

seen
 heard only

TOOTING COMMON BIRDS

JULY 2019 (1)

DATE	3	16	29	
SPECIES	26	30	30	
House sparrow				Visits 3
Starling				Species seen. 35
Woodpigeon				Heard only 1
Stockdove		H		Total 36
Collared Dove				Daily average 29
Common crow				<u>REED WARBLER</u> On 29th
Jackdaw		H		one silent bird momentarily
Magpie				showed well at the top of
Jay				bushes at the Ecology Pond.
Blackbird				<u>GOLDCREST</u> one very active
Mistle Thrush				(when are they not?) seen in
Song Thrush	H	H		Streattham Wood on 16th. The
Robin				first I had seen on the Common
Dunnock				since 25th. March.
Wren				<u>GREENFINCH</u> (1) one heard singing
Blue tit				in trees by the Lake during
Great tit				Alan Wilkinson's Butterfly walk
Coal tit				on 3rd, but not looked for but
Long tail tit				(2) one calling bird seen there
Chaffinch	H			on 16th.
Greenfinch	H			<u>CHAFFINCH</u> One heard distantly
Goldfinch				singing on 3rd but not seen.
Chiffchaff				<u>NUTHATCH</u> A seen on 16th and
Blackcap			H	one on 29th.
Nuthatch				<u>GREEN WOODPECKER</u> A heard
Gr. Spot Woodpecker	H			calling with one seen in scrub
Green Woodpecker				Area at South End of Lake on
R/N Parakeet				29th.
Sparrowhawk				<u>GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER</u>
Swift				Record each visit with maximum
Canada Goose				of 6 on 16th.
Egyptian Goose				<u>SWIFT</u> Maximum c 15 over
Mallard				the Lake on 16th swooping low
Tufted Duck				over it taking sips of water.
Coot				still 6 over the Lake on 29th
Moorhen				very likely my last there. Last
Grey Heron				one I saw over the Common
Cormorant				last year was on 30th. July.
Herring Gull				<u>BLACKCAP</u> Maximum 9 singing
Black-headed Gull				males on 16th but only one
Goldcrest				heard on 29th. Last recorded
Reed Warbler				last year 30th. July. Note not
				one Chiffchaff recorded.
				<u>DUNNOCK</u> (1) one seen in Cafe
				Wood on 16th (2) one in Streattham
				Wood on 29th feeding on ground
				with a Robin.

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HOUSE SPARROW About 8 at the Ecology Pond on 3rd and 7 seen there on 29th.

BLACK-HEADED GULL A single bird flying about the Lake on 16th and one briefly on the Cricket Field on 29th.

HERRING GULL 2 over on 3rd and one 29th.

SONG THRUSH One heard singing on 3rd and 16th but two seen together on 29th.

TUFTED DUCK One pair had 4 young on 3rd. I saw a Coot attack one young and force it under the water perhaps drowning it so I did not see it rise up. Three young, now quite large, were with a parent on 16th.

MALLARD Not one seen on the Lake on 16th. maybe hidden on the island whilst moulting but a few moulting birds on the Lake on 29th.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE One at Lake on 16th and 29th.

CORMORANT One at Lake on 3rd.

GREY HERON One of the Lake Island tree on 3rd and 16th.

OTHER REPORTED BIRDS

GREY WAGTAIL Whilst with Alan Wilkinson on 3rd. he heard a Grey Wagtail call in flight but neither of us saw it.

SPARROWHAWK (1) On 23rd. Alan saw one carrying food in Bedford Wood as though to young or sitting female in a hidden nest. (2) On 28th. James Hudson saw one "swoop through Graveney Wood scattering other birds." (3) On 29th. AW had a couple of sightings including 'one calling and behaving like a juvenile' in Bedford Wood. I spent some time there that morning without a sight or sound of one.

STOP PRESS! I was in the wrong corner of the wood so Alan confirms at beginning of August the pair did produce young there.

BIRDWALK I am to lead a Birdwalk on Sunday 18th August. Meet 8.30 Councils Yard, by corner Willbury Road/Dr. Johnsons Avenue. Will the young Sparrowhawks still be present or by then dispersed? We may encounter Willow Warbler passing through last year a Spotted Flycatcher was present on 20th.

A female Mandarin was on the Lake. Both Reed and Garden Warbler in 2017; Common Sandpiper and Lesser Whitethroat 2015; Hobby 2014 and 2012;

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