

DORNEY NATURE DIARY (2)

SPECIES & HABITAT DATA RECORD, 1961–2026

Dated, located species and habitat records — companion to the Narrative Extracts Master

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How to use this record. This is a reference work, not a document to read end to end. Records are grouped by year and, within each year, by taxonomic group (Birds, Mammals, Plants, Invertebrates, and so on) in tables giving species, a note, the month, the location, and the source. The quickest way in is to go to the year you want, or to search (Ctrl+F) for a species or place. Records are opportunistic columnist observations, not a systematic survey: they are most reliable as qualitative trend evidence and as first- and last-date documentation, and are best used to direct formal survey work rather than to quantify populations. For the narrative behind these records, see the companion Narrative Extracts Master.

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1961 | Naturalist (Mrs Toms) — the founding columns

Earliest surviving records, Sep–Dec 1961 (no column in October — held over). Byline ‘Naturalist’, attributed to Mrs Toms. Records below are hers.

Plants — 1961

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Orange Balsam / Jewel-weed (Impatiens capensis)	Naturalised garden escape; several plants at the water’s edge along the Dorney stretch of the Thames towpath; orange, spotted-lipped flowers; explosive seed dispersal	Sep	Thames towpath	Naturalist (Mrs Toms)
Himalayan Balsam / ‘Policeman’s Helmet’ (Impatiens glandulifera)	Recent, still-spreading arrival; a 20-yard stretch of ditch beside Huntercombe Lane filled with this tall, purplish-pink plant; first realised present near Dorney that summer	Sep	Ditch by Huntercombe Lane	Naturalist (Mrs Toms)

Birds — 1961

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Lapwing / Green Plover / Peewit (Vanellus vanellus)	Resident numbers augmented by northern and Continental migrants in winter; thinly, evenly scattered in individual ‘territories’ across the Common; approachable from a slow vehicle. A c.1951 decline (feared due to silage grass-cutting) had since recovered, hard winters judged the real cause	Nov	Dorney Common	Naturalist (Mrs Toms)
Great Tit (Parus major)	Common garden/bird-table visitor; a chief	Dec	Garden, Dorney Reach	Naturalist (Mrs Toms)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	culprit in the milk-bottle-opening habit (first reported Southampton 1921, since spread nationwide)			
Blue Tit (<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>)	Common; milk-bottle opener; a pair seen entering the Barge Farm milk float parked halfway down Harcourt Road	Dec	Harcourt Road	Naturalist (Mrs Toms)
Coal Tit (<i>Parus ater</i>)	Present where garden firs grow; a pair visiting her bird table for some weeks	Dec	Garden, Dorney Reach	Naturalist (Mrs Toms)
Long-tailed Tit (<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>)	Rare at bird tables; usually met as a family party of 10–12 passing through gardens/hedgerows with contact calls	Dec	Garden / hedgerow, Dorney Reach	Naturalist (Mrs Toms)

1962 | Naturalist (Mrs Toms) Jan–Aug; Wayfarer (Peter Tyler) Sep–Dec

1963 entirely missing from archive — no data extractable.

Flora — 1962

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Jack-by-the-Hedge / Garlic Mustard (<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>)	Leaves showing in Jan despite frost; common along shaded hedgerow bases	Jan	Marsh Lane	Naturalist
Lords and Ladies (<i>Arum maculatum</i>)	Early leaf growth; unspotted form now predominating over spotted — reversal noted over 20-30 years	Jan	Marsh Lane	Naturalist
Coltsfoot (<i>Tussilago farfara</i>)	Flowering spikes precede leaves; found on dry/artificial substrates	Jan	Gravel heaps, wall bases, roadsides	Naturalist
Lesser Celandine (<i>Ficaria verna</i>)	Profuse bloom at Climo's Corner	Mar	Climo's Corner	Naturalist
Oxford Ragwort (<i>Senecio squalidus</i>)	New colonist establishing locally; spread via railways post-WWII	Jun	Parish (general)	Naturalist
Canadian Fleabane (<i>Erigeron canadensis</i>)	New colonist establishing locally	Jun	Parish (general)	Naturalist
Prickly Lettuce / Compass Plant (<i>Lactuca serriola</i>)	Leaves align N-S; found locally	Jul	Parish (general)	Naturalist
Crab-apple (<i>Malus sylvestris</i>)	Good fruit crop noted	Sep	Hedgerows (general)	Wayfarer
Dog-rose (<i>Rosa canina</i>)	Good hip crop noted	Sep	Hedgerows (general)	Wayfarer
Elderberry (<i>Sambucus nigra</i>)	Good fruit crop noted	Sep	Hedgerows (general)	Wayfarer
Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)	Good berry crop; old saying linking heavy crop to hard winter	Sep / Dec	Hedgerows	Wayfarer
Fungi — Field Mushroom (<i>Agaricus campestris</i>)	Found in profusion on rich pasture/grassland; fairy rings described	Oct	Pasture (general)	Wayfarer
Fungi — Oyster Mushroom, Beef-	Listed as edible British species;	Oct	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Steak Fungus, Horn of Plenty	caution advised on identification			
Bracket Fungi (Polyporus spp.)	Growing as large white or pink chunks from tree trunks; visible after leaf fall	Dec	Hedgerow trees	Wayfarer
Mistletoe (Viscum album)	Visible as parasite on trees after leaf fall; host trees: lime, poplar, hawthorn, ash, birch	Dec	Hedgerow/orchard trees	Wayfarer

Fauna: Birds — 1962

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Swallow (Hirundo rustica)	First migrant to depart southward; 'invariably the first to leave'	Sep	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)	Post-breeding plumage ragged; juveniles in adult feathers by Sep; commuting from Staines Reservoirs (Nov)	Sep / Nov	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Song Thrush (Turdus philomelos)	At bird table in cold weather; compared directly with Mistle Thrush	Feb	Garden (Dorney Reach)	Naturalist
Mistle Thrush (Turdus viscivorus)	Unusual visit to bird table; field marks described — larger, greyer, larger spots, white outer tail tips	Feb	Garden (Dorney Reach)	Naturalist
Robin (Erithacus rubecula)	Red breast developing in early autumn	Sep	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Pheasant (Phasianus colchicus)	Cock in magnificent full plumage described	Sep	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Bullfinch (Pyrrhula pyrrhula)	Two pairs visiting garden in cold spell; shy at table; female found dead after night frost; detailed plumage description	Feb	Garden, inland from river	Naturalist

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Cormorant / Shag (Phalacrocorax sp.)	Observed fishing at Bray Lock — noted as unusual inland record	Jul	Bray Lock	Naturalist
Great Black-backed Gull (Larus marinus)	One of five gull species commuting from Staines Reservoirs to feed in Dorney fields and river	Nov	Fields / River Thames	Wayfarer
Lesser Black-backed Gull (Larus fuscus)	As above	Nov	Fields / River Thames	Wayfarer
Black-headed Gull (Chroicocephalus ridibundus)	Described as 'probably the commonest' of the five locally; black head absent in winter plumage	Nov	Fields / River Thames	Wayfarer
Common Gull (Larus canus)	As above (five commuting species)	Nov	Fields / River Thames	Wayfarer
Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)	As above (five commuting species)	Nov	Fields / River Thames	Wayfarer
61 garden bird species (aggregate)	17-year record compiled by Mrs Toms, 1945-1962; total 61 species — list not itemised in column	Aug	Garden (Dorney Reach)	Naturalist

Fauna: Mammals — 1962

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Red Fox (Vulpes vulpes)	Male found on Bath Road verge at Taplow; described in detail — reddish-brown, bushy brush, >3ft nose to tail; common in parish using thickets and copses; does not hibernate; track pattern in snow described	Dec	Bath Road / Parish thickets	Wayfarer

Fauna: Invertebrates — 1962

Species/Group	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Wasp (<i>Vespula</i> spp.)	Attacking ripe plums and pears in gardens; defended as beneficial predators of insect pests	Sep	Gardens	Wayfarer
Fungi (general — see Flora table)	Wide variety on October walks; taxonomic overview	Oct	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

Habitats Referenced — 1962

Habitat	Notes
Hedgerows — Marsh Lane	Key corridor; shaded base supports early-growing flora (Garlic Mustard, Lords and Ladies); Hop recorded as dominant climber (Oct 1964); fruiting shrubs (Hawthorn, Rosehip, Elder) prominent
Gardens — Dorney Reach ('inland')	Bird table observations: Bullfinch, Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush, Sparrow, Starling recorded; Fox recorded nearby
Dorney Common	Desolate in winter; Lapwing/Peewit flocks of 20-30; probable nesting site
River Thames / Bray Lock	Cormorant/Shag fishing noted; Gulls feeding on river margins
Bath Road verge — Taplow	Fox found on verge
Staines Reservoirs (off-site)	Roosting site for up to 100,000 gulls; birds commuting to Dorney to feed
Roadsides / Gravel substrate	Coltsfoot on dry disturbed ground
Climo's Corner	Lesser Celandine profusion noted
Pasture/Grassland (general)	Field Mushroom in rich grassland

1964 | Wayfarer (Peter Tyler) — full year

Note: February, May and July 1964 confirmed from original DPN PDFs. February and July text matches project knowledge extracts exactly. May article (badger sett) contains additional detail beyond project knowledge — see entry below. Remaining months from project knowledge document.

Flora — 1964

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Mistletoe (<i>Viscum album</i>)	Life history and cultivation technique described in detail; host trees: apple (best), pear, plum, lime, poplar, hawthorn,	Jan	Orchards / hedgerow trees	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	ash, birch; will kill host if unchecked			
Common Teasel (Dipsacus fullonum)	Now 'well established' on motorway banks near river; 5-6ft tall; water-collecting cups formed by joined leaf-bases noted; distinguished from Fuller's Teasel (hooked awns, cultivated, not native)	Sep	M4 motorway banks near river	Wayfarer
Hop (Humulus lupulus)	Established in Marsh Lane hedgerows; growing 25ft up electricity pole wires and to top of lamp-post; male (small pollen flowers) and female (papery yellowish-green fir-cone-like) flowers described; brewing/medicinal resins and oils noted	Oct	Marsh Lane hedgerows	Wayfarer
Stinging Nettle (Urtica dioica)	Food plant for Small Tortoiseshell butterfly; also Roman Nettle (scarce, very virulent sting) and Annual Nettle noted; Dead-nettles distinguished as different family; stems yielding linen-quality fibre historically	Jun	Gardens / roadsides	Wayfarer
Roman Nettle (Urtica pilulifera)	Described as 'rather scarce, but particularly violent in its sting'	Jun	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

Fauna: Birds — 1964

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Lapwing / Peewit (Vanellus vanellus)	Flocks of 20-30 on Dorney Common in	Feb	Dorney Common	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	winter; tolerant of motor traffic but wary of pedestrians; probable nesting on Common — nest a heap of dead grass in the open, 4 eggs, hatch in 2 weeks, young run in 2-3 days; female distraction display described			

Fauna: Mammals — 1964

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Sett c.10 entrances, few hundred yards from houses, on slight raised ground — one of few places in parish above flood level (sett depth 10ft+). Spring-cleaning: old bedding removed, fresh dry grasses replacing. Diet: roots, fruits, slugs, snails, wireworms, wasp grubs, beetles, moles, rabbits, young birds. Fox cubs seen nearby — probable sett-sharing. Claw-scratch trees as field sign. First observed: badger sitting on haunches at sett entrance in evening	May 1964 (visit Apr)	Local sett, slightly elevated ground, parish (few hundred yds from houses)	Wayfarer
Grey Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	Introduced from North America c.1900; first releases at Cliveden and Farnham Royal; Red Squirrel now completely gone from area for 30	Nov	Parish woodlands/gardens	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	years; eats buds, bark, birds' eggs, young birds, young rabbits; bold in autumn, entering gardens for fruit; does not hibernate			
Red Squirrel (<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>)	Confirmed locally extinct — 'completely disappeared from this area during the past thirty years'	Nov	Parish (historical)	Wayfarer
Pipistrelle Bat (<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>)	Regular evening circuits of house observed; colonies in church roofs/towers, barns, hollow trees, old houses; echolocation described; young born August — one per female, clings to mother 2 weeks then roosts beside her	Aug	Houses / church (parish)	Wayfarer

Fauna: Invertebrates — 1964

Species/Group	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Death-watch Beetle (<i>Xestobium rufovillosum</i>)	Grubs found in pews at St James's church; life cycle described — eggs on wood surface, grubs bore in for 3+ years; damage invisible externally until powdered wood deposits appear; ticking sound explained	Mar	St James's Church, Dorney	Wayfarer
Furniture Beetle / Woodworm (<i>Anobium punctatum</i>)	Also recorded at St James's church pews ('once started to enjoy a few pews'); treatment with proprietary liquids at intervals recommended	Mar	St James's Church, Dorney	Wayfarer

Species/Group	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Aphid / Greenfly / Blackfly (Aphidoidea)	Lifecycle and rapid reproduction described; honeydew and ant relationship noted; natural control by ladybirds; warning against use of DDT/malathion (kills ladybirds); systemic insecticides recommended; no use on flowering plants to protect bees	Jul	Gardens / parish plants	Wayfarer
Small Tortoiseshell butterfly (Aglais urticae)	Food plant: Stinging Nettle; 'orangey-brown with blue borders'; seen on flowers in June and September	Jun	Gardens / roadsides	Wayfarer

Habitats Referenced — 1964

Habitat	Notes
Dorney Common	Winter Lapwing flocks; probable nesting; described as 'desolate in winter, devoid of shelter'
Marsh Lane hedgerows	Hop well established as dominant climber; mixed hedgerow shrubs
M4 motorway banks (near river)	Common Teasel now well established; motorway banks noted as new wildlife corridor
Parish setts (badger)	Active badger setts on slightly elevated ground — explicitly noted as one of few places in parish where ground is above flood level, allowing 10ft+ excavation. Fox cubs also seen near sett entrance, suggesting shared occupancy. Sett c.10 entrances, only a few hundred yards from houses
St James's Church, Dorney	Death-watch Beetle and Furniture Beetle (woodworm) recorded in pews
Parish buildings / church roof	Pipistrelle Bat colonies noted in church roofs, towers and older houses
Parish woodlands / copses	Grey Squirrel established; Red Squirrel now absent for 30 years

1965 | Wayfarer (Peter Tyler) — April and June only recorded

Archive status: Both April and June 1965 confirmed from original PDFs in Project Files (APR65_2_.pdf and JUN652.pdf). 1965 complete.

Fauna: Birds — 1965

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Blackbird (Turdus merula)	Named as one of four greatest British songbirds; sings at all hours including in rain — described as an exception among songbirds; formerly kept as caged bird in Victorian times for its song	Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Song Thrush (Turdus philomelos)	Named as one of four greatest British songbirds; winters locally, bursts into song at first mild spring weather	Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Nightingale (Luscinia megarhynchos)	Named as one of four greatest British songbirds; summer migrant joining resident singers; historically caged for song — captured on arrival could be induced to sing for months 'in a futile attempt to secure a mate'; caging no longer fashionable	Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Blackcap (Sylvia atricapilla)	Named as one of four greatest British songbirds; summer migrant joining resident singers at arrival	Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Cuckoo (Cuculus canorus)	Described as giving 'persistent shouts'; one of three sounds that most move the columnist personally; present locally in spring	Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Skylark (<i>Alauda arvensis</i>)	Described as 'high twittering'; one of three most personally cherished sounds; present locally	Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Tawny Owl (<i>Strix aluco</i>)	Described as giving 'eerie hoots'; one of three most personally cherished sounds; present locally	Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

Fauna: Invertebrates — 1965

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Orange-tip butterfly, male (<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>)	Male: large orange patch on whitish wings; recognisable in flight from many yards. Described as 'not rare in the area; it frequents many of the hedgerows and meadows.' Eggs laid on Hedge Mustard or Cuckoo Flower blossom. Caterpillar: dull bluish-green with white stripe, well camouflaged on seed pods. Chrysalis August to following May/June. Easily reared in captivity	Jun	Hedgerows and meadows, parish	Wayfarer

Flora (food plants noted) — 1965

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Hedge Mustard (<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>)	Named as larval food plant of Orange-tip butterfly; eggs laid on blossom	Jun	Hedgerows (general)	Wayfarer
Cuckoo Flower / Lady's Smock (<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>)	Named as larval food plant of Orange-tip butterfly; eggs laid on blossom	Jun	Hedgerows/meadows (general)	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Stinging Nettle (Urtica dioica)	Noted as 'forboding but usually productive' site for collection of Orange-tip caterpillars — cross-reference Jun 1964 nettle article	Jun	Gardens/roadsides	Wayfarer

Habitats Referenced — 1965

Habitat	Notes
Hedgerows — parish (general)	Orange-tip butterfly described as frequenting 'many of the hedgerows and meadows' — confirmed not rare in area in 1965
Meadows — parish (general)	Orange-tip butterfly noted in meadows alongside hedgerows
Gardens / roadsides	Stinging Nettle noted as productive site for Orange-tip caterpillars

1966 | Wayfarer (Peter Tyler)

Archive status: Five articles recovered from the 1966 combined text file. Exact months assigned from seasonal content and adjacent issue headers. Note: the August lizard article is truncated in the archive — only opening lines survived. All data below is from the 1966 combined text file.

Fauna: Invertebrates — 1966

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Small Tortoiseshell butterfly (Aglais urticae)	Observed emerging from hibernation on first warm spring day; described as 'drowsy' — 'trying out its strikingly patterned wings in the sun'	~Mar	Garden (parish)	Wayfarer

Fauna: Reptiles — 1966

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Lizard species (unspecified)	Glimpsed many times sunning on paths and sunny banks; rarely presents for closer examination. Article truncated — species not confirmed	~Aug	Paths and sunny banks, parish	Wayfarer

Fauna: Birds (passage/seasonal notes) — 1966

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Birds general (passerines)	First burst of song at rise in temperature — described with 'enthusiasm that has been lacking all winter'; buds swelling, bees active on catkins	~Mar	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

Fauna: Mammals — 1966

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Brown Hare (<i>Lepus europaeus</i>)	Detected by openings in hedges — established runs through hedges used by successive generations	~Apr/May	Hedgerows, parish	Wayfarer
Brown Rat (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	Always takes the same route to the river — easily tracked by the approach paths	~Apr/May	River banks, parish	Wayfarer
Weasel (<i>Mustela nivalis</i>)	Successive generations use same spot in hedge; poachers use this knowledge	~Apr/May	Hedgerows, parish	Wayfarer
Sheep / Lamb	First young lambs of the season seen 'to the north of the county' on a journey — taken as a marker that spring had arrived	~Mar	North of county (not parish)	Wayfarer

Flora — 1966

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Snowdrop (<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>)	First to flower in Wayfarer's garden in spring	~Mar	Garden (parish)	Wayfarer
Crocus (<i>Crocus</i> spp.)	Following Snowdrop as second garden bulb to flower; colour range now extends to white, purple-red; some varieties	~Mar/Sep	Garden (parish)	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	encouraged to flower mid-winter			
Hyacinth (Hyacinthus orientalis)	Soon to follow Crocus in the spring sequence	~Mar	Garden (parish)	Wayfarer
Daffodil / Narcissus — King Alfred var.	Recommended as excellent; older varieties can be expected to bloom every year	~Sep	Gardens (general)	Wayfarer
Tulip — Red Emperor var.	Recommended — 'enormous blazing red-orange blooms with yellow and black splashes inside'; wild-tulip group flowers end of March	~Sep	Gardens (general)	Wayfarer
Grape Hyacinth (Muscari spp.)	Should be massed for best effect; flowers later than crocuses	~Sep	Gardens (general)	Wayfarer
Chionodoxa (Chionodoxa spp.)	Recommended as massed planting alongside scillas	~Sep	Gardens (general)	Wayfarer
Scilla (Scilla spp.)	Recommended as massed planting	~Sep	Gardens (general)	Wayfarer
Rosehips (Rosa canina agg.)	Scarlet berries displayed to full advantage once leaves fallen	~Nov	Hedgerows, parish	Wayfarer
Hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna)	Crimson berry clusters prominent in bare autumn hedgerows	~Nov	Hedgerows, parish	Wayfarer
Mistletoe (Viscum album)	Noted as visible in bare trees and 'topical at this season'	~Nov/Dec	Trees, parish	Wayfarer

Fungi — 1966

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Bracket fungi / Polyporus spp.	Become visible once leaves have fallen — 'large white or pink chunks growing out from tree trunks'; described	~Nov/Dec	Tree trunks, parish	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	as one of two curiosities newly visible in winter			

Habitats Referenced — 1966

Habitat	Notes
Gardens — parish	Snowdrop, Crocus, Hyacinth flowering in spring; Small Tortoiseshell emerging from hibernation; earthworms and hive bees active
Hedgerows — parish	Bare winter hedgerows revealing empty bird nests, rosehips, hawthorn berries, mistletoe, bracket fungi; established mammal runs through openings
River banks — parish	Brown Rat runs to the river tracked by approach paths
Paths and sunny banks — parish	Lizards sunning themselves — glimpsed multiple times in summer 1966
Tree trunks — parish	Bracket fungi (Polyporus) visible in autumn/winter after leaf fall

— End of 1966 entries. 1967-1977 appended below. —

1967 | Wayfarer (Peter Tyler)

9 articles from 1967_combined.txt.

