



# 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/>.