

Addingham Environment Group

Bird Report 2023

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Thank you to all of you who sent me sightings and contributed to these records ([Appendix 1](#)). We had an excellent year with over 4100 reports and 90 different species recorded in and around Addingham. The full list of species reported during 2023 can be seen in [Appendix 2](#). We had slightly fewer species reported compared with 2022. (see graphs in Appendix 2). Thanks to Jan Hindle for her contributions in clarifying and editing this report.



Photo: **Brambling**,
Fringilla montifringilla
(Fontana)

Photo: **Tawny owl**, *Strix aluco*
(Clarke)



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Photo: **Blackbird**, *Turdus merula* eating a raisin (Tomlinson)

New to Addingham

We had three species reported for the first time.

Common Name	Latin Name	Date 1st Reported	Location (& Grid reference)
Garganey	Anas querquedula	14/04/2023	R Wharfe. Low Mill Ln / Village (SE090494)
Marsh tit	Poecile palustris	05/06/2023	Burns Hill (SE074500)
Waxwing	Bombycilla garrulus	03/12/2023	Meadow, Old Station Way. (SE077496) & Sycamore Drive (SE083496)

The **Garganey** is a rare visitor. The Wharfedale Naturalists only recorded 2 birds in 2022 that were seen near Barden Bridge. The winter of 2023 saw an influx of **Waxwings** into the country, so it was good to have them reported in Addingham.

Escapee!

A **Great White Pelican** (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*) also known as the Eastern White Pelican, was reported and photographed in August. I've not counted this as one of our Addingham species. It had escaped from Blackpool Zoo and was recaptured in Knaresborough a couple of days later.

Not reported in 2023

We also had 18 species not reported in 2023 that had been reported in previous years (Table 2)

Comon Name	Latin Name	Year last reported	Location
Bewick's swan	Cygnus columbianus bewickii	2022	Chelker Reservoir
Black swan	Cygnus atratus	2022	Chelker Reservoir
Black-tailed godwit	Limosa limosa	2022	Chelker Reservoir
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	2022	Chelker Reservoir
Green sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	2021	R Wharfe, Old Lane, Low Mill
Green woodpecker	Picus viridis	2020	R Wharfe upstream from Olicana Park
Grey partridge	Perdix perdix	2019	Lob Wood
Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	2021	Fying over Main St
Linnet	Linaria cannabina	2022	Addingham Low Moor
Little grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	2021	R Wharfe, upstream, suspension bridge
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	2022	Chelker Reservoir
Red grouse	Lagopus lagopus	2021	Addingham High Moor
Redshank	Tringa totanus	2022	Addingham Moorside
Sand martin	Riparia riparia	2022	R Wharfe, upstream, suspension bridge
Short-eared owl	Asio flammeus	2021	Bypass (A65) / South Field
Shoveler	Anas clypeata	2022	Chelker Reservoir
Snow bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis	2019	Hag Head Laithe
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	2021	Parsons Lane, Addingham Low Moor

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Red List

The Birds of Conservation Concern is commonly known as the UK Red List. The list includes birds that are in decline (numbers or range), rare species or those of international importance.

In 2023 there were 16 species from the Red List reported in Addingham. Some birds such as **Curlews** and **Greenfinches** have been regularly reported. Most of the reports of curlews were small numbers (1 or 2s) but there were two reports of approximately 50 seen near Low Mill village, in the field south of Low Mill Lane. The **Cuckoo** was less frequently reported than in previous years.

Table 3: Addingham Red List sightings 2023		
No. of red list species seen in Addingham	16	23%
No. species on UK red list	70	
<i>Species (Common Name)</i>	<i>No. of reports</i>	<i>Locations (approximate)</i>
Cuckoo	2	Great Meadow, Addingham Moorside
Curlew	42	Moorside, Low Moor, Chelker Res, Low Mill, Brogden Field
Fieldfare	15	Long Riddings, Ilkley Rd, Brogden Field, The Steet,
Goldeneye	7	Chelker Res.
Greenfinch	98	Gardens ++, Transects 1,2,5,7,8
Herring gull	2	R Wharfe (Old Lane)
House martin	20	Ilkley Rd, St Pauls, Moor Ln, Football field, Low Moor, T1 & 7
House sparrow	106	Gardens ++, Transects 1,2,5,6,7,8
Lapwing	17	Chelker Res, Low Moor, Addingham Moorside
Marsh tit	1	Burns Hill
Mistle thrush	8	High Mill / Olicana, Ilkley Rd, Low Moor, Moor Ln, Low Mill Ln
Skylark	2	Low Moor
Spotted flycatcher	1	Golf course
Starling	59	Gardens ++, Transects 2,6,7,8, Brogden Fld, Old Station Way
Swift	22	St Pauls, Garth, Main St ++, Transects 1,2,4,8, Brogden Fld
Tree sparrow	20	4 gardens, Sugar Hill, Low Moor, Olicana, Transects 1,5,6



Tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*), with their distinctive chestnut coloured head, were reported every month between April and August in a garden on Browsfield Road. Also on four separate months in a -garden on Moor Park Close. Across the village they were mainly reported as a single bird or a pair but with four seen together during Transect 1 (path by school playing field and Wetlands area).

Photo: **Tree sparrow**, *Passer montanus* (Austin)

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Curlew (*Numenius Arquata*) were mainly seen in ones and twos between January and June. They were reported from a wide range of areas surrounding the village settlement area: Addingham Low Moor, Cocking Lane, Moorside, River Wharfe, Long Riddings, Gate Croft. Then in September and October a flock of approximately 50 were seen in the field next to Low Mill Lane just before it reaches Low Mill Village.

Flocks (a charm) of between 6 and 10 **Greenfinch** (*Chloris chloris*) were regularly seen in the winter and autumn months in a garden on St Christophers Drive and in the summer months in Browsfield Road.



Photo: **Greenfinch**, *Chloris chloris* (Acomb)

Swift (*Apus apus*) were first seen on 3rd May (cf. 8th May in 2022) and last reported 25th August. They were seen nesting in Victoria Terrace. Small groups (a scream) were mainly seen in 4s and 5s flying over the Garth, Main St and Bolton Road with approximately 20 seen flying around Victoria Terrace.

