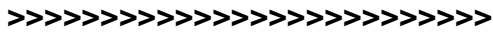






**BETH CHATTO'S GARDEN**

If anyone would like the chance to look at the insects and other wildlife of Beth Chatto's Garden with Chris, he is running a series of 'Meet the Wandering Naturalist' events (weather permitting!), the next on **1st September**, between 1100 and 1300. No need to book, just come to the garden (normal entry price applies) and ask at the Visitor Information Centre where he will be and when, and come along and find him!



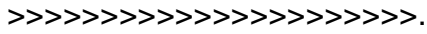
**WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO**

**WIVENHOE PARK – BATS AND TREES**

Great evening, finishing with breathtaking fly-pasts of bats.



[#WildEssexWalks – an evening with trees and bats in Wivenhoe Park | Chris Gibson Wildlife](#)



**GALLS**

As a taster for next month's newsletter, here is a gall on Oak. 'Ram's Horn'. Galls are such fascinating things!



**TALKS**

Chris has a large repertoire of fully illustrated presentations, all suitable for giving to clubs, groups etc, in person or by zoom. [Talks | Chris Gibson Wildlife](#) Do get in touch if you would like more details.

**NATURE NOTES**

Thanks to everyone for your contributions this month.



*Camouflage – gorgeous Hairy Shieldbug, its colours beautifully mimicking the flower, plus Spot the Frog...hard to find in his garden pond!*

A dear local friend was excited when she discovered this very rare and under-recorded insect in her kitchen – a Hornet Rove Beetle, which was verified by a national expert. A Red Data list species with only two other Essex records – and those far, far away in Epping Forest. Good spot!



*Hornet Rove Beetle which lives side-by-side ('commensal') with Hornets in their nests*

**Commensalism** is a long-term biological interaction ([symbiosis](#)) in which members of one species gain benefits while those of the other species neither benefit nor are harmed.

Have you ever thought about how plants attract insects in for pollination? Some use their glorious scents and obvious pollen resources, but others use 'trompe l'oiel' devices to get pollinators to drop in by appearing to have insects already on them. A good example of this is the humble and very common Wild Carrot, whilst other more exotic looking plants employ the same trick too...



*wild Carrot with a fake fly in the middle*



**BRINGING NATURE TO YOU**

We would be very happy to discuss any ideas you may have for a tailor-made nature experience. Perhaps advice on Rewilding your garden, a moth trapping evening or bespoke walk with a group of friends. General cost £5 per hour per person, usual minimum group of 3 or £15 per hour.

THIS MONTH – Visiting local garden to advise on wildlife



Widow Iris

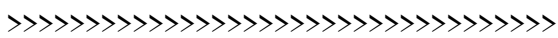


Bee Orchid

**HONEYGUIDE HOLIDAYS**

[Honeyguide wildlife holidays - Menorca](#)

Chris has been involved in leading holidays and day walks with this company for a number of years. You may be interested in this relaxing holiday 4 – 11 October? (book directly with Honeyguide)



The 'Three Bird' Toadflax – does this attract budgerigars we wonder ? 😊

**TRANSITION TOWN WIVENHOE**

For ideas about how you can help your local community, as well as hopefully the planet, get in touch with : 'transwiv@gmail.com' to receive their regular newsletter.

**AND FINALLY**

Butterfly quiz. If you have a few moments why not see how many you can score in this quiz from London Wildlife Trust.

[Butterfly ID quiz \(typeform.com\)](http://typeform.com)





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PLEASE KEEP SENDING US YOUR PHOTOS AND NATURE NOTES!

Special thanks this time to Val Appleyard, George McKissock, Sue Minta, Jane Read and Sue Ward

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Beth Chatto's garden looking good.....as usual!