

Poole Harbour Fieldtrip

28/02/2018



Area 1: Lytchett Fields

Richard presenting the first of 3 areas we looked at in Lytchett Fields.

In this first field, we spotted:

- 3 Woodpigeons (*Columba palumbus*)
- 2 Song Thrushes (*Turdus philomelos*)
- 2 Carrion Crows (*Corvus corone*)
- 1 Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*)
- 1 Blackbird (*Turdus merula*)
- 1 Mistle thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*)
- 1 Stone Chat (*Saxicola torquata*)
- 1 Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*)



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Lytchett Fields



Unfortunately, frozen land combined with high tides, not many birds were around to be observed.

Looking at birds...



...And looking through the telescope



Fields 2 and 3 of Lytchett Fields

Birds observed in these 2 fields include:

- 4 Little egrets (*Egretta garzetta*)
- 3 Black-headed gulls (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*)
- 1 Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)
- 2 Grey herons (*Ardea cinerea*)
- 1 Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*)



2nd and 3rd fields observed at Lytchett Fields





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Area 2: Baiter Park

- Only very few birds were observed here as the ground was frozen
- The birds that were present were undisturbed by people and their dogs, either because they were used to them or very desperate for food
- Birds seen at Baiter Park include:
 - 5 Oystercatchers (*Haematopus ostralegus*)
 - 3 Turnstones (*Arenaria interpres*)
 - 2 Black-tailed Godwits (*Limosa limosa*)
 - 1 Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)



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Area 3: Sandbanks/ Whitley Lake

- Birds observed in Sandbanks:
 - 40 Oystercatchers (*Haematopus ostralegus*)
 - 32 Black-tailed godwits (*Limosa limosa*)
 - 3 Curlews (*Numenius arquata*)
 - 2 Ringed Plovers (*Charadrius plumage*)
 - 2 Sandwich Terns (*Sterna sandvicensis*)
 - 1 Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*)
 - Carrion Crows (*Corvus corone*)
 - Great black-backed gulls (*Larus marinus*)
 - Black-headed gulls (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*)
 - Turnstones (*Arenaria interpres*)



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The coach made an ideal viewpoint and shelter from the cold...









Our favourite quotes of the day:

- “It’s a field, so it’s all green.”
- “Look at that bird!”
- “I saw my very first sandwich tern today.”
- “It was interesting to look at what birds were doing and why they were doing it.”
- “It was good to see such a wide variety of birds in just one location.”
(Sandbanks)