

Saturday 23rd. Nov.(Mostly cloudy NE)



Long-tailed Tit

Birds.

A small flock of **Long-tailed Tits** in the boundary hedges of the canal near Brendon Bridge, flitting from twig to twig. We saw and heard a **Willow Tit** on the sunny side of the hedge at Vealand. Very glad to see this bird, now so uncommon. A **Great Spotted Woodpecker** flew over The River Tamar from Cornwall to Devon! A small flock of noisy **Fieldfare** making their characteristic "chac-chac", calls flew over our heads near the old filter beds.



Fieldfare

Flowers.

Odd bright pink flowers of **Campion**, **Perriwinkle** in flower under the beeches at Vealand, Bright **Briony** berries.

Mammals.

A **Grey Squirrel** ran along the top of the fence that was erected on the bridge over the Tamar, an unusual sight. Very skilled, no sign of over-balancing into the water!



Common Funnel Cap

Fungi.

A group of white **Common Puff Balls** in the towpath near Brendon Bridge, another unusual sight. On the bank alongside the Incline Plane, a troop of large **Funnel Caps** very handsome specimens, creamy yellow on slim stalks. We found a group of conical shaped fungi, some very split or eaten by slugs. These are **Ballerina Toadstools** – *Hygrocybe calyptriformis*. We see these on our lawn but have never seen them on the



Common Puffball

canal bank, until this year.

Mosses.

Catherine's Moss very fine after all the rain. The patches of it, like miniature conifer forests. **Feather Mosses** and **Tamarisk Mosses** mixed, on banks alongside the boardwalk and further towards the Tamar