

U3A Flora & Fauna Group 2018 recordings

13 March 2018 – Freeman's Marsh, Hungerford

Plants (in flower)	daisy, dandelion, celandine, hairy bittercress, colt's-foot, common whitlow-grass, common field speedwell, common chickweed
Trees/shrubs (in flower)	catkins - Italian Alder, Common Alder, Goat (pussy) Willow
Birds	(seen) robin, goldfinch, greenfinch, woodpigeon, blackbird, long-tailed tit, mallard, little egret, moorhen, red kite, dunnoek, blue tit, magpie, carrion crow, chaffinch, buzzard, pied wagtail, grey wagtail (heard) coot, great tit, skylark, green woodpecker
Other	brown trout grey squirrel

10 April 2018 – Ramsbury – village, nature reserve and river Kennet

Plants (in flower)	Shepherd's purse, common whitlow grass, brunnera macrophylla (aka Siberian bugloss or great forget-me-not), hairy bittercress, ivy-leaved speedwell, common mouse-ear, dandelion, wild strawberry, early dog violet, lesser celandine, red deadnettle, groundsel, garden yellow-archangel, primrose, daisy, green alkanet, sweet violet, marsh marigold, periwinkle, cow parsley, butterburr, white deadnettle, dog's mercury, greater pond sedge, annual meadow grass
Trees/shrubs (in flower)	wild cherry, blackthorn
Birds	(seen) collared dove, rook, greenfinch, robin, woodpigeon, great tit, blackbird, mallard, coot, pheasant, moorhen, chaffinch, pied wagtail. (heard) nuthatch, goldfinch, wren, chiff chaff.
Other	brown trout banded snails

8 May 2018 – Ramsbury (sports ground car park, Mill Lane and river Kennet)

Plants (in flower)	Creeping Buttercup, Ribwort Plantain, Groundsel, Wall Speedwell, Common Field-speedwell, Common Mouse-ear, Sticky Mouse-ear, Annual Meadow-grass, Daisy, Cut-leaved Crane's-bill, Shepherd's-purse, Cow Parsley, Greater Stitchwort, Wood Forget-me-not, Common Vetch, Cleavers, Herb-Robert, Field Forget-me-not, White Dead-nettle, Garlic Mustard, Ground-ivy, Barren Brome, Meadow Foxtail, Lords-and-Ladies, Wild Strawberry, Hawthorn, Common Fumitory, Hybrid Bluebell, Green Alkanet, Greater Celandine, Lesser Pond-sedge, Common Comfrey, Marsh-marigold, Creeping Comfrey, Fringecups, Red Currant, Cowslip, Glaucous Sedge, Garden Lady's-mantle, Bulbous
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	Buttercup, Thale Cress, Thyme-leaved Speedwell, Germander Speedwell, Dandelion.
Trees/shrubs (in flower)	Guelder-rose, Field Maple, Pedunculate Oak, Bird Cherry (2 trees in flower, roadside planting), Horse-chestnut, Sycamore, Wayfaring-tree
Birds	House sparrow, Rook, Magpie, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Robin, Blackbird, Pheasant, Wood Pigeon, Blackcap, Willow Warbler, Chiffchaff, Swallow, Kestrel, Cormorant, Mallard
Other	Large White Butterfly, Speckled wood, Orange tip, Brimstone, Buff-tailed bumble bee, Honey bee Black caterpillar (with gold dots down each side) Slow-worm

12 June 2018 – Morgan's Hill, Calne

Plants (in flower)	Creeping buttercup, daisy, silverweed, stinging nettle, yellow rattle, bird's-foot trefoil, germander speedwell, dandelion, red campion, rock rose, greater knapweed, welshed thistle, scabious bramble, common mouse-ear, black medick, red clover, white clover, fairy flax, lady's bedstraw, rough hawkbit, sheep's sorrel, wild thyme, wild mignonette, hoary plantain, herb robert, ox-eye daisy, mouse-eared hawkweed, goat's beard, salad burnet, meadow crane's-bill, hogweed, ragwort, ribwort plantain, wild carrot, black bryony, chalk milkwort, cleavers, bittersweet, hedge crane's-bill, small flowered crane's-bill, orchids - common spotted, fragrant, lesser butterfly, pyramidal, twayblade grasses – many including meadow, quaking, crested hair, crested dog's-tail
Trees/shrubs	Wayfaring-tree, elderflower, common privet, hawthorn, juniper (berries)
Birds	<i>seen</i> - swifts, yellowhammer, blackbird, kestrel, gull, crow, chaffinch, pied wagtail, buzzard <i>heard</i> - chiff chaff, green woodpecker, greenfinch, meadow pipit
Other	<i>butterflies</i> – marsh fritillary, common blue, red admiral, meadow brown, speckled wood, small heath, large skipper Six-spot burnet moth, Mother Shipton moth Oedemera nobilis (false oil beetle), solitary bees, bluebottle fly Dexter cattle

