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Wildlife News: Week 08 – February 26th 2010

Weather

Another week dominated by a complex stationary low pressure system bringing bands of rain, sleet, and snow across the country. However on 24th winds from the SW saw temperatures rise briefly to 10C Overall the average was only 6.1C, the year-to-date crept up to 4.9C and the last twelve months fell to 13.4C Rainfall was 22mm and there were three frost nights.

Spring.

Another week with few further signs of spring. The slightly warmer weather led to a mass of 18 frogs in my pond, and the second record of frogspawn from the region. Daffodil flower buds are now well clear of the leaves, but there is no sign of them opening. But Robins and Dunnocks and Chaffinches and Song Thrush are all in song, though I have yet to hear a Wren.

To Look out For this week,

if it gets any warmer, is the same as last week! Elm flowers, Barren Strawberry, Purple Plum, Corn Salad, Field Speedwell, Red Nettle and Celandine, the same as last week. The average temperature is four weeks behind what it was in 2008.

Crossbills.

There are apparently a number in the Wrington area this spring, and display has been seen. They are very early breeders.

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