Addingham Environment Group Bird Report 2024

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Photo: Kingfisher at Saw Mill Pond (Clarke)

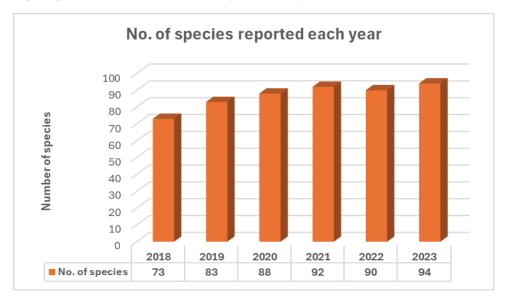
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Executive Summary

Thank you to everyone who contributed in 2024 by sending in reports of sightings; we couldn't write this report without your contribution. (Appendix 1) 2024 was a good year with over 4500 reported bird sightings and 94 different species (Appendix 2). This compares well with previous years.



There were two species reported in 2024 that had not previously been reported in Addingham. A **Hobby** (*Falco subbuteo*) was reported flying up and down the River Wharfe near Low Park (upstream from Olicana, SE080515).

A **Ring Ouzel** (Turdus torquatus) was reported from two gardens in Sycamore Drive in November. This is an uncommon summer migrant whose usual habitat is upland, craggy areas.

Photo: Ring Ouzel (Harrowell)



However there are 18 species not reported in 2024 that have been reported at least once in the previous 6 years (See Appendix 3)

We had 19 species from the UK Red list reported.

Across our gardens we reported 42 species with **Goldfinch** (*Carduelis* carduelis) doing well but we also had some atypical garden birds including a **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*) and a **Mandarin duck** (*Aix galericulata*).

The Becks and River Wharfe continue to be a good habitat for a wide range of species with 42 species reported from along the village becks and 55 along the river.

The Bird Transect reports are providing detailed information on bird numbers with 41 species reported form Transect 1, 29 from Transect 2, 32 from transect 5, 35 from Transect 6, 35 from Transect 7 and the winner being Transect 8 with 48 species.

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.

We had 19 species reported in 2024 compared with 16 in 2023. Reported this year but not in 2023 are: **Common gull** (*Larus canus*) with large number seen on Addingham Low Moor and small numbers at Olicana Park / R Wharfe. **Grey partridge** (*Perdix perdix*) being reported, in November, from the field south of Low Mill Lane near Low Mill (SE089494) and **Linnet** (*Linaria cannabina*) from Addingham Low Moor, **Ring Ouzel** (*Turdus torquatus*) from 2 gardens in Sycamore Drive in November. The **Marsh tit** (*Poecile palustris*) reported in 2023 was not reported this year.

Table 1: Red listed birds reported from Addingham

No. of red list birds seen in Addingham	19	26%	
No. birds on UK red list	73		

		No of nonexted	May No youngsted
		No. of reported	Max No. reported
Species (Common Name)	Species (Latin Name)	sightings	at any one time
Common gull	Larus canus	8	70
Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	3	1
Curlew	Numenius arquata	65	140
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	9	28
Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	5	8
Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	110	10
Grey partridge	Perdix perdix	1	6
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	1	2
House martin	Turdus merula	27	30
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	99	16
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	11	180
Linnet	Linaria cannabina	3	3
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	8	2
Ring ouzel	Turdus torquatus	3	1
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	3	3
Spotted flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	1	1
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	101	150
Swift	Apus apus	30	20
Tree sparrow	Passer Montanus	29	4

We had more reports this year of **Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*) including 6 separate reports of flocks of 30 or more birds on the fields south of Low Mill Lane near Low Mill village. A flock of 140 birds was reported from near Chelker Reservoir in July. The **Spotted flycatcher** (*Muscicapa striata*) was reported from Transect Walk 1 at Sugar Hill, (in 2023 it was reported from the Golf Course). **Swift** (*Apus apus*) numbers also seemed to be holding up with reports from 20 different locations within the village and a flock of ~20 seen flying around the football field.

Garden Birds



Photo: **Grey Heron** (*Ardea cinerea*) seen in a garden in November (Hodgson)



Photo: **Mandarin duck** (*Aix galericulata*) seen in a garden in April (Loughlin)

We had reports from 24 gardens, with a number of people regularly reporting sightings each month. To be counted as garden birds they have to land (and not just fly overhead), 42 species were reported across the year (see Table 2 next page).

The **Barn owl** (*Tyto alba*) was reported from a garden next to Newlands Field where they are known to nest. **The House Martins** (*Delichon urbicum*) were exploring the house roof apexes looking to nest.

Two **Fieldfare** (*Turdus pilaris*) were seen in a garden on Moor Park Crescent in January. A **Treecreeper** (*Certhia familiaris*) in a garden on St Leonards Close in December. The **Willow warbler** (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) was reported from Moor Park Crescent in July.

Some garden birds are solitary; **Robins** (*Erithacus rubecula*) were mostly reported as 1 bird but occasionally 2 birds being reported during the breeding season. Similarly **Wren** (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) reports were mainly single birds. However, **Goldfinch** (*Carduelis carduelis*) are more gregarious and a charm of 10 or more were seen in 4 separate gardens on several occasions. Murmurations of between 10 and 23 **Starlings** (*Sturnus vulgaris*) descended into 5 gardens across the village, with smaller numbers seen regularly across 13 gardens.

