

FRIENDS of WEST HAM PARK



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West Ham Park Bird Survey – Annual Report 2017 By Lyndsay Jones for the Friends of West Ham Park

In 2017 we again recorded a total of 38 species, a full list is included with this report and also shows which months each species was present. The numbers given are the maximum number seen each month. 12 species were recorded every month, and a further 5 species were seen in 10 or 11 months.

Green Woodpeckers were recorded in 10 months, and juveniles were seen. Sightings have been much more frequent this year, which is very encouraging after a few years with very irregular sightings. *Great Spotted Woodpeckers* were seen in 8 months, with one confirmed nest.

Goldcrests were recorded in 6 months, being seen between July and December. We record them for part of each year, but so far there seems to be no pattern as to the months in which they are present. *Goldfinches* still seem to be doing well, recorded in 11 months, with a maximum flock of 37.

House Sparrows were recorded every month. They seem to be doing much better in recent years, and we have groups at both Margery and Linden Lodges. A flock of 34 was spotted in July, but generally each group seems to be 4 - 6 individuals.

This was the first year in which *Long Tailed Tits* were recorded every month, with a maximum flock size of 16 in June.

Ring-necked Parakeets also reached a maximum of 16. We still do not know if they have any effect on the native birds. This year they have been seen frequently around Linden gate, so are now using the whole of the park and garden.

Visitors

We recorded up to 50 *Redwings* in January, February and March, and 3 *Fieldfares* in March only.

Other unusual sightings were a *Song Thrush*, seen in February, and an unconfirmed sighting of a *Woodcock* in November. This was well described by one of the Park Keepers, and it is hard to see what else it could have been.

Once again, many thanks to the bird survey team for their continuing enthusiasm and reliability.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blackbird	24	31	24	29	24	28	36	15	23	15	24	17
Blackcap				3	2	1				2		
Blue Tit	36	35	28	31	20	18	15	15	42	23	39	23
Chaffinch	12	8	2	5	1	3	5		1	1	7	6
Chiffchaff					1				2			
Coal Tit	1											
Collared Dove	3		1	1		1						
Crow	19	17	30	14	10	14	17	13	8	17	16	15
Dunnock	1	1	2	4	1	1	1		2	2	1	2
Feral Pigeon	66	16	38	45	48	63	34	82	41	65	60	45
Fieldfare		3										
Garden Warbler												
Goldcrest						2		1	2	4	8	5
Goldfinch	22	9	4	4	5	4		37	5	16	3	18
Great Tit	32	23	15	15	16	15	13	8	10	21	36	19
Green Woodpecker	2	2	2	1			1	2	1	1	1	2
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	1		4	1	1	2			1		3
Grey Wagtail												
Gull – Black Headed	2		4				2	1				5
Gull –Common	86		42		1				1		30	36
Gull - Herring	2					1		1	7			12
Gull Lesser Blackback	1	2	3		2	4	1	2				
Heron		1										
House Sparrow	3	4	6	4	6	6	34	12	3	5	6	8
Jay	10	1	5	2	1				2	4	4	4
Long Tailed Tit	4	8	6	5	13	16	2	7	4	11	14	13
Magpie	13	15	19	11	13	19	13	13	21	19	16	20
Mallard			2		2							
Meadow Pipit												
Mistle Thrush	8	7	7	3	6	2	8	12	9	4	4	3
Pheasant												
Pied Wagtail		2	2	2			2	4	4	6	1	1
Redwing	45	50	9									
Ring Necked Parakeet	9	8	7	8	2	7	7	16	6	7	9	7
Robin	19	19	11	17	16	14	15	15	12	7	9	14
Song Thrush		1										
Sparrowhawk								1	1	1	1	
Starling	12	102	48	24	30	15	15	15	41	10	6	60
Swift						7						
Waxwing												
Willow Warbler				1			2	1	1	1		
Wood Pigeon	57	60	69	51	27	3	22	36	51	31	36	33
Wren	2		2	3	2	6	3	1	4	2	2	2

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Species	Max. number per month	Status
Species recorded 10 or more months each year 2008 – 2016		
Blackbird	30	stable
Blue Tit	28	stable
Chaffinch	10	stable
Crow	28	stable
Feral Pigeon	90	increasing
Great Tit	26	stable
Jay	9	increasing
Magpie	32	stable
Mistle Thrush	15	stable
Pied Wagtail	15	Sightings less frequent since 2013
Ring-necked Parakeet	6	Arrived 2013, now resident
Robin	14	stable
Wood pigeon	52	stable

Species recorded less frequently 2008 - 2016

Dunnock	5	stable
Goldcrest	4	stable
Goldfinch	19	increasing
Green Woodpecker	4	decreasing
Great Spotted Woodpecker	4	decreasing
House Sparrow	8	increasing
Lesser Black-backed Gull	8	stable
Long Tailed Tit	20	stable
Sparrowhawk	4	stable
Wren	5	stable

Seasonal Visitors

Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Fieldfare, Garden Warbler, Black Headed Gull, Common Gull, Redwing, Swift, Willow Warbler, Whitethroat

Occasional visitors

Collared Dove, Heron, Herring Gull, Grey Wagtail, Mallard, Meadow Pipit, Song Thrush, Waxwing.
Not recorded since 2010 - Greenfinch