

Wyre Forest Woodcock

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Paul Reade and I were in New Parks on 8th May 2008 walking through the woodland during our survey for plants of Narrow-leaved Helleborine (*Cephalanthera longifolia*). Suddenly Paul flushed an adult Woodcock that zig-zagged off through the trees. He looked down at the spot from which it had flown and was delighted to see the four small birds seen in the photos. They sat perfectly still, extremely well camouflaged amongst the ground vegetation. The adult had left with some haste, leaving a dropping behind in fright which can be seen on top of the youngsters heads!



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