

June 2026:

Bird Song has been tremendous this month. Along Palmer's Lane one morning in early May 13 different calls were heard - everything from **Chiffchaff** and **Wren** to **Nightingale** and **Wood Pigeon**.

The **Common Nightingale** is particularly evocative, very at home in heath and wood, it features in the new book by Robert McFarlane and Jackie Morris (*The Book of Birds*):

"Barley bird, will you parley with me? Can we sing a song together, a duet in the twilight? Me in my human voice, you in yours, each entwined with the other's? ...Your song's a flickering, liquid, ticker-taping trill; it's bubbles through an upturned bottle, a breathless, full-throttle poem of ebb and flow"

The Latin name is *Luscinia megarhynchos* - singer of laments with a large bill. Of course, the singing is all about finding a mate and producing a brood!

Please keep to pathways and keep dogs close to help them breed successfully. And be aware that Adders too are breeding and roaming across much WCLC land.



Common Nightingale