

The Birds of Markeaton Park

Highest monthly count for >>>

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SPECIES

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jly Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

1	Black Headed Gull	99	183	77	31	34	23	27	25	15	74	99	210
2	Blackbird	4	11	15	19	4	11	12	5	1	15	4	3
3	Blackcap				2	3	2	1				3	
4	Blue Tit	5	7	6	11	4	9	5	2	2	9	5	7
5	Bullfinch			3			1						
6	Buzzard	1			3	3	2	2		4	2	1	
7	Canada Goose	41	65	53	27	104	180	166	161	73	97	41	74
8	Carriion Crow	5	4	6	5	2	6	5	7	3	5	5	8
9	Chaffinch	2	8	7	6	2	7	7	4		3		2
10	Chiffchaff						1	1					
11	Coal Tit	1	4	2		1	2	1	4	4	2	1	3
12	Collared Dove		4	2	4	2	4	4			4		
13	Common Gull		2	1							1		2
14	Coot	35	39	30	9	25	17	17	25	16	39	35	43
15	Cormorant	4	2								1	4	3
16	Duncock	1	4	1			1	2		1	2	1	1
17	Fieldfare	3										3	1
18	Goldcrest	3	1	1	2						4	3	
19	Goldfinch	3			4	4	5	3	8	5	5	3	6
20	Goosander	1	13	7			13	2				1	8
21	Great Crested Grebe	1		2								1	1
22	Great Spotted Woodpecker						1						
23	Great Tit	4	8	7	11	6	8	9	10	2	8	4	7
24	Green Woodpecker			2	1			1			2		
25	Greenfinch	3	1								3	3	14
26	Grey Heron	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	4
27	Grey Wagtail		1	1		1	2	1	1		1		
28	Greylag Goose		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		3		
29	House Martin						7	8	2				
30	House Sparrow					9	3	4					
31	Indian Runner			1									
32	Jackdaw	14	13	19	18	19	14	16	21	6	23	14	11
33	Jay	2	1	1	1					2		2	
34	Kestrel								1				
35	Kingfisher						2				1		
36	Little Egret		1	1									1
37	Long Tailed Tit	1	6	5	6	4	7	9	1	2	8	1	11
38	Magpie	4	15	14	19	9	14	12	5	2	11	4	12
39	Mallard												
40	Mandarin Duck		1	1		1	4	1	1	1			
41	Mistle Thrush	1		2	2	1	4		14		3	1	
42	Moorhen	11	22	21	4	2	4	2	2	6	6	11	12
43	Mute Swan	6	3	3	3	8	12	12	12	11	11	6	11
44	Nuthatch	3	3	2		1	4	1	1	4	3	3	3
45	Peregrine Falcon							1					
46	Pheasant				1								
47	Pied Wagtail		4	4	5		4	6		2	5		
48	Redwing	20										20	27
49	Robin	1	7	6	7	8	6	3	1	4	6	1	5
50	Sand Martin									2			
51	Shoveller												2
52	Song Thrush			1	2	2	1				12		
53	Sparrowhawk				1				1				
54	Starling											20	2
55	Stock Dove	2	7	8	5	3	7	2	3	2	2	2	3
56	Swallow						4	6	2				
57	Swift					13		4					
58	Treecreeper			1		1	2	1			1		
59	Tufted Duck	33	23	21	11	11	9	1		1	26	33	28
60	Willow Warbler							1		1			
61	Woodpigeon	19	18	26	21	5	18	17	9	9	17	19	21
62	Wren	1	1	1	3	3	2	2		3	2	1	1

Commentary 31st December 2015

Species seen at Markeaton, but not in 2015

Barnacle Goose	Brambling	Lesser Whitethroat
Egyptian Goose	Lesser BB Gull	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker
Hobby	Willow Tit	Pink Footed Goose
Hawfinch	Red Kite	Spotted Flycatcher
Pochard	Wheatear	Ring Necked Parakeet
Teal	Chloe Wigeon	Lesser Redpoll
Woodcock	Linnet	Muscovety Duck
Cuckoo	Raven	Australian Wood Duck
Little Grebe	Siskin	Chinese Swan Goose
Goldeneye		28

SUMMARY

TO 31st December 2015

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Species seen in 2015, and earlier years	59	60	60	61	54	35
New Species - never previously reported	3	3	2	3	6	17
Total Species seen - in year	62	63	62	64	63	52
Species NOT seen in current year	28	24	22	18	19	21
Total species seen and reported since 1997	90	87	84	82	79	73

Highlights

Goosander

in June, 2 female Goosanders were spotted, together with 11 juveniles, indicating that breeding has again taken place. Juveniles bred in 2013

Shoveller

A new addition to the Markeaton sighting list was a pair of Shovellers, not reported in the last 15 years

Little Egret

Single birds have been reported on occasional dates, and are part of the pattern of Little Egrets spreading further North across the UK

Peregrine

Only one sighting in the year, in July, probably from the Derby cathedral pair, and prospecting for food for the young birds

Buzzard

Far more frequently seen, and heard, than in prior years, recognising the continued increase in Buzzard population

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4th January 2016