Table 2: Birds reported from Addingham Gardens

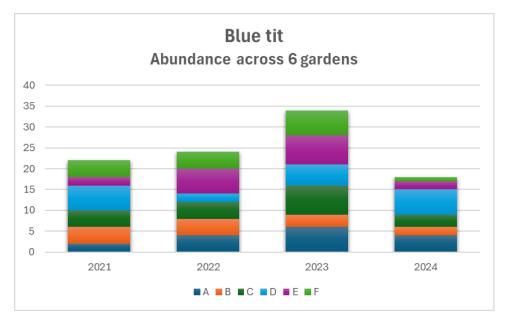
Total No. species	42		
Species (Common name)	No of gardens	Species (Common name)	No of gardens
Barn owl	1	Jackdaw	13
Blackbird	17	Lesser black-backed gull	1
Blackcap	3	Lesser redpoll	3
Blue tit	17	Long-tailed tit	10
Bullfinch	9	Magpie	12
Carrion crow	7	Mandarin duck	1
Chaffinch	11	Nuthatch	8
Chiffchaff	3	Pheasant	1
Coal tit	12	Pied wagtail	2
Collared dove	12	Ring ouzel	2
Dunnock	14	Robin	15
Feral Pigeon	5	Rook	4
Fieldfare	1	Siskin	9
Goldcrest	4	Song thrush	3
Goldfinch	10	Sparrowhawk	11
Great spotted woodpecker	10	Starling	13
Great tit	13	Stock dove	2
Greenfinch	9	Treecreeper	1
Grey heron	1	Tree sparrow	3
Grey wagtail	3	Willow warbler	1
House martin	2	Woodpigeon	14
House sparrow	14	Wren	11

Several members have been reporting garden birds regularly each month since 2021. This allows us to start looking at trends over the years. In the charts below we have looked at the abundance of three species. We looked at the maximum number seen at any one time during the months Oct, Nov & Dec each year for the last 4 years. The gardens are spread across the village and give a good perspective.

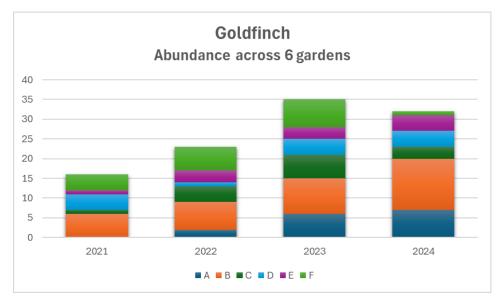
Gardens analysed

- A Acomb, St Christophers Dr
- B Austin, Browsfield Rd
- C Fontana, Bark Lane
- D Garforth, St Leonards Cl
- E Harrowell, Sycamore Dr
- F Ross, Moor Park Cl

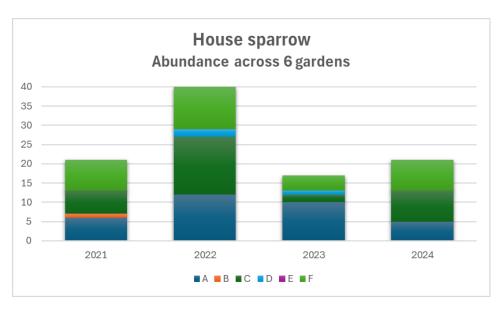
In the last couple of years more people have started contributing each month, so in future years we will have even more robust data. Join us if you can.



After a good year in 2023, the Blue tit numbers look slightly low this year, possibly due to poor weather during the breeding season, however other species (below) did not appear to be affected as much.



Goldfinches appear to be increasing across the village. This is good news as they are on the UK Red list (species of conservation concern).



2022 was good year for House sparrows but numbers in 2024 were similar to 2023 and 2021. Note they were not seen in 3 of the 6 gardens during Oct – Dec. Once thought to be ubiquitous House sparrows are on the UK Red List with nationally deceasing populations.

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It is important to keep your feeder clean to prevent the spread of disease. Wash and dry it once a week. You never know what might visit your feeder.



Photo: Lesser Redpoll, Goldfinch & Siskin (Fontana)



Photo: **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (Clarke)



Photo: **Coal tit** (Acomb)



Photo: **Sparrowhawk - male** "Where's my lunch" (Acomb)

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Becks

We had reported sightings from Marchup Beck, Back Beck and Town Beck with the Saw Mill Pond being a hot spot for sightings. The "locations" in the table (next page) are different 6 figure grid references (ie 100m apart). Many of the sightings are from the banks and the adjacent trees and bushes (riparian zone).



Photo: Little Egret at Saw Mill pond (Clarke)

The Saw Mill pond hosted 21 species including the **Kingfisher** (*Alcedo atthis*), **Little Egret** (*Egretta parzetta*) and **Goosander** (*Mergus merganser*).

A **Blackcap** (*Sylvia atricapilla*) was reported from Town Beck near Holme House, Low Mil Lane. The **Curlews** (*Numenius arquata*) were seen on the grass by Town Beck near the Old Vicarage. The **Willow Warbler** (*Phylloscopus trochilus*) was reported from Marchup Beck above Townhead Mill (on Transect 5). A pair of **Coal tits** (*Periparus ater*) were seen nesting in a stone wall next to Back Beck near Bridge 55.

Dipper (Cinclus cinclus) have not been reported from any of the becks in the last 2 years.

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Table 3: Birds reported from in and by the Becks in the village

	No. of	No. of			No. of	No. of
Species	reports	locations		Species	reports	locations
Blackbird	36	10		Jay	2	2
Black-headed gull	1	1		Kingfisher	8	1
Blackcap	1	1		Little egret	4	2
Blue tit	25	9		Long-tailed tit	6	5
Bullfinch	3	2		Magpie	29	10
Buzzard	1	1		Mallard	13	4
Carrion crow	14	6		Mandarin duck	1	1
Chaffinch	5	3		Moorhen	18	5
Chiffchaff	8	7		Nuthatch	7	3
Coaltit	5	4		Pheasant	1	1
Collared dove	1	1		Red kite	1	1
Curlew	3	1		Redwing	2	2
Dunnock	5	4		Robin	27	9
Goldcrest	2	2		Rook	4	1
Goldfinch	3	3	(Song thrush	2	2
Goosander	1	1	,	Starling	5	2
Great tit	7	5	(Swallow	2	2
Greenfinch	5	4	(Swift	5	3
Grey heron	5	5	-	Treecreeper	3	3
Grey wagtail	5	2	,	Willow warbler	1	1
House sparrow	5	3	1	Woodpigeon	34	10
Jackdaw	17	6	\	Wren	9	7
			-	Total No. of species		42

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River Wharfe

We have had reports from the length of the Wharfe within the parish boundary (Opposite Friends' Meeting House - SE077518, downstream to Old Lane - SE090488).

