

BYSTOCK

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Summer 2018

Wildlife to see

Small-red damselflies can be found around the long ponds. Look for them resting on the surrounding vegetation (they are all red - thorax, abdomen and legs). Golden-ringed dragonflies, Keeled Skimmers, Emperors, Fourspotted chasers, Common Darters, Southern and Migrant hawkers will be on the wing along with Common Blue, Large Red, Azure damselflies and Beautiful Demoiselle.

Meadow Brown, Marbled White, Large and Small Skippers can be seen in and around the meadow along with small numbers of Silver-studded Blue butterflies. White admiral, Dark Green and Silver-washed Fritillaries, Comma, Gatekeeper and Ringlet will fly around the Copse and the edges of the meadow.

Nightjars will still be churring at dusk throughout July and into August. Look for them hawking over the open heath and the reservoir. When it's really dark, look for glow-worms in the meadow.

Bystock plays host to many bat species. Serotine and Noctule bats forage over pasture and can be observed at dusk in the meadow. Common and Soprano Pipistrelle bats can be found all over the reserve. Daubenton's bats tend to favour water bodies and skim over the surface picking up insects. Greater and Lesser Horseshoe bats have also been recorded on the site.

Management

The heathland management continues with scrub and bracken clearance which has resulted in large areas of heather regeneration.

The COUNTRYSIDE CODE, 2004 says that, BY LAW, you must CONTROL your DOG so that it DOES NOT DISTURB or SCARE WILDLIFE.





Small red damselfly



Round-leaved sundew



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White admiral

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