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Garden Birds

We've had reports of sightings from 20 gardens. We've tried only to count birds that land and not those that fly over. So, the **Grey heron** reported in table 4 (next page) was counted because it actually stood on a garden shed! The 47 species this year compares well with 43 species last year (2022). **Bullfinches**, **Chaffinches**, **Goldfinches** and **Long-tailed tits** were reported from more gardens than the previous year.



The **Lesser Redpoll** (*Acanthis cabaret*) was reported, in late winter and early spring, from three gardens. This is slightly less than 2022 when they were reports from four gardens.

Photo: **Lesser Redpoll** (Austin)



The **Blackcap** (*Sylvia atricapilla*) was seen in two gardens during winter and early spring so probably resident and coming into gardens looking for food.

Photo: **Blackcap** (female) on garden feeder. (Fontana)

Sparrowhawks appear to be regular visitors to gardens and on occasions have been seen to catch some of the other smaller visitors. We have had a male, a female and a juvenile reported. They have been seen in eight gardens, in all quarters of the village. Typically, sparrowhawks have territories of 500m to 2km so it's uncertain whether there is more than one pair or whether we are all seeing the same birds.

In February and March, a **Reed bunting** was reported from gardens in Burns Hill and St Christophers Drive.

Photo: **Reed bunting** (Benson)



Photo: Male **Sparrowhawk** (Austin)



Number of gardens		Total No. Species	
	20		47
<i>Species (Common name)</i>	No of gardens	<i>Species (Common name)</i>	No of gardens
Blackbird	16	Jay	1
Blackcap	2	Lesser redpoll	3
Blue tit	18	Long-tailed tit	15
Brambling	4	Magpie	16
Bullfinch	11	Mallard	1
Carrion crow	8	Marsh tit	1
Chaffinch	14	Nuthatch	9
Chiffchaff	4	Pheasant	1
Coal tit	12	Pied wagtail	3
Collared dove	10	Redwing	1
Dipper	1	Reed bunting	2
Dunnock	15	Robin	15
Feral Pigeon	3	Rook	4
Fieldfare	1	Siskin	8
Goldcrest	6	Song thrush	7
Goldfinch	16	Sparrowhawk	8
Great spotted woodpecker	7	Starling	13
Great tit	13	Stock dove	1
Greenfinch	11	Treecreeper	1
Grey heron	1	Tree sparrow	3
Grey wagtail	3	Waxwing	1
House martin	1	Woodpigeon	14
House sparrow	15	Wren	8
Jackdaw	14		

River Wharfe

The river and its banks provide a good habitat for a wide range of wildlife and many birds can be seen there. Records are included from within the approximate parish boundary (Along the river from opposite Farfield Quaker Meeting House downstream to where Old Lane meets Ilkley Road).



Photo: **Oystercatchers** on River Wharfe at Olicana (Cheetham)

Table 5 (next page) lists the 57 species reported from along the Wharfe. Locations are defined in this report as different six figure grid references (i.e. 100m apart). Many of the species (e.g. Blackbird, Great tit, Nuthatch) are found in various habitats around the village but others prefer the riparian environment.



Photo: **Little Egret** (and Mallards) on River Wharfe (Clarke)

Table 5: Species reported from along River Wharfe (No. of locations)			
Total No. of species		57	
Species	Locations	Species	Locations
Blackbird	5	Kingfisher	5
Black-headed gull	2	Lesser black-backed gull	1
Blue tit	5	Little egret	3
Bullfinch	2	Long-tailed tit	3
Buzzard	1	Magpie	5
Canada goose	1	Mallard	6
Carrion crow	5	Mandarin duck	5
Chaffinch	2	Mistle thrush	3
Chiffchaff	2	Moorhen	3
Coal tit	1	Mute swan	1
Common gull	2	Nuthatch	4
Common sandpiper	1	Oystercatcher	4
Cormorant	5	Pheasant	1
Curlew	5	Pied wagtail	2
Dipper	7	Red kite	1
Fieldfare	1	Redwing	1
Garganey	1	Robin	5
Goldcrest	2	Siskin	2
Goldfinch	1	Song thrush	2
Goosander	5	Sparrowhawk	1
Great tit	4	Starling	1
Greenfinch	1	Swallow	3
Grey heron	7	Swift	1
Grey wagtail	3	Tawny owl	1
Greylag goose	2	Treecreeper	3
House sparrow	1	Tree sparrow	1
Jackdaw	3	Willow warbler	1
Jay	2	Woodpigeon	5
		Wren	2

We had a rare **Garganey** reported from the river near Low Mill village.

Cormorants reported (usually in one or twos) from: river near Low Park / Longlands, Olicana Park, Low Mill village and on 2 sections of the river along by Old Lane.

Goosanders reported in doppings (collective noun!) of 3 or 4 from mainly above High Mill (ie Low Park, Longlands, Olicana Park) but with 14 birds reported from below the weir at Low Mill.

Four **Greylag Goose** were seen by Old Lane and a single lonely one below the weir at Low Mill village.

We had multiple reports of a single **Kingfisher** from several places: Longlands, Olicana Park, near the suspension bridge and at Low Mill village. A pair was seen near Low Mill village.

A single **Little Egret** was reported on several occasions from the river by: Low Mill Lane, Low Mill village, and Old Lane. (In previous years we have had reports of pairs and even 4 all together)

Mandarin Ducks were seen all along the river: Longlands, Low Park, Olicana Park, below the weir at Low Mill. Four were seen together 100m upstream from Olicana Park.

A **Mute Swan** was reported from the river at Low Mill.



Photo: Cormorants on River Wharfe behind St Peters Church (Clarke)

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Becks

Historically the becks added to the wealth and development of Addingham; now they provide a great haven for our wildlife. The report covers: Marchup Beck, Town Beck (Top of Main St down to Low Mill Lane), Back Beck (Golf Course to Aynholme Bridge) and of course the Saw Mill Pond. We had no reports from Heathness Ghyll or Wine Beck. Mill Beck (by Low Mill village & runs parallel and close to the River Wharfe so to avoid duplication this area is counted as the River Wharfe / Old Lane).



