

Toad-in-the-hole...

Welcome to the first edition of 'Natterjack' for 2023. My thanks to all contributors who have sent in such diverse and interesting articles or contributed photographs. At the back of this edition are a list of events from March to May, the Society is getting back on track after the disruption of the 'covid years'. Let's hope this year will be full of discoveries in Norfolk and should we encounter further temperature extremes as in 2022 we can monitor our wildlife and document the changes around us. One change last summer I noticed was that Purple Hairstreaks, which are normally feeding high in the canopy were coming down to ponds to drink. **FF**

Hoof Fungus co-habiting

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The Hoof Fungus *Fomes fomentarius* (lower, right) and the Birch Polypore *Fomitopsis betulina* (upper, left) are on the same birch trunk at Mousehold Heath, Norwich, 22 November 2022. In my experience it's usually one or other species on any given birch, though this is the second time I've seen both on one tree trunk in different parts of Mousehold Heath.



Birch trunk on Mousehold Heath with two fungus species not usually found together

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