

Bird sightings since 1935 in Crofton and Sparrow Woods

Bird name	Year														Notes	
	1935-69	1969-71	1974	1979	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1989	2019	2020	2021	2022		2023
Blackbird	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blackcap	✓	✓	✓							✓			✓	✓		
Brambling	✓															
Bullfinch	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓		
Buzzard	✓											✓	✓	✓		Nested 2021. On Scrubs Farm fields Oct 2022
Carrion crow	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chaffinch	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	20 th Cent. summer visitor, 2021 resident
Chiffchaff	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		
Collared Dove	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cuckoo	✓	✓	✓													Breeding in 1974, not seen by 1998 although heard in the early 2000s until 2008
Duck (mallard)	✓		✓		✓		✓					✓		✓		1986 seen on horses' field
Duck (mandarin)											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Pair
Dunnock	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Egret (Little)											✓		✓		✓	Occasional sightings
Feral pigeon											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Regular in 2023
Fieldfare	✓		✓										✓		✓	Winter
Firecrest													✓			
Flycatcher (pied)				✓												
Flycatcher (spotted)	✓		✓					✓								Breeding in 1974. Seen on migration 1986. Not seen by 1998.
Goldcrest	✓		✓			✓						✓	✓	✓		
Goldfinch	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓			✓	✓	✓		
Greenfinch	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓								
Gull (black-headed)			✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gull (common)			✓										✓		✓	Winter
Gull (herring)			✓												✓	
Heron (grey)			✓									✓	✓			
House martin	✓		✓		✓							✓				
Jackdaw	✓															Occasional visitor
Jay	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kingfisher													✓	✓		
Klte														✓		Circling low overhead
Kestrel	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓				✓			
Lapwing			✓													On passage
Linnet	✓	✓	✓			✓										
Magpie	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Meadow pipit	✓		✓													Occasional visitor
Moorhen														✓		Ormonde Ave end of

																stream
Nightingale	✓		✓													
Nuthatch	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Owl (little)													✓	✓		
Owl (tawny)	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
Partridge	✓															Occasional visitor
Pheasant			✓			✓						✓		✓		
Ring necked parakeet										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Redpoll	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓			Breeding in 1974. March sighting in 2021.
Red kite														✓		Pair seen Feb and March 2022
Redstart (common)	✓			✓												
Redwing	✓		✓									✓	✓	✓		Winter visitor
Reed bunting	✓	✓	✓													Not seen by 1998
Ring ousel	✓															Occasional visitor
Robin	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rook	✓															Occasional visitor
Siskin	✓		✓										✓			Early sightings- winter. + 19.3.21
Skylark	✓	✓	✓		✓											Breeding in 1974. Not seen by 1998
Sparrow (house)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sparrow (tree)		✓	✓	✓												
Sparrowhawk	✓												✓	✓		1 st 2022 sighting 8.3.22
Starling	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stock dove												✓	✓	✓	✓	
Swallow	✓		✓		✓											
Swift	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		2021/2 – nesting Crescent Drive
Thrush (mistle)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓				✓	✓			
Thrush (song)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Tit (coal)	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tit (blue)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tit (great)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tit (long tailed)	✓	✓			✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Tit (willow/marsh)	✓	✓	✓					✓								Breeding in 1974.
Treecreeper	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
Turtle dove	✓	✓	✓													Breeding in 1974. Not seen by 1998
Wagtail (grey)	✓		✓										✓	✓		Seen Sept 2022 in the stream near St Thomas' Drive
Wagtail (pied)	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Warbler (garden)	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓							
Warbler (grasshopper)			✓													On passage
Warbler (reed)	✓															
Warbler (sedge)			✓													On passage
Warbler	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							Breeding

(willow)																
Warbler (wood)	✓															
Wheatear	✓															Occasional visitor
Whitethroat	✓	✓	✓			✓										Breeding
Woodcock	✓															Occasional visitor
Woodpecker (great spotted)	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Woodpecker (lesser spotted)	✓		✓			✓				✓						Breeding in 1974
Woodpecker (green)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Woodpigeon	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Wren	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Yellowhammer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									Breeding in 1974. Not seen by 1998

1935 – 69 – J P Muncaster and A M Swain

1969 – 71 P D Gann for Atlas of Breeding Birds of Britain and Ireland

1974 -record sent to British Trust for Ornithology – copy held by Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods

1979 – Record held by RSPB Bromley Local Group- probably from the then Recorder: Alex James

1983-87 recorded by PD Gann

1989 – species noted on SSSI records

2020 - 21 recorded by J E Andrews, H Rowson, J Smith & P Smart

2022 – recorded by J E Andrews, P Smart, H Rowson & R Gann

2023 – recorded by J E Andrews, J Smith & A Russell