

BIRD

Our survey for 2018 showed some 46 species which was 3 up on the 43 seen on the last survey in 2017. This year I carried out a similar number of surveys, 12 in total, starting in February and ending in December.

Species	Common Name	Distribution	2016	2017	2018
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard	Seen on high pond	P	P	P
<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Red Kite	Not seen this year	NS	P	NS
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Buzzard	Regularly seen overhead	O(4)	O(3)	O(3)
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Sparrow hawk	Not seen this year	NS	NS	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>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Woodcock	Not seen	P	NS	NS
<i>Larus Canus</i>	Common Gull	Group seen overflying	O(3)	O(5)	O(9)
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Herring Gull	Group seen overflying	NS	O(5)	O(3)
<i>Columba Oenas</i>	Stock Dove	Male heard calling several times	P	P	P
<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Wood Pigeon	At least 8 breeding territories	6	7	8
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Cuckoo	Not heard this year	NS	NS	P
<i>Strix Aluco</i>	Tawny Owl	One male seen and heard this year	P	NS	P
<i>Alcedo Atthis</i>	Kingfisher	Not seen	NS	NS	NS
<i>Apus apus</i>	Swift	Not seen this year	NS	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(5)	O(2)
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	House Martin	Occasionally seen overhead	O(5)	O(18)	O(5)
<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Grey Wagtail	Not seen this year	NS	P	NS
<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Pied Wagtail	Seen this year several times	P	P	P
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Wren	At least 8 breeding territories	7	9	8
<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Dunnock	At least 1 breeding territories	1	1	1
<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Robin	At least 9 breeding territories	7	9	9
<i>Turdus merula</i>	Blackbird	At least 10 breeding territories	9	10	10
<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Fieldfare	Migrant group seen feeding	O(5)	NS	O(5)
<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush	At least 4 breeding territories	3	4	4
<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Redwing	Migrant group seen feeding	O(20)	O(5)	O(17)
<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Mistle Thrush	Seen several times	P	P	P
<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Whitethroat	1 possible breeding territory	2	1	1
<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Blackcap	At least 3 breeding territories	2	4	3
<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Chiffchaff	At least 8 breeding territories	7	8	8
<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Willow Warbler	Several migrants seen this year	NS	P	P
<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Goldcrest	3 possible breeding pairs	2	3	3
<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Long tailed Tit	At least 2 family parties seen	2	3	2
<i>Parus Palustris</i>	Marsh Tit	One seen and photographed	NS	NS	1
<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	23	23	25
<i>Parus major</i>	Great Tit	At least 9 breeding territories	8	7	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(6)	O(5)	O(4)
<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(7)	O(7)	O(5)
<i>Passer Domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	Small group near stables	P	P	P
<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Chaffinch	At least 3 breeding territories	3	3	3
<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Greenfinch	1 Pair seen	NS	NS	P
<i>Carduelis Carduelis</i>	Goldfinch	Seen feeding on grasses in mire	O(3)	O(5)	O(2)
<i>Carduelis Cannabina</i>	Linnet	Not seen	NS	P	NS
<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Bullfinch	Only 1 pair seen several times	1	1	1
Totals =			42	43	46
Recorders			IW	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 and Ian Woolsey in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Amongst the more notable breeding successes this year were the **Blue Tits** with at least twenty five breeding territories, **Blackbirds** with 10, **Great Tits** and **Robins with 9 and Wrens** with at least 8 breeding territories each, **Chiffchaffs** had at least eight territories but **Chaffinches** were only three. Again several pairs of **Greater Spotted Woodpeckers, Nuthatches** and **Tree Creepers** appeared to have been successful.

Again as a result of the extended survey period, we were again able to pick up winter migrants and the sighting of **Redwing and Fieldfares** helped to increase the number of species seen.

Note:-

Total species seen over last 9 surveys:-

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
45	46	47	46	45	43	42	43	46