



Wood Lane NR and Colemere Shropshire, 19th Mar 2019

Twelve members met at the Wood Lane Nature Reserve car park near Ellesmere in Shropshire where we had obtained permits to enter the hides. The site was busy with anglers and activity on the adjacent quarry and dump. There were masses of Black-headed Gulls on the water and some smart Greenfinch on the feeders but nothing else special, so we all headed off to nearby Colemere getting lost in the maze of minor roads en route. The mere is very beautiful with mature woodlands on the circular path and we got great views of a Reed Bunting straightaway. In the woods, we got close views of Treecreepers, Nuthatch, and a Great Spotted Woodpecker. On the water we found Goldeneye, but no Goosander as hoped for. The Chiffchaff had arrived and we got our bins onto one singing away at the top of a tree. It was a lovely walk around the mere and we had our picnics overlooking the mere afterwards. 30 species recorded.

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