

Newsletter September 2021

The ILB meeting held on 21 September 2021 at the Belfairs Woodland Centre was attended by 10 ladies, Jan Bradley, our Treasurer, and Kris Mee. Jan and a new lady were introduced to the ladies, and everyone sat on the decking outside as the weather was magnificent.

Indoor Meeting

There have been no Indoor Meetings this year and there are no plans at present to restart before next year.

Zoom Meetings

18/8/2021 Keith Betton. The Birds of the World's Most Remote Islands. Talk paid for SEE Local Group. We were taken on two trips to the southern oceans. First starting from Ushuaia, Argentina, South America, to South Georgia, Gough Island, Tristan Da Cunha, St Helena, and Ascension Island. The RSPB is doing a lot of work with the local governments to eradicate rats, mice and cats endangering the very rare species on these British islands. The second trip in the Sub Antarctic (which cost £10,000!!) started from Invercargill, South Island NZ, to Snares Islands, Auckland Islands, Macquarie Island, Campbell Island, Antipodes Islands, Chatham Island. We were shown lots of wonderful photographs of some of the rarest and most endangered birds in the world by a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker. His work involved travel all over the world and he has seen 8500 bird species. There were 31 attendees with 8 from Chelmsford and 12 from SEE, 11 Unknown.

Local Sightings

Wakering Stairs - Brent Geese which arrived the same date as last year, Curlew Sandpiper. Fobbing – Whinchat.

Wallasea - Little Stint, Curlew sandpiper. Hockley - Coal Tit.

Canvey Point - Porpoise, Great Skua, Guillemot, Razorbill, Fulmar, Red-breasted Merganser, Gannet, Little Gull, Common Scoter

Cattle and Great White Egret have been reported all over the place.

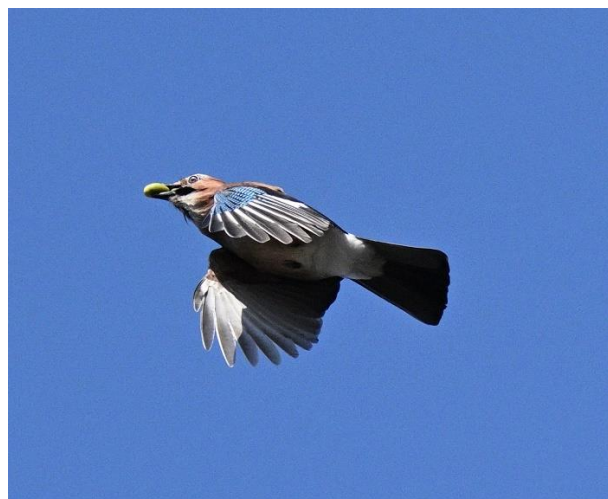
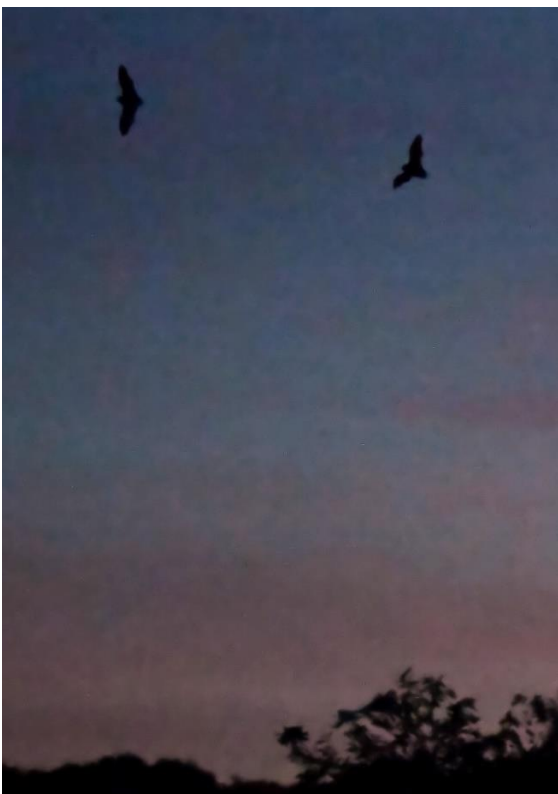
Foulness – Osprey seen several days resting on a post.

Hilary – garden – Woodpecker. Sandra – garden - Goldfinch, Long-tailed Tits. Margaret F – garden - hears Goldcrest regularly

Walks Report

Wat Tyler Wednesday 15 September – 14 people attended, including two new ladies, and 27 species were seen. After Wat Tyler everyone remained by the café socialising and catching up instead of going to Vange Marshes.

Graham has been sitting in the garden trying to photograph the Jays that are flying from Belfairs wood across our garden to an oak tree somewhere north of us and back again with acorns. One sat in our tree above Graham and dropped an acorn cup on his head. He stayed out so late that he was able to photograph the bats over the garden. John Wright came last night with his bat detector and identified pipistrelle but the bigger bats from the night before did not appear.



Forthcoming Events: -

Local Group Picnic and Get Together on Wednesday 29 September on the grass outside EWT Belfairs Woodland Centre between 11:00am and 3:00pm.

The Centre cannot accommodate us all as they will be open to the public, which must be their priority, and car parking may be difficult so if you are able, please consider parking behind the golf club or on the road and walking round so that the Centre's car park is available to those less mobile.

Please bring a chair and picnic or better still buy lunch and a drink from the Centre.

The next Zoom will be Wednesday 29/9/2021 at 7:45pm. Dragonflies by Ruary Mackenzie Dodds. Only Click on the link provided on the day and time stated. It will not work before then.

Please consider donating a minimum of £3 per person to allow us to book Zoom speakers who charge a fee without incurring a financial loss.

Please donate by Bank Transfer to
RSPB SEE LG, Sort Code **309079** Account Number **33710768**.

Important! Please put 'ZOOM & Initials' in the reference box.

Thank you for your support it is much appreciated.

The next Field Trips are

10:00am Sunday 26 September at Bradwell Bird Observatory CM0 7PN and

10:00am Sunday 10 October at Dungeness Power Station and RSPB Reserve.

There are no Essex Wildlife Trust meetings arranged.

The **next ILB meeting** will be **19 October 2021** at Belfairs Woodland Centre.

This newsletter will be available on the local group website at: [-http://www.southendrspb.co.uk](http://www.southendrspb.co.uk) . Click on ILBs on the Menu Bar.

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