

The Nature of Weir Wood

book by

The Friends of Weir Wood Society

We have produced this book to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of our society. It covers the nature of: the open water; the water's edge; the trees, woodland and hedges and the meadows. We also touch on: the geography and history of the site; the story of the society; a typical year of work; memories of the reserve and the creation of the reservoir. It is A5 sized and contains 150 pages richly illustrated with colour photographs taken at the reserve over the years. The nature we look at includes: birds; mammals; reptiles; butterflies and moths; dragon and damselflies; fish; flowers; fungi; plants and trees. We hope you will like it and will find it interesting.

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Please send your orders, cheques and questions to Tom - see below for contact details.

We have printed a limited number of books. They will go on general sale in the new year.

Best wishes

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The Nature of Weir Wood Reservoir



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Front Cover



This book marks the twenty fifth anniversary in 2021
of the founding of
The Friends of Weir Wood Society.

We work voluntarily to protect and improve the local
nature reserve and the wider site at Weir Wood.

In this book we look at the varied nature of: the open
water; the shore edges; the woodland; the hedges
and the meadows. We also touch on: the history of
the site; the creation of the reservoir; the start of our
society and the work that we do.

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Back Cover



Kingfishers



*Trail camera photo of a
Sparrowhawk taking a Kingfisher.*

Great Crested Grebe



Great Crested Grebes

This is the key species of the open water and was first recorded in 1955. They appeared soon after the reservoir was full. The first record of breeding was in 1959. Since 1963 they have bred nearly every year. The annual maximum count for the whole reservoir increased steadily and reached 100 in 1981. It has fluctuated around that ever since. Unless the reservoir is at a very low level more than 50 are frequently seen from the hide and viewing area which is the best place to watch them. During the nesting season there is often a nest visible from here too.

Great Crested Grebes breed on inland lakes all across the temperate zone from Ireland to Korea. They tend to stay put all year if they can. Their dancing displays in which they paddle upright, breast to breast and offer weed with synchronised head shaking is one of the classic

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Osprey



Great Northern Diver

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