# DEVON BIRDS (PLYMOUTH BRANCH) VISIT TO AYLESBEARE COMMON MONDAY 4 JULY 2022

The dull morning was' brightened' by getting the first of several sightings of Dartford Warblers within a short distance of the entrance to the RSPB reserve. Most birds were seen skimming over the gorse or disappearing into it, rather than perching in plain view for extended periods. That said it was still a treat for all 13 people taking part in this visit, to see this species. Linnets seem to have had a very successful year and were by far the most numerous of the 23 bird species seen. The heath was looking beautiful with the heather in flower and in the wetter, marshy areas there were sundews and bog asphodel. The warmer afternoon weather brought out a common lizard and a wide variety of moths, butterflies and dragonflies.

# **Species List:**

Birds Blackbird Buzzard Carrion Crow Chiffchaff Collared Dove Coal Tit Dartford Warbler Great Spotted Woodpecker (juvenile) Greenfinch Herring Gull Jay Kestrel

Linnet Meadow Pipit Robin Siskin Stonechat Swift Treecreeper Yellowhammer Whitethroat (heard) Wood Pigeon Wren

## Reptiles

Common Lizard

#### Moths

Large Yellow Underwing Light Emerald

## **Butterflies**

Small Pearl Bordered Ringlet Small Heath Green-veined White Meadow Brown

## Dragonflies

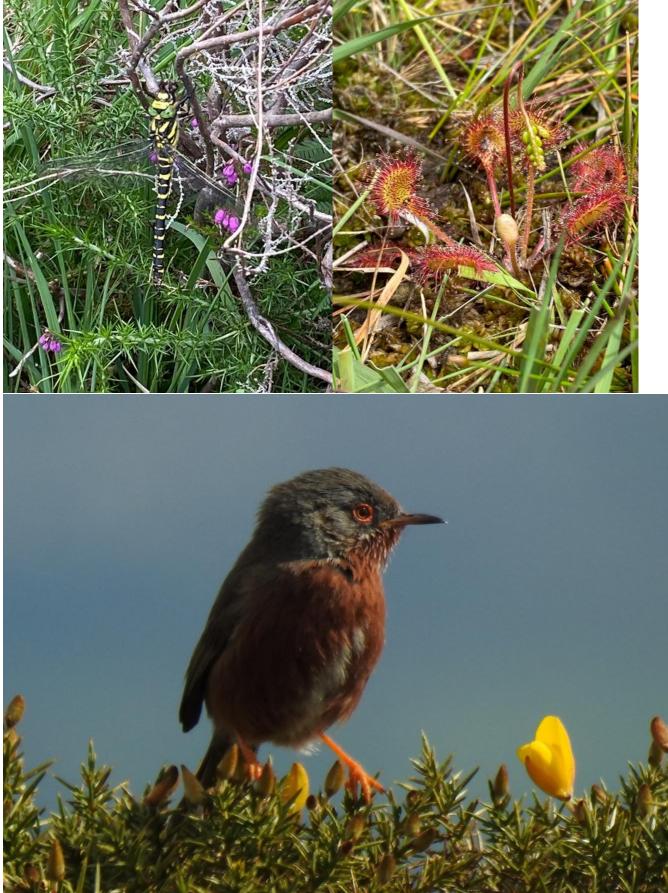
Golden Ringed Emperor Common Darter Keeled Skimmer Common Blue Damselfly

## **Beetles**

Green Tiger Beetle



Yellow hammer image Chris Marcol



Dartford Warbler Image Chris Marcol



Common Lizard Image Chris Marcol