Photo: **Mandarin** ducks, Town Beck near North St. (Hargreaves)

We had 42 species reported from along the becks (see Table 6 next page).

Chiffchaffs were reported from 7 locations along the becks (Marchup Beck near Stamp Hill allotments and also near Big Meadow Dr, Marchup Ghyll, Back Beck near golf course and also near Bridge 55, Town Beck (various locations along Low Mill Lane) and the Saw Mill pond.

We had only one beck location reported for a **Grey Wagtail**: Town Beck near Burnside / Beckside Close. Previous years they were seen along Back Beck as well as several locations along Town Beck.

A **Kingfisher** was seen on Back Beck (near Bridge 55), also at Town Beck along Low Mill Lane and the Saw Mill pond.

The Saw Mill pond is a special haven for many species (not just **Mallard**). We had 19 different species reported including **Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, Kingfisher, Long Tailed Tit** and **Moorhen**.



The **Mallard** ducks on Saw Mill pond can be deceptive with a number looking different to the classic Mallard and are probably hybrids.

Table 6: Species reported from Addingham becks (No. of locations)			
Total No. of species		42	
Species	Locations	Species	Locations
Blackbird	9	Kestrel	1
Black-headed gull	4	Kingfisher	3
Blackcap	1	Long-tailed tit	6
Blue tit	8	Magpie	8
Bullfinch	1	Mallard	3
Buzzard	2	Mandarin duck	2
Carrion crow	7	Moorhen	3
Chaffinch	5	Nuthatch	3
Chiffchaff	7	Oystercatcher	2
Coal tit	1	Pheasant	2
Collared dove	1	Red kite	2
Curlew	1	Red-legged Partridge	1
Dunnock	3	Redwing	1
Goldcrest	3	Robin	7
Goldfinch	3	Rook	2
Great spotted woodpecker	1	Song thrush	4
Great tit	7	Swallow	3
Greenfinch	2	Teal	1
Grey wagtail	1	Treecreeper	3
House sparrow	2	Woodpigeon	9
Jackdaw	5	Wren	7

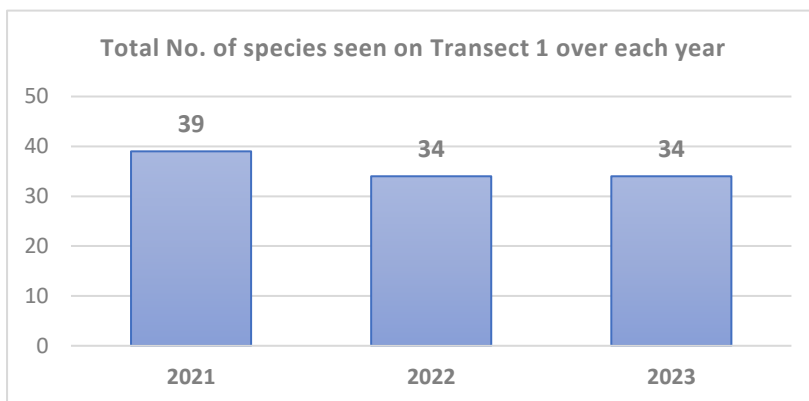
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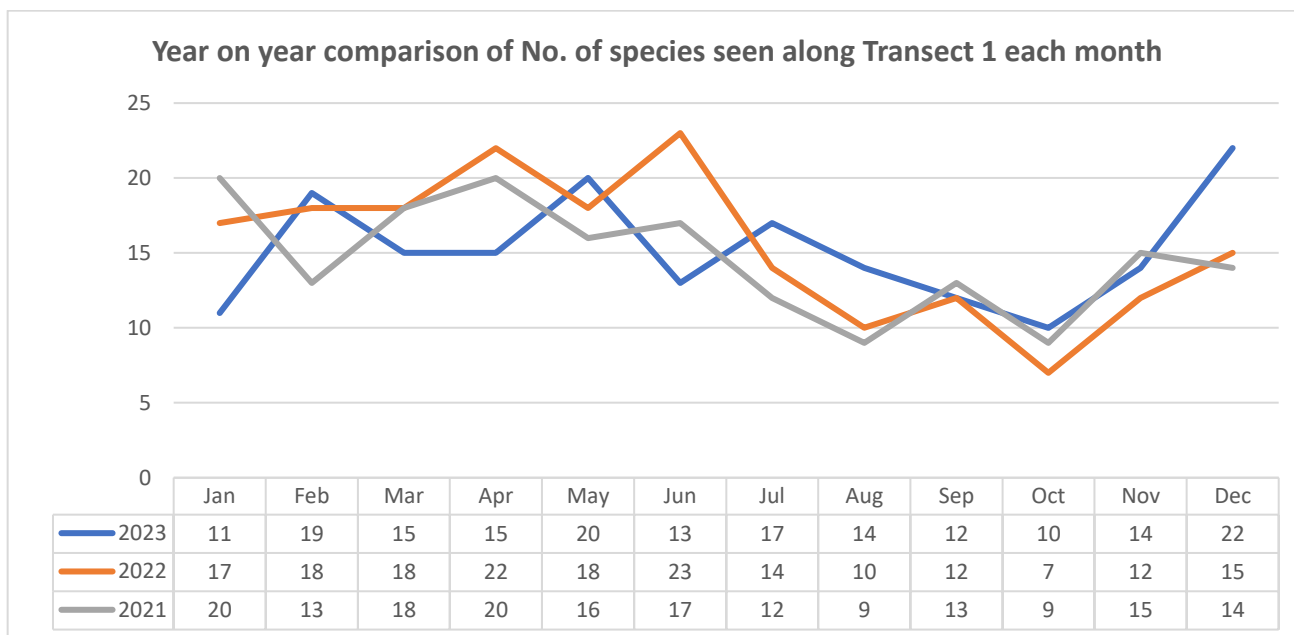
Several Environment Group members regularly (once a month) walk a transect route. They walk slowly along the same route recording the bird species and the abundance that they see (or hear) within approximately 25 metres of the path taken. Birds flying are not counted unless they are specifically hovering nearby (e.g. Kestrel) or flying back and forth along the route (e.g. Swallows). We make every attempt not to double count birds that move from one location to another. Many thanks to all those who contribute.