Birds — 1967

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Skylark (<i>Alauda arvensis</i>)	Twittering song from high in sky; regular above Oak Stubbs Lane field	~Jul	Oak Stubbs Lane	Wayfarer
Kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	Hovering above Oak Stubbs Lane paddock regularly. At ~100ft: head into wind, tail spread, head bent downward. Diet: Field Voles and Cockchafer beetles. Attaches to human residences — unique among hawks	Jul	Oak Stubbs Lane paddock	Wayfarer
Moorhen (<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>)	Breeding at river — shield sealing-wax red, beak yellow-tipped, legs green.	~May/Jun	River (parish)	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	Territorial battles. Large nest of reeds at water's edge			
Song Thrush (Turdus philomelos)	Confirmed using stone anvils to crack snail shells — snail middens noted. Only British bird with this behaviour	~May/Jun	Gardens (parish)	Wayfarer
Brimstone (Gonepteryx rhamni)	Hibernated; reappearing March; favours lanes with Buckthorn and Alder Buckthorn	~Mar/Apr	Hedgerow lanes	Wayfarer
Comma (Polygonia c-album)	Early spring, wings often winter-damaged	~Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Small Tortoiseshell (Aglais urticae)	Early on the wing; visiting nettles to lay eggs	~Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Orange-tip (Anthocharis cardamines)	Local butterfly in April; overwinters as chrysalis — fresh and bright on emergence	Apr	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

Mammals — 1967

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Mole (Talpa europaea)	Earthworks profuse in mild winter. Cannot hibernate; dies if caged 10-12hrs; 60 worms/day. Out of sight burrowing in 30 sec. Only once seen above ground: Windsor Great Park	Mar	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Field Vole (Microtus agrestis)	Primary prey of Kestrel at Oak Stubbs Lane — brownish coat blends with soil and grass blades	Jul	Oak Stubbs Lane	Wayfarer

Invertebrates — 1967

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
March Moth (<i>Alsophila aescularia</i>)	Resting on tree trunks and railings by day; attracted to light after dusk	~Mar/Apr	Tree trunks/railings	Wayfarer
Purple Thorn (<i>Selenia tetralunaria</i>)	Resting on tree trunks by day; nocturnal	~Mar/Apr	Tree trunks/railings	Wayfarer
Cockchafer (<i>Melolontha melolontha</i>)	Supplement to Kestrel's diet at Oak Stubbs Lane	Jul	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Short-horned grasshoppers (Acrididae)	Nymph moults 5 times; stridulates by scraping hind femur on wing veins	~Aug/Sep	South Downs (off-parish)	Wayfarer

Flora — 1967

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Stinging Nettle (<i>Urtica dioica</i>)	Dead stems in winter hedgerows; butterfly food plant	~Jan/Apr	Hedgerows	Wayfarer
Cow Parsley (<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>)	Dead stems identifiable in winter	~Jan	Hedgerows	Wayfarer
Teasel (<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>)	Dead stems retain stiff form in winter	~Jan	Hedgerows	Wayfarer
Gorse (<i>Ulex europaeus</i>)	Seldom without a flower even in winter	~Jan	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Wild Rose (<i>Rosa canina</i> agg.)	Confirmed in full flower late November 1966 — Miss Iredale-Smith record	Nov 1966	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>)	Food plant for Brimstone eggs; in local hedgerow lanes	~Mar/Apr	Hedgerow lanes	Wayfarer
Alder Buckthorn (<i>Frangula alnus</i>)	Food plant for Brimstone eggs; in local hedgerow lanes	~Mar/Apr	Hedgerow lanes	Wayfarer

Habitats — 1967

Habitat	Notes
Oak Stubbs Lane paddock	Kestrel hunting ground — Field Vole and Cockchafer beetles; Skylark overhead
River (parish)	Moorhen breeding — territorial; nest of reeds at water's edge
Hedgerow lanes	Buckthorn/Alder Buckthorn for Brimstone; winter stems visible (Nettle, Teasel, Cow Parsley)
Tree trunks/railings	March Moth and Purple Thorn resting by day in March

1968 | Wayfarer then Brock (David Shott)

5 articles from 1968_combined.txt. OCR heavy in some months. Brock introduced Dec 1968.

Invertebrates — 1968

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Gooseberry Sawfly (Nematus ribesii)	Caterpillars strip leaves of gooseberry and currant to bare twigs	~May	Gardens (parish)	Wayfarer
Poplar Sawfly (Clostera anastomosis)	Feeds in colonies on Poplar leaves	~May	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Solomon's Seal Sawfly (Phymatoceros kollari)	Plays havoc with Solomon's Seal leaves	~May	Gardens (parish)	Wayfarer
Pine Sawfly (Diprionidae spp.)	Major pest of young pine plantations	~May	Plantations (general)	Wayfarer

1969 | Brock (David Shott)

6 articles from 1969_combined.txt.

Birds — 1969

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis)	Confirmed at river — unique brilliance of colour. At least one pair; heard or seen almost every day	~Spring	River (parish)	Brock
Bullfinch (Pyrrhula pyrrhula)	Caught stripping gooseberry flower buds — feeds mainly on stamens, discards buds	~Nov/Dec	Gardens (parish)	Brock

Mammals — 1969

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	Track sketches included — narrow single-line vs dog's double-line	~Apr	Parish (general)	Brock
Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Track sketches in same article	~Apr	Parish (general)	Brock
Hare (<i>Lepus europaeus</i>)	Detected by openings in hedges — established runs	~Apr	Hedgerows (parish)	Brock

Habitats — 1969

Habitat	Notes
River (parish)	Kingfisher confirmed as regular — one of the most significant parish bird records
Hedgerows	Established mammal runs (Hare, Fox, Badger); gall wasps on Wild Rose and Oak

1970 | Brock (David Shott) — European Conservation Year

8 articles from 1970_combined.txt.

Birds — 1970

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Redwing (<i>Turdus iliacus</i>)	Large mixed flock with Fieldfares in Brock's field for 3 weeks; robbed by Black-headed Gulls	~Apr	Parish field	Brock
Fieldfare (<i>Turdus pilaris</i>)	Winter visitors from Scandinavia/Siberia; robbed by gulls	~Apr	Parish field	Brock
Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>)	Robbing Redwings, Fieldfares and Lapwings — recognises body movements indicating earthworm find; pursues until bird drops prey. Staines Reservoirs roost: up to 100,000. Dorney confirmed as favourite	~Apr	Parish field / Staines	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	hunting ground; ~12 miles daily			
Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)	Robbed by Black-headed Gulls in same manner	~Apr	Parish field	Brock

Flora and Parasites — 1970

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Dodder (Cuscuta epithymum)	Two flourishing patches in Marsh Lane — parasitises Hop and Nettle. Rare nationally and decreasing. Large pink patches	~Sep	Marsh Lane	Brock
Lesser Broomrape (Orobanch minor)	Flowering in Trumper's Field — parasitises Clover roots	~May	Trumper's Field	Brock
Poppy (Papaver rhoeas)	Colourful show on road excavation spoil — dormant seeds from ~10 years prior (M4 excavations)	~Jul	Trumper's Field (road soil)	Brock

Habitats — 1970

Habitat	Notes
Parish fields	Gull/thrush/lapwing food-stealing directly observed in Brock's field
Marsh Lane	Dodder confirmed in two patches — rare parasite on Hop and Nettle
Local streams	Liver Fluke risk on watercress confirmed — water snail intermediate host present
Trumper's Field	Lesser Broomrape and dormant Poppy seed bank confirmed

1971 | Brock (David Shott)

8 articles from 1971_combined.txt.

Birds — 1971

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Bewick's Swan (Cygnus columbianus bewickii)	Flock calling moonlit evening of 2nd March — flying due east to Arctic Russia/Siberia. Frequent winter visitor nationally;	Apr issue (2 Mar event)	Over parish (east)	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	arrives Nov, leaves after March			
Swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	Back in shed; new nest on top of last year's (in good shape) — mud saucer lined with dry grass and feathers	~Jun	Garden shed (parish)	Brock
Woodpigeon (<i>Columba palumbus</i>)	Gorging on acorns in Oak tree — visible from upstairs windows	~Oct	Oak tree (parish)	Brock

Mammals — 1971

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Sett preparations for new litter — sow throwing out soil, gathering bedding. Boar present. Animals wait 30+ min extra when observer present	~Mar	Sett (parish)	Brock
Bank Vole (<i>Clethrionomys glareolus</i>)	In top branch of hawthorn in Trumper's Field, silhouetted against motorway lights, nibbling haws	~Nov	Trumper's Field	Brock
Water Vole (<i>Arvicola amphibius</i>)	At river bank — noiselessly enters water; loud plop when frightened; dives making mud screen	~Nov	River bank (parish)	Brock

Flora — 1971

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Coltsfoot (<i>Tussilago farfara</i>)	In roadside verges from early March warm spell; bees heavily laden with pollen same days	~Apr	Roadside verges (parish)	Brock
Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)	Buds breaking in first days of March — first green in hedgerows	~Apr	Hedgerows (parish)	Brock

Habitats — 1971

Habitat	Notes
Garden shed (parish)	Swallow nest confirmed — new nest on top of last year's
Sett (parish)	Active badger sett — new litter preparation in March
Trumper's Field — hawthorn	Bank Vole confirmed feeding on haws in November against motorway lights
River bank (parish)	Water Vole confirmed present

1972 | Brock (David Shott) — 2 articles recovered

Birds — 1972

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Chiffchaff (Phylloscopus collybita)	Here before end of March; told from Willow Warbler by song alone	~Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Brock
Willow Warbler (Phylloscopus trochilus)	Arriving from Mediterranean; falling cadence of song	~Apr	Parish (general)	Brock
Blackcap (Sylvia atricapilla)	Arriving from Mediterranean	~Apr	Parish (general)	Brock
Sand Martin (Riparia riparia)	Arriving with Swallows from South Africa	~Apr	Parish (general)	Brock

1973 | Brock (David Shott) — 3 articles recovered

Key Records — 1973

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Honey Bee (Apis mellifera)	Two June swarms seen locally; one over Primary School sports day	Jun	Parish (general)	Brock
Pigs (Sus scrofa)	Swine Vesicular Disease — 2,000+ pigs culled at two Colnbrook farms; bodies burned (high water table prevents burial)	~Spring	Colnbrook (adjacent)	Brock

1974 | Brock (David Shott) — 12 articles; ground water inquiry and Dutch Elm Disease

12 articles from 1974_combined_Rev3.txt. A rich year — ground water inquiry, Dutch Elm Disease, snakes, crowned crane, salt marsh flora, myxomatosis.

Birds — 1974

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Little Grebe / Dabchick (<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>)	Widespread in country; several on local reaches of River. Dives and surfaces 20 seconds later, some yards away. Sometimes 3-4 dive and surface in unison	~Dec/Jan	River (parish)	Brock
Great Crested Grebe (<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>)	On gravel pits below Bray — dives lasting as long as 40 seconds	~Dec/Jan	Gravel pits, Bray	Brock
African Crowned Crane (<i>Balearica regulorum</i>)	Confirmed sighting following June article — several local residents reported it. Same bird as previous year? Escapee or casual migrant speculated	Jul	Parish / Dorney Common	Brock
Gulls (Staines Reservoirs)	Dawn and dusk flights between reservoir roosts and rubbish dump feeding grounds. Brock mentions gulls specifically in this context	~Nov	Staines Reservoirs area	Brock

Mammals — 1974

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Brown Hare (<i>Lepus europaeus</i>)	Two hares observed 'Mad March Hare' behaviour — chasing each other across centre of Oak Stubbs Field (the Water Board Appeal Site), stopping to rear up on hind legs and box. History: arrived Britain after 4th glaciation; absent from Ireland and Scotland as	~Mar/Apr	Oak Stubbs Field	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	islands cut off before its arrival			
Rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus)	Myxomatosis wiped out colony on south side of M4 — last active rabbit seen several weeks prior. Established on north side in large numbers in May. Disease spread by rabbit flea in Britain (vs mosquito in Australia). Virus first reported 1898 (Uruguay); introduced Britain 1953. Some genetic resistance developing	~Autumn	South side M4 (parish)	Brock
Fox (Vulpes vulpes)	Foxes and badgers noted cashing in on poisoned gulls unable to fly in fields	~Oct	Parish fields	Brock
Badger (Meles meles)	Also noted cashing in on poisoned gulls in fields	~Oct	Parish fields	Brock

Reptiles — 1974

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Grass Snake (Natrix natrix)	All three British snakes described. Grass Snake: non-poisonous; seldom bites; 90cm (male) to 120cm (female); brown/grey/reddish above with yellow triangles on neck. Favours damp situations; prey: frogs, toads, newts, fish; lays up to 50 eggs in manure piles in July; hibernates October to March	Jun	Parish (general — damp habitats)	Brock
Smooth Snake (Coronella austriaca)	Rare in Britain; occasional in south England;	Jun	Southern England (general)	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	non-poisonous; bears live young (unlike Grass Snake)			
Adder / Viper (<i>Vipera berus</i>)	Britain's only poisonous snake; bite rarely fatal to healthy adult; found mainly on heathland in south	Jun	Heathland (general)	Brock

Invertebrates — 1974

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Honey Bee (<i>Apis mellifera</i>)	Reports of early swarming in area in mid-May — too cold to check hives properly. Brock found queen cells in one hive on first check. Sugar shortage this year — beekeeper article on winter preparation	~May/Nov	Parish (apiary)	Brock
Bark Beetle (<i>Scolytidae</i> spp.)	Spreading Dutch Elm Disease fungus (<i>Ophiostoma ulmi</i>) — must be prevented from moving to unaffected timber. Dead elm wood with bark (e.g. as public seats) perpetuates the problem	~Jun	Parish elms / Eton	Brock

Flora — 1974

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Wall Barley (<i>Hordeum murinum</i>)	Large light- coloured patches on Dorney Common — characteristic of roadside verges; resists light abrasion; rough ear-like seed- heads avoided by cattle; large crop of seeds	Jul	Dorney Common	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	expected to produce even larger area next year; cattle losing significant area of grazing			
Corn Marigold (Glebionis segetum)	Good showing in one parish field — known as 'Guild Weed'; associated with acid/calcium-deficient conditions; indicator species; produces 1,400-1,500 seeds per plant	Jul	Parish field	Brock
Dutch Elm Disease — tree losses	Elms dead or dying throughout parish — leaves on healthy trees now making it possible to identify which are suffering. Government abandoned mass-felling programme. Prospect for elm replacement in hedgerows 'bleak'	~Jun	Parish hedgerows	Brock
Cress Brook vegetation	Brook cleared for part of its length — more water than for many a month. Upper section once had enough fish for fishing licences to be issued. Water extraction risk (Ministerial Appeal still awaited) could dry up springs at Lot's Hole	Apr	Cress Brook / Lot's Hole	Brock
Salt marsh flora (general)	Holiday observation: only ~30 flowering plant species survive difficult salt marsh conditions out of ~2,000 British species. Special	Jul	Salt marshes (off-parish, holiday)	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	adaptations to salt: succulent tissues, salt-tolerant physiology, tolerance of physiological drought. Dykes and sea walls gradually raising soil levels			

Habitats — 1974 — KEY LOCAL RECORDS

Habitat	Notes
Cress Brook / Lot's Hole	Brook cleared — more water than for a long time. Water extraction by local Water Board (Ministerial Appeal pending) threatens the Lot's Hole springs that feed the brook. Upper Cress Brook had once supported fish populations. Ground water contour maps published by Brock — directional flow SE through gravels and chalk; water-table level varies seasonally
Thousand Bushes (woodland)	Named area: rough scrubby woodland along east border of former Oak Stubbs field. Smells strongly of rotting apples from many crab-apple trees. Scarred by buried high-pressure gas main — nature healing the scars
Dorney Common	Wall Barley colonising inedible patches; Crowned Crane sighted; Corn Marigold in at least one field
Oak Stubbs Field	The Water Board Appeal Site — Brown Hares observed boxing here in March/April; field now fragmented by M4 and new Marsh Lane
Public Footpath No. 8 (Clime's Corner to Towpath)	Named as 'Barge Path' in old records — barges offloaded chaldrons of coal on towpath. Old field names mapped: Oak Stubbs, Thames Field, Further Park. Path doubled as bridleway for first 180 yards
Rabbit (Myxomatosis)	Colony on south side of M4 wiped out by Myxomatosis by autumn 1974 — contrast with large numbers on north side only months earlier

1975 | Brock (David Shott) — 12 articles, richest recovered year

12 articles from 1975_combined.txt.

Birds — 1975

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Black-headed Gull	Earthworms flushed to surface by flooding — gulls seized opportunity	~Jan	Parish fields	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Great Crested Grebe (<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>)	Nesting on local gravel pit in willows/reeds; eggs stained; dive to avoid people (up to 30 sec); courtship display with weeds	~Jun	Local gravel pit	Brock

Mammals — 1975

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Brown Hare (<i>Lepus europaeus</i>)	Mad March Hare — surface forms in grassland; lies quiet by day; courting mainly nocturnal. Watching Oak Stubbs field	~Mar	Oak Stubbs field	Brock
Blackbird — mottled male (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	Partially albino male (at least 3 years old) with TWO simultaneous wives — both nests hatching simultaneously	~Jun	Parish gardens	Brock

Invertebrates — 1975

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Cinnabar Moth (<i>Tyria jacobaeae</i>)	Caterpillar (black/gold striped) confirmed feeding on Ragwort — only animal able to flourish on it. Reintroduction attempts ongoing	~Oct	Parish pastures/verges	Brock
Honey Bee (<i>Apis mellifera</i>)	Observation hive set up May for schoolchildren; 3 queen-cell piping tones; first queen emerged 9:45am Monday. Bumblebees biting holes in runner bean petals	Jul	Parish (apiary)	Brock
Great Diving Beetle (<i>Dytiscus marginalis</i>)	In parish pond — 35mm, olive brown; larvae inject digestive	~Mar	Parish pond	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	juices via hollow mandibles			
Pond Skater (Gerris lacustris)	Confirmed in parish pond/slow streams	~Sep	Parish ponds	Brock
Water Boatman (Notonecta glauca)	Swims on back; feeds on fallen insects	~Sep	Parish ponds	Brock
Water Scorpion (Nepa cinerea)	In still water; seizes prey with front legs	~Sep	Parish ponds	Brock

Flora — 1975

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Ragwort (Jacobaea vulgaris)	Poisonous — abounding in parish pastures and roadside verges; cattle and horses avoid it	~Oct	Pastures/verges (parish)	Brock
Hawthorn/May (Crataegus monogyna)	Flowering on Christmas Day 1975 — notable phenological record	Dec/Jan	Parish hedge	Brock
Wild Plum (Prunus domestica agg.)	Whole bush in flower on Christmas Day 1975	Dec/Jan	Parish hedge	Brock

Habitats — 1975

Habitat	Notes
Parish fields	Flooding Nov 1974 — earthworms flushed to surface; gulls feeding
Parish ponds	Great Diving Beetle, Pond Skater, Water Boatman, Water Scorpion all confirmed
Local gravel pit	Great Crested Grebe confirmed nesting
Parish hedges	May and Wild Plum flowering Christmas Day 1975 — phenological record
Parish pastures/verges	Ragwort abundant; Cinnabar Moth caterpillar confirmed

1976 | Brock (David Shott) — 12 articles; drought year; parish hedge survey

12 articles from 1976_combined.txt. Parish hedge survey is a major baseline ecological record.

Birds — 1976

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
African Crowned Crane (<i>Balearica regulorum</i>)	Confirmed by Brock (38 inches high) — escape from captivity surviving two mild winters. Reports over 2 years	~Jan/Feb	Parish	Brock
Tufted Duck (<i>Aythya fuligula</i>)	Over 80 on Bray Marina gravel pits in January	Jan	Gravel pits, Bray Marina	Brock
Pochard (<i>Aythya ferina</i>)	At least 60 on Bray Marina gravel pits	Jan	Gravel pits, Bray Marina	Brock
Slavonian Grebe (<i>Podiceps auritus</i>)	Seven in centre of gravel pit	Jan	Gravel pits, Bray Marina	Brock
Kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	Using M4 lamp-standards as elevated perches — avoids energy cost of hovering	~Jan/Feb	M4 motorway (parish)	Brock
House Martin (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	Hundreds along Datchet reservoir before migration to South Africa	~Sep	Datchet reservoir	Brock
Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>)	Eight on Datchet Reservoir	~Apr	Datchet Reservoir	Brock
Red-legged Partridge (<i>Alectoris rufa</i>)	Flushed from hedge bank — confirmed in parish	~Apr	Hedge bank (parish)	Brock

Mammals — 1976

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Brown Hare (<i>Lepus europaeus</i>)	Disturbed from same spot (under fallen tree) twice in 3 days	~Mar	Parish field	Brock
Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	Two cubs from south London — 8 inches long, blind, charcoal grey at 18 March	Apr	South London	Brock

HABITAT BASELINE — Parish Hedge Survey 1976

Survey element	Details
Scope	52 field hedges sampled (most 3-4 times)
Data produced	Age-frequency graph; map of woody species counts per 30-yard hedge length

Survey element	Details
Hedge species recorded	Hawthorn (dominant), Elm, Sycamore, Wild Plum, Oak, Blackthorn, Elder, Ash, Spindle, Apple, White Willow, Hazel, Sallow, Crack Willow, Horse Chestnut, Pear, Field Maple, Alder, Lombardy Poplar, Guelder Rose, Spanish Chestnut, Dogwood, Wayfaring Tree, Aspen, Turkey Oak, Lime
Historical context	Tudor enclosure hedges identified; oldest hedges traced to Saxon times
Field names map	Produced December 1976 — separate map of parish old field names

Habitats — 1976

Habitat	Notes
Lot's Hole	Water table rose to refill after heavy autumn rains; gravel pit receiving clear river-filtered water
Datchet Reservoir (new)	House Martins, Cormorants, Three-spined Sticklebacks (hundreds, males in breeding colours)
Parish field ponds	Wasps nest in Burnham roof cavity (Aug/Sep); bees using garden pond
Climate note 1976	Polar ice-cap decrease linked to mild winters; Russian river diversion projects (Pechora, Ob, Yenisei) discussed as possible amplifiers — prescient 1976 climate article

1977 | Brock (David Shott)

10 articles from 1977_combined.txt.

