

seen
heard only

TOOTING COMMON BIRDS SEPTEMBER 2019 (1)

DATE	2	13	20	
SPECIES	26	29	27	
House sparrow				Visits 3
Starling				Species seen 35
Woodpigeon				Heard only 1
Stock dove	H			Total 36
Canyon crow				Daily Average 27
Jackdaw				COMMON BUZZARD on 20th. whilst with Alan Wilkinson (AW) he brought to my attention a distant Buzzard soaring over being harassed by canyon crows.
Maggpie				SPARROWHAWK on 13th. as I examined through binoculars a distant bird at the top of a tree (a Starling!) I picked in the view a very high, almost a speck, soaring Sparrowhawk.
Jay	H			GREEN WOODPECKER (1) one heard calling unseen in Bedford Wood on 2nd (2) one heard distantly calling on 13th and (3) one juvenile seen to fly over the Glade and one adult in Bedford Wood on 20th.
Blackbird				one heard calling in Bedford Wood but neither seen.
Nuthatch				JACKDAW (1) one calling bird seen to fly over Graveney Field on 2nd (2) several present generally on 13th.
Mistle Thrush				MISTLE THRUSH Recorded only on one day when on 20th three were on the cricket field.
Song Thrush				SONG THRUSH Also only one day when one was seen in Cafe Wood on 13th.
Robin				GREENFINCH (1) 4 in bushes by the Lake on 2nd, two of which appeared to be young birds so the species have bred on the Common this year (2) two in bushes along the Glade on 20th.
Duncock				BLACKCAP soon, if now, to be gone. A male showed well in Cafe Wood on 2nd.
Wren				CHIFFCHAFF (1) one seen in bushes at southern end of Lake on 13th
Blue tit				and (2) two heard on 20th but not located.
Great tit				COAL TIT one seen amongst Elm and Great tits in Cafe Wood on 20th.
Coal tit				
Long tail tit				
Chaffinch				
Greenfinch				
Goldfinch				
Chiffchaff				
Blackcap				
Nuthatch				
Gr. Spot. Woodpecker				
Green Woodpecker				
R/N Parakeet				
Sparrowhawk				
Canada Goose				
Egyptian Goose				
Mallard				
Tufted Duck				
Coat				
Moorhen				
Grey Heron				
Cormorant				
Black Md Gull				
Herring Gull				
Common Gull				
Shoveler				
Buzzard				

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STARLING Maximum c 30 on Graveney Field on 2nd.
Note not once did I record a House Sparrow but no doubt would have done had I gone to their areas.

SHOVELER One, perhaps the hybrid, was seen on the Lake on both 13th and 20th. Full species should now arrive in varying number for the winter.

CORMORANT (1) one flew over heading towards the Lake on 2nd and (2) two at the Lake on 20th. Again, numbers should increase with the approach of winter.

GREY HERON One seen at the Lake on 2nd and 13th.

BLACK-HEADED GULL Numbers present will greatly increase into winter but this month (1) one on Graveney Field and one at Lake on 13th and (2) one on the Field on 20th.

HERRING GULL one seen flying over on 13th.

CANADA GOOSE Erstwhile only one pair present on Lake but since absence of mute swans several more find the Lake peaceful and to their liking. Seven were there on 2nd. Note I did not see an Egyptian Goose there during the month.

OTHER REPORTED BIRDS (Alan Wilkinson)

LEASER WHITETHROAT AW saw one on the Common on 1st.

COMMON WHITETHROAT He also saw two there on 1st.

MEADOW PIPIT He had 5 on or over the Common on 17th.

GREY WAGTAIL Alan saw two by the Tennis Courts on 17th.

BIRPWALK I shall be leading a public Birdwalk over the Common on Sunday, 27th October.

Meet 8.30 am. Councils Yard, corner Millbury Road/Dr Johnsons Building. Hopefully for Autumnal/Winter migrants such as Redwing and Fieldfare. Last year produced the first ever Yellow Browed Warbler for the Common (18th) 8 Fieldfare on 28th; 148 Redwing on 21st; Firecrest 29th; Meadow Pipit throughout month; Reed Bunting 19th; 9 Lesser Redpoll 21st; Siskin 5 on 21st; Skylark throughout month; Grey Wagtail 19th; Dabchick 21st. But do not expect to see all these! depends on weather. DO bring binoculars if you have a pair.

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