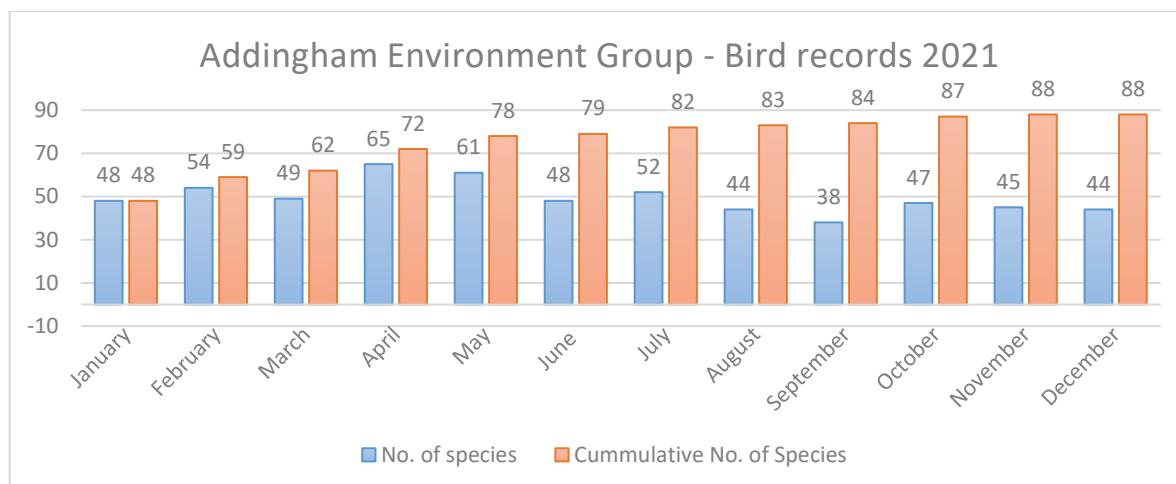
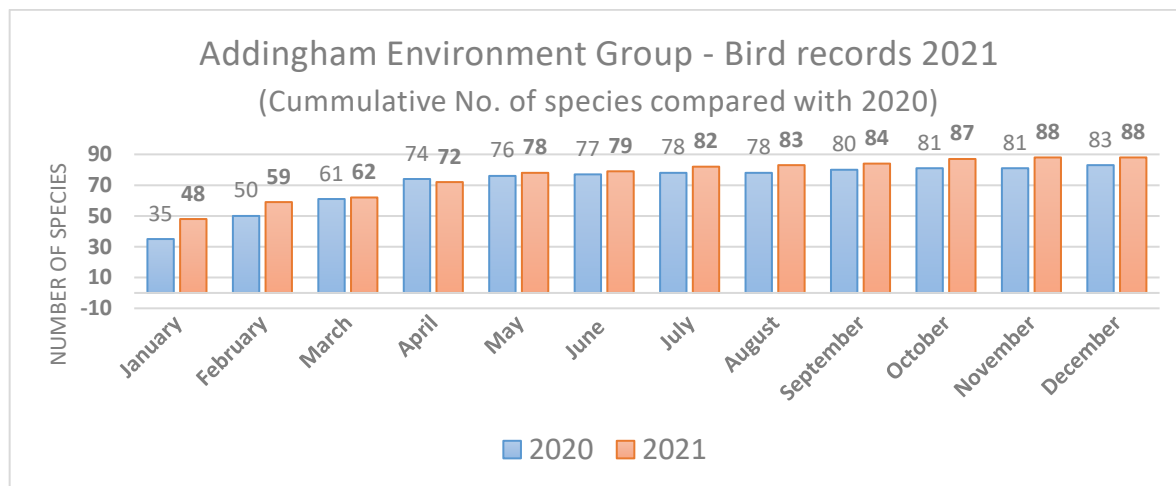


Addingham Environment Group

Bird Report 2021

Thank you to all of you who sent me sightings and contributed to these records ([Appendix 1](#)). We had an excellent year with 88 different species recorded in and around Addingham. This more species than in 2020 (see graphs).



The full list of species can be seen in [Appendix 2](#).

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New to Addingham

We had four species reported for the first time;

Species		Date 1 st reported	Location
Green sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	26/04/2021	R Wharfe, Old Lane
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	21/02/2021	R Wharfe near Olicana Caravan park
Little grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	18/09/2021	Chelker Res (then R Wharfe nr susp br)
Short-eared owl	Asio flammeus	02/04/2021	Bypass (A65) near South Field
Teal	Anas crecca	22/10/2021	Chelker Reservoir

The Herring gull and Little grebe had repeated sightings.

But we also had 7 species not reported in 2021 that had been reported in previous years.

