

## BIRDS

Our survey for 2015 showed some 43 species which was 2 down on the 45 seen on the last survey in 2014. 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, 10 in total, starting in January and ending in December.

Species	Common Name	Distribution	2013	2014	2015
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard	Seen on both ponds	P	P	P
<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Red Kite	Not seen this year	NS	NS	NS
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Buzzard	Regularly seen overhead	O(3)	O(4)	O(3)
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Sparrow hawk	Not seen this year	NS	P	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 Canus</i>	Common Gull	Group seen overflying	O(3)	O(4)	O(6)
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Herring Gull	Group seen overflying	O(9)	O(3)	O(3)
<i>Columba Oenas</i>	Stock Dove	Male heard calling several times	P	P	P
<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Wood Pigeon	At least 6 breeding territories	8	7	6
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Cuckoo	Not heard this year	NS	P	NS
<i>Strix Aluco</i>	Tawny Owl	One bird heard calling	P	P	P
<i>Alcedo Atthis</i>	Kingfisher	Seen during winter visit	NS	NS	P
<i>Apus apus</i>	Swift	Not seen this year	O(4)	NS	NS
<i>Picus Viridis</i>	Green Woodpecker	Occasionally seen or heard	P	P	P
<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Greater Spotted Woodpecker	2 confirmed breeding territories	2	2	2
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Swallow	Seen overflying	O(4)	O(3)	O(7)
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	House Martin	Occasionally seen overhead	O(4)	O(4)	O(2)
<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Grey Wagtail	One seen this year	NS	NS	P
<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Pied Wagtail	Seen this year several times	P	P	P
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Wren	At least 8 breeding territories	8	8	8
<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Dunnock	At least 1 breeding territories	1	1	1
<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Robin	At least 8 breeding territories	9	9	8
<i>Turdus merula</i>	Blackbird	At least 10 breeding territories	9	9	10
<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Fieldfare	Migrant group seen	O(5)	O(5)	O(7)
<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush	At least 4 breeding territories	4	4	4
<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Redwing	Migrant group seen feeding	O(17)	O(10)	O(14)
<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Mistle Thrush	Seen several times	P	P	P
<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Whitethroat	2 possible breeding territory	2	2	2
<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Blackcap	At least 3 breeding territories	3	3	3
<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Chiffchaff	At least 7 breeding territories	8	8	7
<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Willow Warbler	Not seen this year	1	NS	NS
<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Goldcrest	2 possible breeding pairs	2	2	2
<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Long tailed Tit	At least 3 family parties seen	2	2	3
<i>Parus ater</i>	Coal Tit	Occasional sightings of 2 pairs	2	2	2
<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Blue Tit	At least 25 breeding territories	29	27	25
<i>Parus major</i>	Great Tit	At least 8 breeding territories	9	9	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 1 breeding territories	1	1	1
<i>Pica pica</i>	Magpie	1 possible breeding territory	1	1	P
<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Jackdaw	At least 2 breeding territories	2	2	2
<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Rook	Seen overflying	O(11)	O(5)	O(7)
<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(14)	O(7)	O(14)
<i>Passer Domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	Small group near stables	P	P	P
<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Chaffinch	At least 3 breeding territories	4	5	3
<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Greenfinch	Seen in mire	O(5)	NS	NS
<i>Carduelis Carduelis</i>	Goldfinch	Seen feeding on grasses in mire	O(5)	O(3)	O(2)
<i>Carduelis Cannabina</i>	Linnet	Seen in mire area	O(4)	O(3)	NS
<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Bullfinch	Only 1 pair seen several times	1	1	1
<b>Totals =</b>			46	45	43
<b>Recorders</b>			RH/IW	RH/IW	IW
<b>Number = breeding pairs; P = Present; O = Overflying (no.); NS = Not seen</b>					

Recorders were Rupert Hall and Ian Woolsey in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and Ian Woolsey in 2014 and 2015.

Amongst the more notable breeding successes this year were the **Blue Tits** with at least twenty five breeding territories, **Blackbirds, Great Tits, Robins and Wrens** with at least eight breeding territories each, **Chiffchaffs** had at least seven territories each. **Chaffinches** were only three. 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.

Again 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:-

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
35	45	46	47	46	45	43