

seen  
heard only  
New

WANDSWORTH COMMON BIRDS  
DECEMBER 2019 (1)

DATE	4	11	19	20	30
SPECIES	31	28	27	24	28
Starling					
Woodpigeon					
Stock dove					
Collared Dove					
Common Crow					
Jackdaw					
Magpie					
Jay					
Blackbird					
Song Thrush				H	H
Redwing					
Mistle Thrush		H	H		
Robin					
Wren	H				H
Duncock					
Blue tit					
Great tit					
Coal tit			H	H	
Long Tail tit					
Goldcrest					
Chaffinch					
Goldfinch					
Pied Wagtail					
Gr. Spot Woodpecker					
Green Woodpecker					
R/N Parakeet					
Sparrowhawk					
Nuthatch					
Mute Swan					
Egyptian Goose					
Canada Goose					
Grey Lag Goose					
Mallard					
Tufted Duck					
Shoveler					
Coot					
Moorhen					
Grey Heron					
Cormorant					
Bl/Wh Gull					
Common Gull					
Herring Gull		H			
Lesser Bl/Wh Gull					
Teal					

Visits 5  
Species seen 37  
Heard only 2  
Total 39  
Daily Average 29

LITTLE OWL A man living alongside Coates Avenue at the edge of the Eastern side of the sports field told Nick Rutter he had been hearing a bird calling at night but did not know what it was. He gave an imitation of the call and Nick guessed it was an owl, either Tawny or Little. At about 4.30 pm on 18th. Nick heard, saw and photographed in then almost dark an owl perched in a tree there and at the time thought to be a Tawny. At about 4.30 pm. on 20th. December I went there and first heard and then saw the perched owl. My initial thought from its size and call was that it was a Little Owl but, no Little Owl having then been reported, assumed it was Nick's Tawny. But I was right. Nick was later to report two Little Owls there and withdrew any reference to Tawny. Subsequently, one or both owls were seen by others and more next month. The birds were the first definite Little Owls recorded on this Common and my 113th bird there.

TEAL On 4th. I saw a female Teal swim across the Anglers' Lake and disappear behind the island. Despite searching I did not see it again so it may have gone on to the island to rest.

REDWING (1) Nick saw 6 over on 3rd (2) I saw one on tree top by the station on 20th and (3) about 10 on Sports Field on 30th.

\* ~~TAWNY OWL~~ LITTLE OWL

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MISTLE THRUSH (1) Heard distinctly singing on 11th and 19th; (2) one seen on tree top by station on 20th. (3) Two seen and one heard on 30th.

SONG THRUSH (1) one along edge of station field on 11th; (2) one heard singing on both 20th and 30th.

NUZHATCH One calling bird seen in tree by the station on 4th. Unusual to see one on that side of the Common.

COAL TIT (1) Nick recorded one on 3rd; (2) I heard two call on both 19th and 20th but saw neither.

GOLDCREST (1) Nick saw 3 on 3rd; (2) I had 7 including 2 together on the scope on 4th; (3) one in trees at far edge of station field and one on the scope on 11th.

GOLDFINCH (1) A few feeding on Lake Extension older seeds on 4th, but as yet no siskin. (2) Large party by the Bowling Green on 11th; (3) a few at Lake Extension on 19th. Tried to distinguish a Lesser Redpoll or Siskin amongst but light was too poor.

CHAFFINCH Two at Lake Extension on 4th and a female by the Lake on 30th.

STOCKDOVE (1) 5 seen to fly over the sports field together on 19th and (2) one seen on ground there on 30th.

PUNNOCK 4 seen on 4th and 2 on 11th.

SHOVELER Maximum seen were 7 on 11th.

CANADA GOOSE In addition to those on the Lake, 26 were on the sports field on 4th and 19th including two partial hybrids.

GREY LAG GOOSE One on sports field on 4th, 11th and 19th.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE maximum one at Lake and 5 on the sports field on 19th.

CORMORANT one seen on 4 dates.

GREY HERON one at Lake 4th, 11th and 19th.

COMMON GULL Recorded on sports field each visit.

Nick had 10 there on 3rd. Max I saw was 7 on 19th and 8 on 30th.

OTHER REPORTED BIRDS (Nick Rutter)

MEDITERRANEAN GULL Yet another new bird for the Common, the 126th recorded there. On 29th Nick saw and photographed one on the Lake with Black-headed.

I can say now that on 6th January Nick saw and photographed most likely the same bird on Clapham Common. So I am hoping it will return to Wandsworth.

HOUSE SPARROW on 3rd. Nick saw two in hedge along path leading towards the Scope traffic lights.

Peter White