

# 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		2024
Blackbird	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blackcap	✓	✓	✓							✓			✓	✓	✓		
Brambling	✓														✓		Seen Sparrow Wood April 2023
Bullfinch	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓		
Buzzard	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Nested 2021 facing Scrubs Farm fields
Carrion crow	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chaffinch	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	20 <sup>th</sup> 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)											✓		✓		✓	✓	
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	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓								✓	Jan 2024
Gull (black-headed)			✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gull (common)			✓										✓		✓		Winter
Gull (herring)			✓												✓		
Heron (grey)			✓									✓	✓			✓	
House martin	✓		✓		✓							✓					
Jackdaw	✓															✓	Occasional visitor
Jay	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kingfisher													✓	✓	✓	✓	1 <sup>st</sup> 2024 sighting in Jan
Kestrel	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓				✓				
Lapwing			✓														On passage
Linnet	✓	✓	✓			✓											
Magpie	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Meadow pipit	✓		✓														Occasional visitor
Moorhen														✓			Ormonde Ave end of stream



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, H Rowson, P Smart & A Russell

2024 – recorded by J E Andrews, P Smart, RSPB Bromley Local Group and Sue Ward