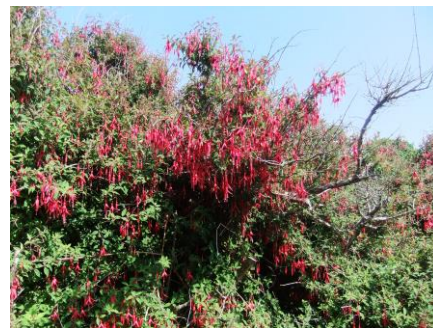


## Wildlife in a Rural Garden

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Larry and Elizabeth Doyle welcomed a large group of members to their lovely rural garden, where there was plenty of parking. It was a lovely warm sunny day. We started looking at the front garden which was very well presented with lots of flowers and shrubs. They have a feeding area for garden birds with a wire cover, which meant that the birds could feed without fear. When we turned the corner we were amazed to find a woodland path which wound through a mixed wood. Then we arrived at the biggest garden pond I've ever seen, there was a large dragonfly flitting around, landing on the vegetation and on the waterfall at the top end of the pond. Then Larry led us through the fields, down to a stream at the bottom of his land, and then to an old cemetery, also on his land, which had lots of birds, butterflies and lots of wildlife.



ID listing as follows:

BEES: *Bombus hortorum*, *B. lapidarius*, *B. leucorum* agg., *B. pratorum*

BUTTERFLIES: Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Speckled Wood.

ODONATA: Emperor Dragonfly, Blue-tailed Damselfly.

FUNGI: Dead man's Finger (TBC by Roy)

PLANTS: Short fruited Willowherb, Hoary Willowherb, Great Willowherb, Black Bindweed, Yarrow, Creeping Buttercup, Navelwort, Wild Oats, Wild Carrot, Creeping Thistle, Meadow Vetchling, Meadowsweet, Alexanders, Hogweed, Herb Robert, Groundsel, Pellitory-of-the-wall, Ivy, Cleavers, Common Ragwort, White Clover, Black Spleenwort, Hart's-tongue Fern, Soft Shield-fern. (I only have a [list](#) of the "wild" flowers which we saw in the [garden](#), fields and old graveyard).

BIRDS: Greenfinch, Swallow, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Rook, Wood Pigeon, Sandwich Tern, Wren, Feral Pigeon, Blackbird, Black-headed Gull, House Martin, Chiffchaff.