

The Birds of Bowbrook Allotments

We will be keeping a record of all the bird species that visit the allotment site on a monthly basis. We would like all BAC members to help with this.

Our records will paint a picture of how successful the development of our green spaces is.

The birds present on site indicate how attractive the site is for wildlife in general, so we shall be hoping for an increase in the numbers of different species and the frequency of visits over the coming years.

Birds spotted each month will be recorded on the whiteboard in Hut 2 and the lists for each month copied into a record book. We shall include birds seen on site or passing over the site. Please make a note of any birds you see, together with any observations you wish, on the whiteboard in Hut 2.

From 1st March 2010 a notebook will be available for BAC members to jot down any observations and records relating to birds and any other wildlife. (Butterflies, fungi, flowers, insects, mammals etc.) Birds can be included if spotted on site or passing over.

If you spot a bird and cannot identify it a Bird Guide Book will be available to help. If you are unsure of the name of a bird then a description of the bird can be noted in the notebook.

We are also interested in any observations of activity around the nestboxes. Many members will be able to identify the commoner birds but fewer of us could identify other wildlife with confidence. Thus the BAC Committee would be pleased to hear from any member who is confident in identifying wildflowers, butterflies, insects or mammals.

All these records and observations will provide us with a picture of the health of the biodiversity of Bowbrook Allotments.

The monthly list will be published on the website along with any interesting observations.

The 18 species seen on, or passing over the site during 2009 were:

Blue Tit	Goldfinch	Robin
Great Tit	Greenfinch	Blackbird
Chaffinch	Song Thrush	Carrion Crow
Peregrine Falcon	Pied Wagtail	Magpie
Buzzard	Dunnock	Pheasant
Kestrel Linnet	Wood Pigeon	Sparrow Hawk

Monthly Bird Lists

January 2010 (10 species)

Blue Tit	Great Tit	Goldfinch
Greenfinch	Magpie	Pheasant
Wood Pigeon	Blackbird	Robin
Sparrow Hawk		

February 2010 (15 Species)

Pied Wagtail	Robin	Sparrow Hawk
Wren	Blackbird	Mallard
Wood Pigeon	Kestrel	Buzzard
Blue Tit	Great Tit	Goldfinch
Greenfinch	Magpie	Pheasant

March 2010 (18 Species - * new species to site)

Chaffinch	Robin	Kestrel
Great Tit	Rook	Buzzard
Wren	Blue Tit	Mallard
Greenfinch	Linnet	Goldfinch
Pied Wagtail	Pheasant	Lapwing*
Canada Goose*	Magpie	Jay*

May 2010 (26 species - * new species to site)

great tit	carrion crow	buzzard
swallow	jackdaw	starling
robin	blackbird	great spotted woodpecker
chaffinch	mallard	pie wagtail
blue tit	goldfinch	greenfinch
rook	canada goose	kestrel
linnet	wood pigeon	cuckoo *
nuthatch *	song thrush	swift *
jay	magpie	

June 2010 (27 species - * new species to site)

chaffinch	song thrush	jackdaw
blue tit	kestrel	robin
Linnet	greenfinch	rook
buzzard	great tit	great spotted woodpecker
sparrow hawk	swallow	house martin
swift	green woodpecker	chiffchaff
wood pigeon	goldfinch	mallard
magpie	pie wagtail	tawny owl *
blackbird	wren	dunnock

November 2011

Dunnock	Great tit	Robin
Nuthatch	Jay	Great Spotted Woodpecker
Goldfinch	Pied Wagtail	Blue tit
Coal tit	Raven	Kestrel
Greenfinch	Buzzard	Redwing
Wood pigeon	Starling	Long Tailed Tit
Pheasant	(19 species)	

December 2011

Dunnock	Rook	Great tit
Kestrel	Coal Tit	Greenfinch
Great Spotted	Woodpecker	Robin
Jay	Blue tit	Buzzard
Redwing	Wood pigeon	Wren
Herring gull	Sparrow Hawk	Chaffinch