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Wildlife Trust

# Exmouth Local Group SPRING NEWSLETTER 2023



## Future events:

### TALK: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

#### Katie Wilkinson: 'Gardening for Wildlife'.

Katie is DWT's Wilder Communities Team leader, and this promises to be a fascinating talk. Find out how you can make your garden welcome for wildlife and why it's so important to take action for nature now. Come along to Glenorchy Hall, Exmouth for a 7.30pm start. Suggested donation £3. Refreshments provided.

### Walk-and-Talk: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March Lower Otter Restoration Project.

This walk from Lime Kiln car park in Budleigh Salterton will be a circular walk along the river up to White Bridge, then a circuit around the area north of South Farm Road and back. It is a flat, circular walk of about 3 miles and will take approximately 2 hours to complete. Email [ExmouthDWT@gmail.com](mailto:ExmouthDWT@gmail.com) if you would like to come.

### Walk-and-Talk events

Do you have a favourite local walk where you enjoy communing with nature?

We all tend to have regular walks close to where we live where we get to know the local flora and fauna. Would you be able to show us the way around your local walk? No expertise required! These walk-and-talk events are simply about enjoying a gentle stroll with like-minded people who also appreciate the local wildlife.

We are planning a more energetic and demanding walk on Woodbury Common in the early evening on Thursday 4 May, led by Lance.

### February Walk-and-Talk, Lypstone

Twenty people came to Lypstone on 11<sup>th</sup> February to explore the lanes and footpaths in the village. The tide was high when the walk started, so there weren't many birds on the estuary, but there were some interesting sightings, and some definite hints of spring.



*Earthstar Fungus*

We found this Earthstar Fungus, which is related to the puffball, in the hedgebank close to the estuary at Sowden End. Diane, who spotted it, thinks it is most likely the Collared Earthstar, *Geastrum triplex*, which is found in deciduous leaf litter.

The double snowdrop was seen in Cay Lane. It was among several hedgerow snowdrops we found. Possibly *Galanthus nivalis 'flore pleno'*.



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*Snowdrops*

On Church Path we came across these Hazel catkins. The tiny red female flowers are just visible at their base, and these will grow and develop over the coming weeks.



*Hazel catkins with female flowers*

Some participants stayed for lunch at the Swan Inn, and by the time we left there were curlew, oyster catchers, redshank, and shelduck on the forshore. This photograph was taken at Parsonage Style.



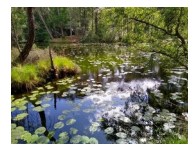
*Curlew*



*Black Tailed Godwit*

## **Notes from Bystock Reserve**

Your Bystock news is being sent out separately this month. It includes information on the work that the volunteers have been doing. There is also some information on what's happening in the reserve at the moment, and things to look out for in spring.



Follow [@DWT\\_ExmouthLG](https://twitter.com/DWT_ExmouthLG) on Twitter for more updates on nature at Bystock.

## **Exmouth's spectacular Green-winged orchids**

The Green-winged orchid meadows can be found next to the coast path from Exmouth to Sandy Bay at Orcombe Point, opposite the Geoneedle.

The National Trust is managing these unimproved grasslands for the benefit of the Green-winged orchid, *Anacamptis morio*. If you visit by between early April and late May you will be treated to a purple haze created by thousands of these rare orchids in bloom. The flowers display a wide variation in colour.



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**Green-winged orchid,**  
*Anacamptis morio.*

The species name, morio, is derived from the Greek word 'moros' meaning 'fool'. This refers to the colourful, green striped flowers; see inset (darker flowers tend to have greyish purple stripes).

## **2022 Quiz (Bird anagrams)**

The 2022 quiz was won by our Local Group Secretary, Mary Turner. Congratulations Mary, and we hope you enjoy spending your £20 prize!

If you would like to win £20 this year, our new quiz – 100 anagrams of butterflies and mammals – is available at Group meetings, or direct from Mike Tracey on 01395 260442 or

[mdclaredale@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mdclaredale@tiscali.co.uk)

There is a suggested donation of £1, but what you pay is up to you.

In the past we have published the results and answers on the Group's website, but this sadly no longer exists, so a copy of the 2022 answers is attached for your enlightenment!

