

# Attenborough Weather Review: January 2012

Weather data (from weather recording station situated in Attenborough Nature Reserve)

30<sup>th</sup>: cold and sunny for bird watching over Clifton Pond.

Highest temperature: 11.6°C, 11<sup>th</sup> (average extreme max. temperature 12.1°C)

Lowest temperature: -4.2°C, 17<sup>th</sup> (average extreme min. temperature -4.2°C)

Average temperature: 4.9°C (daily min. + max. / 2) normally 3.3°C

Monthly rainfall: 42.9 mm (80% of average rainfall for January)

## Attenborough Weather Notes

There was a windy start to the month as depressions passed over the region, and several mature trees had fallen in the Delta Woodland causing some damage to the newly installed stock fencing. By Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> high pressure started to build from the south and the settled weather, combined with mild temperatures, made for a very busy day at the Nature Reserve. High pressure was never far away for the next 10 days and clear skies overnight lead to a icy start on the 14<sup>th</sup> but perfect conditions for our guided Winter Bird Walk. From the 18<sup>th</sup> the region was under the influence of low pressure with fronts bringing plenty of cloud and some rain. On the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> we held a stargazing event at the Nature Centre. Despite the cloudy skies and a chilly north westerly wind, the families who attended had brief glimpses of Jupiter and lots of activities kept the children entertained. The last few days of the month saw persistent easterly winds bring colder temperatures and even a few falls of snowy hail. Children from Robin Hood Primary School visited the Nature Reserve on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and experienced contrasting days. The 30<sup>th</sup> was cold but sunny, and with no breeze it felt lovely being outside. The 31<sup>st</sup>, however, was grey and cloudy all day, and a biting breeze picked up making it feel distinctly chilly for the children. Great fun was had by all though! And on an easterly note, those same winds have brought colder conditions to Eastern Europe and on the 31<sup>st</sup> we had reports of waxwings sighted just to the north of the Nature Reserve. Proper winter weather!