



PAISLEY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Hello again, After such a wet and miserable summer, the thought of what is in store for us this winter does not bear thinking about. However, your Committee has arranged a selection of speakers and events which will help to fill up a few of these cold and dark evenings.

Winter Programme

The winter programme has now been arranged and the meetings will continue to be held in Gallery 3 at Paisley Museum. The events until the end of this year are:

Thursday 4th September **Darren O'Brien** Wild Bird Photography

Thursday 2nd October **Norman Tait** A history of Natural History Photography

Thursday 6th November

Thursday 6th December **Christmas Social** Details will be given in the November issue of the Newsletter.

Forthcoming Outings

Sunday 23rd September - East Coast Bird Foray. contact Tom Byars (evening) 01294 466 393
Tom Byars will lead an outing to observe the autumn migration of rare passerines at various locations on the South East Coast. Meet at 9.00am at Cotton Street car park in Paisley.

Saturday 6th October – Fungus Foray at Chatelherault C.P. near Hamilton – see attached flyer

Saturday 13th October – Fungus Foray at SWT Loch Libo Nature Reserve – see attached flyer

Reports on Recent Outings

RSPB Inversnaid Reserve (April 2007)) An enthusiastic group of seventeen people set out on a brilliant, sunny morning to search the oak woodlands at Inversnaid for spring migrants. After a sail across the loch from Inveruglas in the Inversnaid Hotel boat, the group soon heard the liquid trilling of wood warblers at the edge of the West Highland Way. Around the many nest boxes attached to the trees, in an area managed by the RSPB, pied flycatchers were prospecting for nest sites and loudly declared their territories. Only one redstart was seen. While having a leisurely lunch we were treated to the flight songs of some tree pipits.

Wanlockhead (May 2007) Heavy early morning mists defied any sightings of dotterel but golden plover and red grouse were both heard and seen.

SWT Loch Libo Reserve (June 2007) Seven hardy members turned up on a really miserably wet afternoon for a walk around this interesting reserve. It rained all afternoon without a break and little was noted except for the unexpected sighting of a whooper swan on the loch.

Committee

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 7pm in the Bull Inn, Paisley on Thurs. 1st November 2007

T. Norman Tait