

Berwick Wildlife Group

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Monthly Review June 2009



WILDLIFE RECORDS.

Malcolm, one of our main contributors to the Review, has been away, so no comments on the records this month. You can see how much Malcolm deserved his holiday! However other recorders have turned up trumps, so we've still plenty of records. Well done, everybody. Thank you so much. Do please send us your records for July: for the Review, to go on the website and to be sent to Explore Your Environment and hence to the National Biodiversity Network (<http://data.nbn.org.uk>). This is the main on-line source for wildlife records in the UK and is consulted, for example, by ecologists undertaking site assessments before planning permission is granted. So the more we record, the more consideration will be given to the local wildlife. Use the sightings form on the website, e-mail mail3@berwickwildlifegroup.org.uk or phone 01289 309046. Every record counts!

Date	Species	No.	Location	Grid ref.	Comments
	<u>Birds</u>				
01/06/2009	Eider	148	Cheswick	NU0346	90% drakes.
01/06/2009	Common Scoter	86	Cheswick	NU0346	
01/06/2009	Teal	2	Cheswick Black Rocks	NU0346	Pair
01/06/2009	Goosander	24	Yarrow Slake	NT985530	Young birds
01/06/2009	Whitethroat	2	Cheswick	NU035475	
01/06/2009	Sedge Warbler	2	Cheswick	NU035475	
01/06/2009	Reed Bunting	2	Cheswick	NU035475	
03/06/2009	Canada Goose	5	West Ord	NT953518	
03/06/2009	Swift	60	West Ord	NT953518	Feeding over the river
03/06/2009	Yellow Wagtail	2	Toddles Shiel	NT980523	Pair
05/06/2009	Shelduck	2	Little Beach	NU006528	Pair
05/06/2009	Puffin	3	Spittal Bay	NU009517	
05/06/2009	Guillemot	5	Spittal Bay	NU009517	
05/06/2009	Goosander	9	Tweed Estuary	NT9952	Start of 'moult' gathering
05/06/2009	Stonechat	1	Little Beach	NU006528	Male
06/06/2009	Goosander	14	Yarrow Slake	NT984529	
06/06/2009	Gt Spotted Woodpecker	3	New Water Heugh	NT9752	female + 2 newly fledged juveniles
06/06/2009	Canada Goose	30	Cheswick	NU035475	Heading north
08/06/2009	Goosander	38	Yarrow Haugh	NT985530	
08/06/2009	Canada Goose	26	Yarrow Haugh	NT985530	
08/06/2009	Whitethroat (nest)	1	Tesco Field	NT985527	At nest
09/06/2009	Dipper	1	Lickar Dene, Lowick	NT857374	Male
10/06/2009	Goosander	10	Redshin Cove, Spittal	NT994534	
12/06/2009	Canada Goose	3	Cocklawburn	NU0347	Flying north, along the coast.
12/06/2009	Greylag Goose	5	Yarrow Slake	NT984529	Plus a hybrid CanadaXGreylag.

12/06/2009	Sedge Warbler	7	Whiteadder Mouth	NT072518	
12/06/2009	Reed Bunting	2	Whiteadder Mouth	NT072518	
12/06/2009	Song Thrush	1	Whiteadder Mouth	NT072518	
13/06/2009	Long-tailed tit	3	Askew's Walk	NT982536	Family group, adults + juv(s)
14/06/2009	Meadow Pipit	2	Ford Moss	NT968373	
14/06/2009	Buzzard	4	Ford Moss	NT968373	
14/06/2009	Reed Bunting	2	Ford Moss	NT968373	
14/06/2009	Chiff-chaff	2	Ford Moss	NT968373	
14/06/2009	Willow Warbler	2	Ford Moss	NT968373	
14/06/2009	Whitethroat	2	Ford Moss	NT968373	
14/06/2009	Cuckoo	1	Ford Moss	NT968373	
14/06/2009	Common Gull	1	Little Beach	NU006528	First return migrant bird
14/06/2009	Tufted Duck	1	West Ord	NT953518	Drake
14/06/2009	Mallard	16	West Ord	NT953518	All drakes
15/06/2009	Little Egret	3	Yarrow Haugh	NT987531	Feeding in Slake. Here until 18th
15/06/2009	Buzzard	1	New Water Heugh	NT9752	
20/06/2009	Lesser Black-backed Gull	2	Yarrow Slake	NT984529	
20/06/2009	Whitethroat	1	Railway viaduct	NT991531	Feeding young in brambles
22/06/2009	Pied Flycatcher	1	Needles Eye	NT993555	
23/06/2009	Great Sp. Woodpecker	2	Lamberton Moor	NT95 58	Adult feeding juvenile
25/06/2009	Swift	2+	North Road	NT995537	Nesting in house
25/06/2009	Sedge Warbler	1	Tapee Fen	NT995537	Nesting in Tapee Fen
25/06/2009	Reed Bunting	2	Tapee Fen	NT995537	Nesting in Tapee Fen
27/06/2009	Goosander	42	Yarrow Point	NT984530	Flock now 42
	<u>Mammals</u>				
14/06/2009	Red Squirrel	1	Ford Moss	NT968373	
	<u>Reptiles</u>				
23/06/2009	Adder	1	Cheviots	NT859235	High on Border Ridge
	<u>Lepidoptera</u>				
01/06/2009	Painted Lady	5	Yarrow Slake	NT985530	Fading
03/06/2009	Brimstone Moth	1	Castlegate	NT997531	Just outside Somerfield
04/06/2009	Painted Lady	1	Foulden	NT9255	
05/06/2009	Humming-bird Hawk Moth	1	Castle Terrace	NT991537	"New-looking" - locally hatched?
06/06/2009	Painted Lady butterfly	1	Morebattle	NT760250	Flying past
08/06/2009	Painted Lady butterfly	5	Yarrow Haugh	NT985530	
08/06/2009	Large Skipper	2	Lickar Dene	NU018420	
13/06/2009	Painted Lady	1	Cheswick	NU035478	
21/06/2009	Ringlet	3	Tommy-the-Millers	NT992535	
21/06/2009	Common Blue Butterfly	1	Tommy-the-Millers	NT992535	Large specimen on thistle
28/06/2009	Red Admiral	1	Ednam	NT752379	First of the year locally?
28/06/2009	Painted Lady	1	Cocklawburn	NU033481	
29/06/2009	Painted Lady	1	Berwick Garden	NT991537	
30/06/2009	Painted Lady	1	Berwick Garden	NT991537	
	<u>Marine invertebrates</u>				
25/06/2009	Dog Whelk	50+	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Common Whelk	2	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Dahlia Anemone	1	Holy Island	NU124438	

