

Report of sightings at the end of March 2020

A Westerhope member reports watching long tailed tits in her garden.

An Adder was seen warming itself in the sun at Slaley Hall

A Buff tailed Queen Bumble bee was seen in a garden and peewits, curlews, skylarks, oystercatchers and one golden plover on the moors.

Spring House saw their first Chiffchaff which was earlier than usual. Good weather responsible?

In a Hexhamshire garden, a female Blackbird has learned to hang on to the fat ball feeder but the male just stands on the water dish and stretches over. The Nuthatch, a regular visitor to the feeders, kept flying to the window – was it trying to tell the owner the feeder was empty?

Finally, an Owl box in a barn in Hexhamshire for over 10 years has never had an Owl until now. Jackdaws and Muscovy ducks have used the box in the past. When the Jackdaws came back in 2020 a camera was fitted – The camera captured over 200 images of Barn owls going backwards and forwards.

Wonderful stories, keep them coming.