10 July 2018 – Stroud's Hill, Chiseldon

Plants (in flower)	groundsel, sun spurge, smooth sowthistle, creeping cinquefoil, daisy, Autumn hawkbit, field bindweed, hairy bindweed, bramble, knotgrass, stinging nettle, nipplewort, goose grass/cleavers, herb robert, hedge woundwort, creeping buttercup, wood avens, wood dock, enchanter's nightshade, hogweed, ground elder, meadowsweet, common comfrey, purple loosestrife, marsh woundwort, broad-leaved dock, yellow water iris, great willowherb, red campion, white clover, rough chervil, common ragwort, self-heal, spear thistle, creeping thistle, meadow buttercup, water forget-me-not
Trees/shrubs (in flower)	elderflower
Birds	(<i>seen</i>) buzzard, woodpigeon, blue tit, blackbird, robin, magpie (<i>heard</i>) blackcap, wren, chaffinch
Other	copse snail (<i>other plants</i>) soft shield fern, hart's tongue fern, male fern, pendulous sedge (<i>insects</i>) buff-tailed bumblebee, hawker dragonfly (<i>butterflies</i>) common blue, large white, meadow brown, green veined white, brimstone, small blue

14 August 2018 – Barbury Castle

Plants (in flower)	stinging nettles, gorse, pineapple weed, meadow crane's bill, bird's foot trefoil, meadow buttercup, red bartsia, hoary plantain, knotgrass, creeping thistle, white clover, cat's tail grass, spear thistle, red clover, pignut, stemless thistle, ladies bedstraw, small scabious, wild thyme, yarrow, wild carrot, common knapweed, harebell, devil's bit scabious, restharrow, yellow rattle, ragwort <i>field margin plants</i> – phacelia <i>tanacetifolia</i> (<i>blue</i>), flax (<i>white</i>), perennial sowthistle (<i>yellow</i>)
Trees/shrubs	(berries) wayfaring, Swedish whitebeam, hawthorn, elder, alder buckthorn
Birds	kestrel, red kite, buzzards, swallows, corn buntings, wood pigeon, gulls, raven, meadow pipit
Other	(<i>butterflies</i>) large white, small white, meadow brown, common blue (<i>insects</i>) meadow grasshopper, bumble bees, frog, banded snail

11 September 2018 – Lower Denford, Hungerford Common

Plants (in flower)	orange balsam, greater bindweed, water mint, water forget-me-not, hemp agrimony, ragwort, wood avens, rough chervil, meadow buttercup, white deadnettle, ivy, herb robert, nipplewort, creeping thistle, purple loosestrife, marsh thistle, ribwort, common mouse-ear, red clover, greater willowherb, clustered dock, meadowsweet, common comfrey, perennial sowthistle, yarrow, water speedwell, autumn hawkbit, daisy, dandelion, stinging nettle, gipsywort, hedge bindweed, watercress, bittersweet, angelica, prickly sowthistle, greater plantain, amphibious bistort (<i>persicaria</i>), pineapple mayweed, mugwort, red deadnettle, bramble, knotgrass, common reed, reed sweetgrass, hard rush
Trees/shrubs	(<i>berries/seeds</i>) alder, blackberry, elderberry, hawthorn, beech nuts (beechmast), dog rose hips
Birds	(<i>seen</i>) red kite, mallards, Aylesbury duck, heron (2), mute swan + 3 cygnets, magpie, woodpigeon, buzzard, (<i>heard</i>) coot, Cetti's warbler, blackbird, wren, nuthatch
Other	(<i>insects</i>) meadow sweet plant gall (small midge), cranefly, wasp frog

9 October 2018 – West Woods, Lockeridge

Plants (in flower)	wood avens, herb robert, bramble, broad-leaved willowherb, thyme-leaved speedwell, wild angelica, ragwort, groundsel, knotgrass																										
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13 November 2018 – Cobb's (Hungerford) to Brick Kiln Copse

Plants (in flower)	yarrow, ragwort, hogweed, groundsel, charlock, autumn hawkbit, clematis vitalba (old man's beard), burnet saxifrage, dandelion, sweet dog violet, scentless mayweed, red campion, shepherd's purse, smooth hawk's-beard, daisy, common field speedwell
Birds	<i>(seen or heard)</i> red kite, buzzard, robin, wren, blackbird, woodpigeon
Fungi	<i>(identification by Rosemary Davies)</i> lepista nuda (wood blewit), buttercup, mycena rosea (rosy bonnet), birch polypore, artist's bracket, stereum hirsutum (hairy curtain crust)
Other	grey squirrel