

Bird Watching Wey Meadows

Tuesday 16th June 2026

We began from New Haw Lock and walked along the canal. Robin had spotted a large rat while waiting for us!

It was peaceful strolling along the canal with Mallards, 2 Swans and 3 cygnets. Robin said, sadly there had been several more. Sparrows were flitting across the water catching the Mayflies. There was also a Moorhen with a tiny chick.

We also saw several Demoiselles around the foliage at the edges of the canal. This is what I found about them from the British Dragonfly Society: -

“Large metallic damselfly with fluttering, butterfly-like wings.

Male: metallic blue body with dark wings.

Female: metallic green-bronze body with translucent pale brown wings.”

Although we could not see them several birds were singing away in the hedgerow – Blackcaps, Song Thrushes and Wrens. We also heard the cry of a Buzzard and then did see one soaring above the trees. Two Jays were sitting on the path ahead of us.

At the edge of the Mill Pond lake were probably about 50 or so Canada Geese and one lone Greylag Goose.

We crossed under the railway bridge and walked through the Wey Meadows Mobile Home Park. It was interesting to compare the front gardens of two adjacent homes. One was full of pots with flowers and shrubs, while its neighbour had a strip of artificial turf in front of a border of granite chippings!

Out in the open fields flocks of Pigeons were grazing. There were two separate herds of cattle each with exceptionally fine specimens of bulls. They were enormous! A Red Kite was soaring above the trees in which we could hear, but not see, a Nuthatch. At the side of the fields, we spotted a Red Admiral butterfly. We were looking for Sand Martins in the sand quarry but only saw other hirundine. At another smaller lake, a troupe of Canada Geese and goslings were making their way down to the water. There was also a Grey Heron