

# Warren Golf Club: Wildlife highlights August 2021

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Drier, cooler and cloudier than average, with a max temperature of 25C on the 26th and 7mm of rain on 21st.

## Birds

A highlight was a Wryneck around the 5th hole on the 24th. This, a type of woodpecker, is scarce autumn migrant from Scandinavia feeds on ants in short grasslands so the fairways and open areas are ideal for the species. Green Woodpecker feed in the same habitats and could be heard 'yaffling' across the course during the month.



Wryneck



Green Woodpecker

In the estuary a couple of Osprey sightings, over 1000 Oystercatcher now back for the winter, and the first returning Kingfisher sat on the bridge by the 18th tee.

## Moths

Moth trapping midmonth recorded 116 species including no less than eight new species for the Recording Area. These included the nationally scarce Horse Chestnut, a species that feeds on Heather. Other nationally scarce species included Narrow and Beautiful Groundling, both at their only south Devon site, and Hoary Knot-horn and Gorse Knot-horn.



Gorse Knot-horn



Narrow Groundling

Other species included Old Lady, Archer's Dart, Black Arches, August and Canary-shouldered Thorn, Magpie, The Herald, Pale Prominent, Sallow Kitten and both Elephant Hawkmoths.





Pale Prominent



Black Arches



Archer's Dart



Magpie

### Other records

Four colonies of the near-threatened orchid Autumn Lady's-tresses were found on the back nine, all benefiting from conservation mowing. Other finds this month include Slow-worm, Wasp Spider, Black Mining Bee, Golden-ringed Dragonfly with Common Darter breeding in the course ponds.



Autumn Lady's-tresses



Wasp Spider

Warren Golf Club is a finalist in the Golf Environment Awards Conservation Greenkeeper Team category. Congratulations to all involved for this national recognition of all their hard work.

If you see anything of interest whilst out on the course or have any wildlife queries please let Jon know or email [dawlish\\_warren@hotmail.com](mailto:dawlish_warren@hotmail.com)