

Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

No.	10	Title	Birds of Woodland in Spring	Date	Saturday 8th May 2010
No. of students	5-15	Start time	10am	Finish time	3-4pm
Leader	<p>Martin Allison RSPB- Area Manager. Martin is the RSPB's Wealden Heaths & Woodlands Manager, working on nature reserves across the South East, including Tudeley Woods. He has many years' experience of woodland and heathland wildlife, and an outstanding knowledge of Tudeley Woods and the Hadlow Estate.</p>				
Who should attend	<p>Those who wish to learn the songs of birds as well as be able to identify them by sight. The walk is also of interest to anyone with a love of the countryside in general.</p>				
Meeting place	<p>At the Tudeley Woods RSPB Reserve Car Park. From Tonbridge, along the A21 towards Pembury, turn left just before the Shell Garage, along the lane signposted to Capel, park about ¼ mile on the left. Map Ref TQ 616433</p>				
Other sites to be visited	None				
Programme	<p>We shall spend the day in and around the ancient woodland reserve, with its glades, large clearings, tracks and open rides and also either on the open heath, or on the surrounding Hadlow Estate, with hedgerow and farmland.</p> <p>The combination of habitats ensures a wide range of birds, with more than 50 species regularly recorded in spring. There is also a wealth of woodland flowers and insects.</p> <p>It will be necessary to take lunch with us, although there will be opportunities to return early should you need to do so.</p>				
Subjects to be covered	<p>We will concentrate on the songs and calls of birds of mixed woodland, heath and farmland. We will discuss how the woods and heaths are managed for their wildlife. Besides the birds, there is a chance to see many Spring flowers, including several species found in ancient woodland.</p>				
What to bring	<p>Binoculars, suitable clothing and footwear for the conditions (which might be wet!). Note book and pencil. The recommended field guide is Collins Bird Guide by Mullarney, Svensson, Zetterstrom & Grant. A picnic lunch.</p>				
Other information	<p>There are no toilet facilities or other buildings at this reserve. You will need to be reasonably fit as we cover a fair distance during the day, and some stretches of path are steep and rough in places. We are assured of an enjoyable and rewarding day, weather permitting.</p>				