Birds — 1977

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Sand Martin (Riparia riparia)	First of year: 13 March — six quartering Staines gravel pit. Gone by afternoon (continued migration from Africa)	~Apr/May	Staines gravel pit	Brock
Rook (Corvus frugilegus)	Flock of 200-300 at Bray bank opposite Trumper's Field over two evenings; flying to 3 rookeries: Bray bank, Allerden (fragmented by Dutch Elm Disease), Dent's Corner wood.	Sep	Bray bank / Allerden / Dent's Corner	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	Colony displaced to Ash and Horse Chestnut			
Heron (<i>Ardea cinerea</i>)	Learnt to land on Taplow gravel pit water like a gull — scoops up floating fish. Day roost in local field (up to 8). Returns to Dropmore heronry during day	~Oct	Taplow gravel pit / local field	Brock
Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	Flock 15-48 flying over Dorney most mornings for ~1 month. Pair nested Taplow gravel pit 1976 (not 1977). Introduced 200+ years ago	~Nov	Over Dorney / Taplow gravel pit	Brock

Flora — 1977

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Water Crowfoot (<i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i> agg.)	Flourishing in Dorney Common pools — NOT SEEN in 14 years (Brock); Colonel Palmer also cannot recall it there. Seeds dormant many years; stimulated by long immersion. Plants not yet seeding successfully. Poisonous (anemonin); cattle normally avoid	Jun	Dorney Common pools	Brock
Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>)	Masses of seedlings spring 1977 after exceptional 1976 mast year	Jun	Beech trees (parish)	Brock
Hemlock (<i>Conium maculatum</i>)	Spreading westward along M4 since 1974: Lot's Hole → Marsh Lane 1976 → Trumper's Field 1977. Poisonous	~Apr/May	M4 verge / Marsh Lane / Trumper's Field	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Field Maple (<i>Acer campestre</i>)	Pollen analysis suggests introduced rather than native — contradicts Flora of the British Isles	~Dec	Parish hedges	Brock

Habitats — 1977

Habitat	Notes
Dorney Common pools	Water Crowfoot confirmed after 14+ year absence — dormant seed bank stimulated by 1976/77 flooding
Cress Brook (Common section)	After 1976 drought: water snails and sticklebacks back by Sep 1977; leeches and carnivorous invertebrates still absent; brook stopping flowing at Climo's Corner again
M4 verge / Trumper's Field	Hemlock now in Trumper's Field — spreading along motorway corridor since 1974
Dent's Corner / Allerden rookeries	Dutch Elm Disease fragmenting both rookeries; rooks displaced to Ash and Horse Chestnut
Taplow gravel pit	Heron learnt novel feeding behaviour (landing on water); Canada Geese nested 1976

1978 | Brock (David Shott)

11 articles from 1978_combined.txt. Good OCR quality. Note: articles [3] and [4] are duplicates — same badger/cedar article appearing twice; article [11] about badger persecution is truncated.

Birds — 1978

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Water Crowfoot (<i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i> agg.)	Not a bird but triggers key query: will it repeat 1977 display? Standing water present again in Common ponds — Brock wondering	Feb	Dorney Common ponds	Brock
Rook (<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>)	Rookery survey April 1978 — 75 nests counted across 3 sites. Dutch Elm Disease has forced widespread use of alternative trees. Tree species used: Horse Chestnut (27 nests), Ash	~May	3 rookeries: Amerden / Dorney Court area / Dent's Corner	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	(15 nests), Willow (5 nests), Poplar, dead Elm twigs. Amerden large colony had to find new home after trees cleared. Dead elm twigs of Dorney Court also used as nesting material. Nests made of willow and horse chestnut twigs (extremely hard to snap off)			
Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)	Flocks of up to 30+ at Datchet (Queen Mother) Reservoir since it was stocked with trout 2+ years ago. Resting on concrete pump towers and reservoir sides with wings half-extended to dry. Flying regularly between reservoir and gravel pits at Middle Green, Langley. Trained cormorant fishing described (ring around neck)	Apr	Datchet Reservoir / Middle Green, Langley	Brock
Herring Gull (Larus argentatus)	Brought to Brock at school — unable to fly; no structural injury found; RSPCA sent to bird hospital in Slough. Bird hospital receiving several similar gulls — curator believed they had ingested poison from refuse tips. Usually recovered after a week of good feeding. Gulls' remains in parish fields explained by fox/badger	Oct	Parish fields / Slough bird hospital	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	predation on poisoned birds			
Great Black-backed Gull (<i>Larus marinus</i>)	Present at Hayle gull roost (Cornwall) — held in obvious fear by other gulls which maintained a clearing around it	~Aug/Sep	Hayle, Cornwall (off-parish, holiday)	Brock
Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>)	Observed at Hayle roost — mixture of plumage: some still in chocolate-brown hoods, others moulted to dark eye-spot only	~Aug/Sep	Hayle, Cornwall (off-parish)	Brock
Various waders	Working the water's edge at Hayle — described in brief	~Aug/Sep	Hayle, Cornwall (off-parish)	Brock

Mammals — 1978

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Great activity at local setts — sow badgers excavating new chambers for cubs (born usually in April). Youngsters not allowed out of sett for some weeks. Persecution of local setts (Taplow area, within 1 mile) confirmed — concerted action on local setts over past few years. Article truncated in archive	~Mar/May	Local setts (Taplow area)	Brock
Hare (<i>Lepus europaeus</i>)	Brock's dog flushed a hare in February — gave the pursuer enough lead to give up, then crossed a road surprising a motorist	Feb	Parish field/road	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Rook (<i>Corvus frugilegus</i> — foraging)	Walnuts scattered some distance from nearest trees — rooks cracking them open with bills (powerfully — green cases still on). Split walnuts found scattered in fields in autumn	Oct	Parish fields	Brock

Flora — 1978

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Water Crowfoot (<i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i> agg.)	Standing water in Common ponds again — Brock wondering if it will repeat 1977 display. (Confirmed it did appear in Jun 1977 after 14-year absence)	Feb	Dorney Common ponds	Brock
Coltsfoot (<i>Tussilago farfara</i>)	On Brock's spring phenology watchlist — date of first bloom recorded annually	Feb (list)	Parish (general)	Brock
Snowdrop (<i>Galanthus nivalis</i>)	On spring phenology list	Feb (list)	Parish (general)	Brock
Primrose (<i>Primula vulgaris</i>)	On spring phenology list	Feb (list)	Parish (general)	Brock
Violet (<i>Viola</i> spp.)	On spring phenology list	Feb (list)	Parish (general)	Brock
Dandelion (<i>Taraxacum</i> spp.)	On spring phenology list	Feb (list)	Parish (general)	Brock
Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)	New green on hawthorn on spring phenology list	Feb (list)	Hedgerows (parish)	Brock
Fungi (general)	Very scarce autumn 1978 — dry conditions prevented normal fruiting. Fly maggots getting into slowly-growing mushrooms before they reached edible size. No simple rule to distinguish	Nov	Parish fields/woods	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	poisonous from edible species			

Habitats — 1978

Habitat	Notes
Dorney Common ponds	Standing water back — Water Crowfoot display possible (1977 first seen in 14 years; will it recur?)
Local rookeries (Amerden / Dorney Court / Dent's Corner)	Formal survey April 1978 — 75 nests across 3 sites. Dutch Elm Disease forcing adoption of Horse Chestnut, Ash, Willow, Poplar. Detailed nest-count by tree species produced with map
Datchet (Queen Mother) Reservoir	Cormorants in flocks of 30+ — established as a regular feature since trout stocking ~1976. Regular flight line between reservoir and Middle Green gravel pits
Taplow badger setts	Confirmed concerted persecution of local setts over several years — a serious conservation concern noted by Brock
Parish fields	Rook walnut-cracking; gulls dying from refuse-tip poisoning; fox/badger predation on poisoned gulls
Spring phenology record	Brock recording first dates of: Coltsfoot, Primrose, Snowdrop, Violet, Dandelion blooming; first butterfly; first frogspawn; first rook nest-building; Chaffinch in full song; first green on hawthorn. Readers encouraged to keep same records for comparison

1979 | Brock (David Shott) — Final Year

8 articles from 1979_combined.txt.

Birds — 1979

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Collared Dove (Streptopelia decaocto)	Spread from Middle East and SE Europe across Europe discussed; reached Britain 1955. By 1979 commonplace. Characteristic triple coo described	~Apr/May	Parish (general)	Brock
Large Blue Butterfly (Maculinea arion)	Reports of continued survival despite apparent extinction in known western haunts. Brock cautious about	Sep/Oct	Western England (general)	Brock

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	reliability of sightings. Decline linked to loss of host ant (<i>Myrmica sabuleti</i>). Identification features described			

Invertebrates — 1979

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Snails (land snails, spp.)	Snails eating parish council notice-board paper — within 2 days barely legible, within 3 completely eaten. Snails/slugs eat paper and cardboard for cellulose content	~Feb	Parish (general)	Brock
Maggots (<i>Calliphoridae</i> / <i>Muscidae</i>)	From road-side verge rubbish collected and placed in boiler — next evening ashes alive with maggots that had migrated out overnight. Article on nitrogen recycling and scavenging insects	~May	Roadside verges (parish)	Brock
Honey Bee (<i>Apis mellifera</i>)	11-hour operation to clear a colony from a roof and transfer to a hive on the lawn — hive hung from roof on ropes. Continuation article the following month	~Summer	Parish (domestic)	Brock

Habitats — 1979

Habitat	Notes
Cress Brook	Water level monitoring continued — article on current levels
Parish roadside verges	Snails confirmed eating paper on notice-boards; maggots in verge rubbish

Transition note: Brock's farewell article confirmed in this year's file. Brock (David Shott) wrote as both 'Wayfarer' (1962-1968) and 'Brock' (1968-1979) — over 17 years of monthly columns. Lois Parker announced as his successor.

1980–1981 | No nature column — confirmed gap

Full DPN content present in both files. No nature columnist. Lois Parker appears as Secretary of Dorney Women's Institute only. No nature data extractable.

1982 | Lois Parker — Evins Nature Competition Essay

Not a regular column — winning essay in the Evins Nature Competition. Submitted as a letter to the editor. Contains extraordinary species records from garden and M4 footpath.

Moths — 1982 (Bill Parker light trap)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Jubilee Fanfoot (Herminia lunalis)	NEW BRITISH RECORD — August 1976 catch in Bill Parker's actinic light trap; first ever taken in Britain. Widely distributed in Europe and Asia. Identified by colleague at British Entomological Society (Bill is assistant curator); confirmed by British Museum; given English name 'Jubilee Fanfoot'; entered in Museum's scientific records	Aug 1976 (reported 1982)	Dorney Reach (garden light trap)	Lois Parker (essay)
Holly Blue (Celastrina argiolus)	Noted as infrequent locally — seen in garden	~Summer	Dorney Reach garden	Lois Parker (essay)

Birds — 1982 (M4 footpath observations)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Fieldfare (Turdus pilaris)	Large numbers — winter visitor	Winter	M4 footpath banks	Lois Parker (essay)
Redwing (Turdus iliacus)	Large numbers — winter visitor	Winter	M4 footpath banks	Lois Parker (essay)
Goldfinch (Carduelis carduelis)	Now tending to overwinter rather than migrate — due to milder winters	Year-round	M4 footpath	Lois Parker (essay)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Blackcap (<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>)	Now tending to overwinter rather than migrate — due to milder winters	Year-round	M4 footpath	Lois Parker (essay)
Willow Warbler (<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>)	Observed on M4 footpath	Summer	M4 footpath	Lois Parker (essay)
Chiffchaff (<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>)	Observed on M4 footpath	Summer	M4 footpath	Lois Parker (essay)
Whitethroat (<i>Sylvia communis</i>)	Observed on M4 footpath	Summer	M4 footpath	Lois Parker (essay)
Sparrowhawk (<i>Accipiter nisus</i>)	Observed	~	M4 footpath	Lois Parker (essay)
Pheasant (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>)	Game bird — noted	~	M4 footpath area	Lois Parker (essay)
Partridge (<i>Perdix perdix</i>)	Game bird — noted	~	M4 footpath area	Lois Parker (essay)

Flora — 1982 (M4 footpath banks)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Spotted Orchid (<i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> agg.)	Found in one stretch of the M4 footpath banks	~Summer	M4 footpath banks	Lois Parker (essay)
Bee Orchid (<i>Ophrys apifera</i>)	Found in the same stretch of M4 footpath banks	~Summer	M4 footpath banks	Lois Parker (essay)

1983 | Lois Parker — Evins Competition Poem

Nature Poetry prize. 'Dorney Autumn' — a compressed seasonal ecological portrait. Species named in the poem listed below.

Species named in 'Dorney Autumn' poem — 1983

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Traveller's Joy / Old Man's Beard (<i>Clematis vitalba</i>)	Silver-white seed-heads — described as 'Old Man's beard silver-white'	Autumn	Parish (general)	Lois Parker (poem)
Blackberry (<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>)	Purple blackberries — 'purple blackberries, velvet night'	Autumn	Parish (general)	Lois Parker (poem)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Wild geese (spp.)	Strong wings whirling — migrating	Autumn	Over parish	Lois Parker (poem)
Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)	‘Lapwings skirling’	Autumn	Parish fields	Lois Parker (poem)
Swallow (Hirundo rustica)	‘Swallows twirling, poised to flee raw Winter’s bite’	Autumn	River/reeds	Lois Parker (poem)
Reed Warbler (Acrocephalus scirpaceus)	‘Where swallows throw their shadows on the reeds below, safe from Man’s intruding sight’	Autumn	River reeds	Lois Parker (poem)
Adder (Vipera berus)	‘Adder slides’	Autumn	Parish (general)	Lois Parker (poem)
Wood Mouse (Apodemus sylvaticus)	‘Wood mice scatter’	Autumn	Parish (general)	Lois Parker (poem)
Fox (Vulpes vulpes)	‘Vixen hides’	Autumn	Parish (general)	Lois Parker (poem)
Grey Squirrel (Sciurus carolinensis)	‘Squirrels chatter’	Autumn	Parish (general)	Lois Parker (poem)
Fungi — scarlet toadstools	‘Scarlet toadstools, bursting pods’	Autumn	Parish (general)	Lois Parker (poem)

1984 | No nature column — confirmed gap

Full DPN content. No nature columnist. References to hedgerow management and nature competition but no column.

1985 | Lois Parker — First Regular Columns

2 articles from 1985_combined.txt. Lois Parker's first two regular monthly columns, covering Sep/Oct and Oct/Nov.

Birds — 1985

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Great Crested Grebe (<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>)	Resident pair — emerging from morning mist. Described: grey-brown upper parts, satiny-white under parts, long slender neck, narrow head with silky russet ear frill. Formerly rare — plumes used for hat decoration until early 20th century	Sep/Oct	River (parish)	Lois Parker
Kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	Male with favourite perch in a hawthorn at the foot of the M4 bridge. Close views of hovering. Described in detail	Oct/Nov	M4 bridge hawthorn	Lois Parker
Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	Skeins flying over, heading for gold stubble fields	Oct/Nov	Over parish	Lois Parker

1986 | Lois Parker — First Full Year

11 articles from 1986_combined.txt. Lois Parker's columns are bimonthly. Rich year for river and M4 footpath birds and plants.

Birds — 1986

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>)	Nine perched high in a tall tree at the end of an eyot between Bray Lock and Bray Village — black and motionless after earlier fishing. Also in the cold spell: Tufted Duck appeared on the Thames	Feb/Mar	Eyot, Bray Lock	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Tufted Duck (<i>Aythya fuligula</i>)	Appeared on Thames during cold spell from 5th February	Feb/Mar	River Thames (parish)	Lois Parker
Mute Swan (<i>Cygnus olor</i>)	Pair exploring M4 bridge eyot in mid-March, possibly with nesting intent. Cob parading aggressively, driving off smaller waterfowl, in April. Pair eventually nesting near M4 bridge	Mar/Apr	M4 bridge eyot	Lois Parker
Nuthatch (<i>Sitta europaea</i>)	Coming into gardens along the river — shy but attracted to nuts on a table	Feb/Mar	Gardens along river	Lois Parker
Treecreeper (<i>Certhia familiaris</i>)	Coming into gardens along the river	Feb/Mar	Gardens along river	Lois Parker
Robin (<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>)	With injured beak — still frequenting Harcourt Road gardens and doing well	Jan-Apr	Harcourt Road gardens	Lois Parker
Blackbird (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	With one leg — still frequenting Harcourt Road gardens	Jan-Apr	Harcourt Road gardens	Lois Parker
Tawny Owl (<i>Strix aluco</i>)	Perched on top of small dead elm sapling near Clime's Corner in daytime. Mobbed by Rooks and Magpies; Kestrel joins then beats retreat	Jul/Aug	Clime's Corner (dead elm)	Lois Parker
Coot (<i>Fulica atra</i>)	In running battle up to Monkey Island, oblivious to the aggressive Cob Swan	Apr/May	River to Monkey Island	Lois Parker
Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	Flying regularly into fields near Marsh Lane to glean	Aug/Sep	Marsh Lane fields	Lois Parker
Rook (<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>)	Nest-building at M4 rookery — 24 nests, an	Jan/Feb	M4 rookery	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	increase on last year			
Racing Pigeon (<i>Columba livia</i>)	Majority of the pigeon flocks feeding in fields are straying racing pigeons	Nov/Dec	Parish fields	Lois Parker
Barn Owl (<i>Tyto alba</i>)	Flying in the early evening near old barns — seen twice	Nov/Dec	Old barns (parish)	Lois Parker
Speckled Wood (<i>Pararge aegeria</i>)	First seen this season in garden and along river banks during St Martin's Summer in September	Sep/Oct	Garden / river banks	Lois Parker
Pygmy Shrew (<i>Sorex minutus</i>)	Found dead — Britain's smallest mammal, weighing less than a 10p piece	Sep/Oct	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Mammals — 1986

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Boar Badger sighted in broad daylight near Clime's Corner	Jul/Aug	Clime's Corner	Lois Parker
Wood Mouse (<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>)	Emerged from old wood store when clearing out — possibly Yellow-necked Mouse	May/Jun	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Rabbit (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>)	Young rabbits plentiful; Pheasants so tame they came into back gardens	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Hedgehog (<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>)	Hibernating but sometimes woken by mild spells	Nov/Dec	Parish gardens	Lois Parker

Flora — 1986

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Alder (<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>)	Solitary tree bearing large yellow catkins unusually early in mid-January; a hopeful spring sign. Green cones turning	Jan	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	brown by Nov/Dec			
Yew (<i>Taxus baccata</i>)	Bright with scarlet berries in Nov/Dec	Nov/Dec	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Blackberry (<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>)	Leaves reddish-purple in Nov/Dec; flowers and ripe berries noted Aug/Sep	Nov/Dec / Aug/Sep	Hedgerows (parish)	Lois Parker
Sallow Willow (<i>Salix caprea</i>)	Silvery palm growing apace in January	Jan	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Weeping Willow (<i>Salix babylonica</i>)	Pale gold with new growth in January	Jan	River banks	Lois Parker
Lime (<i>Tilia</i> spp.)	Shooting out new deep crimson twigs in January (turning green in summer)	Jan	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Corn Marigold (<i>Glebionis segetum</i>)	Re-found near Oak Stubbs — thought to have died out of the area	Aug/Sep	Near Oak Stubbs	Lois Parker
Greater Dodder (<i>Cuscuta europaea</i>)	Confirmed — small patch, climbing, leafless with tiny pink flowers, parasitising nettles and hops	Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Marguerite (<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>)	In profusion in June/July along river banks	Jun/Jul	River banks	Lois Parker
Goat's Beard (<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>)	In greater numbers than usual this summer — gold flowers and dandelion-type clocks	Jun/Jul	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Dog Rose (<i>Rosa canina</i>)	Delicate flowers noted in June/July	Jun/Jul	Hedgerows	Lois Parker
Elder (<i>Sambucus nigra</i>)	Creamy blossom noted in June/July	Jun/Jul	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Mallow (<i>Malva sylvestris</i>)	Pink flowers in June/July	Jun/Jul	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Blackthorn (<i>Prunus spinosa</i>)	Sprays already white in March/April; contrast with	Mar/Apr	Hedgerows	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	newly-leaving hawthorn			
Aspen (Populus tremula)	Silvery-green leaves noted in May/June	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Habitats — 1986

Habitat	Notes
River Thames / eyot by M4 bridge	Swan nesting attempt; Mute Swan territorial behaviour; Coot battle; Tufted Duck in cold weather
Eyot between Bray Lock and Bray Village	Cormorant roost (9 birds in tall tree)
Gardens along river (Harcourt Road)	Nuthatch and Treecreeper visitors; injured Robin and one-legged Blackbird long-term residents; Badger sighted near Clime's Corner
M4 rookery	24 nests confirmed — increase on last year
Near Oak Stubbs	Corn Marigold re-found after apparent local extinction — significant record
Old barns (parish)	Barn Owl confirmed in evening flight — twice

1987 | Lois Parker — includes Great Storm of October 1987

10 articles from 1987_combined.txt.

Birds — 1987

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Great Northern Diver (Gavia immer)	Rare sighting — on lake near Bath Road and Taplow railway bridge for several days. As large as a goose; dull dark greyish-brown in winter plumage	Dec/Jan	Lake, Taplow railway bridge	Lois Parker
Goldeneye (Bucephala clangula)	Female present on same water — rare locally	Dec/Jan	Lake, Taplow railway bridge	Lois Parker
Lapland Bunting (Calciarius lapponicus)	Very rare visitor — seen on north side of Dorney Common by a friend (amateur ornithologist)	Feb/Mar	North side Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Short-toed Lark (Calandrella brachydactyla)	Very rare visitor — seen on north side of Dorney Common	Feb/Mar	North side Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Slavonian Grebe (Podiceps auritus)	Bill Parker spotted on river towards Boveney — not common.	Feb/Mar	River towards Boveney	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	Winter plumage black and white with black cap over red eyes			
Mute Swan (Cygnus olor)	Two pairs nesting near M4 bridge eyot	Mar/Apr	M4 bridge eyot	Lois Parker
Black Poplar (Populus nigra)	Noted phenologically — pinkish copper new leaves in April, gold catkins	Apr/May	River banks	Lois Parker

Moths — 1987 (Bill Parker light trap)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Eyed Hawk Moth (Smerinthus ocellata)	In light trap mid-June — brownish upper wings; under-wings with splashes of pink and black/white eye-circles. Very pretty	Jun	Dorney Reach (light trap)	Lois Parker
Netted Pug (Eupithecia venosata)	Not previously found in trap — attractive spider's-web pattern	Jun	Dorney Reach (light trap)	Lois Parker
Dart moths (Agrotis spp.)	In light trap in August/September	Aug/Sep	Dorney Reach (light trap)	Lois Parker

Flora — 1987

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Cow Parsley (Anthriscus sylvestris)	Pushed up leaves from autumn — withstands icy conditions	Jan/Feb	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Hemlock (Conium maculatum)	Also pushed up leaves from autumn — withstands icy conditions	Jan/Feb	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Alder catkins (Alnus glutinosa)	At their red and gold best in March	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Hazel catkins (Corylus avellana)	Shedding pale gold powder in March	Mar/Apr	Hedgerows	Lois Parker
Black Poplar (Populus nigra)	Gleaming yellow-green in sun in March; pinkish	Mar/Apr	River banks	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	copper new leaves in April			
Mountain Ash / Rowan (Sorbus aucuparia)	Berries already bright scarlet by Aug/Sep	Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Wild Arum berries (Arum maculatum)	Bright scarlet berries by Aug/Sep	Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Yew (Taxus baccata)	Berries bright scarlet by Aug/Sep	Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

GREAT STORM — October 1987

Event	Notes
Great Storm — 16 October 1987	During the early hours of Friday 16th October, Southern England hit by a hurricane the like of which had not been experienced since 1704. Many lovely trees fell locally. Native deciduous trees will not be easily replaced — can take 200 years to reach maturity. Fierce wind, frosts and dampness drove most autumn colour from leaves early

1988 | Lois Parker + David Paxton (Feb/Mar column)

10 articles from 1988_combined.txt.

