

WNFC Dawn Chorus



Wexford Naturalists Field Club hosted a Dawn Chorus in the Raven nature Reserve on the 15th of May. 32 people left the warmth and comfort of their beds to arrive at the meeting point for 4.30am. The sky was starting to light up with sunrise at 5.25am. One of the first birds to call was a Wood Pigeon. Dave Daly, our leader for the morning, took us down the main roadway into the wood, stopping and identifying the bird songs as we went along. 37 species of birds were identified by sound or sight, with a Red Squirrel seen hopping about in the trees. After we left the wood we walked up the road to Culleton's gap with a few more species of birds added to our list. On returning to our cars, 3 Red Squirrels were spotted in a tree basking in the sun, over-looking the car park. Our morning was rounded off with breakfast in Hotel Curraclloe. Many thanks, to our leader Dave Daly, for leading the walk.

Bird list: Wood Pigeon, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Sedge Warbler, House Sparrow, Robin, Wren, Blackcap, Goldcrest, Pheasant, Hooded Crow, Magpie, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Great Tit, Chaffinch, Moorhen, Crossbill, Meadow Pipit, Mute Swan, Coal Tit, Blue Tit, Jackdaw, Buzzard, White Throat, Swallow, Goldfinch, Rook, Greenfinch, Linnet, Starling, Collared Dove, House Martin, Stonechat, Mallard, Herring Gull and Dunnock.

Mammals: Red Squirrel.

Moths: Cinnabar.