Transect 1 (Saw Mill Lane, Saw Mill pond, front of school, path around school, Bridge 55, Sugar Hill)

We have been walking this transect every month for the last 3 years. This year we saw 34 different species over the year compared with 39 in 2021 and 34 in 2022. (Table 7 -next page)



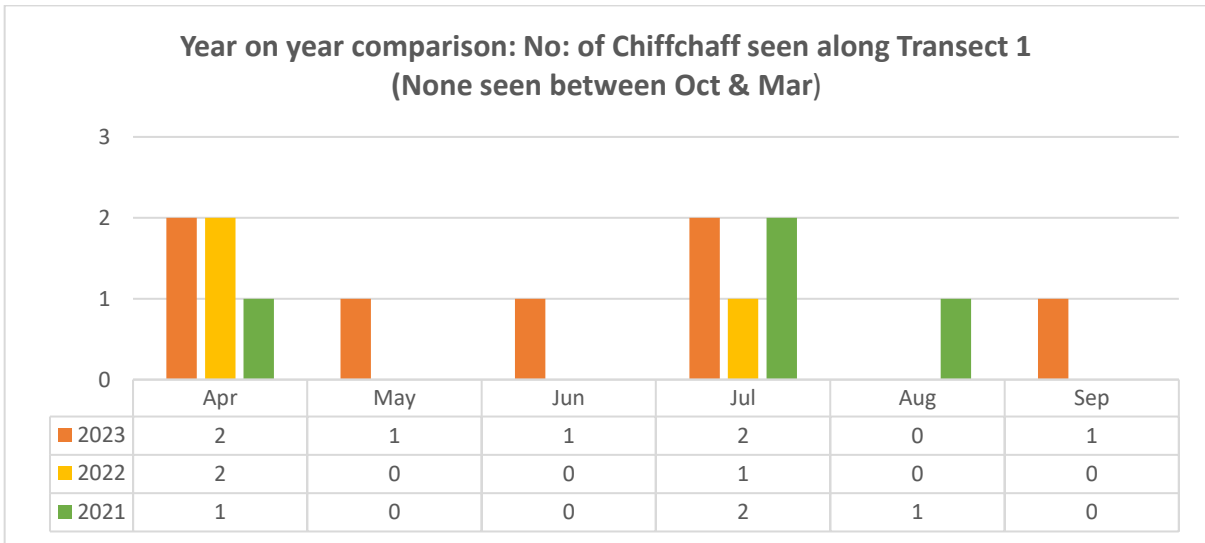
The species we see, and their abundance vary with the season. The end of summer and beginning of autumn are the quietest time in terms of number of different species.



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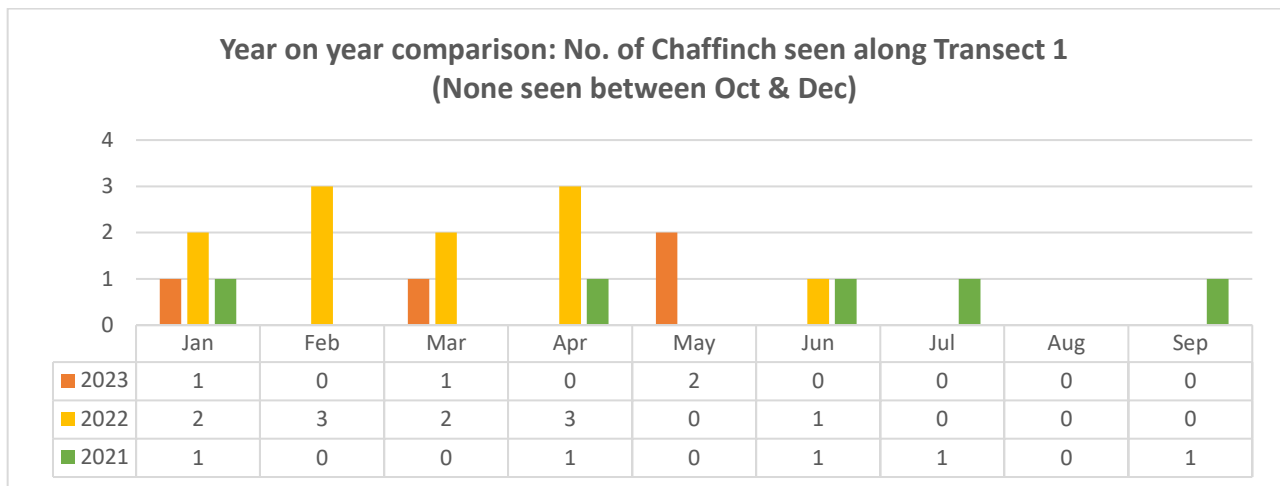
Table 7: Species recorded on Transect 1 (year on year comparison)									
	2021	2022	2023		2021	2022	2023		
Blackbird	✓	✓	✓	Long-tailed tit	✓	✓	✓		
Black-headed gull	✓	✓	✓	Magpie	✓	✓	✓		
Blackcap	✓	X	X	Mallard	✓	✓	✓		
Blue tit	✓	✓	✓	Mistle thrush	✓	X	X		
Bullfinch	✓	✓	✓	Moorhen	✓	✓	✓		
Carrion crow	✓	✓	✓	Nuthatch	✓	✓	✓		
Chaffinch	✓	✓	✓	Pheasant	X	X	✓		
Chiffchaff	✓	✓	✓	Red kite	✓	X	✓		
Coal tit	✓	✓	✓	Redwing	X	✓	X		
Collared dove	✓	✓	✓	Robin	✓	✓	✓		
Curlew	✓	X	X	Rook	✓	✓	✓		
Dunnock	✓	✓	✓	Song thrush	✓	✓	✓		
Feral Pigeon	✓	X	X	Starling	✓	✓	X		
Goldcrest	✓	✓	✓	Swallow	✓	✓	✓		
Goldfinch	✓	✓	✓	Swift	✓	✓	✓		
Great tit	✓	✓	✓	Treecreeper	✓	✓	✓		
Greenfinch	✓	✓	✓	Tree sparrow	✓	✓	✓		
Grey heron	✓	X	X	Willow warbler	✓	X	X		
Grey wagtail	✓	✓	X	Woodpigeon	✓	✓	✓		
House martin	X	✓	✓	Wren	✓	✓	✓		
House sparrow	✓	✓	✓						
Jackdaw	✓	✓	✓						
Kingfisher	X	X	✓						
				No. of species	39	34	34		