Birds — 1988

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Muntjac / Chinese Muntjac (Muntiacus reevesi)	Confirmed sighting in vicinity of Boveney — small, easily hidden, raucous bark when disturbed. Introduced 1900s as park deer, now feral in many parts. Bright foxy-red in summer, olive-brown in winter	Nov/Dec	Boveney	Lois Parker
Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)	Many in the meadows — pleasing as last winter they were few	Dec/Jan	Meadows (parish)	Lois Parker
Painted Lady (Vanessa cardui)	Unusual sighting — in garden and by river	May/Jun	Garden / river banks	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Reed Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>)	Pair seen putting finishing touches to nest	May/Jun	River (parish)	Lois Parker
Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	Nesting behind one of the eyots	May/Jun	River eyot (parish)	Lois Parker
Jay (<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>)	Came into garden for the first time	Jun/Jul	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	Female alighted on garden fence — probably after mice or fledglings	Jun/Jul	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Spotted Flycatcher (<i>Muscicapa striata</i>)	Fairly often in garden; found a Robin's nest while cutting hedge	Aug/Sep	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Bullfinch (<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>)	Pair flew in, settled on clothes line, appeared to quarrel, flew swiftly away	Aug/Sep	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker

Moths — 1988 (Bill Parker light trap)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
March Moth (<i>Alsophila aescularia</i>)	In light trap in February/March	Feb/Mar	Dorney Reach (light trap)	David Paxton
Double Dart (<i>Graphiphora augur</i>)	In light trap	Feb/Mar	Dorney Reach (light trap)	David Paxton
Hebrew Character (<i>Orthosia gothica</i>)	In light trap	Feb/Mar	Dorney Reach (light trap)	David Paxton

Fungi — 1988

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Wood Blewit (<i>Lepista nuda</i>)	Blueish-lilac stem when young — good crop in mild October	Oct/Nov	Parish fields/woods	Lois Parker
The Miller (<i>Clitophlus prunulus</i>)	Very small yellow/fawn species with ragged cap edges	Oct/Nov	Parish fields/woods	Lois Parker
<i>Clitocybe flaccida</i>	Orange-tan, becomes funnel-shaped exposing gills	Oct/Nov	Parish fields/woods	Lois Parker

Flora — 1988

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Oxford Ragwort (<i>Senecio squalidus</i>)	Unaffected by winter weather — still in flower Dec/Jan	Dec/Jan	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Black Horehound (<i>Ballota nigra</i>)	Unaffected by winter weather; nettle family; bushing up and out	Dec/Jan	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Traveller's Joy (<i>Clematis vitalba</i>)	Climbing to over 30 feet on riverside trees in Jan/Feb; described as Old Man's Beard at that stage	Jan/Feb	River banks	Lois Parker
Wild Plum blossom (<i>Prunus domestica</i> agg.)	Beginning to drop in mid-February	Feb/Mar	Parish hedges	David Paxton
White Dead Nettle (<i>Lamium album</i>)	Appearing among yellow Celandines and blue Speedwell	Feb/Mar	Parish (general)	David Paxton
Speedwell (<i>Veronica</i> spp.)	Bright blue — appearing in Feb/Mar	Feb/Mar	Parish (general)	David Paxton
Celandine (<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>)	Yellow flowers in Feb/Mar	Feb/Mar	Parish (general)	David Paxton
Coltsfoot (<i>Tussilago farfara</i>)	Appearing in Feb/Mar	Feb/Mar	Parish (general)	David Paxton
Lords and Ladies (<i>Arum maculatum</i>)	Very dark green arrow-shaped leaves noted in spring	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Fuzzy bronze flower clusters described — resembles ethnic hair-do	Apr/May	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Wych Elm (<i>Ulmus glabra</i>)	Coppery flower bunches described	Apr/May	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Long tassels of yellowish blooms	Apr/May	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Habitats — 1988

Habitat	Notes
Boveney area	Muntjac Deer confirmed — a new species record for this specific locality
River eyots	Canada Geese nesting behind one of the eyots — second confirmed nesting
River (parish)	Reed Warblers nesting; Painted Lady by river; Kestrel on garden fence
Parish gardens	Jay first record for garden; Spotted Flycatcher; Bullfinch pair

1989 | Lois Parker

10 articles from 1989_combined.txt. Very rich year.

Birds — 1989

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Fieldfare (Turdus pilaris)	Large numbers — winter. A flock of ~100 in Feb/Mar. Possibly indicating hard winter? (Barnacle Geese at Slimbridge also arrived early)	Nov/Dec + Feb/Mar	Parish fields	Lois Parker
Waxwing (Bombycilla garrulus)	Seen by Bill Parker near Huntercombe — Bird Watching Society keeping guard; long-range cameras being used. Seven inches long; silky crests; partial migrants from Scandinavia	Dec/Jan	Huntercombe	Lois Parker
Grey Wagtail (Motacilla cinerea)	Seen near the Thames — first mention in column	Feb/Mar	River Thames	Lois Parker
Heron (Ardea cinerea)	Still visiting neighbouring gardens looking for goldfish — a continuing behaviour	May/Jun	Neighbouring gardens	Lois Parker
Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)	Nesting under gutters — brood of noisy young as large as parents in May/Jun; still a brood in guttering	May/Jun + Oct	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	in mid-October 1989			
Red Admiral (<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>)	In garden on 24th October	Oct	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
House Martin (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	Many seen clinging to house walls in Jul/Aug	Jul/Aug	Houses (parish)	Lois Parker
Holly Blue (<i>Celastrina argiolus</i>)	Over-wintering butterfly seen in March/April	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Small Tortoiseshell (<i>Aglais urticae</i>)	Over-wintering butterfly seen	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Peacock (<i>Aglais io</i>)	Over-wintering butterfly seen	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Brimstone (<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>)	Over-wintering butterfly seen — 'Yellow Brimstone'	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Moths — 1989 (Bill Parker light trap)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Brick moth (<i>Agrochola circumlata</i>)	Flying in a friend's house in Nov/Dec	Nov/Dec	Dorney Reach area	Lois Parker
Early Thorn (<i>Selenia dentaria</i>)	In light trap in March/April	Mar/Apr	Dorney Reach (light trap)	Lois Parker
Brindled Green (<i>Diarsia mendica</i>)	Comes rarely to the trap — green predominant on wings. Caterpillar bores into oak bud, spins leaves around itself, feeds openly later. Moth appears August/September	Jul/Aug	Dorney Reach (light trap)	Lois Parker

Fungi — 1989

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Beefsteak Fungus (<i>Fistulina hepatica</i>)	On tree stump in Jan/Feb — bracket-shaped, resembles steak when cut, oozing reddish juice	Jan/Feb	Tree stump (parish)	Lois Parker
Unidentified green fungus	Peculiar fungus on tree stump near Amerden	May/Jun	Amerden Priory tree stump	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	Priory — Lois cannot identify it			

Flora — 1989

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Hedgehog (Erinaceus europaeus)	Still not hibernated in mid-January — mild winter. Appears not to have grown	Jan/Feb	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Violet (Viola spp.)	In bloom in January — mild winter	Jan/Feb	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna)	Several bushes in bloom in January; others in leaf	Jan/Feb	Parish hedges	Lois Parker
Lords and Ladies (Arum maculatum)	Pale green sheaths against very dark arrow-shaped leaves in Apr/May	Apr/May	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
St John's Wort (Hypericum spp.)	Golden flowers nearly over by July	Jul/Aug	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Traveller's Joy (Clematis vitalba)	Just coming into cream bloom by July/Aug	Jul/Aug	River banks	Lois Parker
Great Willowherb (Epilobium hirsutum)	Pink — mingling with Purple Loosestrife by river	Jul/Aug	River banks	Lois Parker
Purple Loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria)	Mingling with Great Willowherb by river	Jul/Aug	River banks	Lois Parker
Large Bindweed (Calystegia silvatica)	Giant white Convolvulus by river	Jul/Aug	River banks	Lois Parker
Wild Parsnip (Pastinaca sativa)	Plentiful — flat mustard-coloured heads	Jul/Aug	River banks / verges	Lois Parker
Wild Carrot (Daucus carota)	Dull white flowers — alongside Wild Parsnip	Jul/Aug	River banks / verges	Lois Parker
Beech (Fagus sylvatica)	Tender green noted in April/May	Apr/May	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Cow Parsley (Anthriscus sylvestris)	Grown to a foot high by Feb/Mar covering M4 footpath rubbish	Feb/Mar	M4 footpath	Lois Parker

Habitats — 1989

Habitat	Notes
River banks	Productive for Purple Loosestrife, Great Willowherb, White Bindweed, Wild Parsnip, Wild Carrot, Traveller's Joy — rich summer flora record
Amerden Priory tree stump	Unidentified green fungus — notable enough for Lois to record and describe
Parish gardens	Heron continuing to raid garden ponds for goldfish; Starlings nesting in gutters; Red Admiral in October; Waxwing nearby
Dorney Reach light trap	Beefsteak Fungus; Early Thorn moth; Brindled Green moth; Brick moth (from friend's house)
M4 footpath	Cow Parsley and Lords and Ladies growing to a foot high by Feb/Mar, covering accumulated rubbish along the footpath

1990 | Lois Parker

7 articles reconstructed from Lois Parker bylines. Heading OCR variants prevented standard extraction.

Birds — 1990

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Goldcrest (Regulus regulus)	Seen on edge of Queen's Eyot — Britain's smallest bird. A large number present	Jan	Queen's Eyot	Lois Parker
Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)	Flew along river, landed amongst gulls seemingly unmoved by raucous screeching	Jan	River (parish)	Lois Parker
Green Woodpecker (Picus viridis)	Frequently seen at Lake End	Feb/Mar	Lake End	Lois Parker
Mistle Thrush (Turdus viscivorus)	Pair going through courting routine — female appearing to drive male away before relenting	Feb/Mar	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Rook (Corvus frugilegus)	M4 rookery: 32 nests — 10 up on last year. Three swans on Dorney Common holding up traffic	Mar/Apr	M4 rookery / Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Yellowhammer (Emberiza citrinella)	Seen in Old Marsh Lane — Yellow Brimstone	Mar/Apr	Old Marsh Lane	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	butterfly flying near it			
Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)	Nesting in fields along Marsh Lane, driving off walkers on footpath	Apr/May	Marsh Lane fields	Lois Parker
Swallow (Hirundo rustica)	Seen in Dorney village	Apr/May	Dorney village	Lois Parker
Jay (Garrulus glandarius)	Came into garden for first time	May/Jun	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis)	Seen again this season	May/Jun	River (parish)	Lois Parker
Canada Goose (Branta canadensis)	Nesting in reed bed by Monkey Island — Swans will tolerate ducks but not geese near their territory	May/Jun	Reed bed, Monkey Island	Lois Parker
Mute Swan (Cygnus olor)	Four cygnets on river; parents patrolling; mate of lone swan found dead during ploughing in Oak Stubbs Cottages field	May/Jun	River (parish)	Lois Parker

Flora — 1990

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Bur Marigold (Bidens tripartita)	Good strong plant found not far from Bray Lock — yellow flowers as big as a buttercup, small collar of tiny leaves. Not seen in the area before	Aug/Sep	Near Bray Lock	Lois Parker
Great Mullein (Verbascum thapsus)	Doing well along M4 footpath — tall plant with long spike of yellow flowers and furry grey leaves. Self-seeds freely once established	Jul/Aug	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Chicory (Cichorium intybus)	Bright blue flowers helping take one's eye off the rubbish on M4 footpaths	Jul/Aug	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Toadflax (Linaria vulgaris)	Along M4 footpath	Jul/Aug	M4 footpath	Lois Parker

Invertebrates — 1990

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Crimson Underwing Moth (<i>Catocala nupta</i>)	Flew into the house — large moth; brown upper wings, bright crimson underwings; not uncommon but striking	Aug/Sep	Garden/house (parish)	Lois Parker
<i>Agria splendens</i> (Banded Demoiselle)	Blue and black wings; first dragonfly of the year	Apr/May	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Fungi — 1990

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Common Inkcap (<i>Coprinellus atramentarius</i>)	Appeared on Vicarage lawn in mild weather	Feb/Mar	Vicarage lawn	Lois Parker
Horse Mushroom (<i>Agaricus arvensis</i>)	Large crop in garden despite drought	Aug/Sep	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker

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10 articles from 1991_combined.txt.

Birds — 1991

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Fieldfare (<i>Turdus pilaris</i>)	Many in meadows surrounding Dorney village Jan/Feb; in large numbers again in Dec/Jan; came into garden briefly in Feb/Mar	Jan-Mar	Parish meadows	Lois Parker
Long-tailed Tit (<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>)	Large numbers frequently seen — flit so quickly from bush to bush only a blur of wings; identified by squeaky attractive calls	Jan/Feb	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Yellow Wagtail (<i>Motacilla flava</i>)	Seen again in Harcourt Road	Jan/Feb	Harcourt Road	Lois Parker
Pied Wagtail (<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>)	One visiting garden regularly — adult with black cap; last	Jan/Feb	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	year's brood with grey cap			
Nuthatch (<i>Sitta europaea</i>)	Seen in gardens in Dorney Reach	Feb/Mar	Dorney Reach gardens	Lois Parker
Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	Seen in gardens in Dorney Reach — reported as having 'lean and hungry look'; increasing	Feb/Mar	Dorney Reach	Lois Parker
Nightingale (<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>)	Heard singing in a garden in Harcourt Road in late March	Mar/Apr	Harcourt Road garden	Lois Parker
Green Woodpecker (<i>Picus viridis</i>)	Flew by near the church	Mar/Apr	Near church	Lois Parker
Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar (<i>Deilephila elpenor</i>)	Found in garden — interesting brown; the moth will be in shades of brown, olive green and pink	Apr/May	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	Attacked a Wood Pigeon — lost grip when startled by Bill Parker; struck again successfully	Aug/Sep	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Ring Ouzel (<i>Turdus torquatus</i>)	Reported coming into a garden in Harcourt Road — observer sure it was not a pied blackbird	Oct/Nov	Harcourt Road garden	Lois Parker

Mammals — 1991

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Wood Mouse (<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>)	Nest found under a board in garden — beautifully woven with feathers and wadding. Two baby wood mice found near greenhouse — ushered into long grass. 6 mice jumped out of a wheelbarrow of garden rubbish	May/Jun	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Hedgehog (Erinaceus europaeus)	Hibernating in garden rubbish heap — carefully covered and left. Fox eating leftover cat food put out for hedgehog	Oct/Nov	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker

Fungi — 1991

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Wood Blewit (Lepista nuda)	In garden — Dec/Jan	Dec/Jan	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Many-zoned Polypore (Trametes versicolor)	At base of a tree in Harcourt Road — large group, thick leathery tiers; colours vary: black-green, grey-blue, grey-brown or rust	Dec/Jan	Harcourt Road	Lois Parker
Pholiota Sylvatica	Under a fir tree — mushroom-shaped with scaly dirty white cap and tough stem	Dec/Jan	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Giant Puffball (Calvatia gigantea)	To Lois's surprise — appeared in garden	Aug/Sep	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Lactaria amethystina (Amethyst Deceiver)	Violet coloured — most attractive in groups. In St Luke's Summer conditions	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Field/Wood/Horse Mushrooms + Blewits + Common and Shaggy Inkcaps	All appearing in St Luke's Summer conditions — Oct/Nov	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

1992 | Lois Parker

12 articles from 1992_combined.txt. Ring-necked Parakeets established; Dartford Warbler; Hobby; Quail; Pyramidal Orchid; Hummingbird Hawk Moth first record.

Birds — 1992

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Ring-necked Parakeet (Psittacula krameri)	One visited garden 8th December; eating lime seeds and laburnum pods, holding pod in	Dec-Dec	Dorney Reach gardens	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	claw. Group seen in Dorney Reach gardens. Had been in area for several years. Green Parakeets frequent visitors throughout 1992			
Dartford Warbler (<i>Sylvia undata</i>)	Seen on Sewage Farm at Dorney — had been there eight weeks (Dec/Jan 1991/92). A rare visit. Earlier (1993 article confirms) it returned again	Dec/Jan	Sewage Farm, Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Hobby (<i>Falco subbuteo</i>)	Two seen near M4 bridge at Marsh Lane end	Jun/Jul	M4 bridge, Marsh Lane end	Lois Parker
Quail (<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>)	Seen on Dorney Sewage Farm — most unusual	Jun/Jul	Sewage Farm, Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Hummingbird Hawk Moth (<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>)	First sighting in the area — seen in a garden in Harcourt Road. Brown upper wings crossed with black and orange underwings	Nov/Dec	Harcourt Road garden	Lois Parker
Brambling (<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>)	Female came into garden — unusual sighting	Jan/Feb	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Chiffchaff (<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>)	Made a brief visit to garden — never seen in garden before	Aug/Sep	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Peahen (<i>Pavo cristatus</i>)	Arrived in Harcourt Road garden; laid three eggs; killed by fox some weeks later	Aug-Oct	Harcourt Road garden	Lois Parker
Siskin (<i>Spinus spinus</i>)	Group of 15 near M4 bridge	Mar/Apr	M4 bridge area	Lois Parker

Flora — 1992

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Pyramidal Orchid (<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis</i>)	Found in Trumper's Field — 'A Pyramidal Orchid was found	Jun/Jul	Trumper's Field	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	in Trumper's Field'			
Swinecress (Lepidium coronopus)	In carpets by mid-March	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Yellow Lady Slipper (Lotus corniculatus)	Blooming in warm May along banks	May/Jun	Banks (parish)	Lois Parker
Smooth Hawk's Beard (Crepis capillaris)	In bloom in warm May	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Blue Meadow Cranesbill (Geranium pratense)	In bloom in warm May	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Fumitory (Fumaria officinalis)	In bloom in warm May	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Sulphur Yellow Polypore (Laetiporus sulphureus)	On a tree trunk — growing in tiers; bright yellow-orange on top, gold and spongy underneath	Sep/Oct	Tree trunk (parish)	Lois Parker
Dryad's Saddle (Cerioporus squamosus)	Flat, brown, white and scaly	Sep/Oct	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

1993 | Lois Parker

13 articles from 1993_combined.txt.

Birds — 1993

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Dartford Warbler (Sylvia undata)	Returned to the Sewage Farm by Dorney Common — confirmed again	Jan/Feb	Sewage Farm, Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Weasel (Mustela nivalis)	Spotted in Marsh Lane	Jan/Feb	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Water Rail (Rallus aquaticus)	Seen some distance away — olive brown upper parts, blue-grey sides, flanks prominently barred black and white	Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Red Kite (Milvus milvus)	Fighting a Tawny Owl in a garden in Eton Wick — recently released	Sep/Oct	Eton Wick garden	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	near Henley. Described as rich rust colour (not red), pale head, deeply forked tail			
Tawny Owl (<i>Strix aluco</i>)	Fighting a Red Kite in a garden in Eton Wick	Sep/Oct	Eton Wick garden	Lois Parker

Flora — 1993

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Spindle Tree (<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>)	Discovered at lower end of Old Marsh Lane — bright pink four-lobed seed capsules casting out orange seeds	Dec/Jan	Old Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Orange Hawkweed / Fox and Cubs (<i>Pilosella aurantiaca</i>)	NOT SEEN IN AREA BEFORE — found growing in a field. Originally a garden escapee now established as wild flower. 6-12 inches high; reddish-orange bloom clusters; blackish hairs on stem (Grim the Collier in the North; Fox and Cubs elsewhere)	Sep/Oct	Parish field	Lois Parker
Hawkweed Oxeye (<i>Inula</i> cf.)	New plant found by M4 footpath — 3 feet tall, yellow flowers like a small dandelion, rough stem, dark green leaves	Jun/Jul	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Hemlock (<i>Conium maculatum</i>)	Flourishing — some plants 10 feet high; thick stems with purple streaks	Jun/Jul	Parish (general) / M4	Lois Parker
Willow Beauty Moth (<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>)	Came into house — pretty lacy patterns in shades of grey and brown	Aug/Sep	Garden/house (parish)	Lois Parker
Red Underwing Moth (<i>Catocala nupta</i>)	Found dead along M4 footpath — probably hit by traffic. Frequent	Aug/Sep	M4 footpath	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	where willows and poplars grow			

1994 | Lois Parker

13 articles from 1994_combined.txt.

