

The Hullbridge U3A Bird Watching Group Monthly Report by Roy Simmons



Photographs taken by John Nicholson.

The August meeting was on the 28th August at Blue House Farm. The weather was ideal for a good bird watch. At the first hide the birds were there but on the scrape in the North East corner of our field of view. These were primarily Canada, Greylag, and Brent Geese, with a few Lapwing, Mallard and Gadwall with several Pied Wagtails bobbing around on the mud. While proceeding to the second hide some of the members were treated to a fly-by by two Marsh Harriers. The photos above were taken at the second and third hides where we spotted Mute Swan, Geese of all kinds, Lesser Egret, Green Sandpiper, Godwit and a Kestrel. In addition there were many Dragonflies and Damselflies. We all had an excellent day.

I was hoping to do another cruise next month but due to my personal situation I am not able to do so. Our September meeting will be on the 25th September at EWT Reserve at Hanningfield, meeting in the reserve's Visitor's Centre and moving off at 10:00 Hrs. The paths are good, and we have been there several times before, but please dress appropriately for the conditions on the day.