

## The Birds of Richmond Park National Nature Reserve 2014-2023



female Goosanders at Pen Ponds

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

Species	Status *	<b>Key:</b> ✓ = Observed/Heard, B = Breeding, Pb = Probably Bred	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Mute Swan	Res	Breeds Annually. One or two pairs.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	✓	<b>√</b>
Whooper Swan	RareWV	First ever record, one on Upper Pen Pond 2nd Dec 2019.						✓				
White-fronted Goose	RareWV	First ever record was two on golf course 4th Dec 2020.							✓	<b>✓</b>		
Greylag Goose	Res	Previously occasional visitors, but now breeding.	✓	✓	✓	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Canada Goose	Res	Common resident. A few birds breed.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Barnacle Goose	Rare	Only three park records, the last on 17 December 2023						✓		✓		✓
Egyptian Goose	Res	Feral population established since breeding in 2001.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Shelduck	U	Occasional visitors.	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Mandarin Duck	Res	Several pairs breed over a wide area of the Park each year.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Eurasian Wigeon	RegWV	Winter visitor in variable numbers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gadwall	RegWV	Winter visitor in variable numbers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Teal	RegWV	Winter visitor in small numbers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mallard	Res	Numbers swollen by winter visitors.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Pintail	RareWV	A male at Peg's Pond on 14 October 2023		✓	✓		✓			✓		✓
Garganey	Rare	A drake seen on 22nd Apr 2022 and again on 3rd May 2022									✓	
Shoveler	RegWV	Winter visitor in variable numbers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Crested Pochard	RegV	One pair bred in 2007 & 2008.	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pochard	RegV	Small summer population, occasionally breeds.	В	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	В	✓	В	✓	✓	✓
Tufted Duck	Res	A few pairs usually breed. Numbers increase in Winter.	В	В	<b>✓</b>	В	В	В	В	В	<b>√</b>	✓
Red-breasted Merganser	Rare	7 over on 4th Nov 2022 only record other than in 1916 & 1966.	1	Ť		Ť	<del>-</del>		Ť		·	
Goosander	Rare	14 over in Nov. 2018. Four fem. At Pen Ponds on 17 Nov 2023		<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	✓		✓		✓
Common Scoter	Rare	A distant 12 over on 15 October 2023. Only fourth record	1	<del>                                     </del>								<b>✓</b>
Goldeneye	Rare	Two females in Oct 2018. One female on 21st Feb 2021.	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>/</b>			<b>√</b>		
Smew	RareWV	Pair at Pen Ponds on 2nd Feb 2015.	╁	<b>√</b>	Ť		H			_		
			<b>✓</b>	· ·		1	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>
Red Legged Partridge	Rare U	One took up long-term residence in 2018.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		ľ	<b>∨</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
Pheasant		Lost as breeding resident. Now an occasional visitor.	<b>v</b>	· ·		1	~	٧	~	•		
Glossy Ibis	Rare	Migrant flying over on 18th Sep 2017 was a Park first.		_	_					,		<b>√</b>
Little Grebe	U	Scarce winter visitor.	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	
Great Crested Grebe	Res	Present in small numbers at Pen Ponds all year.	В	В	✓	✓	✓	В	В	В	В	В
Slavonian Grebe	RareWV	One on Upper Pen Pond 29th Nov 2019, the first since 1939.						✓				_
Cormorant	RegV	Regular visitor to Pen Ponds. 2019 marked first breeding record.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	✓	В	✓	✓
Cattle Egret	Rare	One at Pen Ponds briefly on 13th Apr 2017 was first for Park.				✓						
Little Egret	RegV	One or two seen on Beverley Brook and Pen Ponds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great White Egret	Rare	One fly-over on 26th Nov 2012 was Park first. Four in 2018.					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Grey Heron	Res	Breeds at the Pen Ponds.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Honey Buzzard	Rare	Passage migrant flying over.	✓			✓						
Red Kite	RegV	Once uncommon visitor, but now increasingly seen.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Marsh Harrier	Rare	Passage migrant occasionally seen overflying the Park.	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hen Harrier	Rare	One flew over on 13th Nov 2016.			✓							
Sparrowhawk	Res	A few pairs usually breed.	В	Pb	В	В	В	В	В	В	Pb	В
Common Buzzard	RegV	Once frequent visitor and passage migrant, now breeding.	✓	✓	✓	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Osprey	Rare	Passage migrant.	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kestrel	Res	Several pairs usually breed.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Merlin	Rare	One flew over on 25th Sep 2015. Only the third Park record.		<b>√</b>								
Hobby	RegSV	Summer visitor. Occasionally a pair breed in the Park.	В	В	В	В	Pb	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓
Peregrine Falcon	RegV	Breeding locally and occasionally seen in the Park.	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
Water Rail	Res/Sc	Elusive resident breeder, often heard in Pen Ponds reedbed.	Pb	В	Pb	В	В	В	В	✓	✓	✓
Moorhen	Res	Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Coot	Res	Breeding resident with larger numbers in winter.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Common Crane	Rare	First record, one heard calling near Pen Ponds on 11th Jan. 2018.	۳-	<u> </u>			✓					<b>✓</b>
Oystercatcher	Rare	Four sightings in 2022, the last being only the Park's tenth record.	<b>√</b>		<b>✓</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>	
Golden Plover	RareWV	Flocks (one of 24) over twice in 2018. Previously seen in 2002.	l ·		Ė		<b>✓</b>		Ť		_	
	Sc		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	1	· ·	<b>√</b>	/	1	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Lapwing Binged Blover	Rare	Scarce visitor to Pen Ponds. Flocks may overfly in harsh winters.	<u> </u>	ř	•	·	•	•	•	•	<b>√</b>	
Ringed Plover		Heard calling in flight on 4th Aug 2022. First since 1999.	<b>√</b>								•	
Little Ringed Plover	Rare	Rare visitor. At least 3 in Summer 2014. Only 3 previous records.	•				<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		
Dunlin	Rare	Two sightings at Pen Ponds in 2018. One on 15th Feb 2021.			_	_	·					<b>√</b>
Jack Snipe	U	Uncommon in winter and on passage, but deceptively elusive.	<b>√</b>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
Snipe	Sc	Elusive, occasionally seen at any time but especially in winter.	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Woodcock	RegWV	Small numbers in Park each winter.	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whimbrel	Rare	Passage migrant. 25 flew over on 22nd Aug 2014.	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			
Curlew	Rare	One seen on 10 March 2023		<u> </u>			✓			✓	✓	✓
Black-tailed Godwit	Rare	Eight flew over on 19th Jul 2022, only fourth record since 1952.						✓		✓	✓	
Bar-tailed Godwit	Rare	One flew over on 21st Jun 2012. 35 over on 29th Apr 2018.		<u> </u>	L		✓					
Ruff	Rare	Pen Ponds 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023. Previously 1997 and 2013										✓
Redshank	Rare	Scarce passage migrant and rare winter visitor.	✓			✓			✓		✓	
	Rare	One low over Pen Ponds on 9th Jul 2012. Only 2nd Park record.	✓									
Spotted Redshank	Itale										_	
	Rare	Rare migrant at Pen Ponds.	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓
Spotted Redshank		Rare migrant at Pen Ponds.  Occasional passage migrant. Four briefly on 29th Aug 2018.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>

