



Coombes Valley RSPB and Tittesworth Reservoir, 24th April 2016

Six MCOS members met at Coombes Valley RSPB. On entering the reserve we were greeted by the song of a Willow Warbler and the call of a Green Woodpecker. Walking down towards the stream crossing, singing Blackcap were showing well. Moving into the woodland walk, bird numbers were disappointing until we arrived at the area where the pond is located. Here we saw a stunning male Redstart and a female Pied Flycatcher which were the highlight birds for the site. While completing the walk back to the carpark a good mix of birds were seen including Tree Creeper, Greater Spotted Woodpecker and Chiffchaff.

After lunch the group moved on to Tittesworth Reservoir. Due to the weather turning fairly nasty, with frequent heavy rain showers, the group headed for the hides. From the West hide nesting Oystercatcher were seen on the island and two pairs of Goosander were present on the pool. Moving on to the East hide, where a feeding station is situated, Reed Bunting, Coal Tit and, the bird of the day, Willow Tit were coming to the feeders. On the pool Great Crested Grebe and two Common Sandpipers were seen. Total number of species for the day was 46.

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