

Conwy Valley, 8 June 2014

Eight members made the trip to the Conwy Valley. Meeting at Conwy RSPB we then drove down the valley beyond Llanrwst to Hafod Wood a deciduous woodland belonging to the National Trust on the north side of the river. We saw a variety of woodland birds including Chiffchaff, Blackcap, Redstart, Nuthatch, Treecreeper and Greater Spotted Woodpecker.

After spending a few hours at the wood we called in at Caerhun churchyard on the south side of the valley but there was a church service on and we decided to drive back to Conwy RSPB where we had lunch and then spent a couple of hours going round the reserve. The reserve was quiet but the highlights included Bullfinch, drake Scaup, Sparrowhawk and Common Buzzard.

Non-avian highlights included a Tree Bumblebee, which has only recently spread in to the UK, plus a number of Bee Orchids alongside one of the paths.

We then returned to Caerhun churchyard mid-afternoon and the highlights there were Hawfinch with Little Egret and Red-Breasted Merganser on the river.

A total of 51 species was seen during the day.

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