

seen
heard only

WANDSWORTH COMMON BIRDS
JULY 2020

DATE	10/7/20			SPECIES	
	25	25	26		
				House sparrow	Visits 3
				Starling	Birds seen 29
				Wood pigeon	Heard only 2
				Stock dove	Total 31
				Collared Dove	Daily Average 23
				Common Crow	<p>SWIFT Getting scarcer towards month end. 2 seen on 10th maximum for me 6 on 17th. but Nick Rutter (NR) saw at least 25 on 29th.</p> <p>CHIFFCHAFF one heard singing on 29th but not located. NR reported 2 on 11th.</p> <p>BLACKCAP (1) 5 on 10th with 2 males seen and 3 other singing males heard (2) NR counted 6 on 11th (2) 2 males and one female on 17th.</p> <p>PIED WAGTAIL 5 on the sports field on and one on Spencer field on 10th.</p> <p>MISTLE THRUSH (1) 13 on the sports field and one on Spencer field on 10th. (2) 3 seen on 17th.</p> <p>SONG THRUSH (1) 2 heard singing on 10th, neither seen; (2) one on ground on 17th and (3) two seen on 29th.</p> <p>GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER (1) one seen to fly near the Lake on 10th and (2) 5 seen on 29th including 3 young.</p> <p>STOCKDOVE (1) 2 seen in flight on 10th and (2) two heard both 17th and 29th.</p> <p>DUNNOCK 2 seen on 10th.</p> <p>CORMORANT one seen on 10th flying over high.</p> <p>GREY HERON (1) one at Lake on 10th (2) NR saw two on 11th; and (3) one at Lake Extension on 17th.</p> <p>MUTE SWAN one of the pair was removed and taken into care with a hurt neck. I understand it was so severely hurt it is not to be returned. The remaining Swan does not seem unduly bothered.</p>
				Magpie	
				Jay	
				Blackbird	
				Song Thrush	
				Mistle Thrush	
				Robin	
				Wren	
				Dunnock	
				Blue tit	
				Great tit	
				Coal tit	
				Long Tail tit	
				Chiffchaff	
				Blackcap	
				Chaffinch	
				Goldfinch	
				Swift	
				House Martin	
				Pied Wagtail	
				Gr. Spot Woodpecker	
				R/N Parakeet	
				Sparrowhawk	
				Mute Swan	
				Egyptian Goose	
				Canada Goose	
				Mallard	
				Tufted Duck	
				Coot	
				Moorhen	
				Grey Heron	
				Cormorant	
				R1 / Hd Gull	
				Merring Gull	
				Lesser R1 / Bd Gull	

EGYPTIAN GOOSE 2 on both 10th and 17th.
BLACK-HEADED GULL 4 on Sports Field on 17th.

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SPARROWHAWK For the first time the pair did not breed this year. Either one or both died of old age or were now too old to breed. A loss to the common.

OTHER REPORTED BIRDS (NICK RUTTER)

CUCKOO Nick reported seeing a rufous female fly over the Anglers' Lake at 7.30 am on 15th that disappeared behind trees by Trim Trail. Only the second record I know of, having seen one, also a female, fly over Station Field several years ago.

YELLOW WAGTAIL He reported one flying south over the Sports Field on 15th. I have only recorded the species twice on the common.

RED KITE Nick held one fly over at 7.10 am on 15th.

SAND MARTIN He saw 2 flying south on 29th. I have only recorded it on one occasion on the common.

HOUSE MARTIN Nick reported 2 pairs nesting in the eaves of a house along Sandgate Lane at the edge of the Scope on 11th. On 17th, workmen had put up scaffolding and were working on a neighbouring roof.

COAL TIT Nick reported 5 on 11th.

GOLDCREST 2 on 11th.

LONG TAILED TIT 2 on 11th.

WILLOW WARBLER At least two by the Anglers' Lake on 29th.

NUTHATCH one on both 11th and 29th.

GREEN WOODPECKER one on 29th.

GREY LAG GOOSE 2 on the Lake on 15th.

After Thought It should really be Nick Rutter doing these reports. Not I !!

STOP PRESS (at least by me)

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER, MANDARIN and WILLOW WARBLERS on 2nd. August.

Peter White