



Dawn Chorus Walk - 5 May 2007

15 people braved an early start and assembled somewhat bleary-eyed at 6 am for a dawn chorus walk, led by Ed Drewitt from the Bristol City Museum. Ed - who was unnaturally bouncy for this early in the day - helped us to identify 18 species as follows:

Tesco waste ground

- Linnet

Savages Wood

- Black cap
- Blue tit
- Chiffchaff
- Great tit
- Long-tailed tit
- Magpie
- Shelduck (flying over)
- Stock dove
- Robin
- Woodpigeon
- Wren

Grassland/scrub next to school fence

- Dunnock
- Whitethroat - also heard in Webb's Wood
- Willow warbler

Three Brooks Lake

- Goldfinch
- Greenfinch in display flight
- Reed bunting (breeding pair)

Webb's Wood

- Chaffinch (Apparently the chaffinch usually joins in the dawn chorus late).

Many of us were introduced to species we had not seen before and we thoroughly enjoyed the walk.

After a well-deserved breakfast which was provided by the leisure centre, we then commenced our usual workday at 10am (it felt like lunchtime by then) which was wildflower planting on the Tump. On the top of the Tump, at the corner closest to the path up from the lake, we planted 300 wildflower plants obtained via a council grant. Species included were fleabane, oxeye daisy, meadow vetchling, wild carrot, black knapweed and small scabious. We watered them in by ferrying water from the stream up the Tump - who needs aerobics classes? Some welcome rain the following week meant that we didn't have to go back and do it again...