moor Cross SS859150 for Tree/Meadow Pipits, Skylarks & Butterflies Leader: Ray Jones

INDOOR MEETINGS

TAW/TORRIDGE GROUP

Enquiries to: Vicky Hassell, Barnside, Buckland Brewer, Bideford, Devon EX39 5NF Tel: 01237 452167. Meetings held at The Castle Centre, Barnstaple on the second Tuesday during the winter months commencing at 7.30pm. Admission: £3.00 including refreshments. Everyone welcome			
Jan 8	Tues	Birds of the Pacific North-west.	Dave Smallshire
Feb 12	Tues	Birds, Bees, Butterflies, Beetles & Bats – a Year in a North Devon wildlife garden.	Tim Jones & Tim Davis
Mar 12	Tues	AGM – followed by: Island of Elephants & also Wonderful Birds. (Wildlife in Sri Lanka)	Gill & Philip Marlow
Apr 9	Tues	Restoring the Balance (Barn Owls and their conservation)	David Ramsden MBE (Senior Conservation Officer, The Barn Owl Trust)
NO MEETINGS May, June, July & August			
Sep 10	Tues	Highlands & Islands (Scottish wildlife)	David Kjaer
Oct 8	Tues	A Birding Migration – Birds of Lesvos	Oliver Smart
Nov 12	Tues	Encounters with Remarkable Birds	Dominic Couzens
Dec 10	Tues	Members Evening – short presentations, quiz etc	

SOUTH DEVON BRANCH

Enquiries to: Martin Lees Tel. 01803 852067 Meetings held at Court Farm Inn, Abbotskerswell commencing at 7.30pm on the third Monday of every month (except December) Everyone welcome			
Jan 21	Mon	Birds & Wildlife in Sabah, Borneo	Dave Norman
Feb 18	Mon	Tips on Wildlife Digital Photography	Mike Langman
Mar 18	Mon	Birds & Other Wildlife in Panama	Dave Smallshire
Apr 15	Mon	Butterflies & Birds in Picos de Europa	Chris Proctor
May 20	Mon	Birding around California	Dave Norman
Jun 17	Mon	A lone birder's trip to Nepal	John O'Connell Davidson
Jul 15	Mon	Fighting Wildlife Crime in Devon & Cyprus	Josh Marshall
Aug 19	Mon	A week in a South African game Lodge	Martin Lees
Sep 16	Mon	Mull in May & Minsmere in June	Martin Lees
Oct 21	Mon	The Falkland Islands	John O'Connell Davidson
Nov 18	Mon	Birding around Cairns, Australia	Nick D'agome