

DORSET Bird Week

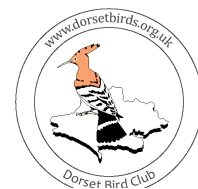



Dorset County Council

4 – 14 September 2014

A week of expert-led walks highlighting the rich and diverse bird life of Dorset

All walks £3 unless otherwise stated



Thursday 4 September

Big Wild Canoe with RSPB Arne, 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Experience the wildlife haven of Poole Harbour from within custom built 14 man Canadian canoes. Learn to master the boats with expert guides and keep an eye out for the harbours internationally important bird life.

Cost: RSPB members £30, non RSPB members £35, under 16's £25

Booking essential. Call 01932 432691. Meet at RSPB Arne. Grid Ref: SY 971 878

Thursday 4 – 17 September

Pigeon Fest at the Bournemouth Natural Science Society, 10.30am – 4pm

At 1 p.m. on 1st September 1914, the North American Passenger Pigeon – which once existed in its billions, became extinct after a century of persecution. It is the only extinction of which we know the precise moment.

In commemorating this centenary, the BNSS reflect on the plight of many organisms as their numbers decline as well as celebrating all members of pigeon family. Free (donations appreciated).

There will be a public exhibition on aspects of Pigeons in the main hall - Sundays Excepted.

BNSS, 39 Christchurch Road (near Derby Road), Bournemouth BH1 3NS; Car Parking. Disabled Access

Saturday 6 September

Late Summer at Middlebere, 8.00am

The heathland, wetlands, mudflats and reedbeds that surround Middlebere are an excellent migrant magnet. Join Birds of Poole Harbours Paul Morton to learn how to identify tricky migrants and how to identify birds purely by sound. Cost £3 Booking Essential. Call 01202 641003. Meet at Hartland Moor lay-by, near Wareham Grid Ref: SY 963 857

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 September

Arne Raptor Weekend, 10am – 3pm

Turn up anytime between 10am-3pm this weekend for our raptor weekend. We'll be opening special viewpoints not usually open to the public and manning them with staff and volunteers all on the lookout for birds of prey. We could see all sorts but the real focus will be osprey! Free

Meet at RSPB Arne BH20 5BJ. Grid Ref: SY 971 878

Sunday 7 September

Stanpit Marsh Nature Reserve Guided Walk, 9.00am – 10.30

The wildlife and management of the marsh led by countryside warden Colin Daborn. And, join the Friends of Stanpit Marsh at their coffee morning at the end of the walk at the information centre. Cost £3

Meet: MarshPod Information Centre, Stanpit Marsh Nature Reserve, Christchurch

Sunday 7th September

What's That? – accessible bird watching for all, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Join Holton Lee staff on a gentle perambulation, exploring the variety of habitats on the estate, all of which can be accessed by mobility paths, including views across Lychett Bay and Poole Harbour. A number of mobility vehicles are available for wheelchair users and less mobile participants.

Meet at East Holton farmhouse office for a cuppa and a chat before setting out. Grid ref: SY 962 913

Please contact Holton Lee should you wish to book a mobility vehicle (for which a donation will be welcomed) or require more details, on 01202 625562

Sunday 7 September

There's Much Birding on the Marsh, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Autumn migration watch and resident marsh birds with your guides Chris Chapleo and Mark Andrews from the Christchurch Harbour Ornithological Group. Cost £3

Meet: MarshPod Information Centre, Stanpit Marsh Nature Reserve, Christchurch

Tuesday 9 September

Birds of Woodland, Heath and Marsh, 2pm

A 2 mile bird-watching walk around Studland National Nature Reserve in search of passerines, waders and more.

Led by Dorset Countryside's Conservation Ranger Simon Breeze. £3. Suitable for children; public transport available; not suitable for wheelchairs. Meet: Greenland Farm turning, Ferry Road, Studland SZ 025 843

Wednesday 10 September

Migrants in Purbeck - Sunnyside Farm and Soldiers Road, 8.00am

Join Paul Morton from the 'Birds of Poole Harbour' charity to look for some of the migrating birds that use Purbeck as a flyway. This location is an under watched migrant stop off with the chance of seeing flycatchers, redstart, warblers and hopefully some wading birds. Cost £3

Booking Essential. Please call Paul Morton on 07711370386. Meet at the Sunnyside Farm Car Park. Grid Ref: SY 937 862

Wednesday 10 September

Discover Arne, 10am

Come along to one of RSPB Arne's free guided walks to track down a whole host of wildlife. From Dartford warblers to smooth snakes, raft spiders to dragonflies, who knows what we might find? Free

Meet at RSPB Arne. Grid Ref: SY 971 878

Wednesday 10 September

Langton Matravers to Seacombe Bottom for Migrants, 9.30am

Led by Neil Gartshore, Chairman of the Dorset Bird Club and author of Best Birdwatching Sites in Dorset. Cost £3.

Meet at Langton Matravers car park (end of Durnford Drive). Grid Reference: SY 997 782

Thursday 11 September

Portland Passage, 8am

The island of Portland is arguable one of the best sites within the UK for spotting birds on migration. Join Assistant

Warden Joe Stockwell as he goes in search of birds on passage, either at sea, on land or through the skies above. Cost £3

Meet at Portland Bill car park, DT5 2JT. [Booking essential](#), call 01305 820553

Thursday 11 September

Portland Bird Observatory Ringing Demonstration, 10.30am

Sticking out into the English Channel with limited vegetation cover the ringing operations at Portland Obs provide rich pickings throughout the year, contributing greatly towards our knowledge of migrant birds. £3

Meet at Portland Birds Observatory, DT5 2JT. Please park at Portland Bill Lighthouse main car park.

For further info call 01305 820553

Thursday 11 September

Migrants at Durlston, 10am

A 2 mile walk around Durlston Country Park & National Nature Reserve to look for migrants. Join us in search for the wonderful variety of migrating birds seen across the reserve.

Suitable for children; no public transport, for limited wheelchair access call 01929 424443. Cost £3

Meet: Durlston Country Park Visitor Centre, near Swanage. Grid Ref: SZ 031 773

Saturday 13 September

Birds of Brownsea – migration time, 11am – 1pm

Discover the birds amongst one of Britain's favourite nature reserves with Dorset Wildlife Trust. The bird migration season is underway and Brownsea's internationally important lagoon is a stopover for many wading birds.

Meet at the public hide by the cormorant sculpture (100m from the quay). Boats from Poole or Sandbanks at 10am.

entry this weekend to the National Trust owned island but boat fares apply. For more information, please ring 01202 692033 or 01202 709445 or email nhoar@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk. Suggested donation £3.

Saturday 13 September

A Message for Martha with Mark Avery, 2.30pm

Join author, passionate blogger and former RSPB Conservation Director Mark Avery as he highlights the tale of the last passenger pigeon to die in Cincinnati Zoo and the message this portrays for wildlife conservation today.

Bournemouth Natural Science Society, 39 Christchurch Road (near Derby Road) Bournemouth BH1 3NS.

Free (donations appreciated). Car Parking. Disabled Access

Sunday 14 September

Bird Ringing Demonstration, 8.00am-10.00am

Join Stour Ringing Group for a chance to see migrant birds up close and personal and see how bird ringing contributes to the study of birds and their migration. Cost £3

Meet at Durlston Country Park Learning Centre Patio, near Swanage. Grid Reference: SZ 031 773

Suitable for children; no public transport; Call 01929 424443

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