Photo: Wren (Clarke)



Table 4: Birds reported from along the River Wharfe within parish boundary

	No. of	No. of		No. of	No. of
Species	reports	locations	Species	reports	locations
Blackbird	10	7	Kestrel	1	1
Black-headed gull	12	4	Kingfisher	13	7
Blackcap	1	1	Lesser black-backet	3	3
Blue tit	7	4	Little egret	9	7
Brambling	1	1	Little grebe	2	2
Bullfinch	1	1	Long-tailed tit	4	3
Buzzard	3	3	Magpie	20	6
Carrion crow	12	5	Mallard	24	13
Chaffinch	3	3	Mandarin duck	12	8
Chiffchaff	8	7	Mistle thrush	1	1
Coaltit	3	3	Moorhen	9	3
Common gull	7	1	Mute swan	2	1
Common sandpiper	1	1	Nuthatch	5	3
Cormorant	8	5	Oystercatcher	12	3
Cuckoo	2	2	Pheasant	5	4
Curlew	9	6	Pied wagtail	4	4
Dipper	9	7	Red kite	4	1
Dunnock	1	1	Redwing	1	1
Goldcrest	1	1	Robin	8	3
Goldfinch	3	2	Sand martin	2	2
Goosander	15	9	Sparrowhawk	1	1
Great tit	6	3	Starling	1	1
Grey heron	19	9	Stock dove	1	1
Grey wagtail	5	5	Swallow	6	4
Greylag goose	8	4	Swift	3	3
Hobby	1	1	Tree sparrow	1	1
House martin	3	3	Woodpigeon	23	6
Jackdaw	3	3	Wren	5	3
Jay	1	1			
			Total No. of species		55

A **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*) was reported from the river near Olicana Park. The **Hobby** (*Falco subbuteo*) was chasing up and down the river trying to catch House Martins near Low Park (SE080515). There were two reports of **Little Grebe** (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) first report was in October near the weir at High Mill and the second in December just a short distance upstream from the weir. The **Mute Swan** (*Cygnus olor*) also reported next to Olicana Park.



Photo: Greylag Geese on River Wharfe, Olicana Park / weir (Cheetham)

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Bird Transect Walks

Transect 1

This transect has been walked every month for the last 4 years. Starting at Saw Mill Lane then; Saw Mill Pond, front of school, path around school playing field to Bridge 55 (Back Beck) and finishing at Sugar Hill. Birds are counted if they are within 25m of the walk. In 2024 we saw 41 species but the numbers of birds and species varied across the year.

Table 5: Total number of birds seen along Transect 1

2024	No. of b	oirds alon	g Transe	ct								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr I	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blackbird	16	3 13	12	6	11	7	6	1	3	6	6	16
Blackcap	C	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	C) 0	0
Blue tit	14	6	9	4	4	0	0	0	1	C	2	12
Bullfinch	C	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	C) 0	2
Carrion crow	2	2 6	0	6	2	0	2	0	2	C	4	3
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Chiffchaff	O	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	C) 0	0
Coal tit	C	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Collared dove	O	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	C	6	0
Dunnock	2	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	C	0	1
Feral Pigeon	O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	. 0	0
Goldcrest	1	. 0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	C	0	2
Goldfinch	O	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	C	2	6
Great tit	4	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	C	0	4
Greenfinch	C	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	2	2
Grey heron	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	1	. 0
Grey wagtail	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	1	. 0
House sparrow	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	C	0	0
Jackdaw	2	2 17	5	9	2	1	3	6	7	5	1	. 3
Jay	C		0	0	1	0	0	0	0			0
Kestrel	C	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Kingfisher	1	. 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Long-tailed tit	C	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Magpie	5		3	1	4	3	5	4	2	5	5 9	7
Mallard	12	2 2	0	4	4	1	2	2	1	4	0	0
Moorhen	2	2 2	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	1		
Nuthatch	1	. 0	1	0	0	1	0	0) 0	0
Red kite	C	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	C) 0	0
Robin	3	3 7	7	6	10	3	2	2	0	4	. 5	7
Rook	C	1	5	3	3	0	0	0	1	C) 0	0
Siskin	C	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Song thrush	C	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Sparrowhawk	C	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Spotted flycatcher	C	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Starling	C	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	C) 0	0
Swallow	C	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	C) 0	0
Swift	C	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	C) 0	0
Treecreeper	1	. 0	0	0	1		0	0	0	C) 0	0
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Woodpigeon	5	5 9	10	9	8		8	13	0			
Wren	1			1	0		3					
No. of Species	17	7 18	22	16	17	16	17	9	9	8	14	15

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*), **Magpie** (*Pica pica*) and **Jackdaw** (*Coloeus monedula*) are seen every month but the numbers are smaller in the summer months. This may be because in summer they stay hidden whilst they moult. It is also possible we get an influx of migratory Blackbirds over winter from Scandinavia.

The table shows the maximum number of birds seen on one of the monthly transects. So we can start to look at trends over the years.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) numbers appear stable, however the number of Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) – mainly Saw Mill Pond, has gone down. It is unclear why the numbers on the transect have decreased, it may be they have dispersed around the village, though there is a small national decline in recent years. The numbers of Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) seem to have increased over recent years, or maybe we are getting better at spotting them.



Photo: Probable Mallard hybrid, Saw Mill Pond (Acomb)

Table 6: Number of birds on T1, year on year comparison

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Transect 2

Peter Miller regularly walks this transect, with Anne Clarke stepping in as cover when he is unable to walk it. Starting behind the Lord Addingham and walking up Great Meadow (with Newlands Field and Ash Tree on left), turn right along Hollow Lane then up South Field to the bypass (A65), turn right along top of South Field and finish in the field next to Broadfield Road. South Field is in the Green Belt.

