



seen

heard only

TOOTING COMMON BIRDS JANUARY 2019 (1)

DATE	7	22	29	
SPECIES	32	31	32	
House sparrow				Visits 3
Starling				Species seen 38
Woodpigeon				Heard only 1
Stockdove				Total 39
Common crow				Daily average 32
Jackdaw				
Magpie				CHIFFCHAFF one calling bird seen
Jay				in trees at the side of the Lake
Blackbird				on 29th.
Mistle Thrush				REDWING (1) 10 in trees at side
Song Thrush				of Athletics Track/church road
Redwing				on 7th (2) 6 about trees towards
Robin				Bedford Wood on 22nd (3) 3 seen
Dunnock				on 29th.
Wren			H	SONG THRUSH Two singing on 29th
Blue tit				one seen.
Great tit				MISTLE THRUSH only one seen and
Coal tit				that was on a tree with the
Long Tail tit				Redwing on 7th.
Chaffinch				SPARROWHAWK one seen on 7th.
Greenfinch				flying towards Bedford Wood.
Goldfinch				JACKDAW recorded each visit.
Goldcrest				one calling bird flew over the
Nuthatch				Lake on 7th; two flew over the
Gt. Spot Woodpecker				Lake together on 22nd. and others
Green Woodpecker				in Bedford and Cafe Wood.
R/N. Parakeet				NUPTHATCH 2 seen on 7th; one on
Sparrowhawk				22nd and two on 29th.
Mute Swan				GOLDCREST (1) one showing well
Canada Goose				in Bedford Wood on 7th (2) two
Egyptian Goose				seen on 29th. No Firecrest -- yet.
Mallard				GREENFINCH quite a rarity now
Tufted Duck				on the Common but 4 seen together
Shoveler				in a tree between the Lido and
Coot				the Toilet Block on 7th.
Moorhen				PUNNOCK only recorded once
Grey Heron				with one by the Fox Bench at end
Comorant				of Lake on 22nd.
Black-Head Gull				COMMON GULL (1) one flying over
Common Gull				Graveney Field on 7th but did not
Herring Gull				settle and (2) one on the Field on
Chiffchaff				22nd.
				BLACK-HEADED GULL 60 on the
				Lake on 29th with sporting an
				early all black head.

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HERRING GULL Recorded each visit with maximum of 6 seen to fly over on 7th.

SHOVELER Few on the Lake throughout month. Two pairs present on 7th; 1 male and 2 females on 22nd and 6 present on 29th.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE 2 at Lake by the side of the remaining Mute Swan on 7th; one there on 22nd and on 29th. Two seen to fly over Graveney Field whilst one was at the Lake. Egyptian Geese frequently produce young very early in the year. There is a possibility that only one is being seen at the Lake because the female is sitting on eggs on the island. Perhaps next month February will tell.

CORMORANT Recorded each visit. One seen flying over on 7th; 3 at Lake and one flying over on 22nd and 5 at Lake on 29th.

GREY HERON Only once seen during the month and that was not at the Lake but flying over on 29th.

OTHER REPORTED BIRDS

COMMON BUZZARD Someone reported seeing a Buzzard fly over North heading SW at about 2-15 pm on 8th.

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER A Mike Morley reported hearing a Lesser Spot in trees by the Fox Bench on 28th. I do not know Mike and am unaware of his having reported from the common before. I cannot be sure how certain his report was. But if one was about it is likely to be during January and February. I went there the following day, hopeful, but did not hear or see one.

BIRDWALK I am to lead a Public Birdwalk on Sunday the 24th February at 9 am. Meet by the Council's yard corner of Kullbury Road / Dr Johnson's Avenue. What we might see depends much upon the weather conditions. If under thick snow bring skis. We shall look for winter birds such as Redwing and Fieldfare and, with a bit of luck, flush a Woodcock from the woodland undergrowth.

February last year during 'the Bedot from the East' Alan Wilkinson (not I) recorded Firecrest, Snipe, Lapwing, Skylark and Peregrine!