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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)



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







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)



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)



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)