

BIRD

Our survey for 2014 showed some 45 species which was 1 down on the 46 seen on the last survey in 2013. Given the fact that again several species that are often seen, were not seen this year, the potential is there for the total species seen to exceed 50 This year I carried out a similar number of surveys, 11 in total, starting in January and ending in December.

Species	Common Name	Distribution	2012	2013	2014
<i>Anser Anser</i>	Greylag Geese	Not seen this year	NS	NS	NS
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard	Seen on both ponds	P	P	P
<i>Ardea Cinerea</i>	Grey Heron	Not seen this year	NS	NS	NS
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon	Not seen	NS	NS	NS
<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Red Kite		O(1)	NS	NS
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Buzzard	Regularly seen overhead	O(2)	O(3)	O(4)
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Sparrow hawk	One male seen this year	NS	NS	P
<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 Ridibundus</i>	Black Headed Gull	Not seen this year	NS	NS	NS
<i>Larus Fuscus</i>	Lesser Black Backed Gull	Not seen this year	O(1)	NS	NS
<i>Larus Canus</i>	Common Gull	Group seen overflying	O(5)	O(3)	O(4)
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Herring Gull	Group seen overflying	O(3)	O(9)	O(3)
<i>Columba Oenas</i>	Stock Dove	Male heard calling several times	P	P	P
<i>Columba Livia</i>	Feral Pigeon	Not seen this year	O(2)	NS	NS
<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Wood Pigeon	At least 8 breeding territories	6	8	7
<i>Streptopelia decacto</i>	Collared Dove	Not seen this year	NS	NS	NS
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Cuckoo	Heard calling on 2 visits	NS	NS	P
<i>Strix Aluco</i>	Tawny Owl	One bird heard calling	NS	P	P
<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Nightjar	Not seen or heard	NS	NS	NS
<i>Apus apus</i>	Swift	Group overflying on migration	O(9)	O(4)	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	2	2	2
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Swallow	Seen overflying	O(5)	O(4)	O(3)
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	House Martin	Occasionally seen overhead	O(6)	O(4)	O(4)
<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Grey Wagtail	Not seen this year	NS	NS	NS
<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Pied Wagtail	Not seen this year	NS	P	P
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Wren	At least 8 breeding territories	10	8	8
<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Dunnock	At least 1 breeding territories	1	1	1
<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Robin	At least 9 breeding territories	10	9	9
<i>Turdus merula</i>	Blackbird	At least 9 breeding territories	8	9	9
<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Fieldfare	Migrant group seen	O(5)	O(3)	O(5)
<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush	At least 4 breeding territories	5	4	4
<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Redwing	Migrant group seen feeding	O(11)	O(17)	O(10)
<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Mistle Thrush	Seen several times	P	P	P
<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Whitethroat	2 possible breeding territory	1	2	2
<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Garden Warbler	Not seen this year	1	NS	NS
<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Blackcap	At least 3 breeding territories	3	3	4
<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Chiffchaff	At least 8 breeding territories	7	8	8
<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Willow Warbler	Passing migrant	NS	1	NS
<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Goldcrest	2 possible breeding pairs	2	2	2
<i>Muscicapa Striata</i>	Spotted Flycatcher	Not seen	P	NS	NS
<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	2	2	2
<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Blue Tit	At least 29 breeding territories	27	29	27
<i>Parus major</i>	Great Tit	At least 9 breeding territories	8	9	9
<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 1 breeding territories	1	1	1
<i>Pica pica</i>	Magpie	1 possible breeding territory	1	1	1
<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Jackdaw	At least 2 breeding territories	2	2	2
<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Rook	Seen overflying	O(7)	O(11)	O(5)
<i>Corvus corone</i>	Carrion Crow	At least 2 breeding territories	2	2	2
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Starling	Small flocks seen during year	O(9)	O(14)	O(7)
<i>Passer Domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	Small group near stables	P	P	P
<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Chaffinch	At least 4 breeding territories	4	4	5
<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Greenfinch	Seen in mire	NS	O(5)	NS
<i>Carduelis Carduelis</i>	Goldfinch	Seen feeding on grasses in mire	O(4)	O(5)	O(3)
<i>Carduelis Cannabina</i>	Linnet	Seen in mire area	NS	O(4)	O(3)
<i>Carduelis cabaret</i>	Lesser Redpoll	Not seen this year	O(15)	NS	NS
<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Bullfinch	Only 1 pair seen several times	1	1	1
Totals =			47	46	45
Recorders			RH/IW	RH/IW	IW
Number = breeding pairs; P = Present; O = Overflying (no.); NS = Not seen					

Recorders were Rupert Hall and Ian Woolsey in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.

Amongst the more notable breeding successes this year were the **Blue Tits** with at least twenty seven breeding territories, **Blackbirds**, **Great Tits** and **Robins** with at least nine breeding territories each, **Chiffchaffs** and **Wrens** had at least eight territories each. **Chaffinches** were only four. Again several pairs of **Greater Spotted Woodpeckers**, **Nuthatches** and **Tree Creepers** appeared to have been successful. The cool weather in late April / May caused some birds to nest a little later but overall they were still successful.

As a result of the extended survey period, we were again able to pick up winter migrants and the sightings of **Fieldfares** and **Redwings** helped to increase the number of species seen.

Note:-

Total species seen over last 7 surveys:-

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
30	35	45	46	47	46	45