

Welcome to FEBRUARY search 2014.

1. DUNNOCK.
2. TREE CREAPER.
3. LONG TAILED TIT.
4. ANY BIRD ON A NEST BOX
5. GREY SQUIRREL.
- 6 "GREAT" TIT.
7. HAZEL "CATKINS"
8. ROBIN.
9. CHAFINCH.
10. BLUE TIT.
11. BLACKBIRD.
12. "TAWNY" OWL.

This month's search contains birds that may not be readily noticed in the wood later in the year due to increased leaf cover.

"Fieldfare" are also present, a flock of 15-20 spotted 30th Jan 2014.

January Answer. for "Coppicing"

In short, to provide wood for many uses, by a set, managed, rotation method, to encourage "new" growth from "stumps" of a variety of "mature" trees cut near to ground level. left, until the area is due again to be "Coppiced".

Coppicing also increases light to the woodland floor, which stimulates growth of various plants, & grasses, this then provides, food, shelter, for insects, birds, & Mammals.

Other uses of Coppiced wood land, includes, timber used in building Houses, fence, hurdle, craft work.

Charcoal production (pre large scale extraction of coal), for metal. Smelting, and other "high heat" requiring processes.

February question What does the presents of "Wild" Service trees in a wood usually denote?

