

seen
 heard only

WANDSWORTH COMMON BIRDS

MARCH 2020 (1)

DATE	3	9	15	21	27
SPECIES	20	27	33	35	29
Starling					
Woodpigeon					
Stockdove					
Collared Dove				H	
Common Crow					
Magpie					
Jay			H		
Blackbird					
Song Thrush					
Mistle Thrush				H	
Redwing					
Robin					
Wren		H	H		
Dunnock					
Blue tit					
Great tit					
Coal tit					
Long tail tit					
Goldcrest					
Chaffinch			H	H	
Goldfinch					
Pied Wagtail					
Gr. Sp. Woodpecker					
Green Woodpecker					
R/N. Parakeet					
Sparrowhawk					
Kestrel					
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					
Siskin					
Chiffchaff		H		H	
Lesser Bl/Wh Gull					
Dabchick					
Jackdaw			H		

Visits 5
 Species seen 45 (most since January 2018)
 Heard only 1
 Total 46
 Daily Average 31

DABCHICK (Little Grebe) on 13th. Nick RUTHER (NR) produced a photo of one on the Anglers Lake. It was still present on the Birdwalk he led on 15th for everyone to see but not thereafter.

SISKIN only record this Winter on the Common. (1) Two males and one female showing well in sunlight on the alders at Lake Extension on 3rd were my first anywhere this year. (2) On 4th NR had 8 in alders beyond the tennis courts but none seen after.

KESTREL There is a strong possibility that a pair are nesting in a tree on the Common as NR and I saw them there, perched and flying, frequently during the month. Interestingly I recorded them at the same site during March last year. Though previously nested on Emmanuel School, first indication of nesting actually on the Common.

SPARROWHAWK (1) male seen to fly over by Trim Trail chased by a crow on 9th; (2) NR saw the pair in display over the scope on 13th and (3) saw one on 20th.

CHIFFCHAFF (1) NR reported one singing on the scope on 8th, the first on the Common this year (2) on 9th I heard one briefly singing there and call but did not see it. (3) On 20th NR had 6 with 5 by the Lake and one on the scope (4) I recorded 4 on 21st with 3 by Lake and one at Lake Extension and (5) one heard on the scope, looked for but not seen.

NUTHATCH only one record when on 15th one was seen to fly from the Lake Extension and heard to call further away.

GREEN WOODPECKER (1) NR had one on the scope on 4th (2) one heard and seen to fly by the lake on 21st

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GOLDCREST (1) one seen on NR's Birdwalk on 15th and (2) one seen in Trinity Road Wood on 21st.

COAL TIT one calling and occasionally showing well on the scope on 15th.

PIED WAGTAIL only one record when one was on the Bowling

Green on 21st.

REDWING (1) on 4th NR saw 5 in trees at edge of Sports Field two of which were singing (2) one or two in trees by the station on 15th and (3) NR had two flying East on 26th.

JACKDAW (1) NR had 6 fly over on 4th and 13th; (2) one seen to fly over by Bellevue Road on 15th (3) one heard calling in flight on 21st but not seen (4) on 27th I saw a calling bird on rooftops at side of scope. I think the only time in 25 years I have seen one on the Common other than flying over. 2nd time actually.

STOCKDOVES have very noticeably increased on the Common over past two years showing there is no adverse effect / rivalry from parakeets.

SHOVELER still present on Lake throughout month; maximum 5 on 3rd, one pair still present on 27th.

BLACK-HEADED GULL last seen present on 15th; last year last on 22nd.

COMMON GULL last seen 21st with 2 flying over. 3 on Sports

Field on 3rd. Last seen last year 4th.

A PROPOS. LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER to strengthen my sighting 6th February, a lady took a photo on 4th March of what certainly appears to be one on tree near the station, not far from where I had seen mine. Also a male living close to the Common had recently seen one in his garden.

OTHER REPORTED BIRDS (NICK RUTTER)

SHELDUCK on 28th NR took a photo of 2 briefly on the Lake.

The 3rd record for the Common. I had 6 fly over on 25th April 2010 and Nick had one over on 21st March last year.

RED KITE NR reported seeing one soar high over the Common at 11:30 am on 14th.

MEADOW PIPIT He had one over on 13th and 5 over on 20th.

FINALLY At the present time (and no sign of changing)

it does seem that the Birdwalk I was to lead at the crucial Spring time on 26th April will be cancelled due to coronavirus. So long as I remain healthy I will still be recording on the Common (as will Nick) probably more frequently keeping away from people particularly all the many stupid dog walkers without their dogs on leads opposing Government advice.

STOP PRESS Mandarin on the Lake and RAVEN passing over Ralham probably passed over the Common. (April)

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