



Nature Notes

21 May Hare in the field below Kilmagadwood.
And a cuckoo calling. 05:30 in the morning and 21:00 at night. And again this morning!

20 May Little brown bird making a brbrbrbrbrbrbrbr continuous call. I assume an alarm call.

That's a sedge warbler. There's one in the ditch leading away from the moss at Grahamstone.



20 May
Kestrel?

Yeah, feet and the orange brown spotted feathers look pretty kestrellesque. The poor fella looks pretty tired out.



15 May Lesley found this skull today. Either stoat or weasel so they are present.



11 May Today I saw three squirrels and this special one at Grahamstone side. Opinion stoat or weasel. Without the tail it is very difficult.

I'm voting for weasel but only because the ears look less prominent than on a stoat (based solely on some books for reference).



11 May On Saturday late afternoon/evening in the course of about 3 hours I saw a young male deer, antlers but no points, a yellowhammer (possibly female), and a hare, all in my garden. I have rarely seen a yellowhammer here and never before a hare in my garden. A few days ago I also saw a couple of jays. I've seen the senior deer again, also on the track, but as I lifted my camera to photograph him, he buried his head in a young birch tree and the resulting photograph looked like something Pan might have had a hand in!

10 May

Lesley has just identified one of her sightings as a Reed bunting in the ditch at Grahamstone.

10 May

I've attached a terrible pic of a tawny owl spotted just beyond the curling pond this evening.



9 May

This was in our garden, large red Damselfly. Should be on the moss as well.



8 May



7 May Kilmagadwood. Greater spotted woodpecker.



6 May Today on the moss at the boardwalk. Two red squirrels. On the path at Grahamstone a small Tortoiseshell Butterfly(Lots of them), At the bottom south west corner - a mammal of some kind on a birch stump but it was to quick to get a good view. Could have been the Pine marten or a stoat or another squirrel, next to main ditch--mammal poo which was either Pine Marten or Fox. Difficult to tell the difference.

4 May Chiffchaff and song thrush above the golf course.



29 April

Saw a large Hare crossing the road at Newlands Farm. First for years. Used to see dozens of them there in the 1980s when walking our terrier. No House Martins yet. Usually have all three old nests repaired and occupied again by now.

27 April

1 red squirrel eating larch cones, 2 deer eating birch leaves, and a jay flying across the dome so far away that I could only identify it by its call.