

The Birds of Richmond Park National Nature Reserve 2013-2022



f. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker



Oystercatcher with Black-headed Gull



Little Gull

A summary of ten years of records by The Richmond Park Bird Group

Mate Swan	cies	Status *	Key: ✓ = Observed/Heard, B = Breeding, Pb = Probably Bred	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Martier Forman Service	Swan	Res	Breeds Annually. One or two pairs.						В	В	В	В	✓
Seyfug Goose	oper Swan	RareWV	First ever record, one on Upper Pen Pond 2nd Dec 2019.							✓			
Samable Goode Res	e-fronted Goose	RareWV	First ever record was two on golf course 4th Dec 2020.								✓	✓	
Barmacle Goose	lag Goose	Res	Previously occasional visitors, but now breeding.	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	В	В	В	В	В
Page	ada Goose	Res	Common resident. A few birds breed.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Seletuck	acle Goose	Rare	Fly-overs of 8 in 2019 and 4 on 2nd Mar 2021 the only records.							✓		✓	
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Spotted Redshank	Rare	One on 8th September 2014 only the third Park record.		✓								
Greenshank	Rare	Rare migrant at Pen Ponds.		✓	✓					✓	✓	
Green Sandpiper	U	Occasional passage migrant. Four briefly on 29th Aug 2018.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wood Sandpiper	Rare	Passage migrant. One on 10th Sep 2015 only third record.			✓							
Common Sandpiper	RegWV/ Sc	Passage migrant usually in couples and singles at Pen Ponds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mediterranean Gull	Rare	Rare winter visitor. Eight Park records in total.			✓			✓	✓		√	✓
Black-headed Gull	RegV	Common visitor to Pen Ponds outside of the breeding season.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	В	В	В	В
Little Gull	Rare	Rare migrant. Nine seen at Pen Ponds on 25th Mar 2020.							✓	✓		✓
Common Gull	RegWV	Fairly common winter visitor, especially to Pen Ponds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Black-backed Gull	RegV	Usually seen overflying to and from their roosting sites.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Herring Gull	U	Occasional visitor to Pen Ponds. Regularly seen overflying.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-legged Gull	Rare	Rare visitor. Occasional one or two at Pen Ponds.	✓			✓					✓	✓
Great Black-backed Gull	UWV	Mainly overflying to and from roosting sites to the west.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sandwich Tern	Rare	Rare visitor. Two seen 2015, first since 1992. Three in May 2019.			✓				✓			
Common Tern	RegSV	Passage migrant and also several pairs now nesting on	В	В	В	В	В	В	✓	✓	В	В
		redeveloped island at Upper Pen Pond.	_	_	<u> </u>	_	_	_				_
Black Tern	Rare	2015 sighting only the seventh ever, last seen in 1993.	_	_	1	√	√	√	_	_	Di-	_
Feral Pigeon	Res	Resident. Perhaps no longer breeds.	В	В	В				В	В	Pb	В
Stock Dove	Res	Common resident breeder. Common resident breeder. Numbers supplemented in winter by	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Wood Pigeon	Res	common resident breeder. Numbers supplemented in winter by continental birds.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Collared Dove	U	Now infrequent in the Park		✓	✓	✓	В	В	✓	✓	✓	✓
Turtle Dove	Rare	Passage migrant. One at Holly Lodge on 7th Jul 2015.			✓							
Ring-necked Parakeet	Res	Abundant resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Cuckoo	Sc	Passage migrant in small numbers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Pb	Pb	✓	✓
Barn Owl	Sc	Highly elusive, but occasionally seen after dark.		✓	✓	✓		✓				✓
Little Owl	Res	Resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Tawny Owl	Res	Resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Short-eared Owl	U	Occasional passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	√	✓
Nightjar	Rare	Passage migrant.		✓	✓						√	
Common Swift	RegSV	Common summer visitor. Nests in buildings outside the Park.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hoopoe	Rare	Individual seen on 6th Jul 2012 only the 6th record.										
Kingfisher	Res	Regularly seen along Beverley Brook and at Pen Ponds.	В	В	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
Wryneck	Rare	Passage migrant. Only two sightings since 1957.		✓						✓		
Green Woodpecker	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	URes	Once a regular breeder, but now few sightings.	В	В	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodlark	Rare	Passage migrant, One on 23rd Apr 2021 the first since 2008									✓	
Skylark	Res	Breeding population variable and under threat in recent years. Number of wintering birds varies with the weather conditions.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Sand Martin	RegSV	Passage migrant & summer visitor to Pen Ponds. Bred since 2017.	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	В	В	В	В	В
Swallow	RegSV	Common passage migrant. Two or three pairs breed.	В	✓	В	В	В	В	В	В	✓	В
House Martin	RegSV	Common passage migrant. A few feed over the Park in summer.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tree Pipit	U	Uncommon passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meadow Pipit	Res	Occasionally breeds. Otherwise winter visitor and passage migrant.	✓	В	В	В	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rock Pipit	Rare	Single bird at Pen Ponds on 19th Mar 2015 was first since 1949.			✓						✓	
Yellow Wagtail	U	Passage migrant that rarely land in the Park.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Wagtail	Res	Fairly common on Beverley Brook and occasionally elsewhere.	В	В	В	В	Pb	Pb	В	В	Pb	В
Pied Wagtail	Res	Occasionally breeds in Park. White Wagtail seen 2015 and 2021.	В	В	✓	✓	В	В	В	✓	В	В
Waxwing	RareWV	Unpredictable irruptive visitor to UK, rarely seen in the Park.	✓				✓					
Wren	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Dunnock	Res	Fairly common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Robin	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Black Redstart	Sc	Passage migrant, occasionally found in Holly Lodge paddocks.	✓	✓				✓		✓		✓
Common Redstart	U	Uncommon passage migrant. Last bred in the early 1970's.	✓	✓	✓	✓	>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whinchat	RegSV	Passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stonechat	Res	A small population supplemented by passage migrants.	✓	В	✓	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Northern Wheatear	RegSV	Passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ring Ouzel	U	Occasional passage migrant in small numbers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Blackbird	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Fieldfare	RegWV	Occasional winter visitor. Regular autumn migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	Res	Resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Redwing	RegWV	Common winter visitor.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mistle Thrush	Res	Resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Grasshopper Warbler	Rare	Passage migrant.		✓		✓		✓			✓	
Sedge Warbler	U	Passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seuge Walbiel												
Reed Warbler	RegSV	Summer visitor. A small number breed in the Pen Ponds reedbed.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В