Species		Year reported	Location
Green woodpecker	Picus viridis	2020	R Wharfe upstream from Olicana Park
Grey partridge	Perdix perdix	2019	Field near Lobwood House
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	2020 & 2018	Addingham Low Moor
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	2017	Addingham Low Moor
Snow bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis	2019	Footpath near Hag Head Laithe
Spotted flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	2020	Steg Holes Addingham Moorside
Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	2017	Addingham Low Moor

Red List

In 2021 the UK updated its Red List of birds (this the list of birds in the highest category in the Birds of Conservation Concern 5 as reported to the government by Joint Nature Conservation Committee). Amongst those added (in 2021) to the national Red List were Swift, House Martin, Goldfinch and Berwick's Swan.

We had no reports of Berwick's swan but did have reports of the other three newly designated species.

Table 3 Number of reported sightings

Species	Gardens	River	Development sites	Other sites in village	Surround area
House martin	3	0	2	11	3
Swift	4	1	5	10	1
Goldfinch	126	5	3	0	13

Overall, during 2021 we had reports of sightings of 16 (23%) of the 70 birds on the list(see [Appendix 3](#)).

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Garden Birds

We had 47 species reported from gardens (see table 4). As you would expect Blackbirds and Blue tits were reported from the most gardens. I try and only include birds landing in garden not birds flying over exceptions include birds swooping through garden e.g. Sparrowhawks, or a bird hovering low over a garden eg a kestrel. Interestingly a Sparrowhawk was reported from 11 gardens many of them landing on feeders or perching on fences. We also had a Kestrel coming down into a garden catching a mouse and a Red kite circling low over a garden.

Table 4

	No of gardens		No of gardens		No of gardens
Black-headed gull	1	Greenfinch	8	Redwing	1
Blackbird	19	House martin	1	Robin	15
Blue tit	20	House sparrow	14	Rook	3
Brambling	1	Jackdaw	12	Siskin	8
Bullfinch	5	Jay	3	Song thrush	4
Carrion crow	4	Kestrel	2	Sparrowhawk	11
Chaffinch	11	Lesser redpoll	5	Starling	15
Coal tit	11	Long-tailed tit	12	Stock dove	1
Collared dove	8	Magpie	11	Swift	2
Curlew	1	Mallard	4	Tawny owl	2
Dunnock	15	Mistle thrush	1	Treecreeper	1
Feral Pigeon	5	Moorhen	2	Tree sparrow	4
Goldcrest	5	Nuthatch	8	Willow warbler	2
Goldfinch	12	Pheasant	2	Woodpigeon	15
Gt spotted woodpecker	6	Pied wagtail	2	Wren	10
Great tit	13	Red kite	1		

Finches reported from gardens seem to be stable or perhaps improving. This is encouraging but needs to be interpreted with caution as this is not systematic reporting.

Table 5 Finches reported from gardens in Addingham

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Bullfinch	1	3	5	5
Chaffinch	3	5	7	11
Goldfinch	9	8	8	12
Greenfinch	6	7	4	8

In terms of number of a species seen at any one time, we had a report of approximately 30 Feral pigeons in one garden.

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River Wharfe

Fiftythree species of birds were reported from along the Wharfe (see table 6).

Table 6 Number of locations along the Wharfe

Black-headed gull	3	Grey wagtail	7	Oystercatcher	6
Blackbird	3	Greylag goose	2	Pheasant	2
Blue tit	2	Herring gull	2	Pied wagtail	5
Carrion crow	2	House sparrow	1	Red kite	2
Chaffinch	2	Jackdaw	3	Robin	2
Chiffchaff	3	Kingfisher	7	Rook	1
Coal tit	1	Lapwing	1	Sand martin	1
Common gull	2	Lesser black-backed gull	2	Siskin	1
Common sandpiper	1	Little egret	5	Song thrush	1
Cormorant	5	Little grebe	1	Starling	2
Curlew	3	Long-tailed tit	3	Swallow	2
Dipper	3	Magpie	2	Swift	1
Goldcrest	1	Mallard	7	Tawny owl	1
Goldfinch	4	Mandarin duck	5	Tree sparrow	1
Goosander	6	Mistle thrush	1	Willow warbler	2
Great tit	3	Moorhen	3	Woodpigeon	4
Green sandpiper	1	Mute swan	1	Wren	4
Grey heron	7	Nuthatch	1		

Many of the birds are not specifically associated with the river but enjoy our riverside environment.

Of particular note is the reporting of a Little egret. Little egrets first appeared in the UK in 1989 and first bred in 1996 (in the south of England). Most of the reports were from various locations along the river (see table 8) but it was also reported on 2 separate occasions in the field to South East of the cricket pitch. We had reports throughout the year from along the river (see table 7).

