



RSPB Ynyshir, Sunday 26 April 2015

Seven members enjoyed a day trip the RSPB reserve at Ynyshir, south of Machynlleth. The weather was fine but with a slight breeze.

On the journey there, over Llandegla Moors, we picked up Red Grouse and Red-legged Partridge.

At Ynyshir, we picked up a few migrants including Pied Flycatcher, Redstart, Willow Warbler, Whitethroat, Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Swallow, House and Sand Martin and we heard Grasshopper Warbler. Sadly, there were no Wood Warblers around although one had been reported but not confirmed the week before. We saw a few common woodland birds in Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Goldcrest and Long-tailed Tit and down at the estuary hides, birds included Common Sandpiper, Brent Goose, Little Egret and Stonechat. Raptors included Common Buzzard, Red Kite and Sparrowhawk.

On the journey home we called at Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve (Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust) where from a splendid new 'hide' we saw the resident female Osprey on the nest. Cuckoo was heard and at the feeding station near the visitor centre we saw Lesser Redpoll, Siskin and Greenfinch.

We managed 62 species on a very enjoyable day in Mid-Wales.

Ray Evans

RSPB Ynys-hir, 23rd April 2022

Seven MCOS members met at the reserve on a very bright and breezy morning. Soon after entering the reserve a male Pied Flycatcher gave excellent views. Moving on, Blackcaps were seen at regular intervals. A Redstart was seen briefly in flight and was lost to view. Walking down to the Marain Mawr hide several more Pied Flycatchers were seen. In addition, singing Blackcaps were heard at regular intervals. A Treecreeper was seen inching its way up a tree trunk. Nuthatch, Willow Warbler and Goldcrest were also heard along the way. From outside the hide a Grasshopper Warbler was heard 'reeling' from an area on brambles. Viewed at distance, across the river Dovey, nesting Ospreys could be seen. One bird on the nest with the other bird on a nearby pole eating a fish. From the hide only Little Egret and Canada Geese were viewed on the pools.

Moving on towards the Breakwater hide, Stonechat, Reed Bunting, Meadow Pipit and Long-tailed Tit were seen. Several Grasshopper Warblers, Cetti's Warbler and Reed Warblers were heard.

After lunch the group moved off to walk along the edge of the salt marsh. While walking through a wooded area a Garden Warbler gave good views while feeding in the treetops. A harrier, presumed Marsh Harrier, was seen briefly before being lost to view. A Raven was seen while walking back towards the Ynys-hir hide in the oak woodland. While walking through the woodland back to the car park, a Redstart was heard singing high up in the canopy but could not be located. Back at the reception centre ice cream was the order of the day. From the picnic benches, we were given really closeup views of a Red Kite as it drifted over the pond in front of us. Total species seen was 52.

The scenery around this reserve is a wonderful sight and on such a beautiful day looked superb.

Graham Haspey