

seen  
 heard only  
 DATE / SPECIES

WANDSWORTH COMMON BIRDS

JUNE 2020 (1)  
 330 9/22 9/17/20

House Sparrow				
Starling				
Woodpigeon				
Stockdove				
Collared Dove				
Common Crow				
Magpie				
Jay				
Blackbird				
Song Thrush				H
Mistle Thrush				
Robin				
Wren	H		H	H
Duncock				
Blue tit				H
Great tit	H			H
Coal tit				
Long tail tit				
Chiffchaff	H	H		H
Blackcap				H
Chaffinch	H	H		
Goldfinch				
Swift				
Pied Wagtail				
Gr. Spot Woodpecker				H
R/N Parakeet				
Nuthatch				
Sparrowhawk				
Mute Swan				
Egyptian Goose			H	
Canada Goose				
Mallard				
Tufted Duck				
Coot				
Moorhen				
Grey Heron				
Cormorant				
Herring Gull				
Lesser B/B Gull				
Mandarin				
House Martin				
Black-headed Gull				

Visits 5  
 Species seen 36  
 Heard only 0  
 Total 36  
 Daily Average 28

**MANDARIN** What looked a young female and very tame at Lake Extension on 3rd; still there on 9th until put to flight by a Moorhen and not seen again.

**MOUSE MARTIN** One pair are nesting on house by end of Sandgate Lane edge of scope. Seen by me on 3rd flying over the house were my first anywhere this year and one seen on 9th.

**SWIFT** Maximum at least 12 on 3rd.

**CHIFFCHAFF** Not many. Mostly single birds but 2 heard on 9th. One calling on scope on 19th but sounded do though family nearby.

**BLACKCAP** Not always counted but at least 6 males and one female recorded on 19th.

**SONG THRUSH** (1) one very closely seen and another heard on 3rd; (2) very obliging bird on ground on 9th (3) single birds edge station field 19th; by Lake 22nd and briefly singing on scope on 29th.

**MISTLE THRUSH** 2-3 seen each visit but Nick Rutter (NR) had 8 on the Sports Field on 27th.

**STOCKDOVE** Maximum 8 on 9th.

**GREY SPOTTED WOODPECKER** Elusive and generally quiet now. Maximum 3 heard and one seen on scope on 29th.

**GOLDFINCH** Surprisingly few. Just recorded two days, single birds, with one on top of the cafe on 19th.

**CHAFFINCH** Difficult to see singing in high-foliaged trees but a female seen at Lake Extension on 22nd.

**PIED WAGTAIL** Record each visit. Maximum of 10 seen by NR on Sports Field on 27th; I saw 6 there on 29th. Unusually, one seen by me on Station Field on 9th and 22nd.

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LONG TAILED TIT Surprisingly only one record and that was of a singleton seen along edge of Station Field on 3rd.

HOUSE SPARROW (1) 2 along edge of Station Field from adjacent gardens on 3rd (2) one unexpectedly in Trinity Road Wood on 9th.

DUNNOCK Recorded each visit. Maximum 3 on 27th.

CANADA GOOSE Allowed to breed and breed they did. 13 young on 3rd.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE On 15th I almost wept to see a very small baby gosling at the Lake Extension obviously ill and dying. Its parents and two now large siblings were nearby. I imagined the poor little thing thinking 'why me? why could I not have lived like the others? why me?' Heart-breaking.

TUFTED DUCK with young on 9th but none survived.

GREY HERON One at Lake Extension on 9th and 22nd.

BLACK-HEADED GULL Beginning to reappear. One directly over the lake on 15th and 5 together flew over Sports Field.

LESSER BLACK BACK GULL one flying about Sports Field 3rd and two there on 9th.

HERRING GULL Maxima: before disturbance by joggers, early morning, NR had 54 on Sports Field on 13th. I had 20 there on 29th.

OTHER RECORDED BIRDS (NICK RUTYER)

REED WARBLER At about 7.15 am on 21st. Nick had a singing bird "occasionally showing" by the Lake Stone Bridge. No sound nor sight of it by me the following morning.

KESTREL "one circling with SPARROWHAWK harassed by crows" on 6th. To date I have no evidence of the Sparrowhawks having bred. July should tell if they did.

GREY WAGTAIL one flew over Sports Field on 27th. Probably one of the two Nick had seen on earlier date by Wandsworth Prison.

COAL TIT one on 21st; 3 on 25th and 27th.

GOLDCREST one on 21st and 27th. I suspect a pair bred in one of the firs.

COLLARED DOVE 2 on 21st

NUTHATCH (1) 2 adults and 2 young on 6th; (2) one on 21st and (3) two on 25th. So did breed on the Common.

GREY LAG GOOSE Two over on 6th.

CORMORANT one on Island tree on 6th.

GREEN WOODPECKER one on 9th and 25th.

HYBRID TUFTED POCHARD Although searched for I never did the bird Nick and photo'd from 9th to 21st. Most likely it was the same bird that was on Tooking Common lake last year.

Peter White