**Table 7
Little egret reports by month**

Month	No. of reports
Jan	4
Feb	2
Jul	1
Aug	2
Oct	1
Nov	1
Dec	3

**Table 8
Little egret reports throughout year**

Locations along river during the year (upstream to downstream)
Olicana Park
Below suspension bridge
N of Church field
N of St Peters Church
Near Low Mill Lane above Low Mill village
Below Low Mill / Near Old Lane

Becks: (Marchup Beck, Town Beck, Back Beck)

Thirty-seven species were reported from along the becks (see table 9). I've loosely interpreted "Becks" to also include the Saw Mill pond and sightings within approximately 10m of a beck.

Table 9 Number of locations along becks

Blackbird	5	Gt spotted woodpecker	1	Nuthatch	2
Blackcap	1	Great tit	3	Pheasant	1
Blue tit	4	Greenfinch	1	Redwing	1
Bullfinch	1	Grey heron	1	Robin	5
Carrion crow	3	Grey wagtail	7	Rook	1
Chaffinch	2	Jackdaw	2	Song thrush	1
Chiffchaff	3	Jay	1	Tawny owl	1
Coal tit	1	Kingfisher	2	Treecreeper	5
Dipper	2	Long-tailed tit	6	Willow warbler	1
Duncock	3	Magpie	4	Woodpigeon	4
Feral Pigeon	1	Mallard	2	Wren	5
Goldcrest	4	Mistle thrush	1		
Goosander	1	Moorhen	3		

The hot spot for spotting species is the Saw Mill pond with 20 different species reported during the year. This closely followed by Marchup Beck; along the path from Stamp Hill allotments to Big Meadow Drive (18 species).

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Species reported from Potential Housing Development sites

Table 10

Potential Housing development sites					No. of species				
AD/003	Brogden Meadow, Gt Meadow, Newlands Fd				26				
AD/004	Brogden Field, South Field				24				
AD/011	Former First School site				19				
AD/015	Sugar Hill				12				
Species	AD/003	AD/004	AD/011	AD/015	Species	AD/003	AD/004	AD/011	AD/015
Barn owl	9	2	0	0	Jackdaw	6	2	1	1
Blk-headed gull	1	4	0	0	Jay	0	1	0	0
Blackbird	10	2	5	8	Long-tailed tit	0	0	3	0
Blackcap	0	0	1	1	Magpie	5	6	3	2
Blue tit	5	5	4	4	Mistle thrush	0	1	0	0
Bullfinch	1	0	0	0	Nuthatch	1	0	0	2
Buzzard	1	3	1	0	Pheasant	2	2	0	0
Carrion crow	33	16	0	4	Red kite	1	2	1	0
Chaffinch	0	1	0	0	Redwing	1	1	0	0
Chiffchaff	0	1	3	0	Robin	6	5	1	3
Coal tit	0	0	1	1	Rook	0	2	0	0
Collared dove	0	0	1	1	Siskin	0	0	1	0
Curlew	3	1	0	0	Song thrush	1	6	0	0
Dunnock	0	1	4	1	Starling	2	1	1	0
Feral Pigeon	2	1	0	0	Swallow	2	1	0	0
Fieldfare	1	0	0	0	Swift	4	0	1	0
Goldfinch	2	0	0	1	Treecreeper	0	0	1	0
Great tit	2	2	3	0	Tree sparrow	0	0	0	1
Greenfinch	1	0	1	0	Woodpigeon	10	9	2	7
House martin	2	0	0	0	Wren	1	2	3	4
House sparrow	1	0	1	0					

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Bird Transects

The transects are walks following the same route each month (approximately 1 hour long) where we record all the bird species seen. In 2021 we had 5 regular transects:

Transect 1 Saw Mill pond, around Primary School playing field, Sugar Hill

Regular participants: Chris Acomb, David & Ann Austin, Lesley Loughlin, Malcolm Secrett, Pam Wells

39 species recorded during the year. We started Transect 1 in April 2020 so this allows us to start comparing year on year (early days yet). See table 11.

Table 11 Transect 1 – No. of species each quarter (last 2 years)

	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
2020		19	19	18
2021	23	31	18	19

Table 12 Transect 1 Selected species - No. of locations along transect

Gold crest	3
Chiffchaff	3
Greenfinch	1
Bullfinch	2

The other Transects have data mainly for 2021 and it will be interesting to see how this varies over the coming years.

Transect 2 (Behind The Sailor), Great Meadow, South Field

Regular participant: Peter Miller

28 species recorded over the year. With curlews and oystercatchers included in the sightings.

