

# WEST MIDLAND BIRD CLUB

## WMBC Field Trips Programme

### 2019

Sun 6 Jan 2019	Rutland Water, Leicestershire & Rutland	Prime inland reservoir with lagoons, marshy margins, fields and woodland to provide a wide range of species to start the year. The cost includes reserve entrance fee.
Sun 3 Feb 2019	St Aidan's RSPB, Yorkshire	We visit a new venue to enjoy a now prime RPB reserve. In addition to offering many wintering wildfowl and waders, often disturbed by a Peregrine, Marsh Harriers quarter reedbeds and grassland, and Short-eared Owls hunt over the hillsides. Additional residents include Bittern and Skylark. A stimulating winter birding experience in prospect! RSPB card required or charge may be payable.
Sun 10 Mar 2019	Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire	The regular visit to this Gloucestershire site at the time of peak activity offering prospect of displaying Goshawk, finding Hawfinch, Dipper and Crossbill, admiring spectacular Mandarin and what chance of Great Grey Shrike again?
Fri 5 Apr 2019	Devon Weekend	We stay at the Langstone Cliff Hotel at Dawlish Warren for our annual Devon adventure. The cost is £75.00 per person per night for half board (complimentay drink before dinner) for those sharing a room and £90 for singles. Travel by own transport to meet at 6.30pm for dinner at 7.00pm. Centred at Dawlish Warren we will search for local specialities and lingering wintering species, as well as the first summer migrants and rarities that may be present. A deposit of £20 (non refundable) per person is required by the hotel to confirm your booking. Please call Ray or Liz to assess availability and then provide this payment by cheque made out to West Midland Bird Club (WMBC) and sent to Ray Davies at '140 Bradbury Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 8AL' -before 20th October to confirm YOUR booking. We settle the remainder of our own bills at the Hotel on departure.
Sun 28 Apr 2019	Fairburn Ings, RSPB, Yorkshire	A first visit to a now established RSPB reserve with an enviable reputation. In addition to breeding Bittern, Bearded Tit, Cetti's warbler and Little Egret, Spoonbill have an established breeding record and recently Black-necked Grebe have done also! With resident Willow Tit, Kingfisher, Grey Heron and a Tree Sparrow colony an excellent birdlist is in prospect! RSPB card required or charge may be payable.
Sun 26 May 2019	Nagshead RSPB, Gloucestershire	No Welsh trip this year but this prime attractive RSPB reserve in the middle of the Forest of Dean should still yield Wood Warbler, Pied Flycatcher, Redstart and possibly Tree Pipit. Spotted Flycatcher as well as other summer migrant warblers are present and birds of prey, e.g Goshawk, are a possibility. RSPB card required or charge may be payable.
Sun 23 Jun 2019	Lakenheath RSPB, Suffolk	In search of rare British breeding birds the extensive reedbeds harbour Bearded Tit, Bittern, Common Crane, MarshHarrier and Kingfisher as well as other migrant warblers. Hobby hunt over the reeds and river for dragonflies. Don't forget your RSPB card or charge of £3 is payable.
Sun 8 Sep 2019	Frampton Marsh, RSPB, Lincolnshire	A further visit to this now renowned coastal wetland reserve with reedbed, large freshwater scrapes and wet grassland that was enjoyed by all. At migration time a wide range of wader species and interesting passerines can be expected. RSPB card required or charge of £2 payable.
Sun 6 Oct 2019	Gibraltar Point, Lincolnshire	A mix of fresh and saltwater marshes, sand dunes and shore on the northern edge of the Wash and beside the North Sea attracts waders, wildfowl and seabirds as well as passage migrants and rarities. Reserve entrance fee is included in the cost.
Sun 1 Dec 2019	Ham Wall RSPB / Shapwick Heath, Somerset	Another first visit to an exciting and developing RSPB reserve. Search the trackside scrub and alders for Goldcrest and maybe Firecrest as well as tit and finch family species including Siskin and Redpoll, and other woodland species. The wide range of wildfowl is augmented by the likely presence of herons such as Little and Great White Egrets as well as Grey Heron and Bittern, with Glossy Ibis and Cattle Egret possible. Bearded Tits and Marsh Harriers add to the mix. The nearby Shapwick Heath area increases the possibilities with potential for wader species. A Starling murmuration at the end of the day could complete the experience. RSPB card required or charge may be payable.