Table 7: Total number of birds seen along Transect 2

	Number	of birds	along Tra	ansect 2								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Barn owl	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackbird	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	3	2	1
Blue tit	8	5	4	2	3	0	0	8	0	0	6	3
Bullfinch	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buzzard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Carrion crow	4	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	4	4	5	2
Chaffinch	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Collared dove	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunnock	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Feral Pigeon	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fieldfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Goldfinch	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	3
Great tit	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Greenfinch	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Jackdaw	12	16	14	7	7	3	8	10	4	4	14	6
Jay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long-tailed tit	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Magpie	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	2	1	2
Nuthatch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red kite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Robin	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rook	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Siskin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Song thrush	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Starling	4	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Swallow	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swift	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Woodpigeon	3	2	2	2	2	3	4	1	8	7	8	9
Wren	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Over the year 29 species were seen. Hollow Lane is a hotspot for **Blue Tit** (*Cyanistes caeruleus*), **Great Tit** (*Parus major*) and a **Wren** (*Troglodytes troglodytes*). The field at the end of the transect next to Broadfield Road is where to see the **Bullfinch** (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*), **Goldfinch** (*Carduelis carduelis*) and **Greenfinch** (*Carduelis chloris*). The **Barn Owl** (*Tyto alba*) that nests in the Ash tree in Newlands Field made an appearance in the middle of the afternoon in March.

We have data for the last 3 full years to allow us to start looking at trends.

Table 8: Number of birds along Transect 2, year on year

	2022	2023	2024
Barn owl	1	1	1
Blackbird	7	11	3
Blue tit	8	9	8
Bullfinch	0	2	2
Buzzard	0	2	1
Carrion crow	27	15	5
Chaffinch	3	4	2
Collared dove	0	0	2
Dunnock	1	1	1
Feral Pigeon	0	0	2
Fieldfare	16	11	2
Goldfinch	10	5	4
Great tit	2	1	2
Greenfinch	3	3	4
House sparrow	2	3	0
Jackdaw	30	11	16
Jay	0	0	1
Kestrel	0	1	0
Long-tailed tit	1	0	9
Magpie	7	6	4
Nuthatch	0	0	1
Red kite	1	0	1
Robin	3	2	1
Rook	0	0	6
Siskin	0	0	1
Song thrush	1	0	2
Starling	8	7	4
Swallow	4	3	2
Swift	4	6	3
Woodpigeon	5	5	9
Wren	2	1	1
No. of species	22	22	29

Although it is perhaps a little early to see significant trends; the numbers of **Blue tit** (*Cyanistes caeruleus*) and **Greenfinch** (*Carduelis chloris*) appear to be steady but 2024 saw a drop in the numbers of **Blackbird** (*Turdus merula*), **Carrion crow** (*Corvus corone*) and **Fieldfare** (*Turdus pilaris*).

Jay (Garrulus glandarius), Nuthatch (Sitta europaea) and Siskin (Carduelis spinus) all made their first appearance along the transect. The Jay and Nuthatch being reported from the northern end of South Field and the Siskin at the end of the walk in the field next to Broadfield Road

It will be interesting to see what happens in 2025



Photo: Fieldfare (Austin)

Unfortunately we do not have data for Transects 3 (Cat Steps) and Transect 4 (Former First School site) for 2024.

Transect 5

James Ross regularly walks this transect with Anne Clarke stepping in as cover. Starting at the south end of Daniel Palmer Nature reserve then walking down the path (by the allotments) to Marchup Beck then along path by Marchup Ghyll across Big Meadow Drive and ending at Townhead Mill.

Table 9: Total number of birds seen along Transect 5

	Number	of birds	along Tra	nsect 5								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blackbird	9	8	4	10	6	2	2	1	2	1	2	6
Blackcap	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blue tit	13	12	13	12	2	2	3	2	8	3	4	17
Bullfinch	4	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
Carrion crow	4	2	2	2	0	2	1	3	0	1	0	0
Chaffinch	12	4	2	17	1	2	2	1	8	0	2	6
Chiffchaff	0	0	1	9	4	6	3	0	6	1	0	0
Coaltit	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Collared dove	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Dunnock	2	4	1	3	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Goldcrest	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	2
Goldfinch	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Great spotted woodpe	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great tit	4	3	4	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	1
Greenfinch	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
House martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
House sparrow	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	5
Jackdaw	0	5	0	2	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kestrel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Long-tailed tit	10	2	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Magpie	2	4	3	4	11	5	3	1	2	0	2	3
Robin	4	7	5	5	8	3	1	1	4	3	1	3
Rook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Siskin	30	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Song thrush	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sparrowhawk	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Starling	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Treecreeper	0	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tree sparrow	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willow warbler	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodpigeon	5	10	6	10	6	4	1	3	1	1	2	7
Wren	1	2	2	4	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	1

Over the year 32 species were reported. **Chiffchaff** (*Phylloscopus collybita*) were mainly reported in spring from The Daniel Palmer Nature Reserve. **Blue tit** (*Cyanistes caeruleus*), **Great tit** (*Parus major*) and **Long-tailed tit** (*Aegithalos caudatus*) were reported at the beginning of the year, mainly from Marchup Ghyll. A large chatter of **Siskin** (*Carduelis spinus*) was seen in January near to the path by Marchup Ghyll shortly before reaching Big Meadow Drive.

We have data for the last 3 full years for Transect 5.

Table 10: Number of birds along Transect 5, year on year

	2022	2023	2024
Blackbird	10	9	10
Blackcap	2	1	1
Blue tit	15	28	17
Bullfinch	3	4	4
Buzzard	1	2	0
Carrion crow	4	3	4
Chaffinch	14	10	17
Chiffchaff	6	6	9
Coaltit	3	2	2
Collared dove	11	1	5
Dunnock	4	4	4
Goldcrest	2	1	3
Goldfinch	2	6	2
Great spotted woodpe	0	0	1
Great tit	5	9	4
Greenfinch	3	1	6
House martin	2	0	2
House sparrow	6	12	5
Jackdaw	9	1	5
Kestrel	0	0	1
Long-tailed tit	4	7	10
Magpie	7	6	11
Mallard	2	2	0
Nuthatch	1	2	0
Pied wagtail	2	0	0
Red kite	1	0	0
Robin	5	8	8
Rook	4	0	2
Siskin	1	0	30
Song thrush	4	4	3
Sparrowhawk	1	0	1
Starling	6	0	5
Swallow	2	0	0
Swift	1	0	0
Treecreeper	1	2	3
Tree sparrow	0	1	4
Willow warbler	0	0	1
Woodpigeon	16	15	10
Wren	5	5	4
No. of species	35	27	32

Most numbers appear stable with **Chaffinch** (*Fringilla* coelebs), **Long-tailed tit** (*Aegithalos caudatus*) and **Siskin** (*Carduelis spinus*) doing well this year.