Species	Status *	Key: ✓ = Observed/Heard, B = Breeding, Pb = Probably Bred	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Garden Warbler	Sc	Uncommon passage migrant and summer visitor.	✓	✓	✓	В	✓	✓	В	В	✓	✓
Lesser Whitethroat	U	Uncommon passage migrant. Occasional breeds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	✓	✓
Common Whitethroat	RegSV	Breeding population now well established.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Cetti's Warbler	Rare	First Park records in 2018.						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dartford Warbler	Sc	A few winter visitors. A record of seven on 3rd Nov 2017.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wood Warbler	Rare	Passage migrant. Only three since 2009.							✓		✓	✓
Chiffchaff	RegSV	Common breeding summer visitor.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	Pb
Willow Warbler	RegSV	Fairly common passage migrant. Rarely breeds.	В	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Goldcrest	Res	Resident. Numbers increase in winter.	В	В	В	В	Pb	Pb	В	В	В	В
Firecrest	Rare	Mainly a passage migrant, but a few overwintering more recently.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	RegSV	Formerly bred, now a scarce passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pied Flycatcher	Rare	Passage migrant.								✓		✓
Long Tailed Tit	Res	Fairly common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Blue Tit	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Great Tit	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Coal Tit	Res	Fairly common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	Pb	Pb	Pb	В	Pb	В
Bearded Tit	Rare	Single bird at Pen Ponds on 17th Oct 2017. First since 1975.					✓					
Nuthatch	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Treecreeper	Res	Fairly common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Golden Oriole	Rare	Passage migrant. One heard on 20th May 2019. First since 2006.							✓			
Jay	Res	Fairly common breeding resident. Autumn influx from Europe	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Magpie	Res	Fairly common breeding resident.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Jackdaw	Res	Abundant breeding resident.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Rook	Rare	Only a single bird overflying seen each year reported.		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
Carrion Crow	Res	Common breeding resident.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Raven	Res?	Recorded increasingly. A few are now probably resident.	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Starling	Res	Fairly common, but only breeds in small numbers if at all now.	В	В	В	В	✓	В	✓	В	✓	✓
House Sparrow	U	Once common, but very few in number now.			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1
Chaffinch	Res	Fairly common breeding resident and winter visitor.	В	В	В	В	Pb	✓	В	Pb	Pb	Pb
Brambling	U	Scarce autumn migrant in small numbers.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greenfinch	Res	Declining resident that may no longer breed in the Park.	Pb	✓	В	В	В	В	В	✓	✓	✓
Goldfinch	Res	Resident in small numbers. More on passage	Pb	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	В	Pb	В
Siskin	RegWV	Usually seen by Pen Ponds.	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Snow Bunting	RareWV	One flew over on 16th Oct 2018 for a first Park record.						✓				1
Linnet	U	Passage migrant in small numbers usually flying over.	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lesser Redpoll	RegWV	Winter visitor in variable numbers.	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mealy Redpoll	Rare	The 'continental' redpoll is a rare winter visitor.						✓				†
Common Crossbill	Rare	Rare visitor on passage.		✓	✓						✓	†
Bullfinch	U	Occasional mainly winter visitor.	1	√	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Hawfinch	Rare	Three together in Oct. 2016 & Oct. 2017, five flew over Nov. 2021	1			✓	✓				✓	✓
Yellowhammer	Rare	Bred in the park until the early 1970s.										✓
Reed Bunting	Res	Fairly common breeding resident.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
TOTAL SPECIES FOR YEAR		I. 2	115					128				+

