

■ seen  
 □ heard only

# TOOTING COMMON BIRDS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019 (1)

DATE	27	30	28
SPECIES	26	27	24
House sparrow			
Starling			
Woodpigeon			
Stock dove			
Common Crow			
Jackdaw			
Maggie			
Jay			
Blackbird			
Mistle Thrush			
Song Thrush			
Redwing			
Robin			
Dunnock			
Wren	H		H
Blue tit			
Great tit			
Coal tit			
Long tail tit			
Goldcrest			
Chaffinch			
Greenfinch			
Goldfinch			
Nuthatch	H	H	
Gt. Spot Woodpecker		H	
Green Woodpecker	H		
R/N. Parakeet			
Sparrowhawk			
Canada Goose			
Egyptian Goose			
Mallard			
Tufted Duck			
Shoveler			
Coot			
Moorhen			
Grey Heron			
Cormorant			
Black Hd. Gull			
Common Gull			
Herring Gull			
Lesser B/Od Gull			
Chiffchaff			

visits 3  
 Species seen 31  
 Heard only 2  
 Total 33  
 Daily Average 26

CHIFFCHAFF outgoing summer (or intending to over winter). One seen in trees at back of Winter Pond at Sbreatham Wood on 30th. Oct associating with Blue and Great tits.

REDWING incoming winter. 8 seen fly over Cafe Wood and 4 amongst trees there on 30th Oct.

GREEN WOODPECKER One heard to call in Bedford Wood on 27th Oct. but not located.

NUTHATCH (1) one heard to call twice in Bedford Wood on 27th. Oct and (2) two heard on 30th Oct but not one seen.

GOLDFINCH (1) A few in trees alongside Elmbourne Road on 27th Oct and (2) 3-4 in tree by the Glade on 28th. Nov.

MISTLE THRUSH Only record was of one in a tree by the Councils Yard on 28th. Nov.

SONG THRUSH Also only one record, that of a singing bird that took awhile to find in Cafe Wood on 28th Nov.

JACKDAW 4 were seen on 30th Oct.

JAY 8 were seen individually to fly over on 27th. Oct. recorded in lesser number on the other visits.

STOCKDOVE only one seen, being one perched in a tree in Cafe Wood on 28th. Nov.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE recorded at Lake each visit. Five were

there on 30th. Oct, chasing each other and making a lot of noise, courting or arguing. otherwise two present.

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SHOVELER 7 on the Lake on 27th Oct; 5 there on 30th Oct but, curiously, not one present on 28th. Nov.

CORMORANT recorded at Lake each visit with rising number present: 3 on 27th. Oct; 6 on 30th. Oct and 8 on 28th. Nov.

GREY HERON one perched very high on Lakeside tree and photographed by participant on my Birdwalk on 27th. Oct and one at Lake on 30th. Oct.

COMMON GULL Just one juvenile seen to fly over on 27th Oct.

BLACK-HEADED GULL Maximum counted was 60 at the Lake on 30th Oct.

HOUSE SPARROW Sad news. Apparently the main, almost only, colony in the gardens along the concrete path at the far side of Bedford Field and backing the houses along Culverden Road, have gone. Due, I am informed by Colm O'Synn, to the two elderly gentlemen that put food out for them, having left their home and gone into care. It shows how important it is to put out food for sparrows and that they will remain in an area whilst there is ample food. Every day throughout the year I have an abundance of sparrows in my garden because I give them seed and they enjoy suspended peanut cake. The above story illustrated that were something to happen to me as one day it must, the sparrows very likely will leave the area.

GENERAL It will be seen I have not been visiting this common much. Due to laziness rather than health reasons. Reluctant to get out of bed on cold mornings and it is further to walk to than Wandsworth common. Hope to do more in the New Year, particularly as the colder, the harsher the Winter may produce more unusual birds seeking reprieve. Possible Water Rail, Woodcock, Snipe and, of course, fieldfare and increased number of Redwing.

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