## **Quiz answers 2022**

1. Armful (6) Fulmar
2. Gash (4) Shag.
3. One sage, B.O.! (4,5) Bean Goose
4. Lush deck (8) Shelduck
5. Loves her (8) Shoveler.
6. Mews (4) Smew
7. Dozy Hun Zebra (5,7) Honey Buzzard
8. Vet set Clover (6,6) Velvet Scoter
9. Eel gone, glad (6,5) Golden Eagle
10. Ram-hirer: rash! (5,7) Marsh Harrier
11. Green pier (9) Peregrine
12. Plaice, Claire? (12) Capercaillie
13. Rock crane (9). Corncrake
14. Wick battled sling (5-6,5) Black-winged Stilt
15. To cave (6) Avocet
16. Shirk pent vole (7,6) Kentish Plover
17. Wig plan (7) Lapwing
18. Trek: valid, braced, hot (5-8,5) Black-throated Diver
19. Grit eel belt (6,5) Little Grebe
20. St. Mick met St. Inn (8'1,5) Temminck's Stint..
21. Hear play, grope (4,9) Grey phalarope
22. I do wag lad, bitter (3-6,6) Bar-tailed Godwit
23. Dashed ports, Kent! (7,8) Spotted Redshank
24. Padre, pen singer (5,9) Green Sandpiper
25. Rack cut ISA (6,4) Arctic Skua
26. Err, pelt most (5,6) Storm Petrel
27. Tin Bert (7) Bittern
28. Food gone, skip toe (4-6,5) Pink-footed Goose
29. Dram all (7) Mallard.
30. Late (4) Teal



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31. Loud 'n' gated lick (4-6,4) Long-tailed Duck
32. Brassed, dare green term (3-8,9) Red-breasted Merganser
33. Guzzler barged dough (5-6,7) Rough-legged Buzzard
34. Ran her hire (3,7) Hen Harrier.
35. Sour greed (3,6) Red Grouse
36. Shape tan (8) Pheasant.
37. Home, Ron (7) Moorhen
38. Gin pit, told reveller (6,6,6) Little Ringed Plover
39. Grind lanes (10) Sanderling
40. Dig, rave, re thorn tern (5,8,5) Great Northern Diver
41. Green beck, lad, beck (5-6,5) Black-necked Grebe
42. I slander pup crew (6,9) Curlew Sandpiper
43. Pines (5) Snipe
44. Sent to run (9) Turnstone
45. Web I.D. - Dick Gala-Lott (5-6,6) Black-tailed Godwit
46. Hark! Send (8) Redshank
47. Wiped door span (4,9) Wood Sandpiper
48. A lion tusk glade (4-6,4) Long-tailed skua
49. Hell, cat peers (5'1,6). Leach's Petrel
50. Tin pail (7) Pintail
51. Get rilette (6,5) Little Egret
52. Food, not, e.g., wee shirt (5-7,5) White-fronted Goose
53. Ego win (6) Wigeon
54. Gang year (8) Garganey
55. Dee, log yen (9) Goldeneye
56. Rose and go (9) Goosander
57. Trek? Die! (3,4) Red Kite
58. Rams hear routing (7'1,7) Montagu's Harrier
59. Tramp gain (9) Ptarmigan
60. Re degraded girl, Peg T. (3-6,9) Red-legged Partridge
61. Tory chest care (13) Oystercatcher
62. Ron, peg drivell! (6,6) Ringed Plover
63. Tonk (4) Knot.
64. Reg, barge, deter sect (5,7,5) Great Crested Grebe
65. St. Lint, title (6,5) Little Stint
66. Preened paler, do hack (3-6,9) Red-necked Phalarope
67. Screw-on lute (5,6) Stone Curlew.
68. She ken Gran (10) Greenshank
69. Kate Sugar (5,4) Great Skua
70. Ten nag (6) Gannet
71. Henry Gore (4,5) Grey Heron
72. A cereal bog, son (8,5) Barnacle Goose
73. Chap, Rod (7) Pochard
74. Yo, reps (6) Osprey
75. Wash Park Row (11) Sparrowhawk
76. Trek, Les (7) Kestrel.
77. Cage? Lob rusk (5,6) Black Grouse
78. Trigger prayed (4,9) Grey Partridge
79. Rev. Glen D. Polo (6,6) Golden Plover
80. Nun lid (6) Dunlin
81. Gender creek bed (3-6,5) Red-necked Grebe
82. Mop pincers on dam (6,9) Common Sandpiper
83. Nags, bullies (6'1,4) Sabine's Gull
84. Cram or not (9) Cormorant
85. Tune swam (4,4) Mute Swan
86. Bong! Stereo (5,5) Brent Goose
87. As cup (5) Scaup
88. Gee, whale tail diet (5-6,5) White-tailed Eagle
89. Mr. Nile (6) Merlin
90. War rat lie (5,4) Water Rail
91. Reply grove (4,6) Grey Plover
92. Supple paper rind (6,9) Purple Sandpiper.
93. No bren, a vile gas (9,5) Slavonian Grebe
94. More Asia punk (8,4) Pomarine Skua
95. Wars? How open (7,4) Whooper Swan
96. Ada! Cage soon (6,5) Canada Goose
97. Tom's come - corn! (6,6) Common Scoter
98. Stoke pet card (7,5) Spotted Crake
99. Reed, dirt, raved hot (3-8,5) Red-throated Diver
100. Ben W. was sick (6'1,4) Bewick's Swan