

TUNBRIDGE WELLS COMMON
BIRD RECORDS DECEMBER 2023 TO AUGUST 2024

Maximum numbers are the maximum seen/heard on any one visit to the common (40 minutes to 1 hour approx.). 44 species in total.

RESIDENT BREEDING SPECIES

Species	Maximum number	Comment
Blue Tit	17	Common and widespread
Great Tit	10	Common
Coal Tit	2	Small numbers, breed in conifers and dense ivy.
Long-tailed Tit	4	Small numbers
Nuthatch	4	Common, a number of breeding pairs.
Great spotted woodpecker	3	Fairly common, at least two pairs, probably more.
Robin	8	Common
Wren	17	Probably most common breeding bird
Dunnock	2	A few pairs, probably breeding.
Blackbird	6	Common
Song Thrush	2	Small numbers, one or two breeding pairs.
Goldcrest	3	Fairly common in conifers and areas of ivy/dense cover
Bullfinch	1	Recorded on 9 occasions in spring/summer Very probably breeding.
Woodpigeon	11	Very common
Stock Dove	2	Recorded on 6 visits, probably breeding.
Carrion Crow	5	Fairly common
Jackdaw	4	May breed
Magpie	12	Common, breeding.
Jay	3	Very probably breeding.
Common Buzzard	3	One pair bred and raised young.
Tawny owl	1	Heard at night on two occasions. Possible breeder.

SUMMER BREEDING VISITORS

Species	Maximum number	Comment
Blackcap	11	Common and widespread breeder
Chiffchaff	10	Common and widespread breeder

WINTER VISITOR

Species	Maximum number	Comment
Siskin	Circa 20	A flock in conifers in upper Castle Road on two occasions in March.
Lesser Redpoll	3	A March records, there was an influx of Redpoll to TW area in March.
Redwing	Circa 15	Small flocks seen from December to March
Fieldfare	Circa 15	A flock with redwings in December. Quite unusual on the common

OTHER VISITING SPECIES. NO EVIDENCE OF BREEDING

Species	Maximum number	Comment
Mallard	6	On Brighton Lake in June
Moorhen	1	On Brighton Lake in June
Canada Goose	1	On Brighton Lake in May
Grey Heron	2 records in flight	Probably visits the ponds regularly in the early morning
Red Kite	2 records in flight	Slowly increasing in the area.
Sparrowhawk		Only a single record 23 rd March
Peregrine		1 on 10 April with Buzzards. Probably from the nesting pair on St Peters church.
Herring Gull		Small numbers overhead and on cricket field.
Collared Dove		only one flight record, but Common in TW area
Swift		2 overhead on 8 th May.

Pied Wagtail		2 records. One at Fir Tree car park and one by the Mount Edgcumbe.
Grey Wagtail		2 females/immatures on the ground behind Highbury was an unusual record.
Starling	4 in Spring	Larger numbers in Winter.
Goldfinch		Only 1 record. Surprising as this is a common species in the area.
Tree creeper		Only 1 record on 8 March. Has bred in past years
Chaffinch		Only two February records
Green Woodpecker		2 records in July when ants are abundant.

SPECIES SEEN IN THE PAST 5 YEARS BUT NOT RECORDED ABOVE

- House Sparrow
- Garden Warbler
- Marsh Tit
- Pheasant
- Kestrel
- Mistle Thrush