

■ seen
 □ heard only

TOOTING COMMON BIRDS
 MARCH 2019 (1)

DATE	1	11	19	25	29	
SPECIES	3	6	3	3	2	
House sparrow	H		H	H	H	Visits 5
Starling						Species seen 40
Woodpigeon						Heard only 0
Stock dove						Total 40
Common Crow						Daily Average 31
Jackdaw						<u>OUTGOING WINTER</u>
Magpie						<u>SHOVELER</u> 2 male and 1 female on Lake on 1st. but not one seen thereafter.
Jay						<u>REDWING</u> About 10 in flocks by the Athletics Track on 1st.
Blackbird						<u>COMMON GULL</u> (1) 2 on Graveney Field with 57 Black-headed on 1st and (2) two there on 11th.
Mistle Thrush						<u>BLACK-HEADED GULL</u> 2 were very briefly flying about Lake on 19th and only one, perhaps the last, seen flying over on 29th.
Song Thrush						<u>INCOMING SUMMER</u>
Redwing						<u>BLACKCAP</u> (1) Delighted to first hear one singing in Streatcham Wood on 19th. very elusive and took a while to see. (2) 3 singing males on both 25th and 29th but only one seen each occasion.
Robin						<u>CHIFFCHAFF</u> (1) Brian Wilkinson (AW) reported one singing by the Lake on 18th. (2) I saw one at the Ecology Pond as it was calling on 19th. (3) AW had one by Lake on 20th (4) James Hudson (JH) recorded 5 on 21st; and AW 4; (5) I heard one on 25th. and 29th.
Duncock				H		<u>OTHERS</u>
Wren						<u>SPARROWHAWK</u> (1) Attracted by calling Herring Gulls on 11th. I saw a male soaring high over towards Lido (2) on 29th. I saw a female briefly perched on a tree in and then a male fly over Bedford Wood
Blue tit						<u>GREEN WOODPECKER</u>
Great tit						2 seen in Bedford Wood on 25th. and JH recorded 2 on 21st.
Coal tit						<u>COAL TIT</u> (1) one flew into fir trees by Ecology Pond on 1st. and (2) one seen in Streatcham Wood on 25th.
Long tail tit						
Chaffinch	H			H	H	
Greenfinch						
Goldfinch		H				
Goldcrest						
Nuthatch	H					
Gr. Spot Woodpecker				H		
Green Woodpecker						
R/N Parakeet						
Sparrowhawk						
Mute Swan						
Canada Goose						
Egyptian Goose						
Mallard						
Tufted Duck						
Shoveler						
Coot						
Moorhen						
Grey Heron						
Cormorant						
Black Head Gull						
Common Gull						
Herring Gull				H	H	
Chiffchaff				H	H	
Blackcap						

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GOLDCREST (1) one very mobile high in trees in Stredtham Wood on 1st. (2) one showing well in Bedford Wood on 25th.

JAY Maximum 14 seen on 19th with a party of 5 that flew on to a tree on the Ecology Pond island, another 5 flew over the Lake and 4 individuals elsewhere.

NUTCRACKER Maximum 3 seen on 29th.

MISTLE THRUSH One seen on 19th and one on grass by Lido on 25th.

SONG THRUSH Seen each visit but one with maximum 4 on 29th.

MUTE SWAN The remaining Mute Swan departed from the Lake at or near end February but there on 1st.

Not after.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE The pair retained their growing 7 goslings up to the 29th on which day one was killed by a bloody dog.

CANADA GOOSE For several years only one pair had been present on the Lake. So I was surprised to see three there on 25th but back to 2 on 29th.

STOP PRESS: JM reports 7 on Lake on 4th, obviously taking advantage of Swans absence. Might though be a threat to the Egyptian goslings.

CORMORANTS 2 at Lake on 1st and 11th but JM reported 3 on 21st.

GREY HERON one at Lake on 25th but JM reported 2 on 21st.

OTHER REPORTED BIRDS

GADWALL Ian McDonald photographed a male on the Lake on 27th but it was not present on 29th. The last one I saw there was 17th March 2015.

MEADOW PIPIT on 20th. AW had a calling bird fly over.

LESSER BLACK-BACK GULL Even whilst with AW in Bedford Wood on 25th, he saw one fly over that I missed. I have yet to see one over the Common this year. But will.

BIRDWALK I am to lead a Birdwalk on the Common on Sunday 5th May. Meet 8-30 am Councils Yard, corner Hillbury Road/Dr Johnson's Avenue. For Summer migrants. Potentially an exciting time for them. Certainly Blackcap and Chiffchaff. Possibly Willow Warbler, Swallow, early Swift. Last year AW saw Red kite on 4 dates in May as well as Buzzard on two. In 2017 I recorded both Common Whitethroat and Reed Warbler; 2016. Garden Warbler; 2015. Tree Pipit and Lesser Whitethroat; in 2012 Pied Flycatcher (6th May) Spotted Flycatcher (11th) 2011. Sedge Warbler (1st) Reed Bunting 2009. Whinchat (7th).

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