

Bird sightings since 1935 in Crofton and Sparrow Woods

At 24 August 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 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. 2025 and 2026 odd calls on a couple of days – perhaps as passing through
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)			✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Sparrowhawk	✓												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Starling	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stock dove												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Swallow	✓		✓		✓													✓	2026: flying low over recreation ground on 20 August
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)	✓	✓	✓			✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Seen May 2026
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

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, 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, J Bray, K Blackman, F Wrigley, P Smart, J Peres and H Rowson