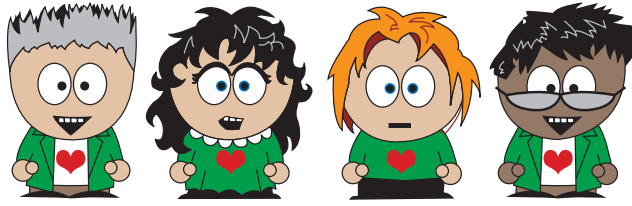


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West Ham Park Bird Survey – Annual Report 2019 By Lyndsay Jones for the Friends of West Ham Park

In 2019 we recorded a total of 34 species, a full list is included with this report which shows which months each species was present. The numbers given are the maximum number seen each month. 14 species were recorded every month, and a further 2 species were seen in 10 or 11 months. Since we started keeping records in 2008, we have recorded a total of 45 species, which includes some “once only” recordings.

New arrivals this year are a pair of *Nuthatches*, first seen in July visiting a garden bird feeder adjacent to the park, but also spotted within the park on several occasions.

Green Woodpeckers were absent, no sightings for the year. *Great Spotted Woodpeckers* were seen in 9 months, with one confirmed nest.

Goldcrests were recorded in 6 months, again there seems to be no pattern as to the months in which they are present. *Goldfinches* continue to do well, recorded in 12 months, with a maximum flock of 30. *House Sparrows* continue to be seen all year, and the groups at Margery and Linden Lodges seem to be doing well. *Blue Tits* and *Great Tits* are recorded all over the park and garden and are clearly doing very well. There are also a large number of *Robins*, often seen quite close together in the garden, outside the breeding season. There may be sufficient food in this area to allow for quite small territories, and it is known that there can be common areas between territories.

Wood Pigeon numbers increase every year, large flocks are often seen on the sports pitches. A group of 31 *Magpies* was counted in October.

Visitors

We recorded *Redwings* in January and February, with a maximum of 49 birds, and 2 returned in November. No *Fieldfares* were recorded.

The usual large flocks of *Common Gulls* were present over the winter months, but *Black Headed*, *Herring* and *Lesser Black Backed* gulls were very occasional visitors.

This year we recorded *Blackcaps* for seven out of twelve months, including January and February. These warblers have been known to over winter in Britain for some years now. The only other sighting of any warbler species was a single *Willow Warbler* in September.

Unusual sightings were a *Song Thrush*, seen in January, and *Coal Tits*, seen in January, February and October.

A pair of *Mallards* were present in April and May. We were glad they decided not to nest in our Wildlife Education Garden as school visits would have disturbed them.

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	23	36	23	32	19	17	17	13	19	16	8
Blackcap	1	1	–	2	1	1	1	1	–	–	–	–
Blue Tit	30	32	32	23	32	15	15	25	30	41	28	31
Chaffinch	11	10	3	3	1	–	–	3	1	7	2	2
Chiffchaff (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Coal Tit	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Collared Dove	1	1	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	3	–	2
Crow	15	12	24	11	16	9	13	15	19	20	20	18
Dunnock	2	6	6	6	3	3	5	3	4	4	1	3
Feral Pigeon	25	38	22	73	21	11	22	34	61	51	20	22
Fieldfare (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Garden Warbler (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Goldcrest	2	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	3	5	6	–
Goldfinch	12	7	15	6	6	5	23	30	6	24	10	2
Great Tit	37	26	29	14	16	16	13	10	27	34	29	19
Greenfinch (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Green Woodpecker (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	4	3	–	3	–	–	–	2	2	2	1
Grey Wagtail	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
Gull – Black Headed	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
Gull – Common	42	32	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	14
Gull – Herring	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Gull – Lesser Blackback	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–
Heron (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
House Sparrow	7	10	12	11	18	7	5	–	1	7	12	8
Jay	4	1	4	1	–	–	6	–	3	8	4	3
Long Tailed Tit	6	4	1	2	–	2	–	–	–	4	15	8
Magpie	24	24	17	16	20	13	13	23	21	31	15	14
Mallard	–	–	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Meadow Pipit (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mistle Thrush	7	3	8	9	3	4	9	9	5	4	8	7
Nuthatch	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	2	2	2	–
Pheasant (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pied Wagtail	4	–	3	–	–	–	–	3	2	6	3	–
Redwing	49	37	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1
Ring Necked Parakeet	17	20	8	6	11	10	5	13	11	19	15	11
Robin	18	17	12	17	23	11	19	11	11	12	11	9
Song Thrush	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sparrowhawk	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–
Starling	20	7	26	64	48	19	74	6	20	80	52	35
Swift (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Waxwing (NONE)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Willow Warbler	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Wood Pigeon	23	40	44	27	32	24	34	27	47	59	40	51
Wren	2	4	5	5	3	4	1	1	1	3	1	1