

**Welcome to the SE Essex
RSPB Local Group**

Indoor Meetings: are held at Belfairs Woodland Centre, Eastwood Road North, Leigh on Sea, SS9 4LR. Note: turn down small road directly on the bend by the three flagpoles. Doors open at 19.30 for 20.00. Admission: Group members £3.00, visitors £4.00. **Membership Details:** can be obtained from John Ford
Tel: 01702 540309.

Field meetings: are intended as short outings of 2-3 hours duration at sites. **For information on walks, please contact Steve Sanford on 01702 258957. There is no charge for guided walks.**

Wednesday 4th September 2019: Indoor Meeting - Liz Huxley, The Naze - Beach, Birds, Blackberries and More
Highlighting the hidden wildlife of this popular area and the seasonal excitement of this east coast migration hotspot.

Wednesday 18th September 2019: Guided Walk -Two Tree Island
Meet at 10am in the car park. All welcome.

Sunday 29th September 2019: Guided Walk - RSPB Rainham Marsh
Meet at the visitor centre at 10 am. From the M25: Exit M25 at junction 31. All welcome.

Wednesday 2nd October 2019: Indoor Meeting - Chris Collins, The Birds of Guyana
This small S. American country is rarely visited by birdwatchers, despite having much to see. The talk visits two varied habitats - tropical forests and the savannahs.

Sunday 6th October 2019: Guided Walk - Walton on the Naze
Meet at 10am at The Naze Tower. Postcode CO14 8LE. The postcode should get you very close to the reserve. High tide 1817hrs. There is a charge for parking. All welcome.

Monday 21st October 2019: Guided Walk - Wat Tyler/Vange Marsh
Meet at 10am in Wat Tyler CP Pitsea behind the Visitor Centre. Turn off the A13 at Pitsea and follow the Country Park signs. High tide 1702 hrs. All welcome.

Wednesday 6th November 2019: Indoor Meeting - Graham Ekins, Wildlife of New Zealand
This talk is the result of a 3-week trip to the coasts and forests of North and South Islands of N.Z. and includes a variety of birds from both these habitats. We will also see several species of whales and dolphins and the N.Z. fur seal.

Sunday 10th November 2019: Guided Walk - West Canvey Marsh
Meet at 1000 hrs. Enter Canvey from Benfleet Railway Station. At the first roundabout take the 2nd exit (straight on). The entrance to the reserve is actually on the 2nd roundabout (3rd exit). All welcome.

Monday 18th November 2019: Guided Walk - EWT Ingrebourne Valley*
Postcode RM12 6TS (for sat/nav only). See <https://www.essexwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/ingrebourne> for directions. Meet at 10am. All welcome.

Wednesday 4th December 2019: Indoor Meeting - Peter Holden, Birds - Their Hidden World
Looking at birds and their amazing lives - the sort of info that most bird books leave out!

Sunday 8th December 2019: Guided Walk - Edwards Hall CP
Turn off the A127 at Progress Road. At the bottom of the road turn left and then 1st right into Bosworth Road. Follow the road to the end and meet in the car park at 10am. All welcome.

Wednesday 18th December 2019: Guided Walk - Barton Hall Creek and Beyond
Meet at 10am in the layby opposite the Trout fishery at Stambridge. Postcode SS4 2AR. High tide 1426 hrs. All welcome.

Wednesday 8th January 2020: Indoor Meeting - Duncan MacDonald from Speyside - Yellowstone Park
Duncan will guide us through the seasons, beginning in the spring in Yellowstone and moving on to autumn also visiting Grand Teton - wolves, bears, bison, beavers and birds!

Sunday 12th January 2020: Guided Walk - RSPB Wallasea Island
Meet at Midday. Follow the road past the entrance to the Marina straight through the farm for approx half a mile. High tide 1442 hrs. All welcome.

Wednesday 22nd January 2020: Guided Walk - Southend Pier
Meet at 0945am at the lower level entrance. High tide 1130 hrs. All welcome.

