

06/11/09 - Westborough Wildlife Watch, May 09



welcome once again to the monthly wildlife watch, May started out with reports of Slow-worm remains being found on some plots, Crows were suspected although one would imagine that they would take everything leaving nothing behind. Cats have also been known to take slow-worms and as there are at least two felines patrolling the site they are for me at least the prime culprits.

Also on a low note was the discovery of a deceased Hedgehog showing no signs of predation therefore the cause of death remains the subject of speculation.

the rest of the month however took an upturn as report reached me of a Fox sighting (apparently there were cubs on site last year), the discovery of Six sided burnets (a very attractive scarlet & black moth),many reports of live Slow-worms and the overflight of a Sparrowhawk. Mention must also be made of the still numerous Ladybirds (may they eat all the blackfly) and the many Bees that seem to be around, however the highlight of the month not only on site but nationwide was the sudden arrival of millions of painted lady butterflies having travelled from North Africa, the migration of these and other insects is well known

the surprise was the sheer volume of numbers reaching these shores when usually only a handful ever get here.

Anyway that about wraps up May, please keep reports coming in either by chatting in person or through the website because many eyes mean more sightings.

see you next month.