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) reports that there were more migratory **Chiffchaff** in 2023 compared with previous 5 years.¹ so I thought we would look at Chiffchaff along Transect 1. The numbers are small so probably not significant. The abundance of Chiffchaff (number seen during each monthly transect) was 2 for each year. However, we saw (or heard) Chiffchaff on 5 months of 2023 compared with only 2 months in 2022 and 3 months in 2021.

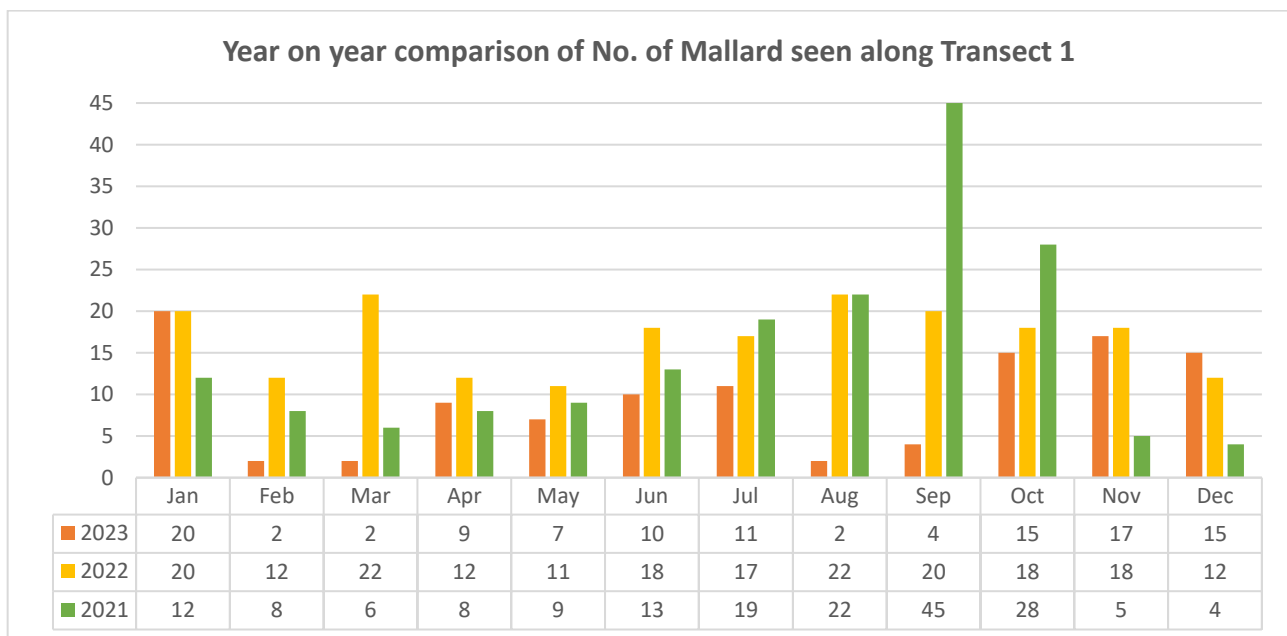


Ref 1: BTO, Preliminary report on the 2023 breeding season. https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/bird-ringing-scheme/ringing-surveys/constant-effort-sites/historical-preliminary-ces-results/2023-ces-results?dm_i=NXX,8JDDW,CVQ3S4,ZBVUCU,1

I thought we should also look at **Chaffinch** abundance along the transect. It looks as though the previous year (2022) was the best year for Chaffinch with sighting in 5 separate months and 3 birds seen along the transect in Feb and Apr. This year (2023) was a poor year with a Chaffinch only seen in 3 months of the year.



Because transect 1 walks past the Saw Mill pond I thought we ought to analyse the number of Mallard (and Mallard hybrids).



We do seem to have seen fewer Mallard in 2023 compared with the previous years. The lower numbers seen each year between Feb and May are probably because they like to nest in more secluded places, a little away from water, to rear their brood away from competition.

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Transect 2 (Behind the Lord Addingham: Great Meadow, Hollow Lane, South Field)

Peter Miller has been walking Transect 2 since March 2021. There were 22 species recorded in 2023 which is the same number as in 2022. The open fields are good for Carrion crow, Jackdaw and Fieldfare.

The **Fieldfare** were seen in November and December.

The field and hedge at the end of the transect (between the bypass and Brogden Field) are a good for seeing the finches: **Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Goldfinch & Greenfinch**.

	2022	2023		2022	2023
Barn owl	✓	✓	Jackdaw	✓	✓
Blackbird	✓	✓	Kestrel	X	✓
Blue tit	✓	✓	Long-tailed tit	✓	X
Bullfinch	X	✓	Magpie	✓	✓
Buzzard	X	✓	Red kite	✓	X
Carrion crow	✓	✓	Robin	✓	✓
Chaffinch	✓	✓	Song thrush	✓	X
Dunnock	✓	✓	Starling	✓	✓
Fieldfare	✓	✓	Swallow	✓	✓
Goldfinch	✓	✓	Swift	✓	✓
Great tit	✓	✓	Woodpigeon	✓	✓
Greenfinch	✓	✓	Wren	✓	✓
House sparrow	✓	✓			
			No. of species	22	22

The **Barn Owl** is still resident in the Ash Tree in Newlands Field

The **Buzzard** was circling low over Brogden Meadow in April.

