

# Warwick Natural History Society

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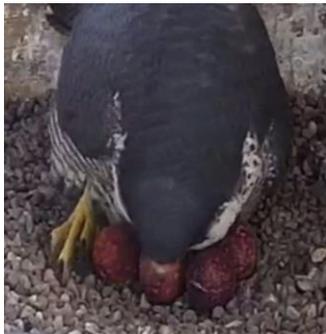
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*The pools in St. Nicholas Park are teeming with frogs at the moment.*  
24th March RT



A Holly Blue butterfly arrived in the garden this morning.  
24th March DR



### ***Leamington Town Hall Peregrine Falcons***

*They're back and the first egg was laid on 18th March. Four eggs had been laid by this afternoon and we now have a wait!*  
25th March MP

<https://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/peregrine>

A short visit to the Leam Valley reserve from the Radford Road entrance early one morning was a delight. The sun was warm, a thrush was foraging under a tree near the river while I could hear a distant woodpecker and chiff chaffs all over the place.



Blackthorn blossom provided a splash of colour among leafless trees and the delicate green growth of a nearby willow included catkins.

Trees of various hues, the quietly flowing river and tall reedbeds provided a peaceful oasis, even though close to the main road.

25th March FW



*Red kite spotted over Norton Lindsey yesterday and 2 Greenfinches on the feeders this morning – an unusual sight in our small garden.* 27th March LW

A self-seeded White Comfrey (*Symphytum orientale*) by the front door – better than any pot, although I might remove it before it self-seeds over the entire garden!



White violets spotted by the stream on a walk through the local fields.

28th March LW



28th March: A male Great Spotted Woodpecker enjoying the fat balls in our Kenilworth Garden. His drumming sounds heard for last couple of weeks and now a fairly regular visitor.

29th March SG

Some cowslips hiding in the grass on the edge of field where my grandson practised his football on Mothering Sunday.

30th March FW



*As well as our resident Blackbirds that are making a lot of noise in the garden at present, searching out old nest sites and chasing off any challengers, we seem to have been adopted by a Song thrush that is scooping up any seed left on the floor by the many Sparrows in the garden, digging up worms and rootling around in the borders.*

*What a delightful visitor!*

3rd April LW



*I was caught in a downpour today, the only bonus being the rainbow at the end...when I was nearly home!*

6th April LD

One of the 'Warwick Birding' group saw a Swallow over Warwick town centre today. Is that the first of the year in this area? In the park the first Willow warbler I heard singing was on the 4th April.      6th April      RT

*We passed these swans making essential amendments to their nest on the Worcester & Birmingham Canal near Hanbury Hall – it could get a little choppy when the narrow boats start coming past!*



*Walking back through the fields, these early Bluebells made an appearance in amongst the verdant undergrowth.*  
6th April      LW

The only Albatross believed to be living in the northern hemisphere has landed on the Yorkshire coast. The exiled wanderer from the South Atlantic was spotted at RSPB Bempton Cliffs. He was blown off course in 2014 and equatorial winds make it unlikely that it will ever return to its species' breeding grounds in the Falklands and South Georgia so it spends summers socialising with Gannet colonies at the nature reserve near Bridlington, Yorkshire.  
*(Daily Telegraph, 6th April)*

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