



# Goldsworth Birds

## Summary of Sightings by Neil Bew

### Pre-September 2019



This summary is compiled by Neil from his surveys and observations pre September 2019. They represent the most recent sighting of a specific species. It is probable that there are many other visiting species which have gone unnoticed. Let NGP know about your sightings. Email [projects@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk](mailto:projects@ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk) or follow us on Facebook @Natgoldsworth

Species	Location	Season	Frequency	Latest record	Comments
GREYLAG GOOSE	Lake	All year round	Regular	10/06/2018	feral birds visit lake year-round
TUFTED DUCK	Lake	Winter	Rare	11/11/2018	occasional winter visitor
LESSER BLACK-HEADED GULL	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Occasional	09/12/2018	may turn up on the lake in spring and winter
KINGFISHER	North Meadow and lake	Winter	Regular	20/01/2019	regular visitor, may breed in the future
CUCKOO	North Meadow and lake	Passage	Rare	May-19	rare migrant
BLACKCAP	North Meadow and lake	Summer	Regular	Jun-19	summer visitor to the park, breeds
RED KITE	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	Jul-19	pairs seen over the lake and park
BUZZARD	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	Jul-19	now a common bird of prey to the area
SWIFT	North Meadow and lake	Summer	Regular	20/07/2019	summer visitor, often seen feeding over the water in summer
CORMORANT	Lake	All year round	Regular	27/07/2019	year-round visitor, numbers grow in winter
JAY	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	27/07/2019	common resident, numbers boosted in winter
PIED WAGTAIL	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	28/07/2019	recorded round the lake, rare in winter
GREY WAGTAIL	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	28/07/2019	bred for last three years in Kingfisher bank
DUNNOCK	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	28/07/2019	recorded as breeding on the park
GREATER SPOTTED WOODPECKER	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	03/08/2019	breeds on the park, resident
COLLARED DOVE	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	04/08/2019	common breeding, resident
WREN	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	04/08/2019	common breeder, resident
ROBIN	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	04/08/2019	common resident, breeds on the park
NUTHATCH	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	04/08/2019	common breeder, resident
GREENFINCH	North Meadow and lake	All year round	regular	04/08/2019	rare, may be seen in winter
GREY HERON	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	13/08/2019	visits the lake most days throughout the year
HOUSE MARTIN	North Meadow and lake	Summer	Rare	13/08/2019	now not so common, but small numbers feed over the lake - 2 over NM 13/8
TAWNY OWL	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	03/09/2019	breeds on the park, resident 3 heard 3/9, 1 by Beaufort School, 2 nr NM
RING NECKED PARAKEET	North Meadow and lake	All year round	Regular	14/09/2019	Regularly seen in the park and potential breeder

#### Notes:

The Red list **Cuckoo** was heard most years in the vicinity of North Meadow up until a few years ago, yet it is now a rare occurrence in Surrey. On 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Cuckoo calls were once again heard and reported. First hand observation reported that the Cuckoo perched on a large Oak tree on the Northern edge of North Meadow, calling for a few minutes but with no response before it moved on.

**Cormorants** are spectacular looking birds and have been present on the lake for the past few years gorging themselves on the fish stock in the lake. For more information about our Cormorants see Goldsworth News, Issue 166 December 2018, <http://www.ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk/news-on-the-park/goldsworth-news/>,