Birds — 1994

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Red Kite (Milvus milvus)	Seen hovering near the M4 — remarkable sighting	Jan/Feb	M4 area (parish)	Lois Parker
Ring-necked Parakeet (Psittacula krameri)	Now officially on the British Birds list; two seen along Barge Path in January; frequently seen by river in Sep/Oct	Jan + Sep/Oct	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (Dryobates minor)	Coming to a garden by the river for nuts provided by the owner. They nest on Weir Bank Island and bring their young when old enough	Feb/Mar	Weir Bank Island / riverside garden	Lois Parker
Grey Wagtail (Motacilla cinerea)	Several seen — Bill Parker saw Kingfishers along the Cut	Oct/Nov	The Cut (parish)	Lois Parker
Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis)	Seen along the Cut by Bill Parker	Oct/Nov	The Cut (parish)	Lois Parker

Flora — 1994

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Summer Snowflake (Leucojum aestivum)	Confirmed in bloom by M4 bridge — vegetation cut back had exposed it; in obscure enough position to remain safe. NOT identified in same place the following year	Apr/May	Near M4 bridge	Lois Parker
Bee Orchid (Ophrys apifera)	20 plants seen in Trumper's Field — confirmed in	Apr/May + Jun/Jul	Trumper's Field	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	June/July article also			
Meadow Cranesbill (Geranium pratense)	Rigorous M4 cutback: only one plant remains along the footpath	Jun/Jul	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Burnet Moth (Zygaena filipendulae)	Resting on Scabious — 5 or 6 spot unclear. Red and grey colouring	Jun/Jul	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Swallowtail Moth (Ourapteryx sambucaria)	Seen in garden — pale primrose with two brown spots on lower wings, curved hind wings resembling swallow's tail	Jun/Jul	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Common Blue (Polyommatus icarus)	Three seen — becoming uncommon. Two in garden, one in Marsh Lane	Jul/Aug	Garden / Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Silver Y Moth (Autographa gamma)	Flying out of bedding plants when watered	Aug/Sep	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Common Carpet Moth (Epirrhoe alternata)	Found in hall — small but prettily marked	Sep/Oct	House (parish)	Lois Parker
Elephant Hawk Moth (Deilephila elpenor)	Large brown caterpillars — described in detail: olive green upper wings, mainly pink lower wings	Aug/Sep	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker

1995 | Lois Parker

11 articles from 1995_combined.txt. Mildest November for 335 years.

Birds — 1995

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Little Owl (Athene noctua)	Seen in Marsh Lane	Feb/Mar	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Heron (Ardea cinerea)	Seven in one meadow near Marsh Lane in February — courting dance (unusual for so many at once). Also around again	Feb/Mar	Marsh Lane meadow / Harcourt Road ponds	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	stealing fish from ponds in Apr/May			
Muntjac Deer (<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>)	Seen south of M4 — this side of the motorway for the first time noted	May/Jun	South side M4 (parish)	Lois Parker
Slow Worm (<i>Anguis fragilis</i>)	Three feet long — seen in a garden in Harcourt Road; unusually large	May/Jun	Harcourt Road garden	Lois Parker
Old Lady Moth (<i>Mormo maura</i>)	Seen on several occasions — large moth, attractively patterned in various shades of brown	Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Yellowhammer (<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>)	Seen by M4 footpath — unusual sighting	Oct/Nov	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Herald Moth (<i>Scoliopteryx libatrix</i>)	Two found in the church — forewings purplish or grey-brown with red markings and orange specks	Oct/Nov	Dorney Church	Lois Parker

Flora — 1995

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Lesser Broomrape (<i>Orobanche minor</i>)	Found in a friend's garden — parasitic on pea family roots; pale yellowish and dark wine flowers on a spike; lacks chlorophyll. Previously found in Trumper's Field in 1970 (Brock)	Nov/Dec	Friend's garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Spring Snowflake (<i>Leucojum aestivum</i>)	Confirmed in bloom by M4 bridge — vegetation cut back had exposed it; in obscure position hopefully safe	Apr/May	Near M4 bridge	Lois Parker
Bristly Hawk's Beard (<i>Crepis setosa</i>)	Abundant along M4 footpath — bright yellow	May/Jun	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
<i>Boletus subtomentosus</i>	Identified by Bill Parker — dark	Dec/Jan	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	brown cap cracking in places; yellow spongy underside; Boleti change colour when cut			

1996 | Lois Parker

11 articles from 1996_combined.txt.

Birds — 1996

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis)	Visiting a garden in Harcourt Road daily — unusual	Mar/Apr	Harcourt Road garden	Lois Parker
Grey Wagtail (Motacilla cinerea)	Seen near gate into Trumper's Field — unusual	Feb/Mar	Trumper's Field gate	Lois Parker
Roe Deer (Capreolus capreolus)	Seen by several people in field behind Harcourt Road (not school side); photograph taken. Not native to this part of the country — possible escapee	Sep/Oct	Field behind Harcourt Road	Lois Parker
Yellowhammer (Emberiza citrinella)	Still residing in Marsh Lane — confirmed present in September	Sep/Oct	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)	Neighbour saw one catching a fish in the river (Jan/Feb). Many on Bray-side gravel pits (Feb/Mar)	Jan-Mar	River / Bray gravel pits	Lois Parker

Invertebrates — 1996

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
White Hairstreak (Satyrium w- album)	Two seen in garden — rare in this area	Jul/Aug	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Swallowtail Moth (Ourapteryx sambucaria)	Seen — pale creamy colour, hind wings giving the name	Jul/Aug	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Large Ranunculus Moth	Found in porch — common in autumn; fawn	Sep/Oct	Garden/porch (parish)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
(Polymixis flavicineta)	hind wings, dark brown upper wings with attractive pattern			
Blue Damsel Fly (Coenagrion spp.)	Visiting gardens and hedgerows	Jun/Jul	Gardens (parish)	Lois Parker
Crab Spider (Misumena vatia)	Favoured bushes in garden — white, crab-like appearance	Jun/Jul	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker

Flora — 1996

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Wild Catmint (Nepeta cataria)	Found growing near the river — discovered by Bill Parker	Nov/Dec	Near river (parish)	Lois Parker
Wild Crab Apple (Malus sylvestris)	Found on Barge Path — passed it many times; only identified when fruit was on it	Nov/Dec	Barge Path	Lois Parker
Spring Snowflake (Leucojum aestivum)	Found in two locations this year: near M4 bridge (Apr/May) AND in a gravel path away from river — suggests deliberate planting of at least one population	Apr/May	M4 bridge area / unusual gravel path	Lois Parker
Wayfaring Tree (Viburnum lantana)	Elder and Wayfaring bushes covered with creamy blossom in mid-June	Jun/Jul	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Tansies (Tanacetum vulgare)	In flower along Amerden Lane	Aug/Sep	Amerden Lane	Lois Parker
Spindle Tree (Euonymus europaeus)	In Old Marsh Lane doing well (pleasing note — at risk of being cut)	Nov	Old Marsh Lane	Lois Parker

1997 | Lois Parker

12 articles from 1997_combined.txt. Worst drought since 1749 (Apr/May).

Birds — 1997

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Mute Swan (<i>Cygnus olor</i>)	Boveney Lock nesting — built nest in inconvenient position; Gibsons moved it; swans moved it back; 8 eggs laid and all hatched. By May/Jun one cygnet taken (fox)	Apr/May	Boveney Lock	Lois Parker
Green Woodpecker (<i>Picus viridis</i>)	In Lois's garden for the FIRST TIME — stayed some time finding food in grass and soil	Jan/Feb	Garden (Lois Parker's)	Lois Parker
Yellowhammer (<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>)	Seen again in Marsh Lane (Apr/May — drought period)	Apr/May	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	Male perching in large tree in meadow in Marsh Lane — chasing off Crows with loud cries	Mar/Apr	Marsh Lane meadow	Lois Parker
Stag Beetle (<i>Lucanus cervus</i>)	Rare — a sighting noted	Jun/Jul	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Mammals — 1997

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Hedgehog (<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>)	Female bringing smaller one to eat cat food. One fell into a neighbour's pond — rescued by towing water lily clump to side; lifted out with gloves	Aug/Sep	Garden / neighbour's pond	Lois Parker
Muntjac Deer (<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>)	Came into a garden in Meadow Way	May/Jun	Meadow Way garden	Lois Parker

Flora — 1997

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Dodder (<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>)	Large mat found in hedge in Marsh Lane among trailing Hops, Traveller's Joy	Aug/Sep	Marsh Lane hedge	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	and Dog Rose — confirming continued presence			
Sun Spurge (Euphorbia helioscopia)	Prolific in gardens — too much of it appearing	Aug/Sep	Gardens (parish)	Lois Parker
Peziza catinus (cup fungus)	Fawn cup fungi — small, in front garden	Nov/Dec	Garden (parish)	Lois Parker
Laccaria amethystina (Amethyst Deceiver)	Wholly violet, flat cap turns brown when older; 1-4cm — along M4 footpath	Nov/Dec	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Clitocybe flaccida	Leathery and tough; funnel-shaped cap, cinnamon colour when new, browner when older; 5-8cm	Nov/Dec	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Meadow Cranesbill (Geranium pratense)	Less than usual this year — noted as a bad sign	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Spindle Tree (Euonymus europaeus)	Three plants now known in the M4 hedge near top of Marsh Lane — presence revealed by pink berries; other hedge species include Blackthorn, Dogwood and Oak	Nov/Dec	M4 hedge, near Marsh Lane	Lois Parker

1998 | Lois Parker — 12th year

11 articles from 1998_combined.txt. Orchid leaves seen; Lesser Bugloss new to M4; Pipistrelle bats roosting in Dorney Reach.

Birds — 1998

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Badger (Meles meles)	Visited garden by M4 when food was put out — brought its whole family; unfortunately dug up the lawn for worms	Feb/Mar	Garden by M4	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Moorhen (<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>)	Good broods at Eton Wick despite cats	Aug/Sep	Eton Wick	Lois Parker
Coot (<i>Fulica atra</i>)	Good broods at Eton Wick despite cats	Aug/Sep	Eton Wick	Lois Parker
Mute Swan (<i>Cygnus olor</i>)	Seven cygnets on Roundmoor Brook at Eton Wick; seven on the river — one missing by Sep. Canada Geese goslings on river	May-Sep	Roundmoor Brook / river	Lois Parker
Pipistrelle Bat (<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>)	Large number roosting in an extension in Dorney Reach — bats a protected species	Jul/Aug	House extension, Dorney Reach	Lois Parker

Flora — 1998

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Orchid (spp.)	Orchid leaves seen in March/April — not yet in bloom; species not confirmed	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Lesser Bugloss (<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>)	Many plants along M4 footpath — NOT SEEN THERE BEFORE; dormant seeds disturbed when new fence erected. Greyish green hairy leaves; hairy stem; small blue flowers; grows to 1 foot	Jun/Jul	M4 footpath (new fence area)	Lois Parker
Viper's Bugloss (<i>Echium vulgare</i>)	A few along M4 footpath — NOT SEEN THERE BEFORE; same disturbance event as Lesser Bugloss. Sprays of blue flowers branching off main stem; grows to 3 feet	Jun/Jul	M4 footpath (new fence area)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Purple Wall Lettuce (<i>Mycelis muralis</i>)	Doing well up Marsh Lane in wet summer	Jul/Aug	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Teasel (<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>)	Particularly handsome with many flower heads branching off main stem	Jul/Aug	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Rock Rose (<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>)	In bloom by river	Jun/Jul	Riverside	Lois Parker
Mignonette (<i>Reseda odorata</i>)	Mainly found by the river	Jun/Jul	Riverside	Lois Parker
Agrimony (<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>)	In bloom	Jun/Jul	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Yellow Meadow Vetchling (<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>)	In bloom	Jun/Jul	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Wood Blewit (<i>Lepista nuda</i>)	Seen on M4 Marsh Lane bridge — attractive violet colour	Mar/Apr + Dec/Jan	M4 Marsh Lane bridge	Lois Parker
Peziza repanda	Growing close to earth near M4 Marsh Lane bridge	Mar/Apr	M4 Marsh Lane bridge	Lois Parker

Habitats — 1998

Habitat	Notes
M4 footpath (new fence section)	Two new species appeared after fence erection disturbed dormant seeds: Lesser Bugloss and Viper's Bugloss — significant records for the parish M4 corridor
Roundmoor Brook, Eton Wick	Good broods of Coot, Moorhen, Mallard and Swan
Dorney Reach house extension	Large colony of Pipistrelle Bats roosting — protected species; a significant mammal record

1999 | Lois Parker

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Birds — 1999

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Dunnock / Hedge Sparrow (<i>Prunella modularis</i>)	Came to garden nuts during cold spell at end of November —	Nov/Dec	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	unusual; normally ground feeders			
Wren (Trogodytes troglodytes)	Appeared in garden — less often seen in warmer months when bigger birds menace them	Nov/Dec	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Brambling (Fringilla montifringilla)	A group seen	Nov/Dec	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Redwing (Turdus iliacus)	Seen in Marsh Lane and along M4 footpath and hedges	Nov/Dec	Marsh Lane / M4	Lois Parker
Fieldfare (Turdus pilaris)	Seen in Marsh Lane and along M4 footpath and hedges	Nov/Dec	Marsh Lane / M4	Lois Parker
Pied Wagtail (Motacilla alba yarrellii)	Now visiting garden — attracted by seeds put out as insects hard to find	Nov/Dec	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Jay (Garrulus glandarius)	Came into garden — never seen there before. Raucous cry and flash of blue feathers	Dec/Jan	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Goldcrest (Regulus regulus)	Female seen in a yew hedge by the river — reported by the editor; smallest British bird; crest pale gold in female; distinguished from Firecrest by lack of black eyestripe	Jan/Feb	Yew hedge by river	Editor / Lois Parker
Song Thrush (Turdus philomelos)	Seen in a neighbour's garden — becoming rare	Jan/Feb	Parish garden	Lois Parker
Rook (Corvus frugilegus)	19 nests in M4 rookery — fewer than last year; busy repairing and building; some trying to steal a neighbour's mate	Feb/Mar	M4 rookery	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Great Crested Grebe (<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>)	In summer plumage with ruffs and chestnut ear tufts; courtship dance visible on the Thames (dash on water facing each other); chicks carried on parents' backs	Mar/Apr	River Thames	Lois Parker
Coal Tit (<i>Periparus ater</i>)	In garden — usually pushed away by greedy Starlings	Mar/Apr	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Jackdaw (<i>Corvus monedula</i>)	TWO seen on Dorney Common — unusual. Nearest previously at Bray rubbish tip	May/Jun	Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	Here for the season	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
House Martin (<i>Delichon urbicum</i>)	Many; continually swooping over garden catching insects — must have a nest nearby	May/Jun	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Song Thrush (<i>Turdus philomelos</i>)	Two seen in a garden in Meadow Way — a rare sight	May/Jun	Meadow Way garden	Lois Parker
Red Admiral (<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>)	First of season on 19th May	May	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Comma (<i>Polygonia c-album</i>)	First of season on 26th May	May	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Weasel (<i>Mustela nivalis</i>)	Ran across the Marsh Lane footpath straight in front of Lois while cycling — judged to be a young one by its size	May/Jun	Marsh Lane footpath	Lois Parker
Red Kite (<i>Milvus milvus</i>)	Seen in meadow near top of Marsh Lane while farmer was cutting hay — several people attracted to watch; swooped and caught prey	May/Jun	Meadow near top of Marsh Lane	Lois Parker / son

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	twice (probably young rabbits). RSPB breeding programme releasing at Six (Chilterns)			
Muntjac Deer (Muntiacus reevesi)	Seen again in the meadow by the M4 Marsh Lane bridge — early morning sightings fairly frequent	Jun/Jul	Meadow by M4 Marsh Lane bridge	Lois Parker
Long-tailed Tit (Aegithalos caudatus)	Large group in the apple trees	Jun/Jul	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Stag Beetle (Lucanus cervus)	Female found in garden — becoming rare; being recorded in the area	Jun/Jul	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Willow Warbler (Phylloscopus trochilus)	Seen; one flew into shed window in Marsh Lane and knocked itself unconscious — rescued and revived	Jul/Aug	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Yellowhammer (Emberiza citrinella)	Still in Marsh Lane	Jul/Aug	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Greenfinch (Chloris chloris)	Coming into garden again — singing sweetly	Jul/Aug	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Siskin (Spinus spinus)	Pair in garden — stayed some time; slightly smaller than Greenfinches, more yellow; female strongly streaked on underparts	Aug/Sep	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)	On east Dorney Common pond — number dwindling; noted as conservation concern	Aug/Sep	East pond, Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Canada Goose (Branta canadensis)	On east Dorney Common pond	Aug/Sep	East pond, Dorney Common	Lois Parker
Heron (Ardea cinerea)	Perching on a neighbour's roof looking for fish ponds	Oct/Nov	Dorney Reach rooftop	Lois Parker

Butterflies & Moths — 1999

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Peacock (<i>Aglais io</i>)	Overwintering — emerged in mild weather	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Small Tortoiseshell (<i>Aglais urticae</i>)	Overwintering — emerged in mild weather	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Brimstone (<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>)	Overwintering — emerged in mild weather	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Common Storksbill (<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>)	Small pink flowers similar to smaller Cranesbills; small fern-like leaves — along M4 footpath	Mar/Apr	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Cabbage White (<i>Pieris brassicae</i>)	Doing well; eggs bright yellow on underside of cabbage leaves — note on egg-communication behaviour	Jul/Aug	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Gatekeeper (<i>Pyronia tithonus</i>)	In garden	Jul/Aug	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Comma (<i>Polygonia c-album</i>)	In garden	Jul/Aug	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Brimstone (<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>)	In garden	Jul/Aug	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Small White (<i>Pieris rapae</i>)	In garden	Jul/Aug	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Large Ranunculus Moth (<i>Polymixis flavicincta</i>)	Found in garden — attractive beige and brown markings; feeds on wild and cultivated plants	Oct/Nov	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker

Flora — 1999

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
White Mellilot (<i>Melilotus albus</i>)	Found along M4 footpath — NOT SEEN THERE BEFORE. Clover family; grows to 3 feet; three leaves like clover but narrow and pointed	Nov/Dec	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Pink Dove's Foot (<i>Geranium molle</i>)	Still producing late blooms	Nov/Dec	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Hogweed (<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>)	Very large plant still blooming in Marsh Lane — four big flower-heads PINK instead of usual white; pink-flowered form unusual	Dec/Jan	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Celandine (<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>)	By mid-January in front garden; covering banks and verges by mid-February — earliest possible	Jan/Feb	Garden / banks	Lois Parker
Spear Thistle (<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>)	Producing leaves in January — tall, large purple flower-heads; described as handsome	Jan/Feb	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Coltsfoot (<i>Tussilago farfara</i>)	Many plants in bloom on verge towards top of Marsh Lane — pleased to see as they seemed to be disappearing	Feb/Mar	Marsh Lane verge (upper)	Lois Parker
Alder catkins (<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>)	Turned from burgundy to gold	Feb/Mar	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Yellow Rocket (<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>)	Doing well this year	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Kidney Vetch (<i>Anthyllis vulneraria</i>)	In bloom in May/June banks	May/Jun	Banks (parish)	Lois Parker
Lesser Goat's Beard (<i>Tragopogon pratensis</i>)	Jack Go To Bed At Noon — flower only opens in the morning. Doing well	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Scabious (<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>)	In bloom by mid-June	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Wild Carrot (<i>Daucus carota</i>)	Growing much higher than usual this year — due to frequent rain	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Borage (<i>Borago officinalis</i>)	Along M4 footpath by bridge into Bray — bright blue flowers, 3 feet high; also a culinary herb. Not	Jul/Aug	M4 footpath, Bray bridge	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	previously noted here			
Corn Marigold (<i>Glebionis segetum</i>)	Thriving along edge of field by new bridge over Marsh Lane towards the church	Jul/Aug	Field by Marsh Lane bridge	Lois Parker
Pedicelled Willowherb (<i>Epilobium pedunculare</i> agg.)	Everywhere this year — pulling one out seems to make two more grow	Jul/Aug	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Lady's Smock / Milkmaid (<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>)	Appeared in Trumper's Field — rare in the area; site kept secret. Once a good number along M4 footpath. Delicate pale mauve flower	Aug/Sep	Trumper's Field (site secret)	Lois Parker
Spindle Tree (<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>)	Spindle Trees in Old Marsh Lane loaded with bright pink berries containing orange seeds — full beauty seen only in autumn	Oct/Nov	Old Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Buttercup (<i>Ranunculus</i> spp.)	Blooming again in mild autumn	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Speedwell (<i>Veronica</i> spp.)	Blooming again in mild autumn	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
37 wild flower species	37 different wild flowers seen in a small area by the Thames in a neighbour's walk during the mild autumn — exact species not listed but noted as remarkable for the season	Oct/Nov	Near River Thames	Neighbour / Lois Parker

Fungi — 1999

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Giant Puffball (<i>Calvatia gigantea</i>)	Two in garden; one growing another puffball on top of itself (strange). One	Jun/Jul + Aug/Sep	Garden (Meadow Way) / Harcourt Road	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	also in a Harcourt Road garden. Best eaten when half grown — sliced and cooked in butter			

M4 Rookery count — 1999

Year	Nests	Notes
1999	19	19 nests in Feb/Mar — fewer than 1998 (14 nests). Rooks busy repairing and building; some trying to steal a neighbour's mate

Habitats — 1999

Habitat	Notes
Marsh Lane verge (upper section)	Coltsfoot still present — Lois had feared it was disappearing; confirmed in bloom Feb/Mar
M4 footpath banks	White Mellilot new to footpath; Wild Carrot growing higher than usual; Borage by Bray bridge (new record); Common Storksbill confirmed; continued Yellowhammer presence
Trumper's Field	Lady's Smock (Milkmaid) appeared — rare in area; site kept secret. Also many Goldfinches in Mar/Apr
Field by new Marsh Lane bridge	Corn Marigolds thriving along field edge — a habitat newly created by the bridge construction
East pond, Dorney Common	Mallard numbers dwindling — noted as a concern
Old Marsh Lane	Spindle Trees loaded with berries — confirmed still present
Meadow near top of Marsh Lane	Red Kite hunting during hay-cutting — attracted several observers
Meadow by M4 Marsh Lane bridge	Muntjac Deer sightings frequent, early morning