The Great Spotted Woodpecker (Dendrocopos major), Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus) made their first appearance and were reported from the Daniel Palmer Nature Reserve. The Willow warbler (Phylloscopus trochilus) at the end of the walk in Marchup Ghyll near Townhead Mill.



Photo: Male Bullfinch (Acomb)

Transect 6

Ian and Sheila Benson have diligently walked this transect each month. Starting at Back Beck, up Long Riddings then along path by the side of field next to Long Riddings to High Laithe (ruin) down path to Golf course, cross the fairway to Back Beck and end at path leading to School Lane.

Table 11: Total number of birds reported from Transect 6

		r of birds	along Tr									
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Blackbird	16			8	5	17	1	_			_	
Black-headed gull	0			0	0	0	0					
Blackcap	0	0		0	0	1	0	0			_	
Blue tit	0			2	2	2		0				
Bullfinch	0			0	0	0	0	0				
Buzzard	1			0	0	0	0	0				
Carrion crow	0	1	1	3	4	2	3	2	5	5	7	
Chaffinch	0	1		4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Chiffchaff	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curlew	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunnock	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Goldfinch	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great tit	0	4	0	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	7	4
Greenfinch	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
House martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
House sparrow	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3
Jackdaw	13	11	7	9	5	15	0	22	3	21	. 7	7
Kestrel	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Long-tailed tit	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Magpie	4	3	2	9	3	4	5	4	3	6	3	4
Mallard	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nuthatch	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oystercatcher	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pheasant	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	0
Redwing	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robin	1	2	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	1	. 1	0
Song thrush	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sparrowhawk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Starling	0	102	0	0	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swallow	0	0		0	0	0	1			0	0	0
Swift	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Treecreeper	0			0	0	0	0	0				
Woodpigeon	0	0		4	5	5		0				
Wren	0			0	1	2						
No of species	7	17	10	15	15	17	8	8	11	4	13	10

Over the year Ian and Sheila reported 35 different species along the transect. **Blue tit** (*Cyanistes caeruleus*), **Great tit** (*Parus major*) and **Long-tailed tit** (*Aegithalos caudatus*) were reported mainly from the hedge by the path leading to High Laithe. The **Little Owl** (*Athene Noctua*) in hawthorn bush near to the path across the golf course fairway in September. The **Oystercatcher** (*Haematopus ostralegus*)

near the beginning of the walk in the field next to Long Riddings and the old First School site. The **Redwing** (*Turdus iliacus*) in the field near High Laithe.

Table 12: Number of birds along Transect 6, year on year

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Blackcap Blue tit 2 Bullfinch Buzzard Canada goose Carrion crow Chaffinch Chiffchaff Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	2 2 8 2 1 1 8 1 2 1 3 1 1 0 0	0 13 0 1 0 6 2 2 1 0 1 2 1	1 27 1 1 0 7 4 3 0 0 3 2
Blue tit 2 Bullfinch Buzzard Canada goose Carrion crow Chaffinch Chiffchaff Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	28 2 1 1 8 8 1 2 1 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	13 0 1 0 6 2 2 1 0 1 2 1	27 1 1 0 7 4 3 0 0 3 2
Bullfinch Buzzard Canada goose Carrion crow Chaffinch Chiffchaff Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	2 1 1 8 1 2 1 3 1 1 0 0	0 1 0 6 2 2 1 0 1 2	1 0 7 4 3 0 0 3 2
Buzzard Canada goose Carrion crow Chaffinch Chiffchaff Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	1 1 8 1 2 1 3 1 1 0 0 0	1 0 6 2 2 1 0 1 2 1	1 0 7 4 3 0 0 3 2
Canada goose Carrion crow Chaffinch Chiffchaff Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	1 8 1 2 1 3 1 1 0 0	0 6 2 2 1 0 1 2 1	0 7 4 3 0 0 3 2
Carrion crow Chaffinch Chiffchaff Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	8 1 2 1 3 1 1 0 0	6 2 2 1 0 1 2 1	7 4 3 0 0 3 2
Chaffinch Chiffchaff Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	1 2 1 3 1 1 0 0	2 2 1 0 1 2 1	4 3 0 0 3 2
Chiffchaff Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	2 1 3 1 1 0 0	1 0 1 2 1 0	3 0 0 3 2 0
Coal tit Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	1 3 1 1 0 0	1 0 1 2 1 0	0 0 3 2 0
Collared dove Curlew Dunnock	3 1 1 0 0	0 1 2 1 0	0 3 2 0
Curlew Dunnock	1 1 0 0 0	1 2 1 0	3 2 0
Dunnock	1 0 0 0	2 1 0	2 0
	0 0 0	1 0	0
Goldcrest	0	0	
00.000	0		_
Goldfinch		4	2
Great spotted woodpe	7	1	0
Great tit	/	14	7
Greenfinch	0	0	1
House martin	0	0	1
House sparrow	4	6	11
· ·	.7	26	22
Jay	0	1	0
Kestrel	1	1	1
Little owl	0	1	1
Long-tailed tit	5	5	7
Magpie	4	5	9
Mallard	0	0	2
Nuthatch	1	2	1
Oystercatcher	0	0	2
Pheasant	0	1	4
Pied wagtail	2	3	0
Red kite	1	1	0
Red-legged Partridge	0	1	0
Redwing	2	6	1
Robin	4	5	3
Rook	5	0	0
Song thrush	1	2	2
Sparrowhawk	0	0	1
Starling	1	20	102
Swallow	2	3	1
Swift	3	0	1
Treecreeper	1	0	1
Tree sparrow	0	1	0
Woodpigeon	8	5	5
Wren	2	2	4
	3	33	35

Numbers reported appear stable over the 3 years with **House sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*) numbers doing well in 2024. The murmuration of **Starling** (*Sturnus vulgaris*) were seen in February in the field and trees near High Laithe.

