

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	2025	2026	
Blackbird	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blackcap	✓	✓	✓							✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	
Brambling	✓														✓				
Bullfinch	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓				
Buzzard	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Nested 2021 facing Scrubs Farm fields, but not since
Carriion 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)	✓		✓		✓		✓				✓		✓		✓	✓			
Duck (mandarin)											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Dunnock	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Egret (Little)											✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Feral pigeon											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fieldfare	✓		✓								✓		✓						Winter
Firecrest												✓				✓			
Flycatcher (pied)				✓															
Flycatcher (spotted)	✓		✓					✓							✓				Breeding in 1974. Seen on migration 1986.
Goldcrest	✓		✓			✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Goldfinch	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Golden Oriole															✓				Noted by Simon Mott & Wen Fotheringay-Phipps
Greenfinch	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓							✓				Jan 2024
Gull (black-headed)			✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gull (common)			✓								✓		✓						Winter

Gull (herring)			✓									✓		✓	✓	
Heron (grey)			✓							✓	✓		✓			
House martin	✓		✓		✓					✓						
Jackdaw	✓											✓				Occasional visitor
Jay	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kingfisher										✓	✓	✓	✓			1 st 2024 sighting in Jan
Kestrel	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			✓		
Lapwing			✓													On passage
Linnet	✓	✓	✓			✓										
Magpie	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Meadow pipit	✓		✓													Occasional visitor
Moorhen										✓						Ormonde Ave end of stream
Nightingale	✓		✓													
Nuthatch	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Osprey												✓				Noted by S Mott early May flying over the horse field & confirmed by Merlin App
Owl (little)										✓	✓					
Owl (tawny)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2025: heard. 2026: heard& seen being mobbed by crow
Partridge	✓															Occasional visitor
Peregrine Falcon											✓		✓			
Pheasant		✓		✓						✓	✓	✓	✓			
Ring necked parakeet									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Redpoll	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓						Breeding in 1974. March sighting in 2021.
Red kite											✓	✓	✓			
Redstart (common)	✓			✓								✓				
Redwing	✓		✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Winter visitor
Reed bunting	✓	✓	✓													Not seen by 1998
Ring ouzel	✓															Occasional visitor
Robin	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rook	✓															Occasional visitor
Siskin	✓		✓							✓			✓			Early sightings- winter + 19.3.21 +30.1.24
Skylark	✓	✓	✓		✓							✓				Breeding in 1974. Not seen by 1998. Seen over Scrubs Farm Field 2023.
Sparrow (house)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sparrow (tree)		✓	✓	✓												
Sparrowhawk	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Starling	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Stock dove										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Swallow	✓		✓		✓													
Swift	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2021-3 – 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 January 2026	
Wagtail (pied)	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Warbler (garden)	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓										
Warbler (grasshopper)			✓													On passage		
Warbler (reed)	✓																	
Warbler (sedge)			✓													On passage		
Warbler (willow)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓	2025: Heard by J Burns in Aug	
Warbler (wood)	✓																	
Wheatear	✓																Occasional visitor	
Whitethroat	✓	✓	✓		✓												Breeding	
Woodcock	✓																Occasional visitor	
Woodpecker (great spotted)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Woodpecker (lesser spotted)	✓		✓		✓				✓							✓	✓	Breeding in 1974. July 2025 sighting by , L Blanchard
Woodpecker (green)	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Woodpigeon	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Wren	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Yellowhammer	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓									Breeding in 1974. Not seen by 1998	

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, Wensleydale Fotheringay-Phipps, RSPB Bromley Local Group, Simon Mott and Sue Ward

2025 – recorded by J E Andrews, S Ward, P Earthrowl, K Blackman, J Peres, J Burns and J Smith

2026 – recorded by J Andrews, S Ward, J Smith and H Rowson