

Dawn chorus walk at Harebrakes Wood – 13 April 2013

With a late spring this year due to bad weather, everything is late so no summer visitors, such as Chiffchaffs or Blackcaps, were heard or seen.

Species list

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* – One seen in flight over the playing fields.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* – At least four birds over the playing fields.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus* – One over the playing fields.

Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis* – Two birds were heard giving the 'yaffle' calls.

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* – Three birds were seen with two males drumming.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas* – Four noted, including one in song.

Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus* – Common. Many birds were seen in the high trees with some in song.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* – One noted near the church.

Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* – Eight singing birds.

Dunnock *Prunella modularis* – Two were seen.

Robin *Erithacus rubecula* – Three noted singing but probably many more.

Blackbird *Turdus merula* – Seven singing birds noted during our walk.

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* – Four birds were heard singing.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* – Two flew from the football pitch into the wood.

Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus* – Five heard singing but probably more present.

Great Tit *Parus major* – Nine birds were noted singing, many seen in pairs.

Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* – Two birds calling near the children's playground.

Jay *Garrulus glandarius* – One seen and heard calling.

Magpie *Pica pica* – Five birds noted and at least two nests high in the trees.

Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* – Four birds associating with the Rooks.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus* – Many birds were calling and attending c12 nests.

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* – One noted.

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* – One seen.

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* – One singing.