The **Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*) in the fields west of the path next to Long Riddings, though still in small numbers.

The **Sparrowhawk** (Accipiter nisus) made its first appearance on the transect circling low over the field next to Long Riddings. The **Greenfinch** (Carduelis chloris) also made its first appearance on the transect, firstly in February, then again in September; on both occasions near High Laithe. The **Goldfinch** (Carduelis carduelis) appearing for the first time on the transect at the beginning of the walk near to Back Beck.

Transect 7

Anne Hodgson has walked this transect for the last 3 years with Anne Clarke providing occasional cover. The walk starts at the path at the end of Southfield Lane, along Hollow Lane, up South Field, across the bypass and along The Street (path) ending at The Street Farm.

Table 13: Total number of birds reported from Transect 7

				along Tr		-												
	Jan	Feb		Mar	Apr		May		Jun	Jul		Aug	Sep	(Oct	Nov		Dec
Blackbird		0	4	5		4	(6	2		0	0		0	0		9	4
Blackcap		0	0	0		0		1	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
Blue tit		0	4	7		3	;	3	1		2	2		2	2		5	1
Buzzard		0	0	0		0		0	0		1	0		0	0		0	0
Carrion crow		0	0	2		0	(0	0		0	0		0	1		4	0
Chaffinch		0	3	2		2		5	3		1	1		0	1		0	0
Chiffchaff		0	0	0		3	:	2	4		1	0		2	0		0	0
Coaltit		0	0	1		0	(0	0		0	0		0	0		1	0
Curlew		0	0	1		0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
Dunnock		0	0	4		0		1	0		1	0		2	2		0	0
Goldcrest		0	1	0		0	(0	0		1	0		2	0		0	2
Goldfinch		0	2	0		4		4	12		1	2		6	0		0	4
Great tit		0	3	2		2		1	2		2	0		3	1		3	2
Greenfinch		0	0	0		1		0	0		0	0		3	0		0	0
House martin		0	0	0		0	:	2	0	1	0	1		0	0		0	0
House sparrow		0	1	0		0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
Jackdaw		0	1	2		0		1	4		8	1		1	3		2	5
Jay		0	0	1		0		0	1		2	0		0	0		0	0
Kestrel		0	0	1		0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
Long-tailed tit		0	0	2		2		0	0		0	0		0	1		0	0
Magpie		0	1	1		1	(0	1		1	0		0	0		1	1
Mistle thrush		0	0	0		1		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
Nuthatch		0	0	0		0		0	0		1	0		0	0		1	0
Pheasant		0	0	0		0	(0	0		0	0		0	0		1	0
Redstart		0	0	0		0		0	2		0	0		0	0		0	0
Redwing		0	0	0		0	(0	0		0	0		0	6		0	0
Robin		0	5	0		7		4	2		2	2		4	7		4	3
Siskin		0	0	0		2		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
Songthrush		0	0	0		0		2	2		0	0		0	0		0	0
Sparrowhawk		0	0	0		0		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	0
Swallow		0	0	0		0		0	0		0	1	1	0	0		0	0
Treecreeper		0	0	0		0		1	0		0	0		1	1		0	0
Willow warbler		0	0	0		0	:	2	0		0	0		0	0		0	0
Woodpigeon		0	1	1		0	;	3	2		1	1		2	0		1	0
Wren		0	1	1		0		4	2		1	1		1	3		3	2
No of species		0	12	15	1	2	1	6	14	1	6	9	1	L3	11	. 1	13	9

We unfortunately do not have data for January but over the rest of the year we had 35 species reported. In June the **Redstart** (*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*) were seen at 2 locations along The Street (path). Winter visitors included 6 **Redwing** (*Turdus iliacus*), in Holly bush near The Street Farm.

We have data for the last 3 years so we can start looking for trends.

Table 14: Number of birds along Transect 7, year on year

	2022	2023	2024
Blackbird	9	10	9
Blackcap	0	5	1
Blue tit	18	22	7
Bullfinch	6	2	0
Buzzard	1	1	1
Carrion crow	2	3	4
Chaffinch	2	2	5
Chiffchaff	5	4	4
Coaltit	1	1	1
Collared dove	2	2	0
Curlew	1	1	1
Dunnock	2	0	4
Fieldfare	10	20	0
Goldcrest	2	1	2
Goldfinch	2	6	12
Great tit	5	4	3
Greenfinch	2	1	3
House martin	9	12	10
House sparrow	0	0	1
Jackdaw	9	4	8
Jay	0	0	2
Kestrel	0	0	1
Long-tailed tit	3	3	2
Magpie	1	2	1
Mistle thrush	0	0	1
Nuthatch	3	4	1
Pheasant	0	1	1
Red kite	1	1	0
Redstart	0	1	2
Redwing	10	0	6
Robin	5	4	7
Siskin	0	0	2
Song thrush	1	2	2
Sparrowhawk	0	0	1
Starling	6	12	0
Swallow	3	0	10
Treecreeper	1	1	1
Willow warbler	0	2	2
Woodpigeon	2	9	3
Wren	2	3	4
No of species	30	31	35

Interestingly **Fieldfare** (*Turdus pilaris*) were not seen this year but in previous years were reported (in 2022) from South Field and (in 2023) from the field by The Street (path) near the tall mast. **Bullfinch** (Pyrrhula pyrrhula), and **Starling** (Sturnus vulgaris) were also not seen in 2024. **Blue tit** (*Cyanistes caeruleus*) numbers were also lower than previous years. They are seen all along the transect but as a single bird or smaller groups (collective noun = banditry!) than previous years.

However the **Kestrel** (*Falco tinnunculus*) and the **Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*) both made their first appearance; at the end of the walk near The Street Farm.

Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) numbers were up this year with a charm of 11 seen near the beginning of the walk from Southfield Lane where the path, through the bushes, opens out at the top of Newlands Field.

Transect 8

Peter and Anne Britton have walked this transect since November 2022. Starting at Low Mill Lane (top of steps from St Peters Field), down the lane to Low Mill village, through the village, down Old Lane then back along Ilkley Road (old road) ending at Hallcroft.

	Number	of birds	along Tra	nsect 8								
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blackbird	0	11	0	7	0	6	5	0	0	3	9	0
Black-headed gull	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	4	0
Blackcap	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blue tit	0	5	0	9	0	3	3	1	0	2	8	0
Buzzard	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
Carrion crow	0	7	0	1	0	3	4	1	1	3	3	0
Chaffinch	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	0
Chiffchaff	0	0	0	11	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Coal tit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Curlew	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	30	62	33	37	0
Dipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Dunnock	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feral Pigeon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Goldcrest	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Goldfinch	0	1	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Goosander	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great tit	0	3	0	10	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	0
Greenfinch	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grey heron	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
Herring gull	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
House martin	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Jackdaw	0	0	0	7	0	3	3	1	21	0	0	0
Jay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Kingfisher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Little egret	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Long-tailed tit	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Magpie	0	9	0	6	0	5	8	10	10	6	7	0
Mallard	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	10	14	2	2	0
Mandarin duck	0	8	0	1	0	0	7	13	0	0	0	0
Mistle thrush	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Moorhen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	3	0
Nuthatch	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Oystercatcher	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pheasant	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	1	5	0
Pied wagtail	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Red-legged Partridg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	4	0
Redwing	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Robin	0	6	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	8	7	0
Rook	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	3	5	0	1	0
Sand martin	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Song thrush	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sparrowhawk	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Starling	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stock dove	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swallow	0	0	0	3	0	10	5	0	0	0	0	0
Swift	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	0	0	0	0	0
Woodpigeon	0	41	0	14	0	7	6	8	10	2	15	0
Wren	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
No of species	0	19	0	30	0	18	19	15	15	16	23	0

Although we have no data for Jan, Mar, May and Dec there were 48 species reported across the year.

Good flocks (congregation) of **Curlew** (*Numenius arquata*) were seen in the fields south of Low Mill Lane as you approach Low Mill Village. **Grey heron** (*Ardea cinerea*) by the River Wharfe (Low Mill Lane, Old Lane) but also in the fields by Ilkley Road near Holme House Farm. **Sand martin** (*Riparia riparia*) were seen by the River Wharfe at the end of Low Mill Lane just before Low Mill Village. **Kingfisher** (*Alcedo atthis*) and **Little egret** (*Egretta parzetta*) were reported from by the River Wharfe at Old Lane and Sandbeds. **Mandarin duck** (*Aix galericulata*) were seen on the River Wharfe below the weir at Low Mill but also Town Beck by Low Mill Lane / Holme House.



Photo: Oystercatcher on River Wharfe (Austin)

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Addingham Owls

Barn owls (*Tyto alba*) have been nesting in the Ash tree in Newlands Field (behind Beckside Close) for at least the last 10 years. We tend to associate Barn owls with nesting boxes or other man made structure (barns!) but these Addingham Barn owls use a large hole in the Ash tree.

Locations of Barn owl sightings	Grid Ref
Field between R Wharfe & Bark Lane	SE081501
High Field Farm near Chelker reservoir	SE063512
Golf Course	SE072501
Field near Causeway Foot Farm / Crossbank Rd	SE063501
Chelker Reservoir (middle)	SE055515
Newllands Field (behind Beckside Cl)	SE075497
Field east of Browsfield Rd / west of Brogden field	SE071496
Meadow' by Old Station Way	SE077496

They have been reported from 8 locations in and around Addingham. Several of the locations have had repeated sightings through the year.

A pair was seen in Newlands Field (One in the Ash tree and one on the ruined barn). The average lifespan of adult birds is 4 years (though the oldest bird was 15 years old) so it is likely that the birds

reported 10 years ago are not the same birds as this year's pair. Barn owls are not territorial and often share their home range with other Barn owls, so whether there are more than one pair in the village is not clear.



Photo: Barn owl in the Ash tree, Newlands Field (Acomb)

Little owl (*Athene noctua*) has been regularly reported from Addingham Low Moor (mainly near the Old Waterworks). A pair were seen on two occasions then later in the year a possible juvenile. A single bird was also seen on the golf course (Transect 6).

Tawny owl (Strix aluco) Often heard (familiar hooting) around the village (Moor Park Drive, Low Moor, Ilkley Road) with a single sighting on telephone pole Moor Park Close

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Appendix 1: List of people who reported bird sightings

Chris Acomb Angela Hutton David & Ann Austin Margaret Longden **Stewart Bannister** Lesley Loughlin Ian & Shelia Benson Carol Miles Shirley Bolton Peter Miller Peter & Anne Britton Maire O'Donnell Janet Browne Sue Penny Stephen Cheetham Jessica Penrose Anne Clarke James Ross Mick Dunne Malcolm Secrett Wendy Fontana **Christine Smith**

Jill Garforth Phil & Gayna Titterington

Debs Griffith Julia Tomlinson

Audrey Hargreaves Jill Varley

Pauline Harrowell Pat & Sheila Weatherill

Janet Hindle Pam Wells
Anne Hodgson Fiona Walton

Apologies if I have accidently missed your name.

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Appendix 2: List of species reported in 2024

For brief explanation and definitions of areas see notes at the end of the table.