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Common Sandpiper	RegWV/ Sc	Passage migrant usually in couples and singles at Pen Ponds.	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓
Mediterranean Gull	Rare	Rare winter visitor. Ten Park records in total, incl. two in 2023		✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Black-headed Gull	Res	Common visitor to Pen Ponds outside of the breeding season.	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	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.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Herring Gull	U	Occasional visitor to Pen Ponds. Regularly seen overflying.	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
Yellow-legged Gull	Rare	Rare visitor. Occasional one or two at Pen Ponds.			<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Great Black-backed Gull	UWV	Mainly overflying to and from roosting sites to the west.	<b>√</b>	/	·	/	<b>✓</b>	1	/	·	·	<b>√</b>
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Sandwich Tern	Rare	Rare visitor. Two seen 2015, first since 1992. Three in May 2019.		•				<u> </u>				
Common Tern	RegSV	Passage migrant and also several pairs now nesting on redeveloped island at Upper Pen Pond.	В	В	В	В	В	✓	✓	В	В	В
Black Tern	Rare	2015 sighting only the seventh ever, last seen in 1993.		✓			,					_
Feral Pigeon	Res	Resident. Perhaps no longer breeds.	В	В	✓	✓	✓	В	В	Pb	В	В
Stock Dove	Res	Common resident breeder.	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.	·	·	·		·			1	✓	
Little Owl	Res	Resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
			_	+	_	_			_			
Tawny Owl	Res	Resident breeder.	В	В	B ✓	B	B ✓	В	В	В	B ✓	В
Short-eared Owl	U	Occasional passage migrant.	✓	✓	<b>~</b>	~	<b>-</b>	<u> </u>	✓	✓	<b>~</b>	✓
Nightjar	Rare	Passage migrant.	✓	✓				<u> </u>		✓	<u> </u>	
Common Swift	RegSV	Common summer visitor. Nests in buildings outside the Park.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hoopoe	Rare	Individual seen on 6th Jul 2012 only the 6th record.	<u></u>	<u>L</u>	<u></u>	<u>L</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>		<u></u>		
Kingfisher	Res	Regularly seen along Beverley Brook and at Pen Ponds.	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	✓	✓	✓	Ť	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodlark	Rare	Passage migrant, One on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023, the 2 <sup>nd</sup> since 2008	٦	H		$\vdash$		$\vdash$	$\vdash$	·	<del>                                     </del>	·
Skylark	Raie	Breeding population variable and under threat in recent years.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Sand Martin	RegSV	Number of wintering birds varies with the weather conditions.  Passage migrant & summer visitor to Pen Ponds. Bred since	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
		2017.		_	_	<u> </u>						
Swallow	RegSV	Common passage migrant. Two or three pairs breed.	<b>√</b>	В	В	В	В	В	В	<b>√</b>	В	<b>√</b>
House Martin	RegSV	Common passage migrant. A few feed over the Park in summer.	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>~</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
Tree Pipit	U	Uncommon passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meadow Pipit	RegV	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.		✓						✓		
Water Pipit	Rarw	First Park record on 11th November 2023.								İ	✓	✓
Yellow Wagtail	U	Passage migrant that rarely land in the Park.	✓	✓	✓		<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>√</b>
Grey Wagtail	Res	Fairly common on Beverley Brook and occasionally elsewhere.	В	В	В	Pb	Pb	В	В	Pb	В	В
Pied Wagtail	Res		В	✓	✓	В	В	В	✓	В	В	В
	-	Occasionally breeds in Park. White Wagtail seen 2015 and 2021.		-	-	√ B	ם	ם	<u> </u>	טן	ם	✓
Waxwing Wren	RareWV Res	Unpredictable irruptive visitor to UK, rarely seen in the Park.  Common resident breeder.	В	В	В	✓ B	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
			✓	٥	٥	ט	<i>b</i> ✓	٥	D ✓	٦	<i>▶</i>	<del>-</del>
Black Redstart	Sc	Passage migrant, occasionally found in Holly Lodge paddocks.		./	_			-			-	<b>√</b>
Common Redstart	U	Uncommon passage migrant. Last bred in the early 1970's.	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Whinchat	RegSV	Passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stonechat	Res	A small population supplemented by passage migrants.	В	✓	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Northern Wheatear	RegSV	Passage migrant.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ring Ouzel	U	Occasional passage migrant in small numbers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	LĪ	✓	$L^{T}$	<b>√</b>
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.	✓	✓	✓	✓	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	✓	<u>-</u>	✓	<b>✓</b>
Mistle Thrush	Res	Resident breeder.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
Grasshopper Warbler	Rare	Passage migrant.	✓	Ť	✓	1	✓		_	✓	Ť	Ť
	U		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<i>√</i>	$\vdash$	<i>√</i>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	·	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Sedge Warbler		Passage migrant.	+	-		_					1	
Reed Warbler	RegSV	Summer visitor. A small number breed in the Pen Ponds reedbed.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
C: .	RegSV	Common breeding summer visitor.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
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Blackcap Garden Warbler	Sc	Uncommon passage migrant and summer visitor.	✓	✓	В	✓	✓	В	В	✓	✓	✓
		Uncommon passage migrant and summer visitor. Uncommon passage migrant. Occasional breeds.	✓ ✓ B	✓ ✓ B	B ✓ B	√ √ B	✓ ✓ B	B ✓ B	B B	✓ ✓ B	✓ ✓ B	✓

