

BIRDS

Our survey for 2010 showed some 45 species and is well up on the 35 seen on the last survey in 2009. This year we carried out more surveys, 9 in total, starting in January and ending in December.

Species	Common Name	Distribution	2008	2009	2010
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard	Pair seen on High pond	P	NS	P
	Grey Heron	Seen on High pond in June			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	Pair overflying		NS	O(2)
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Buzzard	Occasionally seen overhead	O	O(2)	O(3)
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Sparrow hawk	Not seen this year	NS	O(2)	NS
<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Kestrel	1 male seen several times hunting	P	P	P
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Pheasant	Occasional birds seen in woods	P	P	P
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Herring Gull	Group seen overflying		NS	O(6)
<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Wood Pigeon	At least 6 breeding territories	3	5	6
<i>Streptopelia decacto</i>	Collared Dove	Pair seen near gate		NS	P
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Cuckoo	One heard	P	NS	P
<i>Strix Aluco</i>	Tawny Owl	1 seen roosting during day	NS	P	P
<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Nightjar	Not seen or heard	NS	P	NS
<i>Picus Viridis</i>	Green Woodpecker	Occasionally seen or heard	P	P	P
<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Greater Spotted Woodpecker	1 confirmed breeding territory possibly 2	3	2	2
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Swallow	Occasionally seen overhead		NS	O(5)
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	House Martin	Occasionally seen overhead		NS	O(6)
<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Grey Wagtail	Seen by High pond in November	NS	P	P
<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Pied Wagtail	One seen	NS	NS	P
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Wren	At least 9 breeding territories	3	10	9
<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Dunnock	At least 2 breeding territories	P	2	2
<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Robin	At least 9 breeding territories	5	9	9
<i>Turdus merula</i>	Blackbird	At least 8 breeding territories	13	9	8
<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Fieldfare	Migrant group seen		NS	O(18)
<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush	At least 3 breeding territories	3	3	3
<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Redwing	Migrant group seen feeding		NS	O(11)
<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Mistle Thrush	Occasionally seen	P	P	P
<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Whitethroat	1 possible breeding territory	NS	1	1
<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Garden Warbler	Not seen	P	NS	NS
<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Blackcap	At least 3 breeding territories	2	4	3
<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Chiffchaff	At least 6 breeding territories	4	5	6
<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Willow Warbler	At least 2 breeding territories	1	2	2
<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Goldcrest	2 possible breeding pairs	1	1	2
<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Long tailed Tit	At least 2 family parties seen	2	2	2
<i>Parus ater</i>	Coal Tit	Occasional sightings of 2 pairs	NS	1	2
<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Blue Tit	At least 12 breeding territories	9	11	12
<i>Parus major</i>	Great Tit	At least 8 breeding territories	6	8	8
<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Nuthatch	At least 3 breeding territories	3	3	3
<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Treecreeper	At least 2 breeding territories	2	2	2
<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Jay	At least 2 breeding territories	1	1	2
<i>Pica pica</i>	Magpie	1 possible breeding territory	1	1	1
<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Jackdaw	At least 2 breeding territories	1	2	2
<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Rook	Not seen this year	O(6)	O(25)	NS
<i>Corvus corone</i>	Carrion Crow	At least 2 breeding territories	O	2	2
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Starling	Small flocks seen during year	NS	O(9)	O(6)
<i>Passer Domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	Small group near stables		NS	P

<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Chaffinch	At least 4 breeding territories	4	6	4
<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Greenfinch	Small group seen feeding on buds		NS	O(5)
<i>Carduelis cabaret</i>	Lesser Redpoll	Migrant group feeding on buds		NS	O(15)
<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Bullfinch	2 pairs seen several times	NS	1	2
Totals =			30	35	45
Recorders			RH/IW	RH/IW	RH/IW
Number = breeding pairs; P = Present; O = Overflying (no.); NS = Not seen					

Recorders were Rupert Hall and Ian Woolsey in 2008, 2009 and in 2010

Amongst the more notable breeding successes this year were the **Blue Tits** with an estimated twelve breeding territories, **Wrens** and **Robins** with at least nine breeding territories, and **Blackbirds** and **Great Tits** had at least eight territories. **Chaffinches** seemed to be down to only four. In the case of the **Chiffchaff**, **Willow Warbler** and the **Blackcap** whilst the number of territories was low they were consistent with previous years. Also several pairs of **Greater Spotted Woodpeckers**, **Nuthatches** and **Tree creepers** also appeared to have been successful.

The number of surveys and the survey period was extended this year to pick up winter migrants and the sightings of **Fieldfares**, **Redwings** and **Lesser Redpolls** helped to increase the number of species seen. Amongst the more unusual sightings were a pair of Peregrine Falcons seen flying overhead and two pairs of Bullfinches that were seen on a number of occasions.

Ian Woolsey and Rupert Hall with additional observations by Thyone Outram and Jonathan Wood.

Note:-

Total species seen over last 4 surveys:-

2004	2008	2009	2010
26	30	35	46