Transect 3 Storiths Ct, allotments, path up to The Street, Catsteps, path down to cricket pitch

Regular participants: Anne Hodgson, Val Clayton

27 species recorded over the year. Goldfinches and long tailed tits making regular appearances

Transect 4 Former First School site

Regular participants: Anne Clarke, Alfonsas Paulauskas.

30 species recorded over the year. Wrens and Great tits making regular appearances.

Transect 5 Daniel Palmer nature reserve, Marchup beck, path from Broadmeadow to Townhead

Regular participant: James Ross

28 species recorded over the year. Chiffchaffs appearing regular over the summer.

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Appendix 2 Species reported in and around Addingham (by year)

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Barn owl	Tyto alba	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Black-headed gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Blackbird	Turdus merula	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Blue tit	Cyanistes caeruleus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Buzzard	Buteo buteo	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Carrion crow	Corvus corone	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Coal tit	Parus ater	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Collared dove	Streptopelia decaocto	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Common gull	Larus canus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Common raven	Corvus corax	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Common sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Curlew	Numenius arquata	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Dipper	Cinclus cinclus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Golden plover	Pluvialis apricaria	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Goosander	Mergus merganser	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Great crested grebe	Podiceps cristatus	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Gt spotted woodpecker	Dendrocopos Major	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Great tit	Parus major	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Green sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Green woodpecker	Picus viridis	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Grey heron	Ardea cinerea	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Grey partridge	Perdix perdix	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Grey wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Greylag goose	Anser anser	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Herring gull	Larus argentatus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
House martin	Turdus merula	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
House sparrow	Passer domesticus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Jackdaw	Corvus monedula	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Jay	Garrulus glandarius	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Lesser redpoll	Acanthis cabaret	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Linnet	Linaria cannabina	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Little egret	Egretta parzetta	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Little grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Little owl	Athene noctua	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Long-tailed tit	Aegithalos caudatus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Magpie	Pica pica	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Mandarin duck	Aix galericulata	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Meadow pipit	Anthus pratensis	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Mistle thrush	Turdus viscivorus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Mute swan	Cygnus olor	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Nuthatch	Sitta europaea	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Oystercatcher	Haematopus ostralegus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Pied wagtail	Motacilla alba	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Red grouse	Lagopus lagopus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Red kite	Milvus milvus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Red-legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Reed bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
Robin	Erithacus rubecula	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Rook	Corvus frugilegus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Sand martin	Riparia riparia	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Short-eared owl	Asio flammeus	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Siskin	Carduelis spinus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Snow bunting	Plectrophenax nivalis	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
Song thrush	Turdus philomelos	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Spotted flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Stock dove	Columba oenas	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
Swallow	Hirundo rustica	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Swift	Apus apus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Tawny owl	Strix aluco	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Teal	Anas crecca	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE
Treecreeper	Certhia familiaris	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Tree sparrow	Passer Montanus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Tufted duck	Aythya fuligula	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
Willow warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

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Appendix 3: Red List (Birds of Conservation Concern) seen in Addingham

No. of red list birds seen in Addingham	16	23%
No. birds on UK red list	70	

<i>Species (Common Name)</i>	<i>No. of reported sightings</i>
Artic skua	0
Balearic shearwater	0
Berwick's swan	0
Black grouse	0
Black-tailed godwit	0
Capercaillie	0
Cirl bunting	0
Common scoter	0
Corn bunting	0
Corncrake	0
Cuckoo	2
Curlew	21
Dotterel	0
Dunlin	0
Fieldfare	7
Goldeneye	0
Grasshopper warbler	0
Greenfinch	46
Grey partridge	0
Hawfinch	0
Hen harrier	1
Herring gull	2
House martin	20
House sparrow	90
Kittiwake	0
Lapwing	8
Leach's storm-petrel	0
Lesser spotted woodpecker	0
Linnet	1
Long-tailed duck	0
Marsh tit	0
Marsh warbler	0
Merlin	1
Mistle thrush	8
Montagu's harrier	0
Nightingale	0
Pochard	0
Ptarmigan	0
Puffin	0
Purple sandpiper	0
Red-backed shrike	0
Red-necked grebe	0
Red-necked phalarope	0
Redpoll	0

Ring ouzel	0
Ringed plover	0
Roseate tern	0
Ruff	0
Savi's warbler	0
Scaup	0
Slavonian grebe	0
Shag	0
Skylark	1
Smew	0
Spotted flycatcher	0
Starling	76
Swift	21
Tree pipit	0
Tree sparrow	27
Turtle dove	0
Twite	0
Velvet scoter	0
Whimbrel	0
Whinchat	0
White-fronted goose	0
Willow tit	0
Wood warbler	0
Woodcock	0
Yellow wagtail	0
Yellowhammer	0

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