

Annual Report Nature Group Event's Organiser for April 11th 2026

The Nature Group organised Zoom lectures, two Distinction events, and a wide variety of field trips in the 2025-6 season. We continue to make use of the RPSNature website to display our events and for Members to upload their own images to galleries after events. News items are published on the RPS main pages after field trips which gives us exposure to all RPS members.

Zoom talks by Andrew McCarthy, Alison and Simon Jenkins, Ian Wilson, Marvin Biedermann and John Bulpitt were very enjoyable – if you missed any of these, recordings can be found from the Nature Group home page under Event Recordings. Advisory sessions were held by Zoom in August and January and were well supported.

We have run a number of Field trips since the last AGM (see below) and have many more planned. Thanks to Duncan Locke, Greg Lovett, Peter Ward, Bruce Kendrick, Ken Rasmussen and Matthew Farrugia who have led events for us. We ran three 2-day events with Members booking their own choice of accommodation. Some Members chose to do just one day of a double event but some stayed over (5 staying for the Fungi workshops, 5 staying in Hunstanton in December, 15 staying in the Ely area for the Wicken/Welney event and also having dinner together in the evenings). The outdoor Workshops on photographing Fungi at Santon Downham and Brandon in Suffolk were supported by several experienced photographers who generously shared their techniques. Single day events included Prestbury Hill, Rutland Water, Somerset Levels, Summer Leys, Lakenheath, RSPB Sandy etc,

Hopefully those attending have enjoyed the events, got the occasional pleasing image and made new friends. Galleries and News items can be found for most of the trips that we organise on the RPSnature.org website.

We are still looking for Volunteers to help organise events. It would be great if more members were willing to share their favourite locations – you do not have to be an expert in any field just have an enthusiasm for a locality and its wildlife.

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List of Field Meetings

Sunday 13 April 2025 Spring Wildlife on Salisbury Plain (Duncan Locke)

Sunday 27 April 2025 Potteric Car (Peter Ward)

Saturday 3 May 2025 Barnack Hills (Ann Miles)

Saturday 24 May 2025 Bonsai Bank and Denge Wood Kent (Julie Andrew)

Monday June 16th 2025 Attenborough Nature Reserve (Peter Ward)

Sunday May 25 2025 Rutland Water (Peter Ward)

Saturday 28 June 2025 Prestbury Hill Butterfly Conservation Reserve (Duncan Locke)

Wednesday 2 July 2025 RSPB Sandy Bedfordshire (Ann Miles)
Sunday 20 July 2025 Sharpenhoe Clappers Bedfordshire (Ann Miles)
Thursday 14 August 2025 Grafton Wood Butterfly Conservation Reserve Worcestershire (Duncan Locke)
Sunday 24 August 2025 Summer Leys Nature Reserve (Ann Miles)
Sunday 21st September RSPB Lakenheath (Ann Miles)
Monday 13 October 2025 Bradgate Park Leicestershire – Red Deer (Peter Ward)
Saturday 18 October 2025 Brandon Country Park Fungi Workshop (Ann Miles)
Sunday 19 October 2025 Santon Downham Fungi etc (Ann Miles)
Sunday 9 November 2025 Sandy RSPB Reserve for Fungi (Ann Miles)
Monday 1 December 2025 Ham Wall Starling Murmuration - postponed
Saturday 13 December 2025 Hunstanton Beach and Sunday 14 December 2025 RSPB Titchwell (Ann Miles and Peter Ward)
Monday 26 January Ham Wall Starling Murmuration (Greg Lovett)
Saturday February 21 and Sunday 22nd Wicken Fen and Welney weekend (Ann Miles)
Sunday 15 March Barnwell Country Park (Ann Miles)

***News Items for Past Field Trips**

<https://rps.org/search/?content=News&groups=e40858b3-8db8-480a-8c7d-8gd1e7f5cabf1> and enter
keywords News Nature in the search box

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