		No. of reported sightings									
Common Name	Latin Name	Gardens	River Wharfe	Becks in the village	Potential housing development sites	Other areas in village	Surrounding areas				
Barn owl	Tyto alba	1	0	0	8	2	7				
Blackbird	Turdus merula	120	12	47	39	35	77				
Black-headed gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	0	10	5	1	1	6				
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	3	1	2	1	2	3				
Blue tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	140	9	36	40	21	68				
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla	0	1	0	0	0	0				
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	31	1	5	1	4	9				
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	0	5	1	2	17	18				
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	33	12	18	22	7	31				
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	93	3	10	10	8	28				
Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	6	12	12	3	9	37				
Coaltit	Periparus ater	74	3	5	1	1	2				
Collared dove	Streptopelia decaocto	101	0	1	3	11	0				
Common gull	Larus canus	0	7	0	0	0	1				
Common raven	Corvus corax	0	0	0	0	2	0				
Common sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	0	1	0	0	0	0				
Coot	Fulica atra	0	0	0	0	0	2				
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	0	8	0	0	1	6				
Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	0	2	0	0	0	1				
Curlew	Numenius arquata	0	10	4	0	11	40				
Dipper	Cinclus cinclus	0	11	0	0	0	0				
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	116	1	9	11	9	13				
Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	38	0	0	1	2	1				
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	1	0	0	1	3	4				

		No. of reported sightings										
Common Name	Latin Name	Gardens	River Wharfe	Becks in the village	Potential housing development sites	Other areas in village	Surrounding areas					
Golden plover	Pluvialis apricaria	0	0	0	0	0	1					
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus	8	0	4	3	7	14					
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	120	3	3	12	7	23					
Goldeneye	Bucephala clangula	0	0	0	0	0	5					
Goosander	Mergus merganser	0	15	1	0	0	4					
Great crested grebe	Podiceps cristatus	0	0	0	0	0	2					
Great spotted woodpecker	Dendrocopos Major	26	0	0	0	4	2					
Great tit	Parus major	113	6	15	16	8	42					
Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	93	0	4	4	4	5					
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	1	20	6	0	3	8					
Grey partridge	Perdix perdix	0	0	0	0	0	1					
Grey wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	4	5	5	0	0	1					
Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	0	8	0	0	0	9					
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	0	0	0	0	0	1					
Hobby	Falco subbuteo	0	1	0	0	0	0					
House martin	Turdus merula	3	2	3	4	8	7					
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	82	0	7	3	4	3					
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	103	2	15	37	17	53					
Jay	Garrulus glandarius	0	1	2	1	2	7					
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	0	1	0	1	3	17					
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	0	14	8	0	0	0					
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	0	0	0	0	0	11					
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	1	3	0	0	0	0					
Lesser redpoll	Acanthis cabaret	6	0	0	0	0	0					
Linnet	Linaria cannabina	0	0	0	0	0	3					

		No. of reported sightings									
Common Name	Latin Name	Gardens	River Wharfe	Becks in the village	Potential housing development sites	Other areas in village	Surrounding areas				
Little egret	Egretta parzetta	0	8	5	0	0	2				
Little grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	0	2	0	0	0	0				
Little owl	Athene noctua	0	0	0	0	0	12				
Long-tailed tit	Aegithalos caudatus	38	3	10	2	2	12				
Magpie	Pica pica	81	20	39	22	25	59				
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	0	24	17	0	1	6				
Mandarin duck	Aix galericulata	1	12	1	0	0	0				
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	0	0	0	0	0	5				
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	0	2	0	1	3	2				
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	0	9	20	0	0	6				
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	0	2	0	0	0	7				
Nuthatch	Sitta europaea	23	5	4	3	4	4				
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	0	12	1	1	1	6				
Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	1	3	3	5	0	8				
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	7	5	0	0	0	6				
Red grouse	Lagopus lagopus	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Red kite	Milvus milvus	0	4	1	2	16	1				
Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa	0	0	0	1	0	4				
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	0	0	0	0	0	2				
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	0	1	1	1	1	7				
Ring ouzel	Turdus torquatus	3	0	0	0	0	0				
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	126	4	38	30	24	67				
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	30	0	4	3	3	7				
Sand martin	Riparia riparia	0	2	0	0	0	0				
Siskin	Carduelis spinus	48	0	0	2	4	4				
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	0	0	0	0	0	3				

		·	N	lo. of report	ed sightings	 S	
Common Name	Latin Name	Gardens	River Wharfe	Becks in the village	Potential housing development sites	Other areas in village	Surrounding areas
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	0	0	0	0	0	1
Songthrush	Turdus philomelos	5	0	2	9	2	12
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	46	1	0	2	3	3
Spotted flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	0	0	0	1	0	0
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	77	1	5	5	8	5
Stock dove	Columba oenas	26	1	0	0	0	2
Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	0	0	0	0	0	1
Swallow	Hirundo rustica	0	6	2	2	3	32
Swift	Apus apus	0	4	5	5	14	2
Tawny owl	Strix aluco	0	0	0	1	9	2
Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris	1	0	4	0	4	13
Tree sparrow	Passer Montanus	18	1	0	0	2	8
Tufted duck	Aythya fuligula	0	0	0	0	0	3
Waxwing	Bombycilla garrulus	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	0	0	0	0	0	2
Whooper swan	Cygnus cygnus	0	0	0	0	0	1
Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	1	0	1	1	0	4
Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus	108	22	46	46	28	49
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	56	6	13	12	7	40

Garden: Includes only birds landing in garden – not flying overhead. River and Becks: On or within ~ 25m of river / beck

Potential housing development sites: Areas designated green spaces and as possible sites for new house development (https://www.addingham-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/HOUSING-SITE-ASSESSMENTS-Final-Report-3.18.pdf)

Other areas in village: Within the settlement boundary. Surrounding areas: Within Parish Boundary + Chelker Reservoir

Appendix 3: Species not reported in 2024 that have been reported in previous years on at least one occasion

Species		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bar-headed goose	Anserindicus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
Bewick's swan	Cygnus columbianus bewickii	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Black swan	Cygnus atratus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Black-tailed godwit	Limosa limosa	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Canada goose	Branta canadensis	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
Dunlin	Calidris alpina	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Garganey	Anas querquedula	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
Green sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Green woodpecker	Picus viridis	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Marsh tit	Poecile palustris	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Redshank	Tringa totanus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
Short-eared owl	Asio flammeus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Shoveler	Anas clypeata	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Snow bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Teal	Anas crecca	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE

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