### NATS' GALLERY: February 2008



**IRISH RUFFWORT** *Moerckia hibernica*, Catfield Hall Fen, September 2007. This bright green thalloid liverwort of fens and coastal dune slacks is rare in Norfolk. It is unusual in its persistent strong smell and is usually covered with feathery outgrowths on the upper surface of the thallus. See article. *Photo*: Colin Dunster.



#### **GHOSTWORT**

Cryptothallus mirabilis
Catfield Hall Fen,
September 2007 - a
new vice-county
record. This
subterranean,
parasitic liverwort
lacks chlorophyll
and obtains its
carbon from a
basidiomycete fungus
associated with
birch. See article.
Photo: Colin Dunster.



#### **BITTERNS**

at Strumpshaw Fen RSPB reserve, November 2007.
Seeing one in flight is lucky enough, but two...?
See article.
Photos: Brian Macfarlane.







# WATER VOLE is Britain's most endangered mammal. The Broadland Flood Alleviation Project has generated large numbers of records, and significant efforts are made to reduce the impacts of the works on Water Vole populations. See article. Photo: BESL.

#### NORFOLK HAWKERS

in tandem. This species benefits from the ongoing protection of freshwater grazing marshes by the Broadland Flood Alleviation Project. See article. Photo: BESL.



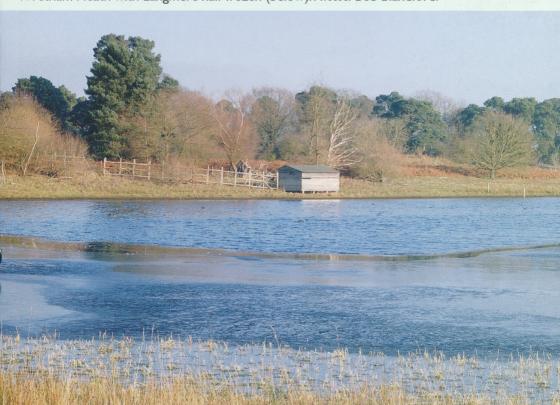


COMMON
LIZARD is not
usually considerred
to be a 'wetland'
species, but
Broadland flood
banks can support
good numbers and
flood defence works
can be structured to
take this into
account. See article.
Photo: BESL.





**WINTER SCENES** Thompson Common in December with grazing ponies (above) and Wretham Heath with Langmere half-frozen (below). *Photos*: Bob Blandford.





## BROADLAND FLOOD ALLEVIATION PROJECT (BFAP) Left: Excavating material for floodbank strengtheneing from a new dyke at Cantley Marshes. Below: New soke dyke one year after construction. See article.

Photos: BESL.

#### STUDENT

radio-tracking Water Voles (below) and

#### WATER VOLE

with radio-collar (right). See article. Photos: BESL.









#### MARMALADE HOVERFLY

Episyrphus balteatus
5 January 2008, Booton
Common NWT
Reserve.
An unseasonal record
of Britain's commonest
hoverfly, perhaps
reflecting the relatively
mild conditions.
See article. Photo:
Colin Dunster.

