

# Bird sightings since 1935 in Crofton and Sparrow Woods

At 7 April 2026

Let us know if you have sightings to add

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
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)	✓		✓		✓		✓					✓		✓		✓	✓		
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 <sup>st</sup> 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 ousel	✓																	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. Three sightings since 2025.
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, K Blackman, F Wrigley and H Rowson