

seen  
 heard only

## WANDSWORTH COMMON BIRDS NOVEMBER 2019 (1)

DATE	3	8	15	
SPECIES	28	29	29	
Starling				Visits 3
Woodpigeon				Species seen 25
Stockdove				Heard only 1
Collared Dove				Total 36
Common Crow				Daily Average 28
Jackdaw				
Magpie				<u>CHIFFCHAFF</u> Outgoing summer (or over wintering) one heard calling on the scope on 8th but not located.
Jay				<u>REDWING</u> Incoming winter. 3 in a Lakeside tree with several Blackbirds on 3rd. Nick Rutter encountered 26 on 27th.
Blackbird				<u>MANDARIN</u> A single female was still present at the Lake Extension on 8th.
Song Thrush				<u>GOLDCREST</u> (1) Two in Trinity Road Wood on 8th and (2) two in bushes by the Lake on 15th.
Redwing				<u>CHAFFINCH</u> Several flying about in Lakeside trees on 15th.
Mistle Thrush				<u>GOLDFINCH</u> Recorded each visit with large flocks flying about and in Lakeside trees on 15th.
Robin				Note: No Siskin yet.
Wren				<u>DUNNOCK</u> 2 on ground by the Lake on both 3rd and 8th and one there on 15th.
Dunnock				<u>MISTLE THRUSH</u> (1) one on tree top by the station on 3rd and (2) one at top of Lake Island tree on 8th.
Blue Tit				<u>SONG THRUSH</u> one seen to fly on the scope on 3rd.
Great Tit				<u>STARLING</u> Surprisingly only once recorded with just a single seen on 3rd at top of tree at far edge of Sports Field.
Coal Tit				<u>STOCKDOVE</u> Scarce at this time of year: (1) two seen to fly over the Lake on 3rd and (2) 4 on the Sports Field on 15th.
Long Tail Tit				<u>GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER</u> (1) one heard and one seen on 8th and (2) one seen to fly on to tree at Station Field on 15th.
Goldcrest				
Chaffinch				
Goldfinch				
Pied Wagtail				
Gr. Spot Woodpecker				
Green Woodpecker				
B/N Parakeet				
Sparrowhawk				
Nuthatch				
Mute Swan				
Egyptian Goose				
Canada Goose				
Mallard				
Tufted Duck				
Shoveler				
Coot				
Moorhen				
Grey Heron				
Cormorant				
B/H/Gull				
Common Gull				
Mandarin				
Chiffchaff				
Lesser B/B Gull				

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LESSER BLACK-BACK GULL One seen to fly over by the Tennis Courts on 15th.

BLACK-HEADED GULL 40 were counted at/on the Lake on 8th.

SHOVELER on the Lake throughout month. 2 pairs on 3rd; 6 present on 8th and 5 on 15th.

CANADA GOOSE 27 on the Sports Field on both 3rd and 8th; 25 there on 15th.

CORMORANT 2 at Lake on both 3rd and 8th. 4 there on 15th.

GREY HERON (1) Two flying together low over the Lake on 3rd (2) one seen to fly over the Lake area on 8th and (3) one at the Lake on 15th.

OTHER RECORDED BIRDS (Nick Rutter)

SPARROWHAWK on 27th. Nick saw one fly 'hunting' alongside the railway "spooking 26 Redwing" there.

GREY LAG GOOSE Nick saw one on the Sports Field on 16th.

GENERAL I have virtually given up birding on the Commons and elsewhere for this year but hope (do always) to start next year with a vengeance. Despite two more 'Lifers' this year for the UK (Eastern Olivaceous Warbler and Pied Crow) bringing my UK total to 492, it has been the worst for year ticks and the first for many years under 200 (189 to date) but it has generally been a good year for Wandsworth Common but a poorer year for Tooting. If it is going to be a severe winter do forecast (always seems forecast) maybe more interesting birds will be seen on the Common. Siskins should arrive at the Lakeside Extension alders; flush a Woodcock from the undergrowth; Lapwing flying over; Firecrest amongst the bushes; Water Rail at the Lake edge; Teal or Gadwall on the water do well as Dabchick. Who knows?

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