

**Dawn Chorus Walk, Three Brooks LNR**  
**17 May 2008**

The walk was led by Rupert Higgins of the Wessex Ecological Trust.

Car park at leisure centre

Woodpigeon  
Goldfinch

Savage's Wood

Robin  
Great tit  
Blackbird  
Bluetit  
Blackcap – a rich song in short bursts.  
Dunnock  
Wren – often the most abundant woodland bird.  
Chiffchaff (a migrant from S.Europe/N.Africa)  
Jackdaw  
Song thrush (repeated phrases)  
Green woodpecker “yaffling” – Green woodpeckers do not drum – the greater spotted one does, earlier in the year.

Path from Savage's Wood to Tump

Greenfinch  
Whitethroat – a jumbled phrase. Whitethroats winter in the Sahel.  
(Both greenfinch and whitethroat will sing in flight)  
Mistle thrush harrying a sparrowhawk!  
Great spotted woodpecker  
Dunnock  
Bullfinch – a soft whistle  
Long-tailed tit

Tump

Blackcap  
Whitethroat  
Chiffchaff  
Crow  
Linnet  
Green woodpecker  
Skylark  
Swallows  
Willow warbler

Lake

Reed warbler  
Whitethroat

*26 species.*

### General information

99% of birdsong is from male birds warding off other males and/or attracting females.

The loudness of the song is often a good indicator of the bird's condition, as is its complexity – often becoming more complex with the bird's age.

Many birds e.g. blackbirds have regional “dialects”.

Blackbirds stop singing when raising a brood.