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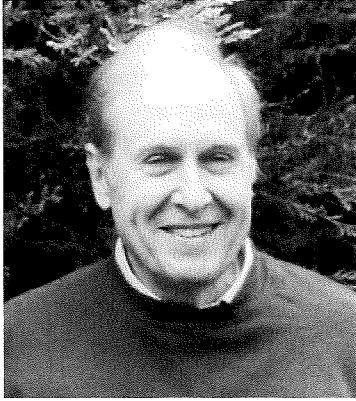
David Bellamy – Herring gulls – Epicormic growth
Woodland – Entomology – Micro-moths – Beavers – BioBlitz





Editorial

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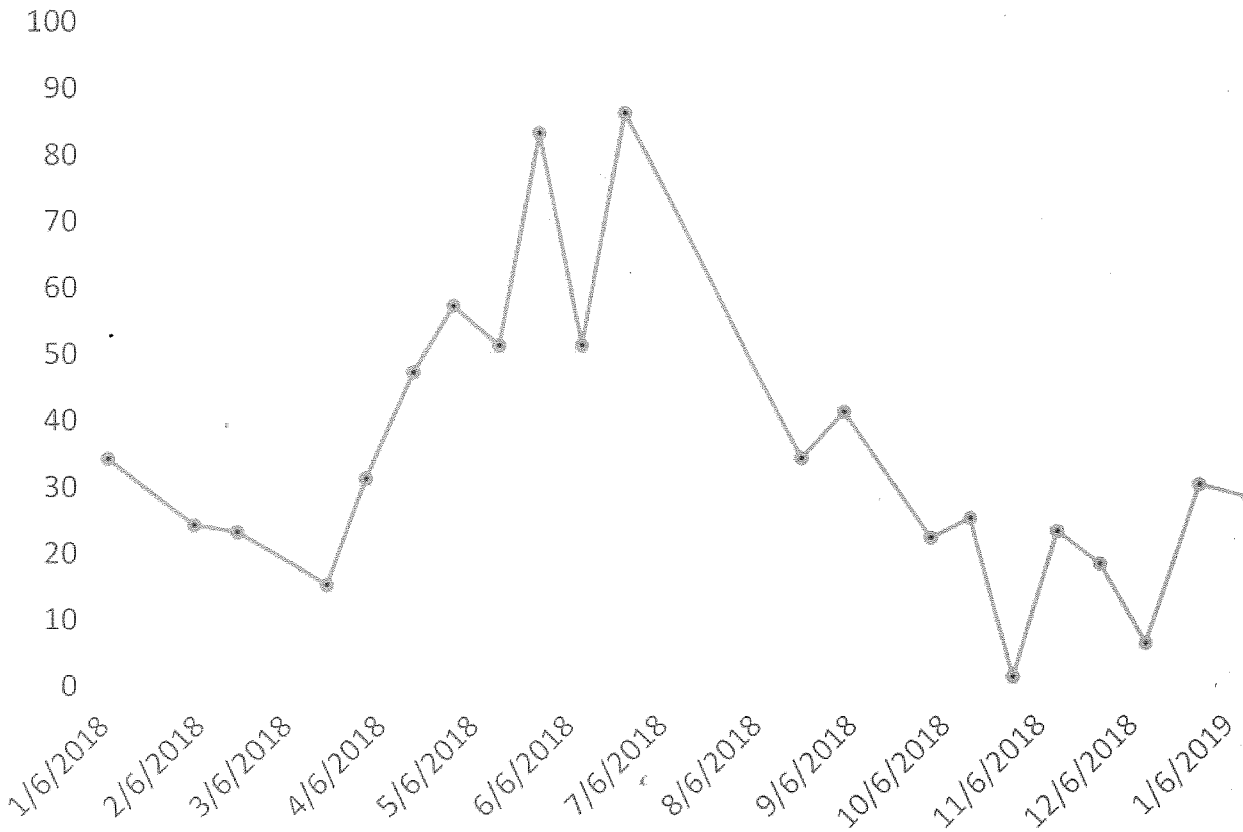
BNA has always been an organisation where the members matter as well as the wildlife they are passionate about. So it is fitting that in this issue there is an article about our former Hon. President David Bellamy, another about our new Hon. President Roger Tabor, and an obituary of our late Hon. Book Reviews Editor, Bryan Sage. There are articles too in this issue covering moths, invertebrates in general, trees, beavers and the herring gull. There is a poem inspired by a walk in the Forest of Bowland, and an article about BioBlitzes in Epping Forest. Another article proposes a new way of describing and defining the geographical areas of our part of the world. The majority of these articles, I am very pleased to note, have again been written by our members. Country-Side is of course very much a publication that allows members to share in print their passion and knowledge of the natural world.

Natural History Observations

Plant species in flower during the year

Alla Mashanova

The graph shows the number of plant species in flower, as observed by BNA Hertfordshire Branch members during their rambles between January 2018 and January 2019. The walks differ greatly in length and habitats visited (and were not focused on observing plants in flower), and so large fluctuations in neighbouring numbers do not represent changes in the number of species in flower. Nevertheless, these observations give some idea about how many species flowered at different times of the year.



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