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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 two since 2009.						✓		✓		
Chiffchaff	RegSV	Common breeding summer visitor.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	Pb	Pb
Willow Warbler	RegSV	Fairly common passage migrant. Rarely breeds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-browed Warbler	Rare	First ever record, at Thatched House Lodge on 13 October 2023									✓	✓
Goldcrest	Res	Resident. Numbers increase in winter.	В	В	В	Pb	Pb	В	В	В	В	В
Firecrest	UWV	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	Pb	Pb	Pb	В	Pb	В	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	✓	✓	✓
House Sparrow	U	Once common, but very few in number now.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Chaffinch	Res	Fairly common breeding resident and winter visitor.	В	В	В	Pb	✓	В	Pb	Pb	Pb	Pb
Brambling	U	Scarce autumn migrant in small numbers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greenfinch	Res	Declining resident that may no longer breed in the Park.	✓	В	В	В	В	В	✓	✓	✓	✓
Goldfinch	Res	Resident in small numbers. More on passage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	В	В	Pb	В	В
Siskin	RegWV	Usually seen by Pen Ponds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Snow Bunting	RareWV	One flew over on 16th Oct 2018 for a first Park record.					✓					
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.	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hawfinch	Rare	Five flew over in Nov 2021, one in November 2023			✓	✓				<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>
Yellowhammer	Rare	Bred in the park until the early 1970s.	1								✓	
Reed Bunting	Res	Fairly common breeding resident.	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В	В
TOTAL SPECIES FOR YEAR		, .	127	125	115	115	128	126	123	133	128	129

## 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

S 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 2004 to 2013: Bittern (2004), Brent Goose (2005), Spoonbill (2013), Red-necked Grebe (2013), Woodchat Shrike (2005), Gannet (2008), Grey Plover (2008), Long-eared Owl (2009), Stone Curlew (2010), Red-backed Shrike (2010), Goshawk (2013), 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: 175, of which 69 are thought to have bred Number of species recorded since records began in 1921: 218

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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