The **Kestrel** was seen on three occasions; in May circling low over South Field, in July circling over Brogden Meadow and in December perched on a fence at the end of the walk in the field next to the bypass.

Transect 4 (Former first school site)

Unfortunately we don't have records for the full year but in the months walked there were 21 species.

Blackbird	Great tit	Robin
Blue tit	House sparrow	Song thrush
Carrion crow	Jackdaw	Swallow
Chiffchaff	Long tailed tit	Swift
Curlew	Magpie	Tree creeper
Dunnock	Pheasant	Woodpigeon
Goldcrest	Red kite	Wren

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Transect 5 (Daniel Palmer Nature Reserve, path to stepping stones, Marchup Ghyll down to Townhead)

James Ross (with occasional help from David & Ann Austin, and Anne Clarke) has been walking this route since May 2021. Twenty-seven species were recorded in 2023 compared with 35 in 2022.

Table 10: Species recorded on Transect 5 (year on year comparison)					
	2022	2023		2022	2023
Blackbird	✓	✓	Long-tailed tit	✓	✓
Blackcap	✓	✓	Magpie	✓	✓
Blue tit	✓	✓	Mallard	✓	✓
Bullfinch	✓	✓	Nuthatch	✓	✓
Buzzard	✓	✓	Pied wagtail	✓	X
Carrion crow	✓	✓	Red kite	✓	X
Chaffinch	✓	✓	Robin	✓	✓
Chiffchaff	✓	✓	Rook	✓	X
Coal tit	✓	✓	Siskin	✓	X
Collared dove	✓	✓	Song thrush	✓	✓
Dunnock	✓	✓	Sparrowhawk	✓	X
Goldcrest	✓	✓	Starling	✓	X
Goldfinch	✓	✓	Swallow	✓	X
Great tit	✓	✓	Swift	✓	X
Greenfinch	✓	✓	Treecreeper	✓	✓
House martin	✓	X	Tree sparrow	X	✓
House sparrow	✓	✓	Woodpigeon	✓	✓
Jackdaw	✓	✓	Wren	✓	✓
			No. of species	35	27

Bullfinch were seen between May and December with 3 birds being seen on 2 separate months.

Chiffchaff were seen (or heard) along most of the transect in April, May and June with 6 separate birds thought to be present in June.

A single **Goldcrest** was seen on the March, September, October, and November walks.

Goldfinch were seen every month between March and December with a charm of 6 seen in December.

A **Treecreeper** was seen in July at the far end (south end) of Daniel Palmer Reserve.

A **Tree sparrow** was seen in July in Marchup Ghyll between the stepping stones and Big Meadow Drive.

Wren were seen (or heard) every month between January and October, with 5 birds thought to be present in April.

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Transect 6 (Long Riddings, High Laithe, across Golf Course to School Lane)

Ian Benson has been recording the birds along this transect every month for 2 years. There were 33 species recorded (the same number as 2022 but a different range of birds)

	2022	2023		2022	2023
Blackbird	✓	✓	Little owl	X	✓
Black-headed gull	✓	✓	Long-tailed tit	✓	✓
Blackcap	✓	X	Magpie	✓	✓
Blue tit	✓	✓	Nuthatch	✓	✓
Bullfinch	✓	X	Pheasant	X	✓
Buzzard	✓	✓	Pied wagtail	✓	✓
Canada goose	✓	X	Red kite	✓	✓
Carrion crow	✓	✓	Red-legged Partridge	X	✓
Chaffinch	✓	✓	Redwing	✓	✓
Chiffchaff	✓	✓	Robin	✓	✓
Coal tit	✓	✓	Rook	✓	X
Collared dove	✓	X	Song thrush	✓	✓
Curlew	✓	✓	Starling	✓	✓
Dunnock	✓	✓	Swallow	✓	✓
Goldcrest	X	✓	Swift	✓	X
Great spotted woodpecker	X	✓	Treecreeper	✓	X
Great tit	✓	✓	Tree sparrow	X	✓
House sparrow	✓	✓	Woodpigeon	✓	✓
Jackdaw	✓	✓	Wren	✓	✓
Jay	X	✓			
Kestrel	✓	✓	No. of species	33	33

This year a **Goldcrest** was recorded in January, February, and March. In January and February it was seen whilst walking along the Long Ridding track not far from the former First School. In March one was seen in the bushes near the beck between the golf course and School Lane.

The **Great spotted woodpecker** was seen in March whilst walking along field path by Long Riddings near to High Laithe (ruined stone barn).

The **Jay** was seen in October along the path by Long Riddings track about halfway between the former first school and High Laithe

In September the **Red-legged partridge** was seen along the path by Long Riddings track about halfway between the former first school and High Laithe

Six **Redwing** were seen in January in the first field next to the Long Ridding track.

A **Tree sparrow** was seen in May along the path by Long Riddings track near to High Laithe.

Transect 7 (Hollow Lane, South Field, The Street)

Anne Hodgson and Val Clayton have regularly walked this transect for the last 2 years.

	2022	2023		2022	2023
Blackbird	✓	✓	House martin	✓	✓
Blackcap	X	✓	Jackdaw	✓	✓
Blue tit	✓	✓	Long-tailed tit	✓	✓
Bullfinch	✓	✓	Magpie	✓	✓
Buzzard	✓	✓	Nuthatch	✓	✓
Carrion crow	✓	✓	Pheasant	X	✓
Chaffinch	✓	✓	Red kite	✓	✓
Chiffchaff	✓	✓	Redstart	✓	✓
Coal tit	✓	✓	Robin	✓	✓
Collared dove	✓	✓	Song thrush	✓	✓
Curlew	✓	✓	Starling	✓	✓
Dunnock	✓	X	Swallow	✓	X
Fieldfare	✓	✓	Treecreeper	✓	✓
Goldcrest	✓	✓	Willow warbler	X	✓
Goldfinch	✓	✓	Woodpigeon	✓	✓
Great tit	✓	✓	Wren	✓	✓
Greenfinch	✓	✓			
			No. of species	30	31

Blackcap were seen near The Street Farm in April and May. Two were seen at the end of The Street (path) near to A65 in May.

