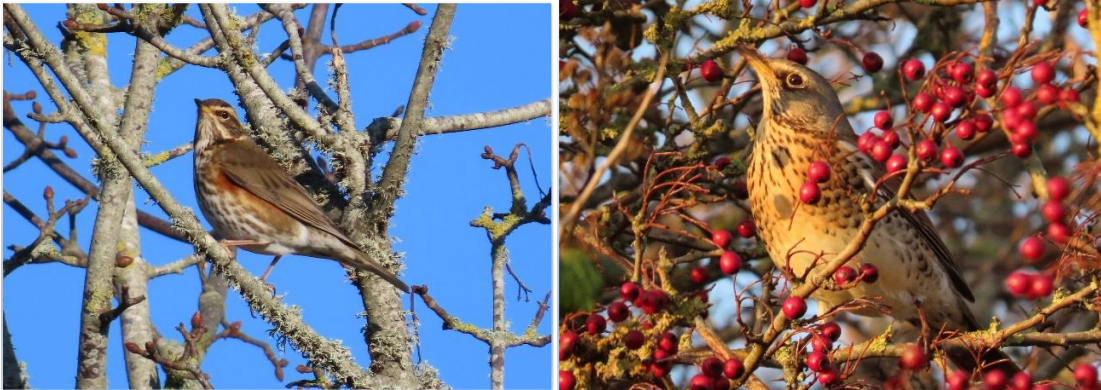


Acclivity's Activities

It has been suggested that I write an occasional blog of nature sightings in our area. So I thought I would start by going back to the beginning of this year.

The arrival of cold weather brought in the usual winter thrushes from Northern Europe, with several Redwing on Blatchington Golf Course from the very start of the year, and a few Fieldfare seen at Southease on Jan 7th.



Freezing fog on the 10th gave beautiful views in the Cuckmere valley. Huge flocks of Wigeon were seen - and heard with their characteristic whistling sound. A male Kestrel rested briefly near the car park, nicely in range of the camera. I'll stretch the "Nature" theme with a moon shot from the 21st.



Little Egret's are always fun to watch as they waggle their bright yellow feet in the mud at the bottom of shallow pools to see what tasty morsels they can disturb. A Black-Headed Gull (yep, but in Winter plumage!) stood on one leg on the frozen lagoon, alternately on left and right leg, to keep his toes from freezing ☺ The frozen fog beautifully decorated the foliage.



An unusual sight in the garden on Jan 26th was of two Green Woodpeckers on the same tree at the same time. We regularly get one on the Acacia tree on the western border, but this was the first time that two had been seen.



More from me later, for February sightings, when, as my wife says, it will be more a case of "Acclivity's Inactivities" - due to the perishing cold weather out there!

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