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 heard only

WANDSWORTH COMMON BIRDS

APRIL 2020 (1)

DATE	3	9	16	22	
SPECIES	3	9	16	22	
Starling					Visits 4
Woodpigeon					Birds seen 38
Stockdove					Heard only 2
Collared Dove					Total 40
Common Crow					Daily average 30
Magpie					<u>PEREGRINE</u> My first for the Common
Jackdaw					this year when a female flew fast
Jay					over the sports field on 3rd.
Blackbird					<u>KESTREL</u> (1) on 12th Nick RUTHER (NR)
Song Thrush					saw the female being harassed by
Mistle Thrush					a Mistle Thrush and taking refuge on
Robin					the island of the Anglers' Lake. (2)
Wren					on 16th I saw the female perched then
Duncock					fly out of tree at its usual area. But
Blue tit					no confirmed report of nesting.
Great tit					<u>SPARROWHAWK</u> One seen on 3rd,
Coal tit					chasing a parakeet over the scope.
Long Tail tit					Made a change. Usually the Parakeets
Goldcrest					chase the Hawk.
Chiffchaff					<u>MANDARIN</u> (1) on 3rd NR photo'd a
Blackcap					male and female together by the Lake
Chaffinch					Extension at about mid day. They had
Goldfinch					not been present when I was there at
Pied Wagtail					about 9.15 am but (2) on 9th. I saw the
Gt. Spot Woodpecker					male close up against the edge of
Green Woodpecker					the island of the railwayside Lake.
R/N Parakeet					<u>SMOVELER</u> The last one to be seen
Sparrowhawk					was one male at Lake Extension on
Kestrel					3rd, last last year 1st April.
Nuthatch					<u>NUYMARCH</u> Just one record when on
Mute Swan					16th. one heard calling but not seen.
Egyptian Goose					<u>BLACKCAP</u> My first for the Common
Canada Goose					this year was a male singing and
Mallard					showing well by the Lake and
Tufted Duck					another in Trinity Road Wood on 3rd.
Shoveler					Thereafter became well established
Loon					with 8 singing males on 9th, 10 on
Moorhen					22nd, 12 on 16th.
Grey Heron					<u>CHIFFCHAFF</u> Maximum NR recorded
Cormorant					5 on the 5th and 1, 4 on 9th/16th
Herring Gull					and 22nd.
Peregrine					<u>JACKDAW</u> one calling bird seen to
Mandarin					fly over the sports field on 3rd.
Grey Lag Goose					<u>JAY</u> Maximum 6 seen on 9th with

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STOCKDOVE Record each visit. Maximum 4 seen on 22nd.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER More silent now as courting over and breeding begun. Maximum 4 seen on 3rd.

SONG THRUSH Two seen close to me on ground on 3rd; one on 9th; two on 16th and one 22nd. Seem to have ceased to sing now.

MISTLE THRUSH Record each visit with maximum 3 on 22nd.

DUNNOCK Maximum 4 seen on 3rd.

GOLDCREST Usually disappears from the Common at this time of year. Just one seen flitting about in Lakeside tree on 9th.

CHAFFINCH More often heard singing than seen amongst top foliage of trees. One heard on 3rd; 2 on 22nd but one singing bird seen along Tim Trail on 9th.

LONG-TAILED TIT Just one record when two single birds separately seen on 22nd.

GREY LAG GOOSE (1) NR reported two on Railwayside Lake on 5th. (2) Two calling seen by me to fly over sports field on 22nd as though heading to Clapham Common.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE (1) 5 on 3rd and 6 on 22nd. (2) NR reported 9 goslings on 18th. I can say now I was only to see 4 on 1st May.

MALLARD bred. Maximum 21 duckings on 22nd.

OTHER RECORDED BIRDS (NR)

RAVEN? On 4th, both Nick and Alan Wilkinson independently saw a raven fly over Balham towards the Common. If it did pass over the Common (no report) it would be the first record there.

OSPREY? On 24th, Nick saw one fly over his house near the Common. Very likely it had passed over the Common (no record) if so, the second record after mine on 11 Aug. last year.

MEADOW PIPIT NR had one fly over sports field on 3rd.

REDWING The last NR saw 2 fly over on 5th.

WILLOW WARBLER NR reported first for year by the Lake on 5th, singing and also one there on 18th.

SWIFT First for the year, NR saw one fly over at 6.30 am on 23rd.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL on 18th. NR saw 18 Herring Gulls and 6 Lesser Black Back on the sports field at 6.15 am "before jagers arrived."

MUTE SWAN In addition to the resident pair on the Lake, NR saw two fly over on 12th. The resident female now seems to be nesting on the island of Angers Lake. But she spent ages there last year but produced no young.

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