2000 | Lois Parker — Final Year

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Birds — 2000

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Ring-necked Parakeet (Psittacula krameri)	12 flew over garden on 15th December — largest number yet seen together	Dec/Jan	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Fieldfare (Turdus pilaris)	Late arriving (not cold enough in native land); 3 seen on M4	Dec/Jan + Jan/Feb	M4 footpath / Eton Dorney Centre	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	footpath. Flock of ~50 in field next to Eton/Dorney Centre			
Long-tailed Tit (<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>)	Many flitting tree to tree; daily occurrence throughout winter	Dec-Feb	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Great Spotted Woodpecker (<i>Dendrocopos major</i>)	Visiting Harcourt Road gardens	Dec/Jan	Harcourt Road	Lois Parker
Thrush (Song Thrush, <i>Turdus philomelos</i>)	Regular visitors to garden — had not happened for years (Dec/Jan); seen carrying nesting material in Ashford Lane in Feb; perching on fir tree next door	Dec-Mar	Garden / Ashford Lane	Lois Parker
Sparrowhawk (<i>Accipiter nisus</i>)	Young female seen by editor in Dorney Reach Road garden — positive ID	Jan/Feb	Dorney Reach Road garden	Editor / Lois Parker
Sparrowhawk (<i>Accipiter nisus</i>)	Flew down and captured a Sparrow from mock orange blossom bush, flying off at speed	Jun/Jul	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	Flourishing — on telegraph poles and hovering over M4; apparently habituated to Flood Relief Scheme noise. A garden opposite visited by one	Jan/Feb	M4 / gardens	Lois Parker
Rook (<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>)	17 nests remaining in M4 rookery; quarrelling over perches in fir/sycamore	Oct/Nov (1999) + Jan/Feb	M4 rookery	Lois Parker
Green Woodpecker (<i>Picus viridis</i>)	Frequent sightings; seen with juvenile in first week of October (juvenile paler and spotted brown)	Feb/Mar + Sep/Oct	Parish (general)	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Heron (<i>Ardea cinerea</i>)	Large Heron frequenting Dorney Court pike pond collapsed and died. Still around again in Feb/Mar stealing frogs from ponds	Aug/Sep + Feb/Mar	Dorney Court / parish ponds	Lois Parker
Goldcrest (<i>Regulus regulus</i>)	Seen in Meadow Way — noted as smallest British bird	Jul/Aug	Meadow Way	Lois Parker
Treecreeper (<i>Certhia familiaris</i>)	Seen in Harcourt Road	Jul/Aug	Harcourt Road	Lois Parker
Little Owl (<i>Athene noctua</i>)	Seen in Marsh Lane hedge near the bungalows; also on telephone wires halfway up Marsh Lane; seen again in Oct/Nov	Sep/Oct + Oct/Nov	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Hummingbird Hawk Moth (<i>Macroglossum stellatarum</i>)	On Busy Lizzies in Harcourt Road garden first week October — long tongue probing flowers. Brown upper wings with black bars, orange lower wings. Lays green eggs on Bedstraw	Sep/Oct	Harcourt Road garden	Lois Parker
Goldfinch (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>)	More frequently seen in area; groups visiting garden regularly. Fledgling found hiding in border	Apr/May + Jun/Jul + Jul/Aug	Garden / parish	Lois Parker
Greenfinch (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	Four pairs now visiting garden along with numerous tits	Oct/Nov	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Roe Deer (<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>)	Seen in vicinity of Marsh Lane and adjoining bridlepath where woodland gives cover	Apr/May	Marsh Lane / bridlepath	Lois Parker
Hare (<i>Lepus europaeus</i>)	A young hare run over in Marsh Lane — hares scarce in the area; good to	Jul/Aug	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	know still present and breeding			
Bullfinch (Pyrrhula pyrrhula)	Occasional visitor to garden	Jun/Jul	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Swift (Apus apus)	Seen flying high after insects	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Mute Swan (Cygnus olor)	A Swan landed in a garden in Harcourt Close — stayed a while	Oct/Nov	Harcourt Close garden	Lois Parker
Speckled Wood (Pararge aegeria)	Seen in garden for first time that year (Aug/Sep); also flying by river in Sep/Oct	Aug-Oct	Garden / river	Lois Parker
Stag Beetle (Lucanus cervus)	Male found in flowerpot — healthy specimen. Female also seen in garden. Peter Tyler still requesting reports	May/Jun + Jun/Jul	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker

Flora — 2000

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Lady's Smock / Milkmaid (Cardamine pratensis)	Growing by a garden pond in Harcourt Road AND at Dorney Court — large patch at M4 bend (Bray side) had disappeared years ago	Apr/May	Harcourt Road / Dorney Court	Lois Parker
Peziza repanda (cup fungus)	Found in Trumper's Field — small, fawn, hugging the ground	Feb/Mar	Trumper's Field	Lois Parker
Corn Marigold (Glebionis segetum)	Plants found by the river	Jun/Jul + Sep/Oct	Near river	Lois Parker
Blue Alkanet (Pentaglottis sempervirens)	Still thriving in Old Marsh Lane in Sep/Oct	Sep/Oct	Old Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Spindle Tree (Euonymus europaeus)	Two trees in Old Marsh Lane produced berries — not yet bright pink in September	Sep/Oct	Old Marsh Lane	Lois Parker

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Purple Wall Lettuce (<i>Mycelis muralis</i>)	In Marsh Lane — broken before blooming in Jun/Jul; three more found in Jul/Aug	Jun-Aug	Marsh Lane	Lois Parker
Great Mullein (<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>)	On the path by the garden wall — cut down by maintenance before seeding. Two more in back garden — not frequent in the area	Jul/Aug	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker
Teasel (<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>)	In bloom along M4 footpath	Sep/Oct	M4 footpath	Lois Parker
Tansy (<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>)	Golden tansies on verges of road to Amerden Priory	Sep/Oct	Amerden Priory road verges	Lois Parker
Crimson Woundwort (<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>)	In bloom in May/June	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Blue Self Heal (<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>)	In bloom in May/June	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Cat's Ear Hawk's Beard (<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>)	In bloom in May/June	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Lois Parker
Wild Onion (<i>Allium vineale</i>)	Many plants shot up on M4 zigzag	Jan/Feb	M4 zigzag	Lois Parker
Whins / Gorse (<i>Ulex europaeus</i>)	Small bush still bearing yellow blooms found on Old Marsh Lane side of M4 footpath; also two gorse bushes	Oct/Nov (1999)	M4 footpath (Old Marsh Lane side)	Lois Parker
Lactaria amethystina (Amethyst Deceiver)	Pretty mauve toadstools in front garden — only fungi identified	Oct/Nov	Garden (Meadow Way)	Lois Parker

M4 Rookery — 2000

Year	Nests	Notes
2000	17	17 nests remaining in Oct/Nov — gale force winds taking a toll

2001 | Lois Parker died 25 February 2001 — no column

No nature column. Editor's notice January 2001; obituary and Peter Tyler tribute in April 2001. Lois Parker wrote for 15 years (1986–2001). Her husband Bill Parker's moth light trap records, submitted to the Nature Conservancy Council, were an integral part of the column throughout.

2002 | No dedicated nature columnist

Flora — 2002 (incidental)

Species/Habitat	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Trumper's Field wildflower meadow	A host of coloured blossoms carpeting the riverside meadow — reminded a caller of Lois Parker's columns. National context: English Nature estimated 97% of wildflower meadows lost by 1996 despite government spending	Summer	Trumper's Field	Letter to editor / editor

2003 | No dedicated nature columnist

Butterflies — 2003 (letter from Tony Dixon-Smith)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Large White (<i>Pieris brassicae</i>)	Listed as species to maintain in Dorney through habitat planting	Letter	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Small White (<i>Pieris rapae</i>)	Listed	Letter	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Red Admiral (<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>)	Listed	Letter	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Peacock (<i>Aglais io</i>)	Listed	Letter	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Small Tortoiseshell (<i>Aglais urticae</i>)	Listed	Letter	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Wall Brown (<i>Lasiommata megera</i>)	Listed	Letter	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Orange Tip (<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>)	Listed	Letter	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith

2004 | Patricia Powell — ‘Lake Lines’ wildlife records

Patricia Powell’s Lake Lines column in DPN (Oct 2004–Jul 2005) contains substantial formal wildlife monitoring data relating to Dorney Lake, the Jubilee River and the newly-created Dorney Wetlands and Nature Conservation Area. These are the most systematic biodiversity records since Lois Parker’s death.

Birds — 2004 (Dorney Lake / Jubilee River / Wetlands)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
White Stork (<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>)	Single bird seen along Jubilee River — no mate; notable as a pair was attempting to nest in west Yorkshire that year (first since 1416)	~Spring	Jubilee River, Dorney	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Common Tern (<i>Sterna hirundo</i>)	NESTING on polystyrene ‘icebergs’ (rowing lane markers) — first breeding record for the site. Winters in Africa, visits Europe in summer	Nov	Dorney Lake rowing lane	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Redshank (<i>Tringa totanus</i>)	Sighted on site	Nov	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Manx Shearwater (<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>)	Sighted on the Lake in September — a sea bird rarely seen so far inland	Sep	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Lapwing (<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>)	Year-round; doing well in BTO squares; one of most prevalent species. Present on NCA	Year-round	Dorney Lake / NCA	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Skylark (<i>Alauda arvensis</i>)	One of most prevalent species in BTO squares; moved into the Return Channel land as habitat changed	Year-round	Dorney Lake (Return Channel)	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Linnet (<i>Linaria cannabina</i>)	One of most prevalent species — but declining locally and nationally	Year-round	Dorney Lake grounds	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Sand Martin (<i>Riparia riparia</i>)	Colonised banks on the Lake site	Summer	Dorney Lake banks	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Little Ringed Plover (Charadrius dubius)	Confirmed breeding in summer; also evident on NCA	Summer + NCA	Dorney Lake / NCA	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Blackcap (Sylvia atricapilla)	Seen	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Whitethroat (Sylvia communis)	Seen	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Chiffchaff (Phylloscopus collybita)	Seen	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Reed Bunting (Emberiza schoeniclus)	Showing encouraging signs of residence	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Sedge Warbler (Acrocephalus scirpaceus)	Showing encouraging signs of residence	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Wheatear (Oenanthe oenanthe)	Recorded in breeding squares	~	Dorney Lake grounds	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Mistle Thrush (Turdus viscivorus)	Recorded in breeding squares	~	Dorney Lake grounds	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Meadow Pipit (Anthus pratensis)	Recorded in breeding squares	~	Dorney Lake grounds	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Ring-necked Parakeet (Psittacula krameri)	Evident on site — possibly nuisance value noted	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Great Crested Grebe (Podiceps cristatus)	Among the more numerous species on the Lake	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)	Among the more numerous species	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Canada Goose (Branta canadensis)	Among the more numerous species	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)
Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula)	Among the more numerous species	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell (Lake Lines)

Habitats — 2004 (Dorney Lake / NCA)

Habitat	Notes
Dorney Lake — BTO monitoring	Since 1994, twice-yearly breeding bird surveys in grid squares (BTO). 10 years' data by 2004: 58 species in breeding squares, 35 breeding annually. Monthly water/wading bird surveys. Monitoring ornithologist: Gordon Newport

Habitat	Notes
Dorney Wetlands	88 bird species attracted to the man-made Dorney Wetlands since its creation. Described as prestigious addition to the landscape
Jubilee River	White Stork record; Lapwings and Redshanks noted
Nature Conservation Area (NCA)	40 hectares (100 acres) on river side of Return/Warm-Up Channel. Fescue grass with Ox-eye Daisy, Black Knapweed, Wild Carrot planted. Lapwing, Redshank, Little Ringed Plover confirmed. Suffolk sheep to graze from March 2005 to maintain wader habitat. BBOWT involved (Paul Allen, Conservation Manager). London 2012 legacy interest

2005 | Patricia Powell + letters — wildlife records

Birds — 2005 (Jubilee River / Dorney Wetlands)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria)	Flock of 2,000 over winter — remarkable count	Winter	Jubilee River / Dorney Wetlands	EA via Patricia Powell
Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)	Part of the 2,000-bird flock; nesting season also noted	Winter + breeding	Jubilee River	EA via Patricia Powell
Sandpiper (Actitis hypoleucos or spp.)	Part of the winter visitor flock of 73 species	Winter	Jubilee River	EA via Patricia Powell
Mute Swan (Cygnus olor)	Nesting on wetland islands — young to be seen easily	Breeding	Dorney Wetlands islands	Patricia Powell
Coot (Fulica atra)	Nesting on wetland islands	Breeding	Dorney Wetlands islands	Patricia Powell
Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)	Nesting on wetland islands	Breeding	Dorney Wetlands islands	Patricia Powell
Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula)	Nesting on wetland islands	Breeding	Dorney Wetlands islands	Patricia Powell
Canada Goose (Branta canadensis)	Nesting on wetland islands	Breeding	Dorney Wetlands islands	Patricia Powell
Heron (Ardea cinerea)	Quite striking resident	Year-round	Dorney Wetlands	Patricia Powell
Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)	Quite striking resident	Year-round	Dorney Wetlands	Patricia Powell
Skylark (Alauda arvensis)	Seen in Dorney Wetlands area in February — early season arrival. Also target	Feb	Dorney Wetlands	Tony Dixon-Smith letter

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	species for NCA grazing habitat			
Swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	Seen over Dorney Wetlands on 30th April — early season arrival	Apr	Dorney Wetlands	Tony Dixon-Smith letter
Stonechat (<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>)	Seen on Dorney Lake grounds during the year	~	Dorney Lake grounds	Patricia Powell
Corn Bunting (<i>Emberiza calandra</i>)	Male(s) on Dorney Lake grounds during the year	~	Dorney Lake grounds	Patricia Powell
Linnet (<i>Linaria cannabina</i>)	Seen on Dorney Lake grounds	~	Dorney Lake grounds	Patricia Powell
Reed Bunting (<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>)	On Dorney Lake grounds	~	Dorney Lake grounds	Patricia Powell
Little Ringed Plover (<i>Charadrius dubius</i>)	Present in breeding season	Breeding	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell
Sand Martin (<i>Riparia riparia</i>)	Nested in a sand stockpile on the Dorney Lake grounds	Breeding	Dorney Lake sand stockpile	Patricia Powell
Stock Dove (<i>Columba oenas</i>)	Sighted on Dorney Lake grounds	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell
Jackdaw (<i>Corvus monedula</i>)	Numbers increasing on Dorney Lake grounds	~	Dorney Lake	Patricia Powell
Mute Swan (<i>Cygnus olor</i>)	Nesting on a barley bale by edge of water near Boathouse — mate close by	~	Dorney Lake, near Boathouse	Patricia Powell

Butterflies — 2005 (Dorney Court count, 2 August)

Species	Count	Date	Location	Source
Small White (<i>Pieris rapae</i>)	3	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter
Green Veined White (<i>Pieris napi</i>)	2	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter
Large White (<i>Pieris brassicae</i>)	2	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter
Brimstone (<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>)	3	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter

Species	Count	Date	Location	Source
Peacock (Aglais io)	10	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter
Comma (Polygonia c-album)	2	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter
Red Admiral (Vanessa atalanta)	1	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter
Painted Lady (Vanessa cardui)	1	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter
Holly Blue (Celastrina argiolus)	1	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter
Meadow Brown (Maniola jurtina)	1	2 Aug 2005	Dorney Court garden	Jill Palmer letter

Mammals — 2005 (Jubilee River / Wetlands)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Muntjac Deer (Muntiacus reevesi)	Using bridges to cross Jubilee River — in broad daylight. No inhibitions about crossing	Year-round	Jubilee River bridges	EA via Patricia Powell
Fox (Vulpes vulpes)	Using bridges to cross Jubilee River — in broad daylight	Year-round	Jubilee River bridges	EA via Patricia Powell
Badger (Meles meles)	Using bridges to cross Jubilee River — in broad daylight	Year-round	Jubilee River bridges	EA via Patricia Powell

Habitats — 2005

Habitat	Notes
Jubilee River (winter)	73 bird species recorded by Environment Agency over the winter. Flock of 2,000 Golden Plovers. Wetland islands used for nesting by 6 waterfowl species. Mammals crossing bridges in daylight. Purple Clover noted along the river in summer (Lois Parker's old territory)
Dorney Lake NCA	Sand Martin nesting in stockpile. 14 water bird species. Stonechat, Corn Bunting, Linnet, Reed Bunting confirmed. Suffolk sheep (150) introduced to graze open area for wader habitat. Monitoring ornithologist Gordon Newport
Dorney Wetlands	Environment Agency regularly monitoring birds, plants, animals (especially bats), aquatic life and fish populations

2006 | No dedicated nature columnist — no significant wildlife records

The 2006 file is notably smaller than other years (152KB vs ~350KB typical), suggesting some issues may be missing. No significant wildlife records found in the available content.

2007 | Tony Dixon-Smith — regular wildlife letters

Tony Dixon-Smith writes a series of seasonal wildlife and plant letters throughout 2007 from 'Wyndham, Village Road, Dorney'. These constitute an informal nature column. Rich records for birds, plants and the Jubilee River / Dorney Wetlands.

Birds — 2007

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Moorhen (Gallinula chloropus)	Back in strength at Dorney Wetlands, Jubilee River — over a dozen at end of February. Distinctive red beak with yellow tip, white flash on undertail	Feb	Jubilee River, Dorney Wetlands	Tony Dixon-Smith
Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria)	Hundreds still swooping over Jubilee River in Feb/Mar; hundreds more with lapwings and coots in Nov/Dec aerial display	Feb/Mar + Nov/Dec	Jubilee River / Dorney Wetlands	Tony Dixon-Smith
Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)	Hundreds still at Jubilee River in Feb/Mar; again in Nov/Dec	Feb/Mar + Nov/Dec	Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
Reed Bunting (Emberiza schoeniclus)	Visiting garden in March and April; much in evidence in reeds along Jubilee River	Mar/Apr	Garden (Wyndham) / Jubilee River reeds	Tony Dixon-Smith
Cuckoo (Cuculus canorus)	Heard 11th and 12th May — FIRST HEARD IN DORNEY FOR FIVE YEARS. Attributed to presence of Reed Buntings as host species. Cuckoo lays eggs in Reed Bunting nests	May	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Cormorant (Phalacrocorax carbo)	Dozen on Dorney Wetland islets, Jubilee River in Nov/Dec — several young	Nov/Dec	Jubilee River, Dorney Wetlands islets	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	birds in first-winter plumage (white chest and belly)			
Coot (<i>Fulica atra</i>)	Dozens on Dorney Wetland islets in Nov/Dec	Nov/Dec	Jubilee River, Dorney Wetlands	Tony Dixon-Smith
Bullfinch (<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>)	Affected by avian trichomoniosis — numbers declining	Autumn	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Yellowhammer (<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>)	Affected by avian trichomoniosis — numbers declining	Autumn	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Siskin (<i>Spinus spinus</i>)	Affected by avian trichomoniosis — numbers declining	Autumn	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Chaffinch (<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>)	Affected by trichomoniosis; also good breeding season noted (chicks in June)	Year	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Mistle Thrush (<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>)	Noted in June bird chick list	Jun	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Great Spotted Woodpecker (<i>Dendrocopos major</i>)	Noted in spring bird lists	Spring	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Green Woodpecker (<i>Picus viridis</i>)	Noted in bird lists	Spring	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Starling (<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>)	Several hundred swooped from sky onto Memorial Garden oak trees one grey morning in late March — wheeling and turning in perfect formation before departing	Mar	Dorney Memorial Garden	Tony Dixon-Smith

Flora — 2007

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Greater Celandine (<i>Chelidonium majus</i>)	In bloom in April	Apr	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Geneva Bugle (Ajuga genevensis)	Bright blue with green hairy leaves	Apr	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Horsetail (Equisetum spp.)	Tall green plants noted	Apr	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Coltsfoot (Tussilago farfara)	Clumps noted in spring	Apr	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Periwinkle (Vinca spp.)	Light blue with multi-coloured leaves noted	Apr	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Pulmonaria / Soldiers and Sailors (Pulmonaria officinalis)	Blue and mauve noted throughout spring	Mar/Apr	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith
Spindle (Euonymus europaeus)	Red and orange berries noted in autumn and Nov/Dec	Autumn	Parish / Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
Mahonia (Mahonia aquifolium)	Yellow bushes noted in autumn	Autumn	Parish	Tony Dixon-Smith

Avian trichomoniosis — 2007 alert

Event	Notes
Avian trichomoniosis alert	A virus passed on by birds' saliva causing throats to swell so birds can neither eat nor drink. Wild birds' numbers down 50% in 10 years. Scientists from the Zoological Society of London working on tests. Advice: clean birdbaths and bird tables regularly. Species confirmed affected: Sparrow, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Blackbird, Yellowhammer, Siskin

2008 | No dedicated nature columnist — no significant wildlife records

Patricia Powell (Lake Lines) and Tony Dixon-Smith (D.D.) continue. No significant wildlife records found in the available 2008 content.

2009 | Tony Dixon-Smith — 'NATURE NOTES +' columns begin

4 articles from 2009_combined_-_converted.txt. Tony Dixon-Smith begins using a 'NATURE NOTES +' heading for columns that mix nature observation with his characteristic humorous commentary. These are his first formal nature articles.

Birds — 2009

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Red Kite (Milvus milvus)	Spotted again around West Town Farm and Burnham Abbey	~Mar/Apr	West Town Farm / Burnham Abbey area	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	— second or subsequent sighting			
Robin (<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>)	Lots of courtship and singing	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Blackbird (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	Lots of courtship and singing	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Wren (<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>)	Lots of courtship and singing	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Long-tailed Tit (<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>)	Lots of courtship and singing	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Chaffinch (<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>)	Lots of courtship and singing	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith

Flora — 2009 (Jubilee River area)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Succory / Chicory (<i>Cichorium intybus</i>)	Blue — along Jubilee River	Sep/Oct	Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
White Campion (<i>Silene latifolia</i>)	Along Jubilee River	Sep/Oct	Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
Corn Chamomile (<i>Anthemis arvensis</i>)	Along Jubilee River	Sep/Oct	Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
Scentless Mayweed (<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>)	Along Jubilee River — daisy-like heads	Sep/Oct	Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
Forget-me-not (<i>Myosotis</i> spp.)	Along Jubilee River	Sep/Oct	Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
Rose hips (<i>Rosa</i> spp.)	Lots along Jubilee River	Sep/Oct	Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
Spindle (<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>)	Red and orange berries along Jubilee River	Sep/Oct	Jubilee River	Tony Dixon-Smith
Kerria (<i>Kerria japonica</i>)	Yellow bushes encouraging spring growth	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Pulmonaria / Soldiers and Sailors (<i>Pulmonaria officinalis</i>)	Blue and mauve — in spring	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Celandine (<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>)	Yellow — in spring	Mar/Apr	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Japanese Anemone	Pink — in autumn	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
(Anemone x hybrida)				
Lavatera (Lavatera spp.)	Mauve — in autumn	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Evening Primrose (Oenothera biennis)	Yellow — in autumn	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Chinese Lanterns (Physalis alkekengi)	Orange — in autumn	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Mahonia (Mahonia aquifolium)	Yellow — new growth in autumn	Oct/Nov	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith

2010 | Tony Dixon-Smith — ‘NATURE +’ columns

9 articles from 2010_combined_-_converted.txt. All Wyndham, Village Road, Dorney (Tony Dixon-Smith).

