

Worcestershire Recorders recording days 2019

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Our meetings took in some new sites in 2019 and our thanks go to the owners and managers of these special sites for allowing us to invade *en masse* with nets waving. It was really nice to see so many recorders out together, something that is difficult to remember as I write this towards the end of 2021, but hopefully something that can return in 2022.

Our thanks to Simon Wood manager of Worcestershire Biological Records Centre for compiling the species lists from our records.

A re-cap of the visits

Saturday 1st June 2019. The Fold, Bransford. Part of New House Farm. Extensive area with meadows, woodland, old gardens, a pool, a reservoir, part of the old railway and a section of the River Teme. By kind permission of the owners with visit organised through Keith Falconer.

Number of attendees – 20.

Number of species recorded – 523.

Will Watson (2019) has written about water beetles: **Rare water beetles in the River Teme at The Fold at Bransford** *Worcestershire Record* 47:42-44.



03. Recording day The Fold 01/06/19. Dead tree full of life. Harry Green.



04. River Teme at the Fold, Bransford 06/01/19. Will Watson.



01. Interpretation board at The Fold. 01/06/19. Nicki Farmer.



02. Red-tipped Clearwing Moth *Synanthedon formicaeformis* at the Fold. 01/06/19. Nicki Farmer.



05. Sloe Gin Ice Cream at The Fold. The perfect end to an excellent recording day (other brands may be available). 01.06.19. Nicki Farmer.

Saturday 6th July 2019. Meadows at Crews Court, old quarries and Crews Hill woodland reserve. Varied grassland, ancient woodland with lime pollards and old quarries. By kind permission of Richard and Anne Lewis (Crews Court) and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (Crews Hill Wood).
Number of attendees – 17.
Number of species recorded - 237



06. Crews Court meadow Recording day 06/07/19. Harry Green.



07. Crews Hill Wood 06/07/19 recording day. Harry Green.



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09. Welcome to our Future Severn Waste Services seat Crews Hill Wood Recording day 06/07/19. Harry Green.

Saturday 3rd August 2019. The Wild Goose Rural Training site, Ball Mill Quarry near Grimley. About 33 acres of old settling pools from a former Lafarge Tarmac quarry with reedbed, shallow water, extensive willow scrub and open sandy ground.
Number of attendees – 23.
Number of species recorded – 325

Many thanks to Roger Bates for arranging the visit and giving us access to the canteen and toilets.



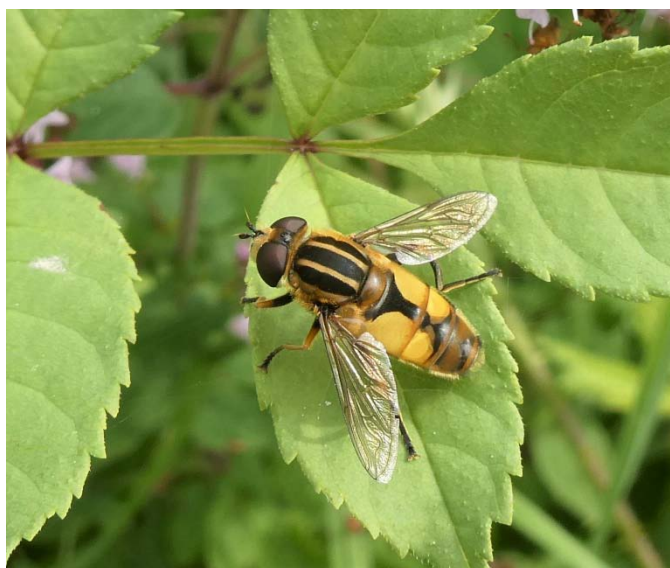
10. Exploring part of the Wild Goose Training site Recording Day 03/08/2019. Harry Green.



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The Records

The following records from the recording days have been extracted by Simon Wood from WBRC's data base. The list can only contain records submitted directly to WBRC as other routes (e.g. submissions to iRecord) result in long delays in records reaching the local records centres. We would encourage all recorders to send records directly to WBRC even if they are entered on additional recording websites. This will ensure true lists are presented for future recording days.

The recorders who made the records are shown as initials in the tables alongside each species. Multiple sets of initials indicate that the same species was recorded by numerous recorders but does not necessarily indicate the abundance of each species. Recorders' names and initials are given in the following table below (Table 1).

Allan Lawson	AL
Allen Bates	AB
Ann Goddard	AG
Ann Hill	AH
Ann Hill-Mark Lawley	AH ML
Bob Woodroffe	BWr
Brett Westwood	BW
Carol Taylor	CT
Carol Taylor-John Taylor	CT JT
Dave Scott	DS
Dave Scott;Jane Scott	DS JS
David Barnett	DBt
Denise Bingham	DB
Denzil Devos	DD
G H Green	GHG
Gary Farmer	GAF
Gary Farmer;Nicki Farmer	G&NF
Geoff Trevis	GHT
Giles King-Salter	GKS
Ian Wright	IW
J J Day	JJD
Jackie Hardy	JH
Jane Scott	JS
Jane Scott-Dave Scott	JDS
Jean Young	JY
John Bingham	JB
John Bingham;Denise Bingham	JB DB
Keith Falconer	KF
Kevin McGee	KM
M.E. Blythe	MEB
Mark Lawley	ML
Martin Skirrow	MS
Mervyn Needham	MN
Mike Averill	MA
Mike Inskip	MI
Patrick Taylor	PT
Rosemary Hill	RH
Rosemary Winnall	RAW
Steve Davies	SD
Tessa Carrick	TC
Tony Simpson	TS
Trevor Duke	TD
Wendy Carter	WC
Will Watson	WW

Table 1. Recorders' names and initials used in the record lists.