Tuesday 4th February 2020: Guided Walk - RSPB Bowers Marsh
Meet at 10am. . From Southend, travel along the A13 towards the M25. Take the A130 Canvey Island exit and at the roundabout follow signs for Pitsea B1464. Drive for less than one mile and then turn left at the mini-roundabout with brown sign. This is Church Road - go left at the next T-junction and follow the road until you reach the reserve entrance and just beyond the car park. Postcode SS13 2HG. All welcome.

Wednesday 5th February 2020: Indoor Meeting - Nina DaRocha (RSPB), Saving the Albatross
Nina will talk on the work of the Albatross Task Force in reducing the number of these birds caught in fishing nets, in 5 countries across South America and Southern Africa. She will highlight some major successes and the ongoing work to stop population declines.

Sunday 23rd February 2020: Guided Walk - Abberton Reservoir *
Meet at Layer Breton Causeway at 1000 hrs. Non EWT members may be asked for a donation at the Visitor Centre. All welcome.

Wednesday 4th March 2020: Indoor Meeting - Sue Schwar, Orsett Wildlife Hospital

A talk about the work of the hospital and the variety of animals and birds they treat.

Sunday 8th March 2020: Guided Walk - Hockley Woods

Meet at 10am. There is a small charge for parking. All welcome.

Sunday 15th March 2020: Guided Walk - RSPB Old Hall Marshes

Meet in the car park at 10am. Old Hall Lane, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon CM9 8TP. High tide 1740hrs. All welcome.

Wednesday 1st April 2020: Indoor Meeting - Conor Jameson, Looking for the Goshawk - The Lost Raptor

The natural history of this enigmatic bird of prey, how it lives, where it lives and why it might be missing from our lives. Conor wrote a book on his search for this bird, which won a Roger Deakin award.

Tuesday 7th April 2020: Guided Walk - EWT Bluehouse Farm

Meet at 10am. Take the B1012 road towards Burnham. Make a right turn at the junction with B1010 to North Farnbridge. Cross railway and follow road to Blue House Farm. Postcode CM3 6NG High tide 1353 hrs. All welcome.

Sunday 26th April 2020: Guided Walk - - Gunners Park

Meet in the car park at 1000 hrs. High tide 1525 hrs. All welcome.

Monday 4th May 2020: Guided Walk - Wakering Common

Meet at 0900 hrs. Turn left to the Common by the church at the end of Gt Wakering High Street. Please car share if possible as parking is limited. All welcome.

Wednesday 6th May 2020: Indoor Meeting - Alex Bass, The River Colne from Source to Sea

Following the route of the river Colne from its source, talking about the history and wildlife of villages and towns en route, including Halstead, Colchester, Wivenhoe, Brightlingsea and Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserve.

Sunday 10th May 2020: Coach Trip to RSPB Minsmere, Suffolk.

Coach cost £15.00. Coach leaves Lifstan Way at 7.20am Victoria Avenue 7.30am.

Sunday 17th May 2020: EWT Fingringhoe Wick (field trip and ILB minibus)

Meet in the visitor centre at 10am. Take the B1026 from Heybridge towards Colchester. Turn off before Abberton Reservoir towards Mersea. Follow the road to Fingringhoe and the signs to the reserve. Postcode CO5 7DN. Non EWT members may be asked for a donation. All welcome.

** Ideal sites for sitting in the Visitor Centre/Café looking out over the reserve/feeders.*

Independent Lady Birders Group

A friendship and support group for our single ladies. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:30 at the Belfairs Woodland Centre, Leigh. Contact Kris Mee on (01702) 525152 or email: krismee28@gmail.com.

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Programme of Events
2019/20

We are a very friendly group and you would be more than welcome to join us at any of these events.



Talks: Book a fully illustrated talk for your club. No group too small and no set charge (a donation of your choice to the RSPB is appreciated). Call Graham on (01702) 525152 or email: grahamm@southendrspb.co.uk for details.

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