



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A day trip by coach to WWT Arundel

Date: 6th March 2024
 Weather: Sunny
 Organizer: Jean Crawford

WWT Arundel is one of ten nature reserves managed by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, a nature conservation charity in the United Kingdom. The 65 acre reserve is situated at the foot of the steep Offham Hangar (or hill), part of the Arun valley in Arundel, West Sussex. Our day started with a boat safari, an electric boat glides effortlessly along channels surrounded by reeds. The trust holds a permanent collection of birds along with native and migrant birds taking refuge. We saw the two Dalmatian Pelicans and Common Scoter diving ducks being fed along with a pair of Bewick's Swans. The site benefits from natural ground water filtered by the layers of landscape. This high quality source allow Arundel's scrapes, reed beds and channels support a rich array of British wildlife. Eight wildlife hides provides close up views with perches and water right next to each hide. The Sand Martin hide has artificial nesting banks built in.

Our thanks to Jean for organizing this wonderful day out.

Birds	Birds cont	Flowering Plants	Others
Mute Swan	Mediterranean Gull	Primrose	Brown Rat
Greylag Goose	Common Gull	Daffodil	Red Admiral Butterfly
Canada Goose	Great Black-backed Gull	Marsh Marigold	
Sheldrick	Stock Dove		
Gadwall	Wood Pigeon		
Teal	Kingfisher		
Mallard	Green Woodpecker		
Shoveller	Jackdaw		
Pochard	Goldcrest		
Tufted Duck	Blue Tit		
Pheasant	Great Tit		
Cormorant	Coal Tit		
Marsh Harrier	Cetti's Warbler		
Sparrowhawk	Long-tailed Tit		
Buzzard	Chiffchaff		
Peregrine	Wren		
Water Rail	Starling		
Moorhen	Blackbird		
Coot	Robin		
Oystercatcher	Dunnock		
Lapwing	Grey Wagtail		
Snipe	Chaffinch		
Black-tailed Godwit	Goldfinch		
Black-headed Gull	Siskin		
Herring Gull			



Dalmatian Pelican at WWT Arundel Wetlands by Gerry Traves