Chiffchaff were seen (or heard) on 5 months (April, May, June, July, and September) along Hollow Lane and along The Street (path).

A flock (approx. 20) of **Fieldfare** were reported from The Street (path) near the TV mast / pylon in December.

A **Pheasant** was seen in November near The Street Farm.

Willow warbler were seen in May and June near The Street Farm and on The Street path near TV mast / pylon.

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Transect 8 (Low Mill Lane, Low Mill Village, Old Lane, Ilkley Old Road)

Transect 8 was started in November 2022 by Peter and Anne Britton. It has the widest range of species of our transects with 55 being recorded during 2023 (see table 13).

Table 13: Species recorded along Transect 8 in 2023		
Blackbird	Great spotted woodpecker	Mute swan
Black-headed gull	Great tit	Nuthatch
Blackcap	Greenfinch	Oystercatcher
Blue tit	Grey heron	Pheasant
Bullfinch	Grey wagtail	Pied wagtail
Buzzard	Greylag goose	Red-legged Partridge
Carrion crow	Herring gull	Redwing
Chaffinch	House sparrow	Robin
Chiffchaff	Jackdaw	Rook
Coal tit	Jay	Siskin
Common gull	Kestrel	Song thrush
Cormorant	Kingfisher	Starling
Curlew	Little egret	Swallow
Dipper	Long-tailed tit	Swift
Duncock	Magpie	Treecreeper
Fieldfare	Mallard	Woodpigeon
Goldcrest	Mandarin duck	Wren
Goldfinch	Mistle thrush	
Goosander	Moorhen	55 species

A **Fieldfare** (*Turdus pilaris*) was recorded in November and December along Ilkley Road.

The **Red-legged partridge** (*Alectoris rufa*) was seen in the field next to Low Mill Lane just before Low Mill village.

The **Kingfisher** (*Alcedo atthis*) (was seen along Town Beck just before it reaches the River Wharfe by Low Mill Lane.



A Little Egret (*Egretta parzetta*) was seen by the River Wharfe along Old Lane but also was seen on Ilkley Road (by the Deli!).

Photo: Little Egret, *Egretta parzetta*. (Clarke)

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Specific Birds

Red kite (*Milvus milvus*) We had 22 reports throughout the year and in all parts of the village. Almost always seen circling overhead. They are mainly scavengers eating dead animals eg road kill. we have yet to have a report of successful scavenge around the village. Mainly seen as single birds, sometimes being harassed by corvids, with 3 seen at one time above Park Crescent.

Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) We had 16 reports. They were reported in most months of the year. Most reports were from Low Moor and fields around the settlement areas of the village, with several reports of a bird perching on a tree, telephone wire or lamp post.

Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*) There were 18 reports throughout the year, mostly circling overhead. In December a very pale bird was seen near Cocking Lane (see photo)



Photo: Pale **Buzzard** *Buteo buteo* (Clarke)

Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*) We had 28 reports throughout the year mainly reported from gardens but also seen at Chelker Res, Low Mill village and The Street.

Barn owl (*Tyto alba*) There were 15 reported sightings throughout the year. A pair seen nesting in the old Ash Tree in Newlands Field but a single bird also reported from Chelker Res. Golf course, Low Mill Village, The Garth and High Laithe/ Long Riddings. No reports so far of a Barn owl occupying the nesting boxes near Cat Steps.

Tawny Owl (*Strix aluco*) Just 4 reported sightings; Moor Park Close, River Wharfe by St Peters and a pair seen in the sycamore tree in the field west of Brogden Field. (it was probably more widely heard but not reported).

Little owl (*Athene Noctua*) Five reports from Addingham Low Moor and one report from near High Laithe on Transect 6.

If you are interested in any specific species and where they were seen just contact me and I'll analyse our data.

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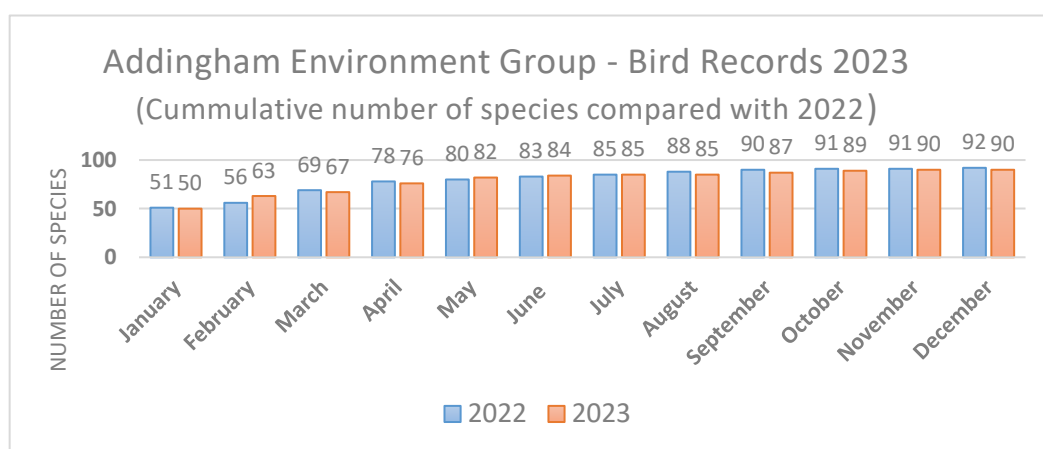
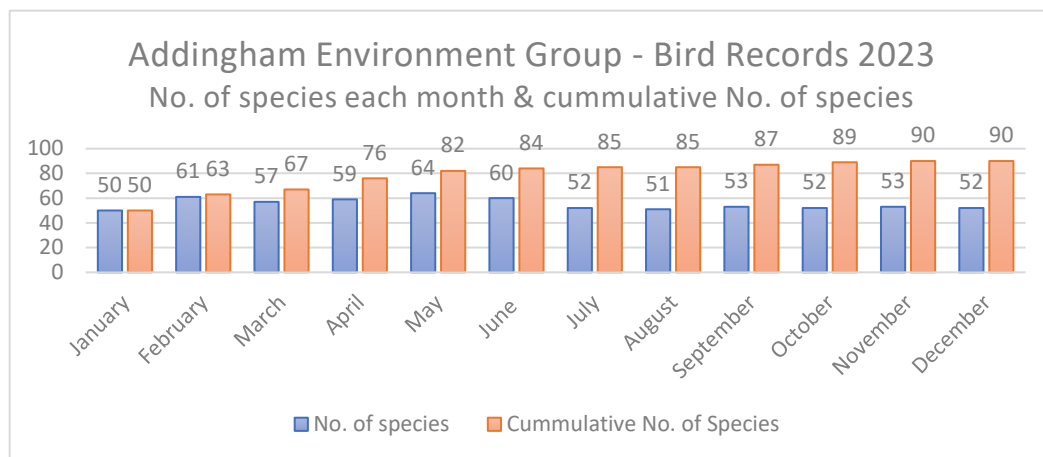
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Appendix 2: Species reported in and around Addingham (2023)



