

seen  
 heard only

WANDSWORTH COMMON BIRDS  
MAY 2020 (1)

DATE	1	15	27	
SPECIES	29	27	29	
House sparrow		H		Visits. 3
Starling				Species seen 32
Woodpigeon				Heard only 2
Stock dove				Total 34
Collared dove				Daily Average 28
Common crow				<p><u>SWIFT</u> Although Nick Rutter saw one go over on 23rd April, my first for the year were of 2 by the Lake on 15th. May and 3 on 27th. My first last year was on 10th May.</p> <p><u>BLACKCAP</u> Well established now with maximum 11 singing males on 27th.</p> <p><u>CHIFFCHAFF</u> In last few years only 1-2 pairs stay. Two on 1st and one heard on 15th.</p> <p><u>SPARROWHAWK</u> Male seen to fly on to tree on the scope on 1st to the annoyance of Magpies, Common Crow and Jay in the same tree causing the hawk to quickly fly out again.</p> <p><u>CHAFFINCH</u> (1) one heard briefly sing on the scope on 1st (2) one heard by the Lake on 15th. Neither seen.</p> <p><u>COAL TIT</u> (1) On 13th NR had one with mixed tit flock by the 'Cowslip Glade' on the scope (2) he saw two on 26th. and (3) I had one in the firs between Bellevue Road junction and the Lake on 27th.</p> <p><u>PIED WAGTAIL</u> (1) NR had 7 on the sports field on 16th and (2) I saw one adult feeding one young bird there on 27th.</p> <p><u>SONG THRUSH</u> Heard on each visit but not one seen.</p> <p><u>MISTLE THRUSH</u> Recorded each visit with maximum 3 on 27th.</p> <p><u>GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER</u> Generally silent and keeping low profile during breeding. one on both 15th and 27th.</p> <p><u>HOUSE SPARROW</u> 3 seen on 1st with 2 on side path of Station Field and one on path on the scope. The</p>
Magpie				
Jackdaw				
Jay				
Blackbird				
Song Thrush	H	H	H	
Mistle Thrush				
Robin				
Wren				
Duncock	H			
Blue tit				
Great tit				
Coal tit				
Long Tail tit				
Chiffchaff		H		
Blackcap				
Chaffinch	H	H		
Goldfinch				
Swift				
Pied Wagtail				
Gr. Spot Woodpecker				
Green Woodpecker				
R/N Parakeet				
Nuthatch				
Sparrowhawk				
Keestril				
Mute Swan				
Egyptian Goose				
Candela Goose				
Mallard				
Tufted duck				
Loon				
Moorhen				
Grey Heron				
Cormorant				
Herring Gull				
Lesser Bl/pet Gull				

first I had seen this year actually ON the Common do opposed to neighbouring gardens. One heard in side garden of station field on 15th.

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STOCKDOVE Still doing very well on the Common with maximum 12 on 27th. Expanded now to be permanent in wooded area by entrance at Batham Park Road. I recall having seen the first for the Common on 22nd February 2002!

MALLARD At this time of year birds may wander and be seen at strange places such as roof-tops and tree-tops. On 1st I encountered a male rearing on the ground in the middle of Trinity Road Wood.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE 5 adults and 4 young on 1st; 4 adults but only 2 goslings left on 15th. No goslings survived.

MUTE SWAN For second year the female spent time on nest on Anglers Lake island but produced no young. Perhaps infertile. On 1st the male was chasing Canada Geese out of the water.

CANADA GOOSE For first time for years, two pairs each had 5 goslings on 15th. Presumably the Council Officers did not get round this year to picking their eggs due to coronavirus and shortage of staff. It is good to see now and then Canada goslings.

LESSER BLACK-BACK GULL (1) NR had 5 on the Sports Field on 22nd, one adult with a deformed bill that he had last seen on June 2018 (2) two adults there on 27th.

MERRING GULL (1) one over Bowling Green on 1st. (2) NR had 23 on the Sports Field early on 26th (3) one seen to fly over on 27th.

OTHER REPORTED BIRDS (NICK RUTTER)

MORBY On 13th Nick saw one fly over the scope.

COMMON BUZZARD Nick saw one fly over the Common on both 6th and 7th.

KESTREL He saw one on 22nd.

SWALLOW (1) He saw 4 on 6th with 3 heading N and one N on 22nd. I have yet to see one anywhere!!

GREEN WOODPECKER Nick had one on 14th.

GOLDCREST He saw two on 26th. I suspect a pair may be breeding in firs on the Common perhaps by childrens playground or corner Trim Trail near Dorlcote Road.

NUTHATCH He had one on 19th. A couple told me they had seen a Nuthatch's breeding hole on the Common.

BLACK-HEADED GULL Nick saw 4 fly over on 19th.

Peter White