

Great places to visit in Hertfordshire to see wildlife

Tewin Meadows near Welwyn Garden City



Report and photos by HNHS member and local wildlife photographer, Steve Chilton, who visited these lovely river meadows on **23 May 2009**.

A short walk around Tewin Meadows, along the river Mimram and up to Marden Hill is always rewarding. Grey Wagtails are often seen on the weir and

Kingfisher and Green Sandpiper are an occasional added bonus. Little Egrets are more frequently seen in the winter months but raptors such as Buzzard, Sparrowhawk and Red Kite are worth looking out for now. Jackdaws are abundant and Green Woodpeckers are usually heard if not seen.



This week I was surprised to find naturalised Purple Iris along the river bank.



Yellow Flag and Red Campion are now in flower too and the Buttercup meadows are starting to look really impressive.

There were dense carpets of Germander Speedwell in the partitioned fields leading up to Marden Hill.



The meadows are 'open access' land. Parking is limited but there are a few 'pull over' places near Warrengate Farm and Poplars Green on the B1000, north-east of Welwyn Garden City.

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