Birds — 2010

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Red Kite (Milvus milvus)	Frequently seen flying lower over Dorney Parish during cold spell in search of food; also seen enjoying easterly and southerly breezes in summer; resident crow pair chasing them off from Memorial Garden territory	Year-round	Dorney Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Buzzard (Buteo buteo)	Also seen regularly over the Parish in good weather	Year-round	Dorney Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Mute Swan (Cygnus olor)	Present on the Rowing Trench	~	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)	Present on the Rowing Trench	~	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Tufted Duck (Aythya fuligula)	Black and white — present on Rowing Trench	~	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Coot (Fulica atra)	Present on Rowing Trench	~	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Great Crested Grebe (Podiceps cristatus)	Grebes on Rowing Trench	~	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	Present on Rowing Trench	~	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>)	Present on Rowing Trench	~	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	Seen on telephone line on 24th March — very early sighting, probably blown in by southerly winds	Mar	Village Road, Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Greenfinch (<i>Chloris chloris</i>)	RED ALERT — suffering devastating throat infection (avian trichomoniosis). Change bird water frequently. First young Greenfinch reappeared by late 2010 — first in over a year, recovery beginning	Year	Parish gardens	Tony Dixon-Smith
Jay (<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>)	Jackdaws and Jays very much in evidence in autumn	Autumn	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Crow, Carrion (<i>Corvus corone</i>)	Two resident crows nesting in Dorney Memorial Garden — chasing off Rooks, Buzzards and Red Kites from nesting chick territory	Spring	Memorial Garden, Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith

Flora — 2010 (selected)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Dogwood (<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>)	Multicoloured bushes at the Rowing Trench entrance — red, pink, yellow, mauve, purple and orange in colour; wonderful show through late autumn, winter and early spring	All winter	Dorney Lake road entrance	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Meadowsweet (Filipendula ulmaria)	White sweet-scented — doing well	~Summer	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Greater Knapweed (Centaurea scabiosa)	Reddish-purple — in summer	Summer	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Fleabane (Pulicaria dysenterica)	Tall yellow daisy-like — along the Lake road and in parish generally	Summer	Parish / Lake road	Tony Dixon-Smith
Succory / Chicory (Cichorium intybus)	Deep blue — doing well	Summer	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Bull Rush (Typha latifolia)	Enhanced by the Rowing Trench's two small ponds	Late summer	Rowing Trench ponds	Tony Dixon-Smith
Sedge grass	Tall sedge enhanced by Rowing Trench ponds	Late summer	Rowing Trench ponds	Tony Dixon-Smith

2011 | Tony Dixon-Smith — formal column begins (Sep 2011)

3 articles from 2011_combined_-_converted.txt.

Birds — 2011

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Bearded Tit (Panurus biarmicus)	Pair visited the garden for the FIRST TIME — quite spectacular. Noted again in Feb/Mar 2012 as another first-time visit	~Apr/May	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Ring Dove / Collared Dove (Streptopelia decaocto)	Ring Dove chased off a Magpie from its feeding patch — notable behaviour for a usually timid bird	~Apr/May	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Magpie (Pica pica)	Created a food larder — taking bread from bird stand and burying it in soft soil	~Apr/May	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith

2012 | Tony Dixon-Smith — OCR'd from scanned PDF

10 articles from 2012_combined_c.pdf (OCR). The year of the London Olympics rowing at Dorney Lake. Wettest April since 1910. KEY: first Greenfinch return after trichomoniosis;

Bearded Tits first-ever in garden; Nuthatch confirmed; Rosebay Willowherb outside the kitchen door. The PDF was a 292-page scanned image (no text layer) — OCR was required.

Birds — 2012

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Greenfinch (Chloris chloris)	FIRST YOUNG GREENFINCH returned — first in over a year. Parents must have survived the trichomoniosis virus that decimated the species. A milestone in the local recovery of the species	Aug/Sep	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Bearded Tit (Panurus biarmicus)	Pair visited garden for the first time — quite spectacular. (Also noted in 2011)	Feb/Mar	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Nuthatch (Sitta europaea)	Present on the bird stand — prefers peanuts	Jul/Aug	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Spotted Woodpecker (Dendrocopos major)	Male and female — on bird stand for peanuts; also active on garden lawn	Jul/Aug + Sep/Oct	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Green Woodpecker (Picus viridis)	Activity evident on front lawn — aerated appearance from probing for ants	Sep/Oct	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Jay (Garrulus glandarius)	Two beautiful Jays visited together — one distinctly young, apparently being shown by parent where to find food. Jays usually solitary like Green Woodpeckers	Oct/Nov + Sep/Oct	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Crow, Carrion (Corvus corone)	Three resident crows — building new nest in Village Road Memorial Garden in Feb/Mar, snapping off fresh pliable oak twigs. Three newly-hatched young	Year-round	Memorial Garden / Village Road, Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	crows confirmed in summer. In November: three crows present along with Red Kites and Buzzards			
Red Kite (<i>Milvus milvus</i>)	Plenty of sightings; resident crows chased them off. Kites and Buzzards forced to lie low in stormy June winds to avoid wing damage	Year-round	Dorney Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Buzzard (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	Seen regularly enjoying easterly and southerly breezes; forced to lie low in June gales	Year-round	Dorney Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Pied Wagtail (<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>)	Several appeared during Siberian cold in February — usually insect-eaters; came to look for food	Jan/Feb	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Mute Swan (<i>Cygnus olor</i>)	Rowing Trench	Winter	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Tufted Duck (<i>Aythya fuligula</i>)	Black and white — Rowing Trench	Winter	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Coot (<i>Fulica atra</i>)	Rowing Trench	Winter	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Grebe (<i>Podiceps</i> spp.)	Rowing Trench	Winter	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Canada Goose (<i>Branta canadensis</i>)	Rowing Trench	Winter	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>)	Rowing Trench	Winter	Dorney Lake Rowing Trench	Tony Dixon-Smith
Swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	Good to see Swallows back again in May/June	May/Jun	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith

Flora — 2012 (notable)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Rosebay Willowherb (<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>)	5ft+ wild bushy plant outside kitchen door — wonderful pink flowers; asks for	Jul/Aug	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	nothing more than a drop of water			
Snake-head Fritillary (<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>)	Listed among March garden plants — present in the garden	Mar/Apr	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Pheasant-eye (<i>Adonis annua</i>)	Listed among March garden plants	Mar/Apr	Garden, Wyndham Vill. Rd., Dorney	Tony Dixon-Smith
Bugle (<i>Ajuga reptans</i>)	Deep violet — likes close-grazed or mown turf	Jul/Aug	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Greater Knapweed (<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>)	Reddish-purple — in summer	Jul/Aug	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Toadflax (<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>)	Purple and yellow — in late summer	Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Snow Thistle (<i>Sonchus</i> spp.)	Tall yellow dandelion-like flowers with almond scent — in late summer	Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith

2013–2016 | Tony Dixon-Smith — incidental wildlife records

2013–2016: No standalone NATURE+ articles. Tony Dixon-Smith was hospitalised for 8 days in 2013 (severe knee injury). His letters are predominantly humorous musical/community commentary with incidental nature observations. 2015 file is MISSING from the archive.

Birds/Mammals — 2013–2016 (incidental)

Species	Notes	Year/Month	Location	Source
Red Kite (<i>Milvus milvus</i>)	Chased off by resident Memorial Garden crow pair — continuing behaviour. Also noted: buzzards; Red Kites and buzzards enjoying warm air uplift in hot weather	2013, 2014, 2016	Dorney Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Buzzard (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	Buzzards and Red Kites enjoying warm uplift in summer	2014	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith
Hedgehog (<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>)	‘Calling cards’ (droppings) found on front and back lawns — confirming presence. Reminder to	2013, 2014	Parish gardens	Tony Dixon-Smith

Species	Notes	Year/Month	Location	Source
	leave leaf piles for hibernating hedgehogs			
Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)	'Mr and Mrs Duck' back again on rooftops	2014	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith

2017 | Tony Dixon-Smith + Kristina Perkins

From 2017_combined_-_converted.txt. Kristina Perkins (Dells Cottage, Dorney Common) contributes seasonal columns with incidental wildlife.

Mammals — 2017

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Muntjac Deer (Muntiacus reevesi)	Visiting the garden — Yew trees particularly attractive to them. Ring-fenced by Kristina Perkins	~	Garden, Dells Cottage, Dorney Common	Kristina Perkins
Fallow or Roe Deer (Dama dama / Capreolus capreolus)	A pair — could not distinguish which species; also visiting and attracted to Yew trees	~	Garden, Dells Cottage, Dorney Common	Kristina Perkins
Fox (Vulpes vulpes)	Broke into chicken run twice — first by digging under wire mesh between iron staples; second by finding a crack between two adjoining pieces of wood	~	Dells Cottage, Dorney Common	Kristina Perkins
Red Kite (Milvus milvus)	Resident crow pair chasing off Red Kites — continuing	~	Parish (general)	Tony Dixon-Smith

2018 | 'Something New' — Dorney Wild Flower Initiative

From 2018_combined_-_converted.txt. No dedicated nature column. The 'Something New' community group launches a formal Dorney Wild Flower Initiative with Peter Tyler and John Barker.

Key wildlife data — 2018

Record	Notes	Source
~300 wild flower species in the Parish	Approximate total cited by Peter Tyler and John Barker at February 'Something New' talk.	Peter Tyler / John Barker, Feb 2018

Record	Notes	Source
	Numbers change as soil and climate conditions change	
Stag Beetle (<i>Lucanus cervus</i>) — recovery action	Recommendation to keep log piles as beetle banks so Stag Beetles will appear again in local gardens	Peter Tyler / John Barker, Feb 2018
Badger setts — M4 embankment (Marsh Lane)	Message from the Marsh Lane Badger Colony (via Peter Tyler): families established in M4 motorway embankment setts for many years. Highways England activity (tree-cutting, sticks placed down sett entrances, green wire mesh over holes) causing serious disturbance to established setts	Peter Tyler (humorous letter), 2018

2019 | 'Wayfarer' Nature Notes + bird records

From 2019_combined.txt. Three Nature Notes articles signed WAYFARER — Peter Tyler's 1962 pen-name deliberately revived. A major ornithological survey records 43 new species 2000–2018.

Butterflies — 2019 (Nature Notes)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Small Tortoiseshell (<i>Aglais urticae</i>)	Two broods per year on nettles — June brood and August/September brood. Some autumn brood hibernate through winter, re-appearing in early spring. Article illustrated with photograph of two specimens including one labelled Perthshire 1898 from an ageing collection	~Jun + Aug/Sep	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

Fungi — 2019 (Nature Notes)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Field Mushroom (<i>Agaricus campestris</i>)	Found on rich pasture and grassland — produces Fairy Ring patterns, some known to be over four centuries old	Autumn	Parish pasture/grassland	Wayfarer

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Giant Puffball (<i>Calvatia gigantea</i>)	Our largest fungus — safe to eat; writer has seen examples growing in the Parish	Autumn	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Devil's Boletus (<i>Rubroboletus satanas</i>)	Noted as extremely poisonous	Autumn	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Destroying Angel (<i>Amanita virosa</i>)	Noted as extremely poisonous	Autumn	Parish (general)	Wayfarer
Death Cap (<i>Amanita phalloides</i>)	Noted as extremely poisonous	Autumn	Parish (general)	Wayfarer

43 new bird species recorded 2000–2018 (Peter Tyler)

129 species recorded at the Millennium (2000). 43 new species added 2000–2018 = 172 total. Dorney Lake: up to 140 species recorded by birdwatchers. Sources: Bucks Bird Club database, Berkshire Bird Atlas, Bucks Bird Atlas, Brian Clews (Cookham). Dorney is a wildlife corridor between Burnham Beeches/Chilterns and Windsor parkland.

Species (new 2000–2018)	Location noted
Avocet (<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>)	Dorney Lake
Bar-headed Goose (<i>Anser indicus</i>)	Dorney Common
Barnacle Goose (<i>Branta leucopsis</i>)	Dorney Common
Bittern (<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>)	Dorney Common
Black-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa limosa</i>)	Dorney Common
Cetti's Warbler (<i>Cettia cetti</i>)	Dorney Common
Common Crossbill (<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>)	Dorney Common
Common Scoter (<i>Melanitta nigra</i>)	Dorney Lake
Ferruginous Duck (<i>Aythya nyroca</i>)	Dorney Lake
Garganey (<i>Spatula querquedula</i>)	Dorney Common
Glossy Ibis (<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Goldeneye (<i>Bucephala clangula</i>)	Dorney Lake
Green Sandpiper (<i>Tringa ochropus</i>)	Dorney Common
Grey Plover (<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Hen Harrier (<i>Circus cyaneus</i>)	Dorney Lake
Jack Snipe (<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Little Stint (<i>Calidris minuta</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Mediterranean Gull (<i>Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Montagu's Harrier (<i>Circus pygargus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Oystercatcher (<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Pectoral Sandpiper (<i>Calidris melanotos</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Peregrine (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)

Species (new 2000–2018)	Location noted
Raven (<i>Corvus corax</i>)	Dorney Common
Red-crested Pochard (<i>Netta rufina</i>)	Dorney Lake + Jubilee River
Redstart (<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Ringed Plover (<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Rock Pipit (<i>Anthus petrosus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Sandwich Tern (<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Siberian Chiffchaff (<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Snow Goose (<i>Anser caerulescens</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Spoonbill (<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>)	Dorney Common
Velvet Scoter (<i>Melanitta fusca</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Water Pipit (<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Water Rail (<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Waxwing (<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Whimbrel (<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
White-fronted Goose (<i>Anser albifrons</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
White Wagtail (<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Wigeon (<i>Mareca penelope</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)
Yellow-legged Gull (<i>Larus michahellis</i>)	Jubilee River (Dorney)

Note: The list in the source text totals 43 species. Some species listed twice in the source (Waxwing, Red-crested Pochard) appear to represent records from different locations. A few names in the OCR were partially unclear (e.g. 'Littler Stint' = Little Stint). The full 2018 update is available on the Dorney History Group website.

2020 | Wayfarer (Peter Tyler) + Brian Clews

7 Nature Notes articles signed 'Wayfarer' (Peter Tyler) plus Brian Clews guest article on Dorney Common autumn birds. COVID year.

Birds — 2020 (Brian Clews: Dorney Common, autumn)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Barnacle Goose (<i>Branta leucopsis</i>)	Rare — arrived Dorney Common this November	Nov	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Little Egret (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>)	Increasingly making appearances	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Teal (<i>Anas crecca</i>)	~150 birds — having bred in Euro-Siberia	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Wigeon (<i>Mareca penelope</i>)	Good numbers from Iceland	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Black-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>)	Individual ringed as 3-yr-old in Essex 2016 sighted	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Yellow Wagtail (Motacilla flava)	Notable sojourner	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Wheatear (Oenanthe oenanthe)	Notable sojourner	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Short-eared Owl (Asio flammeus)	Notable sojourner	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Pied Wagtail (Motacilla alba yarrellii)	Dozens on early morning walks	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Lapwing (Vanellus vanellus)	Numerous	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Snipe (Gallinago gallinago)	Passage wader — chance glimpse	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Dunlin (Calidris alpina)	Passage wader — chance glimpse	Autumn	Dorney Common	Brian Clews
Ring-necked Parakeet (Psittacula krameri)	~2,000 birds vacating nearby roost every morning — screeching	Autumn	Dorney Common roost	Brian Clews

UK Mammal Red List — 2020 (Wayfarer)

Species	Status	Source
Wildcat (Felis silvestris)	Critically Endangered	Wayfarer (citing university study)
Greater Mouse-eared Bat (Myotis myotis)	Critically Endangered	Wayfarer
Beaver (Castor fiber)	Threatened	Wayfarer
Red Squirrel (Sciurus vulgaris)	Threatened	Wayfarer
Water Vole (Arvicola amphibius)	Threatened	Wayfarer
Grey Long-eared Bat (Plecotus austriacus)	Threatened	Wayfarer
Hedgehog (Erinaceus europaeus)	Vulnerable	Wayfarer
Hazel Dormouse (Muscardinus avellanarius)	Vulnerable	Wayfarer
Orkney Vole (Microtus arvalis orcadensis)	Vulnerable	Wayfarer
Serotine Bat (Eptesicus serotinus)	Vulnerable	Wayfarer
Barbastelle Bat (Barbastella barbastellus)	Vulnerable	Wayfarer

Flora — 2020 (Wildflowers on Dorney Common)

Record	Notes	Source
Wildflowers on Dorney Common	Autumn wildflower display noted: bulbs, daffodils, dandelions, daisies and red nettles among species noted alongside hedgerow and orchard species	Unsigned article, DPN 2020
Mistletoe (<i>Viscum album</i>)	Parasitic plant growing on Lime, Poplar, Apple and occasionally Oak in the parish. Berries spread by birds (especially Mistle Thrush). Dorney's Old English name meant 'Island of Bees'	Wayfarer

2021 | No dedicated nature column — incidental records

COVID-reduced year (157KB). Peter Tyler stepped down from editorial board. Two significant wildlife records.

Mammals — 2021

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Otter (<i>Lutra lutra</i>)	Confirmed upriver — reported by Georgia, lockkeeper: 'there are otters upriver and last year there was a mink'	~	Upriver from a local lock	Georgia (lockkeeper), via DPN
American Mink (<i>Neovison vison</i>)	Reported upriver previous year, not seen this year	~	Upriver	Georgia (lockkeeper)

Habitats — 2021

Habitat	Notes	Source
Thames Water boreholes field, Marsh Lane	Wildflower and tree planting project planned. Planting due November 2021. Maydencroft for trees; local volunteers for wildflowers. Field to remain fenced but open to locals	Parish Council minutes, Nov 2021
Lock bank (unnamed)	One bank being allowed to 'turn wild' — flowers planted to encourage bees and other insects. Squires' donation of plants. Ducks thriving	Georgia (lockkeeper)

2022 | Thames Water rewilding; Peter Tyler obituary; garden wildlife

No dedicated nature columnist. Thames Water pocket rewilding project begins at Marsh Lane. Peter Tyler dies 21 June 2022.

Species in Thames Water field before rewilding (pre-Dec 2021)

Species	Notes	Source
Roe Deer (<i>Capreolus capreolus</i>)	Confirmed in the field before rewilding project began	Letter, DPN 2022
Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	Confirmed in field	Letter, DPN 2022
Rabbit (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>)	Confirmed in field	Letter, DPN 2022
Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Confirmed in field — already visiting; question raised about encouraging soil disturbance	Letter, DPN 2022
Harvest Mouse (<i>Micromys minutus</i>)	Confirmed in field	Letter, DPN 2022
Slow Worm (<i>Anguis fragilis</i>)	Confirmed in field	Letter, DPN 2022
Grass Snake (<i>Natrix helvetica</i>)	Confirmed in field	Letter, DPN 2022
Pheasant (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>)	Confirmed in field	Letter, DPN 2022
Barn Owl (<i>Tyto alba</i>)	Hunting in field	Letter, DPN 2022
Other unspecified birds of prey	Hunting in field	Letter, DPN 2022

Rewilding planting — Dec 2021 / Jan 2022

Species planted	Notes	Source
Blackthorn (<i>Prunus spinosa</i>)	Initial planting — whips along Marsh Lane perimeter	Ecosulis / Brown & Carroll
Oak (<i>Quercus robur</i>)	Planned planting across 22-hectare site	Ecosulis
Rowan (<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>)	Planned planting	Ecosulis
Crab Apple (<i>Malus sylvestris</i>)	Planned planting	Ecosulis
Lime (<i>Tilia</i> spp.)	Planned planting	Ecosulis
Elder (<i>Sambucus nigra</i>)	Planned planting	Ecosulis
Dog Rose (<i>Rosa canina</i>)	Planned planting	Ecosulis

12,000 trees total. Suppliers: Brown and Carroll. Environmental consultants: Ecosulis. Thames Water Biodiversity Manager: Becky Elliott. 22-hectare site. Vision: 'rich and dynamic rewilding area' steering natural succession away from dense scrub monoculture. Emphasis on restoring grazing dynamic.

Garden wildlife — DDHS visit 2022

Record	Notes	Source
13 butterfly species	Recorded in the garden — specific species not listed	DDHS visit, DPN 2022
65 bird species	Recorded in the garden	DDHS visit, DPN 2022
Water Vole (<i>Arvicola amphibius</i>)	Endangered — had made its home in the garden	DDHS visit, DPN 2022

2023 | Andrew Oliver — Nature Notes column begins

Andrew Oliver ('Olly') begins writing Nature Notes from mid-2023. Lives in Dorney Reach; garden backs onto Thames Water rewilding field.