Species list 2023 and areas from where birds are reported

	Gardens	River Wharfe	Becks in the village	Potential housing development sites	Other areas in village	Surrounding areas
	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports
Bar-headed goose	0	0	0	0	0	1
Barn owl	0	0	0	5	1	9
Bewick's swan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black swan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackbird	195	12	43	58	44	61
Black-headed gull	0	7	5	1	2	9
Black-tailed godwit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackcap	5	0	1	0	0	6
Blue tit	284	21	26	55	28	77
Brambling	11	0	0	0	0	0
Bullfinch	76	2	1	1	2	8
Buzzard	0	1	2	2	6	7
Canada goose	0	1	0	0	0	1
Carrion crow	24	18	18	27	24	12
Chaffinch	144	2	8	7	2	18
Chiffchaff	7	2	14	10	11	28
Coal tit	75	3	1	1	6	3

	Gardens	River Wharfe	Becks in the village	Potential housing development sites	Other areas in village	Surrounding areas
	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports
Collared dove	143	0	2	4	2	0
Common gull	0	8	0	0	0	2
Common raven	0	0	0	0	0	1
Common sandpiper	0	1	0	0	0	0
Coot	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cormorant	0	11	0	0	1	7
Cuckoo	0	0	0	1	0	1
Curlew	0	5	3	2	4	27
Dipper	1	12	0	0	0	0
Dunlin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunnock	168	0	9	10	8	8
Feral Pigeon	82	0	0	0	1	0
Fieldfare	1	1	0	4	1	8
Garganey	0	1	0	0	0	0
Golden plover	0	0	0	0	0	3
Goldcrest	11	3	6	4	11	4
Goldfinch	421	3	4	6	10	9
Goldeneye	0	0	0	0	0	8
Goosander	0	10	0	0	0	0
Great crested grebe	0	0	0	0	0	3
Great spotted woodpecker	20	0	1	1	0	4
Great tit	116	7	14	18	11	46
Green sandpiper	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green woodpecker	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenfinch	238	1	2	2	4	2
Grey heron	1	13	0	0	2	3
Grey partridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grey wagtail	4	4	2	0	0	0
Greylag goose	0	2	0	0	0	9
Hen Harrier	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herring gull	0	0	0	0	0	0
House martin	5	0	0	3	11	3
House sparrow	280	3	8	6	3	5
Jackdaw	217	7	16	38	16	46
Jay	1	2	0	0	4	3
Kestrel	0	0	1	4	2	9
Kingfisher	0	14	7	0	0	1
Lapwing	0	0	0	0	0	17
Lesser black-backed gull	0	1	0	0	1	1
Lesser redpoll	11	0	0	0	0	0
Linnet	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little egret	0	5	0	0	0	3

	Gardens	River Wharfe	Becks in the village	Potential housing development sites	Other areas in village	Surrounding areas
	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports
Little grebe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little owl	0	0	0	0	0	6
Long-tailed tit	120	8	12	5	8	19
Magpie	132	15	23	25	25	39
Mallard	3	15	17	0	2	10
Mandarin duck	0	10	2	0	0	0
Marsh tit	1	0	0	0	0	0
Meadow pipit	0	0	0	0	0	4
Mistle thrush	0	3	0	0	0	4
Moorhen	0	6	17	0	0	8
Mute swan	0	1	0	0	0	8
Nuthatch	40	7	5	4	3	8
Osprey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oystercatcher	0	9	3	0	1	6
Pheasant	1	1	3	1	3	4
Pied wagtail	10	2	0	0	1	6
Red grouse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red kite	0	1	2	2	17	0
Red-legged Partridge	0	0	1	1	0	1
Redshank	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redstart	0	0	0	1	0	3
Redwing	2	1	1	4	2	9
Reed bunting	2	0	0	0	0	1
Robin	121	7	27	40	26	53
Rook	64	0	4	0	1	5
Sand martin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short-eared owl	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoveler	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskin	34	2	0	0	0	2
Skylark	0	0	0	0	0	2
Snipe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow bunting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Song thrush	12	2	4	5	7	12
Sparrowhawk	23	1	0	0	2	2
Spotted flycatcher	0	0	0	0	0	1
Starling	173	1	0	1	2	3
Stock dove	36	0	0	0	0	3
Stonechat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swallow	0	8	5	5	7	25
Swift	0	1	0	4	17	0
Tawny owl	0	1	0	0	2	0
Teal	0	0	1	0	0	0
Treecreeper	1	4	5	1	1	4

	Gardens	River Wharfe	Becks in the village	Potential housing development sites	Other areas in village	Surrounding areas
	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports	No. of reports
Tree sparrow	18	2	0	2	1	3
Tufted duck	0	0	0	0	0	13
Waxwing	5	0	0	0	3	0
Wheatear	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooper swan	0	0	0	0	0	1
Willow warbler	0	2	0	0	1	8
Woodpigeon	157	30	39	58	31	47
Wren	43	2	18	20	9	30

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