

## GENERAL / POLICY

- **Research needs for biodiversity** - a new agenda of research priorities with 7 broad themes (p.69). See: [www.ukbrag.org.uk](http://www.ukbrag.org.uk)
- **Changes to the Nitrates Directive** – could result in 70% England being classified as Nitrate Vulnerable Zones, currently 55% (p.69). See: [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/waterpollution-nitrates/consultation.pdf](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/waterpollution-nitrates/consultation.pdf)
- **Review of status of habitats and species listed in the EU Habitats Directive** – the JNCC needs further information from anyone with specialist knowledge. Initial results show that only 27% of the species and 6% of the habitats are in favourable conservation status (p.68). See: [www.jncc.gov.uk/article17](http://www.jncc.gov.uk/article17)
- **Habitats Regulation changes** – came into force in August 2007, updating the Conservation(Natural Habitats,etc.)Regulations 1994, particularly with regard to Protected Species (p.68). See: [www.naturalengland.org.uk/conservation/wildlife-management-licensing/habsregs.htm](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/conservation/wildlife-management-licensing/habsregs.htm)
- **Housing Green Paper** – if its recommendations are agreed, the ensuing policy will require the building of 3 million homes in England by 2020 (240,000 more than previously recommended). However, the proposals will require all new homes to be carbon neutral before 2016 and for adequate green space to be provided (p.67). See: [www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/homesforfuture](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/homesforfuture)
- **The CRow Act 2000 – summary of research commissioned to inform implementation** – terms of reference were to determine whether there is an impact on nature conservation from a statutory right of access. Based on observations for 7 species of birds (none in our area) but interesting nevertheless Results justify the need to manage access in some situations. Article (p.1-9) by R.Langston, A.Drewitt & D.Liley.

## SPECIES

- **Biological Globalisation, Bio-invasions & their impacts on nature, the economy & public health(2007) ISBN 978-90-5011-243-7** – “densely written. . . however, offers a useful stockpile for a much needed popular book on the way in which the world’s wildlife is being mixed up” (Peter Marren, p.74).
- **The National Bumblebee Nest Survey** - found that gardens are vital habitats for nesting bumblebees, containing the highest densities of nests (p.68). Osborne et al. in J.Applied Ecology 23/9/07.
- **Invasive plant species** – are, according to the construction organisation CIRIA, after habitat destruction, the second most important threat to UK’s native plants (p.68). See: [www.ciria.org](http://www.ciria.org)
- **Identification section** – Longhorn beetles of Br.Is. pt.2 by Richard Lewington (p.35)
- **Bird Atlas 2007-11** – still time to sign up for a tetrad! Winter field work began on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and continues to end February. Only 2 visits are required, ideally Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb. Email: [dawn.balmer@bto.org](mailto:dawn.balmer@bto.org) or phone 01842 750050.
- **2 unusual Wildlife reports:** photo of a dormouse on a bird feeder(p.45) and record of barn owl brood of eight chicks (p.49) !

## HABITATS

- **Garden Natural History(2007) Stefan Buczacki, NN Library** –“a detailed, considered & interesting read” (Richard Lewington, p.73).