Bats — 2023

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Soprano Pipistrelle (<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>)	Female, 3.6g → 4.2g after recovery. Named 'Bathsheba'. Identified by Helen (bat specialist, Eton Wick). Bat Conservation Trust volunteer network confirmed. Peak roost count: 135 from eaves + 4 from bat boxes (139 total). The species is Britain's smallest bat	Jun/Jul + following year	Eaves of house, Dorney Reach (+ wooden bat boxes)	Andrew Oliver

Garden wildlife inventory — 2023 (Andrew Oliver)

Species	Notes	Source
Tawny Owl (<i>Strix aluco</i>)	Present in the area	Andrew Oliver
Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Regular garden visitor	Andrew Oliver
Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	Regular garden visitor	Andrew Oliver
Grass Snake (<i>Natrix helvetica</i>)	In garden	Andrew Oliver
Slow Worm (<i>Anguis fragilis</i>)	In garden	Andrew Oliver
Stag Beetle (<i>Lucanus cervus</i>)	In garden	Andrew Oliver
Sparrowhawk (<i>Accipiter nisus</i>)	In garden	Andrew Oliver
Treecreeper (<i>Certhia familiaris</i>)	In garden	Andrew Oliver
Bee spp.	Nesting in bee boxes	Andrew Oliver
Newt (<i>Triturus</i> spp.)	Larvae and adults in garden pond	Andrew Oliver
Dragonfly (spp.)	Larvae in garden pond	Andrew Oliver

Wildlife — 2023 Scotland trip (Andrew Oliver)

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Golden Eagle (<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>)	Confirmed by local expert birdwatcher on Ardnamurchan peninsula	~Jun	Ardnamurchan peninsula, Scotland	Andrew Oliver
Sea Otter (<i>Enhydra lutris</i>)	Group playing in nearshore — rolling through waves and ducking under kelp	~Jun	West coast Scotland (nearshore)	Andrew Oliver

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Gannet (<i>Morus bassanus</i>)	Diving into the Sound — observed from a beer garden on Iona	~Jun	Sound of Iona, Scotland	Andrew Oliver
Slow Worm (<i>Anguis fragilis</i>)	Small family found under pool heater cover — gleaming coppery skin	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Red Kite (<i>Milvus milvus</i>)	Soaring regularly above garden	Summer	Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver

Flora — 2023 (garden wildflowers, Andrew Oliver)

Species	Notes	Month	Source
Teasel (<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>)	Colonising veggie bed — seedlings to transplant	Summer	Andrew Oliver
Foxglove (<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>)	Colonising veggie bed — seedlings to transplant	Summer	Andrew Oliver
Oxeye Daisy (<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>)	In meadow areas	Summer	Andrew Oliver
Greater Knapweed (<i>Centaurea scabiosa</i>)	In meadow areas	Summer	Andrew Oliver
Birds-foot Trefoil (<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>)	In meadow areas	Summer	Andrew Oliver
White Campion (<i>Silene latifolia</i>)	In meadow areas	Summer	Andrew Oliver
Red Campion (<i>Silene dioica</i>)	In meadow areas	Summer	Andrew Oliver
Viper's Bugloss (<i>Echium vulgare</i>)	In meadow areas	Summer	Andrew Oliver
Yellow Rattle (<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>)	In meadow areas — hemiparasitic; suppresses grass	Summer	Andrew Oliver
Cranesbill (<i>Geranium</i> spp.)	Purple-blue — in meadow areas	Summer	Andrew Oliver

Dorney Lake ecology data — 2023

Record	Data	Source
Flora — Dorney Lake NCA	Over 350 types of flora identified around the lake	Lee (Grounds Manager), DPN 2023
Birds — Dorney Lake	140 separate bird species sighted	Lee (Grounds Manager), DPN 2023
Fish — Perch	60,000 Perch in the Lake (350 million gallons of water)	Lee (Grounds Manager), DPN 2023
Fish — Green Tench	72,000 Green Tench in the Lake	Lee (Grounds Manager), DPN 2023

Record	Data	Source
Parish flora — Peter Tyler legacy	400 species of trees, plants and shrubs identified in the parish	Peter Tyler legacy article, DPN 2023

2024 | Andrew Oliver — formal Nature Notes column

From 2024_combined.txt. Andrew Oliver writes in every issue. First year of a fully established regular column.

Birds — 2024

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Tawny Owl (<i>Strix aluco</i>)	Heard calling for almost an hour at 5am in Thames Water rewilding field. Heard several times that week by Olly and neighbour Theo. Plans to erect Tawny Owl boxes	Jan	Thames Water field, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Red Kite (<i>Milvus milvus</i>)	Roosts almost daily at top of Black Locust tree in neighbour's garden. Calls and follows Olly down the garden; fed liver and chicken carcasses. Trail camera footage confirmed. Kite couples fighting in the air over the garden in spring — possible mating ritual. Two perched on tall Poplar in autumn	Year-round	Dorney Reach (garden + neighbour's garden)	Andrew Oliver
Little Owl (<i>Athene noctua</i>)	Squirrel evicted from Little Owl box by Theo. Box upgraded with metalwork. Confirmed BREEDING: at least 2–3 chicks, heads bobbing in box entrance; strong healthy chick fledged. BTO contact via Theo confirms Little Owls are DECLINING in Bucks — successful	Spring	Dorney Reach (neighbour Theo's box)	Andrew Oliver

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	breeding here is heartening			
Barn Owl (<i>Tyto alba</i>)	Magnificent individual spotted stalking the Little Owl box — chicks probably too big to be taken by time spotted	Summer	Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Little Egret (<i>Egretta garzetta</i>)	On the Jubilee River — first time Olly had seen one there in 15 years. Theo says he often sees one on the Common near Boveney. Little Egrets started expanding range from France in the mid-1990s	Summer	Jubilee River + Dorney Common near Boveney	Andrew Oliver
Kingfisher (<i>Alcedo atthis</i>)	'Distinct flash of blue zooming over the murky Thames' on a dog walk	Autumn	River Thames, Dorney	Andrew Oliver
Hawfinch (<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>)	Identified by Merlin birdsong app during hedge laying — possible record	Winter	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Bullfinch (<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>)	Identified by Merlin during hedge laying	Winter	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Blackpoll Warbler (<i>Setophaga striata</i>)	Identified by Merlin during hedge laying — North American species, trans-Atlantic vagrant possible but uncertain	Winter	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Great Spotted Woodpecker (<i>Dendrocopos major</i>)	At bird feeders during hedge laying	Winter	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Ring-necked Parakeet (<i>Psittacula krameri</i>)	At bird feeders during hedge laying	Winter	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Wood Mouse (<i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i>)	Little Owl photographed feeding on Wood Mouse by Theo	Spring	Dorney Reach	Theo / Andrew Oliver

Amphibians — 2024

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Smooth Newt (Lissotriton vulgaris) or Palmate (L. helveticus)	Newts and Toads in garden pond; tiny newtlets and eggs attached under leaves. Young newt found in neighbour Theo's veg patch	~	Garden pond + neighbour's veg patch, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Toad (Bufo bufo)	Toads in garden pond	~	Garden pond, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver

Mammals — 2024

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Fox (Vulpes vulpes)	Nocturnal activity at back of garden on trail camera. Reports of two dead foxes on Dorney Common (concern raised by Peter Bowman)	Spring	Garden / Dorney Common	Andrew Oliver
Hedgehog (Erinaceus europaeus)	Flattened individual found on Huntercombe Lane South. UK numbers have halved in a decade — nationwide strategy launched. Irony: British hedgehogs introduced to New Zealand in the 1870s thriving at 2–8 per hectare, threatening native species there	Autumn	Huntercombe Lane South	Andrew Oliver
Beaver (Castor fiber)	~2,000 wild beavers in Forth and Tay catchments (Scotland). Hope expressed for wild releases in South Bucks — 'Beavers frolicking in the Jubilee River in my lifetime'	~	Aberfeldy, Scotland (observation)	Andrew Oliver

Habitats and conservation — 2024

Record	Notes	Source
Dorney Lake wildflowers	Small area at Dorney Lake given over to wildflowers — initial establishment stage; bordered by cottage garden species alongside native wildflowers. Encouraging development	Andrew Oliver
Bat DNA research	Researcher Hannah conducting DNA analysis of bat droppings over 3 nights — to reveal exact bat species, insect species population and other species nearby. Results pending	Andrew Oliver
Glyphosate / Bucks Council	Bucks Council spraying pavements with glyphosate, toxic to aquatic life. Olly campaigned against it. Monsanto settled 100,000+ Roundup lawsuits (\$11bn by May 2022)	Andrew Oliver
Thames Water rewilding field	Insect house erected. Most trees planted 2021 did not survive 2022 summer drought. Concerns about succession to closed-canopy woodland without management. Some deer impact noted	Andrew Oliver
Hedge laying	Maple, Hawthorn and Dog Rose hedge laid using traditional techniques — creates livestock-proof barrier and dense nesting habitat for Blackbirds, Wrens, Robins and Dunnocks	Andrew Oliver
Boveney Court Farm	Suggestion that Eton College could rewild Boveney Court Farm rather than develop housing, using new natural capital incentives	Andrew Oliver

2025 | Andrew Oliver — ‘Wild Dorney’ Nature Notes column (intermittent)

Columns for February, April, June, September and November 2025, plus a December Thames Water rewilding update. No standard column in May, July or October. Records below are Andrew Oliver’s unless otherwise noted; neighbour Theo, Kristina Perkins, Louise Whaley and Virginia Sylvester contribute observations. Non-parish records (e.g. Cairngorms, Embercombe in Devon) are marked by location.

Birds — 2025

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Smew (<i>Mergellus albellus</i>)	Theo saw one up by the Jubilee — a first for Olly	Jan/Feb	Jubilee River	Theo / Andrew Oliver
Green Woodpecker (<i>Picus viridis</i>)	On the lawn, seen simultaneously with a Great Spotted Woodpecker	Jan	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Great Spotted Woodpecker (<i>Dendrocopos major</i>)	On the birch tree, simultaneous with the Green Woodpecker	Jan	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Tawny Owl (<i>Strix aluco</i>)	Heard just before Christmas	Dec 2024/Jan 2025	Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Red Kite (<i>Milvus milvus</i>)	Roosting in the tree above the garden; fed Gressingham duck livers over the festive period; Merlin never registers their call	Jan	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Garden-bird suite	January Merlin survey: Robin, Starling, Blue/Great/Coal/L ong-tailed Tit, Song Thrush, Magpie, Jackdaw, Chiffchaff, Crow, Dunnock, Goldfinch, Blackbird, Redwing, Wren, House Sparrow, Rook, Ring-necked Parakeet	Jan	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Kingfisher / Lesser Black-backed Gull / Heron	Picked up by Merlin, presumed flying over or nearby	Jan	Dorney Reach (overhead)	Andrew Oliver
Little Owl (<i>Athene noctua</i>)	Pair preparing for nesting season (Theo’s photo); a Ring-necked	Apr (early Mar)	Marsh Lane box	Theo / Andrew Oliver

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	Parakeet also seen checking out the box			
Spring garden suite	Red Kites in attendance, plus Pheasant, Robin, Song Thrush, Blackbird and assorted tits and finches on a fine early-spring day	Apr	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Merlin spring highlights	Chiffchaff, Redwing, Linnet, Siskin, Blackcap, Goldcrest, Firecrest, Skylark, and Great Spotted and Green Woodpecker	Apr	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Barn Owl (<i>Tyto alba</i>)	Kristina Perkins regularly sees Barn Owls on Dorney Common	Jun	Dorney Common	Kristina Perkins / Andrew Oliver
Common Redstart (<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>)	Kristina's Merlin picked them up on the Common; the next week Olly recorded them in his garden for the first time	Jun	Dorney Common + garden	Andrew Oliver
Short-eared Owl (<i>Asio flammeus</i>)	Merlin record in the garden — no evidence for years	Jun	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Common Reed Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>)	New to Olly; on a towpath walk about 30 minutes south	Jun	Thames towpath	Andrew Oliver
Little Owl (<i>Athene noctua</i>)	Breeding again in the Marsh Lane box: at least 2 eggs, then 2 chicks. A cat appeared on the webcam, prompting alarm calls from inside the box. Later ringed (see Sep)	Spring–Jun	Marsh Lane box	Andrew Oliver
Buzzard (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	Probable juvenile heard and twice seen on towpath walks; once roosting within 5	Autumn	Thames towpath	Andrew Oliver

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	m; likely from a Bray-side nest			
Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis)	Turquoise flash across the Thames, twice	Autumn	River Thames	Andrew Oliver

Mammals — 2025

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Eurasian Lynx (Lynx lynx)	National news, not local: four illegally released then recaptured in the Cairngorms near Kingussie; one died. Olly supports legal, community-backed reintroduction to help control Roe Deer	Feb	Cairngorms, Scotland	Andrew Oliver
Eurasian Beaver (Castor fiber)	National news: UK government approved a licence to release Beavers into the wild in England. ~500 already in English enclosures/releases (e.g. River Otter, Devon); two Tay beavers translocated to Little Sea, Purbeck. Olly has contacted BBOWT about a possible local release and hopes for Beavers on the Jubilee River	Apr	England (hoped-for Jubilee River)	Andrew Oliver
Roe Deer (Capreolus capreolus)	Four met on Harcourt Road one Friday night, unfazed by van headlights; UK deer numbers continue to rise	Apr	Harcourt Road, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Deer (sp.)	New Parish Council wildlife sign on Marsh Lane beyond Dorney Lake	Dec	Marsh Lane	Parish Council / Andrew Oliver

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	warns drivers of frequent deer			
Soprano Pipistrelle (<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>)	Healthy: a few in Olly's box, up to 12 in Theo's, 20–30 (down from a peak of 170) in the eaves maternity roost	Sep	Harcourt Road, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)	Theo filmed three adults at the bottom of the gardens; likely predating hedgehogs; local population may have risen after M4 'smart' motorway displacement	Sep	Dorney Reach gardens	Theo / Andrew Oliver
Hedgehog (<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>)	Decline: no Dorney sightings on the Big Hedgehog Map; none seen alive since 2008; Theo's footage ceased ~2014; tracking tunnels acquired; remains likely from Badger predation (Virginia Sylvester)	Jun/Sep	Dorney parish	Andrew Oliver
Dormouse (<i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>)	Adult seen — a first for Olly	Nov	Embercombe, Devon	Andrew Oliver
Noctule (<i>Nyctalus noctula</i>)	Recorded — new to Olly	Nov	Embercombe, Devon	Andrew Oliver

Invertebrates (butterflies & moths) — 2025

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Large White (<i>Pieris brassicae</i>)	Among the first butterflies of the year	Apr (early Mar)	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Red Admiral (<i>Vanessa atalanta</i>)	Among the first butterflies of the year	Apr (early Mar)	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Comma (<i>Polygonia c-album</i>)	Two — among the first butterflies of the year	Apr (early Mar)	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Bumblebee (<i>Bombus</i> sp.)	First (large) bumblebees of the year	Apr (early Mar)	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Ladybird (Coccinellidae)	First of the year	Apr (early Mar)	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Gatekeeper (Pyronia tithonus)	20+ most days, addicted to wild marjoram	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Small White (Pieris rapae)	Abundant	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Red Admiral (Vanessa atalanta)	Occasional	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Peacock (Aglais io)	Occasional	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Large White (Pieris brassicae)	Occasional	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Brimstone (Gonepteryx rhamni)	Occasional	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Comma (Polygonia c-album)	Occasional	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Speckled Wood (Pararge aegeria)	On the Thames towpath	Summer	Thames towpath	Andrew Oliver
Jersey Tiger moth (Euplagia quadripunctaria)	On the towpath and on Louise Whaley's front door	Summer	Dorney Reach / towpath	Andrew Oliver
Hummingbird Hawk-moth (Macroglossum stellatarum)	Fed on the buddleia for around twenty minutes	Summer	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver

Fungi — 2025

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Field Bird's-nest Fungus (Cyathus olla)	New to Olly	Nov	Embercombe, Devon	Andrew Oliver

Habitats and conservation — 2025

Record	Notes	Source
BTO Little Owl ringing	Bisham Barn Owl Group ringers (Paul) ringed two Little Owl chicks at the Marsh Lane box in June; they had just had their best-ever Barn Owl fledging year, while every other Little Owl nest they monitor failed	Andrew Oliver / BTO
Thames Water rewilding field	Worm-rich foraging habitat credited with helping Little Owls thrive (Paul, BTO); landowners urged to manage soils	Andrew Oliver

Record	Notes	Source
	regeneratively to support invertebrate prey	
Hedgehog initiative	Olly and Louise Whaley plan to engage the community to encourage, save or reintroduce hedgehogs; tracking tunnels deployed	Andrew Oliver
Cat predation	Cats estimated to kill ~27 million birds and up to 200 million animals/year in the UK; bell or 'BirdSafe' collars and keeping cats in at dawn and dusk recommended	Andrew Oliver
Big Butterfly Count	App promoted for monitoring butterfly populations	Andrew Oliver
Embercombe rewilding project	Devon visit yielding several species new to Olly (Dormouse, Cyathus olla, Noctule)	Andrew Oliver
Thames Water Borehole Field (Marsh Lane rewilding field)	Biodiversity-enhancement tender to appoint a principal contractor; ~half the field to be left as scrub/regenerating trees, the rest hay meadow, with brash/dead-hedge piles. Trained ecologist as clerk of works with reptile method statement and Reasonable Avoidance Method Statement; habitat hand-searched for reptiles before works (done before hibernation, under watching brief). Fly-tipping cleared and a new gate fitted at the Dorney Reach Road entrance; biodegradable (non-plastic) tree guards, full litter-pick to follow. Community engagement to come	Andrew Oliver / Thames Water

2026 | Andrew Oliver — 'Wild Dorney' Nature Notes column

Columns for February, April and June 2026 (June from a pre-publication draft). No column in March or May. Non-parish records (Marlow, Rome) are marked by location.

Birds — 2026

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Buzzard (Buteo buteo)	Two or three circling overhead; likely responsible for a dismembered pigeon carcass	Feb	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus)	Possible alternative culprit for the pigeon; also on the Merlin survey list	Feb	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver
Red Kite (Milvus milvus)	Likely dropped a partial Muntjac head and a headless rat into the garden	Feb	Garden / Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver
Festive Merlin survey suite	Bird diversity 'as wide as it's ever been': Meadow Pipit, Jackdaw, Blackbird, Magpie, Redwing, Robin, Siskin, Chiffchaff, Pheasant, Wren, Blackcap, Coal Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Goldcrest, Carrion Crow, Redpoll, Starling, House Sparrow, Raven, Kestrel, Rook, Goldfinch, Dunnock, Parakeets, Red Kite, Song Thrush, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Cetti's Warbler, Peregrine, Buzzard, Greenfinch, Fieldfare, Firecrest, Barn Owl, Treecreeper, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Bullfinch, Skylark	Feb (Dec festive)	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver
Merlin misfires	Improbable records of Western Tanager, Great-tailed Grackle and Allen's Hummingbird on Christmas Day — app error	Feb	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver
Marsh Tit (Poecile palustris)	First record in the rewilding field, via Merlin — red-listed, declined over 80% since the 1960s;	Apr	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
	favours mature deciduous habitat			
Little Owl (<i>Athene noctua</i>)	Theo's camera caught one inspecting last year's box; later only briefly visited before moving on — no successful nesting this year	Apr/Jun	Marsh Lane box	Theo / Andrew Oliver
Common Redstart (<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>)	Much Merlin evidence in spring, though Olly has yet to actually see one	Jun	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver
Warbler suite	Spring Merlin surveys: Garden, Willow, Cetti's and Sedge Warblers plus Greater Whitethroat, Blackcap, Firecrest, Goldcrest and Chiffchaff — nearly two-thirds of the UK's warbler species; Chiffchaff sings constantly from power cables along the field edge	Jun	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver
Rose-ringed Parakeet (<i>Psittacula krameri</i>)	Recognised from their boisterous calls in the Villa Borghese	Apr	Rome, Italy	Andrew Oliver
Monk Parakeet (<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>)	Heard via Merlin — new to Olly	Apr	Rome, Italy	Andrew Oliver

Mammals — 2026

Species	Notes	Month	Location	Source
Pine Marten (<i>Martes martes</i>)	Dead male found in a Marlow hedge and posted to the Wild Marlow Facebook group (experts fairly convinced of ID); no evidence of Pine Martens in Buckinghamshire since functional	Apr	Marlow, Bucks	Wild Marlow group / Andrew Oliver

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	extinction in England ~1900; possibly a lone release. Can benefit Red Squirrels by predating less-wary non-native Greys			
Soprano Pipistrelle (Pipistrellus pygmaeus)	Had not returned to the usual box and soffit roosts by spring; Peter Bowman photographed one emerging from his roof — possible overwintering site	Apr	Harcourt Road + Peter Bowman's roof	Andrew Oliver
Badger (Meles meles)	A square metre of fur strewn across the Thames Water field in December (no carcass) — winter mortality	Feb	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver
Muntjac (Muntiacus reevesi)	Partial head found in the garden, likely dropped by a Kite	Feb	Garden, Dorney Reach	Andrew Oliver
Deer (sp.)	Bones found by the dogs	Feb	Thames Water field	Andrew Oliver

Habitats and conservation — 2026

Record	Notes	Source
Thames Water rewilding field	Now under tractor/mechanical management creating open spaces; Olly initially shocked but appreciates the contrasting management and habitat mosaic. Chopped-up 'biodegradable' tree guards strewn across the grassland — clean-up resolved	Andrew Oliver
Owl box programme	More boxes installed with the BTO's Paul: original off Marsh Lane, one at the Thames Water field edge, two at Barge Farm (permission via Julia and her husband), and a Tawny Owl box in the large Black Locust in neighbour Adam's garden, planted by the late Ralph Liney	Andrew Oliver / BTO
Hedge-trimming / nesting season	Annual reminder to finish hedge trimming before 1 March;	Andrew Oliver

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	nesting season runs 1 March–31 August; disturbing an active nest is against the law	
Blackthorn blossom	Spectacular in the rewilding field; provides understorey for deciduous-woodland species such as Marsh Tit	Andrew Oliver
Water industry / Thames pollution	Channel 4's 'Dirty Business' exposé; England the only nation with a fully privatised water industry; over £145 billion extracted since 1989 amid underinvestment; sewagemap.co.uk cited; both Olly's sons occasionally ill after kayaking the Thames at Hurley and Boulton Lock	Andrew Oliver
Beaver reintroduction (flood mitigation)	Proposed for the Thames valley and Jubilee River: dams slow flows and wetlands store/release water like a sponge, reducing peak discharge. Wild populations growing in Kent, Somerset and the Cotswolds; Natural England wild-release licences now available	Andrew Oliver
Flood risk	Harcourt Road sits on the floodplain (no insurer would initially offer flood cover); climate change expected to worsen frequency and unpredictability	Andrew Oliver
Global nature decline & recovery (Attenborough centenary)	Monitored wildlife populations down 73% on average; Tigers 100,000 (1900) → 5,574; North Atlantic Right Whales → 372; Sumatran Orangutans down >80%. Recoveries: Humpback Whales to 135,000; European Bison 54 → 7,000+; Eurasian Beavers 1,200 → 1.5 million	Andrew Oliver

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