

Birnie and Gaddon Lochs Nature Reserve, Fife: Report Tues 9th June

An enjoyable outing for a fine summer morning, which it mostly was since we were lucky to escape the heavy showers forecast and were able to enjoy a leisurely stroll in decent sunshine. We followed a circuit that took us on a good path round both lochs finishing up at the hide on Birnie loch shore. The location was new for some of us, not too far from Perth yet tucked away in the Fife countryside, a hidden gem, pleased to have discovered it. The verdant woods surrounding the lochs proved a haven for song birds, a notable sighting being greater whitethroats, heard as well as spotted flitting among the blossom-laden trees and shrubs lining the path. The lochs themselves were fairly quiet, not many waterfowl sightings, but good to see a mute swan family up close, parents and two healthy-looking cygnets, as well as plenty of mallard ducklings, nice to see them thriving so well here.

Think we're agreed that this location merits another visit in autumn/winter, a beautiful place to contemplate nature at any time of year.

Bird List:

Blackbird
Blackcap
Blue Tit
Bullfinch
Carrion Crow
Chaffinch
Coot
Dunnock
Garden warbler
Goldfinch
Great Tit
Greater Whitethroat
Jackdaw
Mallard
Mute Swan
Reed bunting
Robin
Rook
Siskin
Treecreeper
Wood Pigeon
Wren

