

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	Linnet
Buzzard	Meadow Pipit
Carrion Crow	Robin
Chiffchaff	Siskin
Collared Dove	Stonechat
Coal Tit	Swift
Dartford Warbler	Treecreeper
Great Spotted Woodpecker (juvenile)	Yellowhammer
Greenfinch	Whitethroat (heard)
Herring Gull	Wood Pigeon
Jay	Wren
Kestrel	

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