Park Status Key

Key to Birds of Conservation Concern in Britain

Res Resident

RegSV Regular Summer Visitor
RegWV Regular Winter Visitor
U Uncommon
UWV Uncommon Winter Visitor

Scarce

ScWV Scarce Winter Visitor Rare Rare Occurrence

Red List, Highest Concern

Amber List, High Concern

Additional species (excl. escaped or non-naturalised feral exotic species) seen in the prior ten -year period 2003 to 2012: Bittern (2004), Brent Goose (2005), Woodchat Shrike (2005), Gannet (2008), Grey Plover (2008), Woodlark (2008), Long-eared Owl (2009), Common Scoter (2009), Yellowhammer (2009), Stone Curlew (2010), Red-backed Shrike (2010), Montagu Harrier (2011), Ortolan Bunting (2011), Ruddy Duck (2012), Black-necked Grebe (2012).

Totals (excluding escaped or non-naturalised feral exotic species)

Number of species recorded in 10-year period: 173, of which 69 are thought to have bred Number of species recorded since records began in 1921: 216

Richmond Park is an ancient parkland with an area of almost 2,500 acres (1,000 hectares) comprising diverse habitats such as ancient trees and decaying wood, grasslands, bracken, wetlands and waterbodies (including the Pen Ponds). Consequently, it attracts a wide variety of birds, both resident and migrating. The populations of some species resident in the Park, namely skylark, little owl, jackdaw, all three woodpeckers, reed bunting and stonechat, are significant in the London context. As these records show, some species are in decline locally, as well as nationally, but the Park can often reward the alert observer, occasionally with a species never before or rarely seen within its confines or airspace

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