

RSPB Langford Lowfields – May 2018

We have had a good few hot days recently, which has meant our wildlife has settled in to shady areas to keep cool. However, we have had sightings of common crane, swift, grasshopper warbler, 8 avocets on a silt lagoon, singing blackcap, Cetti's warbler, chiffchaff, lesser whitethroat, sedge warbler & whitethroat. There has been some raucous activity from a black-headed gull colony, avocet, common tern and cuckoo plus 8 species of butterfly, bee-flies, alder flies, numerous hoverfly species and cowslips and cuckoo-flower in full bloom. There was also a female marsh harrier spotted on the reserve (picture 1 from the RSPB library) and a hobby hunting over the visitor trails (picture 2 from the RSPB library).



Excitingly we have had reported sightings of a turtle dove on the reserve – we used to get these but haven't seen any in quite a while. We are hoping that this means the return of this beautiful bird.

We are now selling bottled water and flapjack from the Beach Hut, when the Beach Hut is open please see the volunteer on site to buy some. We also have some bird boxes available – a suggested donation of £10.00 per box – made by one of our long term Langford volunteers, John. Call 01636 893611 if you are interested.

Forthcoming Events!

We are running our second event at Langford in July. This is a Butterflies & Wildflowers Guided Walk on **Saturday 7 July** 2018 10am-1pm. Our Site Manager, Joe, will be joined by an RSPB enthusiast in this subject and together they will lead you on a walk around the reserve identifying species.

This event can be booked (and payment made) via [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk). You should search for the name of the event in the UK. The prices are listed on the site. If you are unable to use Eventbrite, please contact 01636 893611.

There are visitor welcome volunteer roles still available – you don't have to be a bird expert to help out on the reserve, just be interested in the site and have a few hours to spare during the week or on a weekend. Get in touch if you feel you would like to discuss this further – 01636 893611.