25/06/2009	Beadlet Anenome	50+	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Green Shore Crab	10	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Butterfish	2	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Green Shore Crab	10	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Broad-clawed Porcelain Crab	5	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Long-clawed Porcelain Crab	1	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Hermit Crab	50+	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Velvet Swimming Crab	2	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Edible Crab	6	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Sea Hare	50+	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Brittle Star	3	Holy Island	NU124438	
25/06/2009	Common Star Fish	7	Holy Island	NU124438	
	Plants				
27/06/2009	Sea Fern-grass	10+	Berwick Pier	NU006526	Rare locally. 3rd record in V.C.
27/06/2009	Fern Grass	10+	Quay Walls	NT998526	
27/06/2009	Fern Grass	10+	Berwick Pier	NU006526	

MEMBERS' PHOTOS.



Sea Fern-grass on Berwick Pier. Small, brown and insignificant, a true botanist's plant.
Picture by Fiona Aungier.



Berwick Wildlife Group receiving a cheque from Gerard McDonnell of Howdens Joinery.
Picture by Malcolm Hutcheson.



Marsh Helleborine (left) and a spike of Bugloss with 6-spot Burnet Moths (right). These pictures were taken by Gill Young at the Holy Island "bioblitz" event, where Berwick Wildlife Group, with the help of Phil Davy, contributed over 100 records.



DONATION

We are most grateful to **Howdens Joinery** for their generous donation of £50.00. There is a picture of the cheque being handed over by Gerard McDonnell above. The money has been spent (together with funds already in hand) on a new Batbox III D heterodyne bat detector. This year we have had some excellent bat detecting evenings and these will continue roughly every two weeks through to September.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Just a reminder, that if you have not paid your membership fees for 2009/2010 these are now due. The fees are : £8.00 for individuals, £14.00 for two or more people at the same address. Anyone astute enough to send in a family membership last month got it for £13.00 (because I made a typo in the Review), but it is really £14.00! Please either hand your fees (cash or cheque) to a member of the Committee at a meeting, or send your cheque (made out to Berwick Wildlife Group) to our treasurer, Enid Turnbull, at 5 Springfield Park, East Ord, Berwick upon Tweed, TD15 2FD. Thank you.

BAT MEETINGS – change of venue.

Would you please note that the venues for two of the forthcoming bat meetings have been changed round, to Longridge on the 16th (17th) and Spittal on the 30th (31st). We apologise for any problems this may cause.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

July. Whin Sill Grassland surveying/recording. Details to be arranged. A re-survey of sites known to be botanically important. Will involve standard techniques of study of vegetation within quadrats, on several occasions at different sites. Beginners (and experts) welcome. If you are interested please phone 01289 330591 or e-mail and we can let you know the details.

Wednesday 15th July. Corals and Coals. *Examination of rocks of Carboniferous age exposed along Cocklawburn Beach. What was the area like over 300 million years ago? Northumberland Coast AONB Event. Meet at 2.00pm at the car park by the pill box above Middle Skerr at the end of Cocklawburn Beach. NU 032 481. No booking required, for details contact 01665 576874. Some scrambling on rocks at low tide which will be slippery, and about 2km of walking. If wet/windy will need warm clothes. Free.*

Thursday 16th July (or if 16th very wet or windy, Fri. 17th). **Bat Survey at Longridge Towers School** (GR NT 956 503) - a visit to monitor two known pipistrelle roosts and to check for the continuing presence of long-eared bats. Meet at entrance to school from route A698 at 8.45 pm.

Thursday 30th July (or if 30th very wet or windy, Fri. 31st) **Bat Survey at St. Helen's Terrace/Sandstell Point/ North Greenwich Road, and Seaview, Spittal** – an area survey to find the extent of bat feeding territory and if possible to locate the roost at the first site, and a static survey to confirm presence of bats at the second. Meet at 9.20 pm at Sandstell Point (NU 005 521).

5 August 2009. Introduction to moths and moth recording led by Dave Wainwright in association with Alnwick Wildlife Group. Ingram Village Hall, nr Powburn, Northumberland. 20:00 – late. Advance booking essential via Dave Wainwright 01388 488428 or dwainwright@butterflyconservation.org .

If you want more information on any of the above events, or would like to know more about the Group see our website (www.berwickwildlifegroup.org.uk), phone 01289 330591, e-mail mail3@berwickwildlifegroup.org.uk , or just come to an event. Everyone is welcome – there may be a small charge (no charge for children, but they must come with an adult).