

# SECOS WINTER GARDEN BIRD SURVEY 1993/4

This year eleven sets of records were returned, and the total number of species seen was 42, the same as the previous year, though some of the species were different.

(See attached list - page 5).

The winter was especially cold and wet, and this may have resulted in the sharp drop in numbers of Blue Tits, down from 22 to 10, Blackbirds down from 13 to 7, and Greenfinches down from 23 to 7.

House Sparrows and Starlings maintained their numbers, with high counts recorded in all gardens.



Several reports were received of Longtailed Tits feeding on nut baskets, which was said to be unusual, and Greenfinches were reported to be taking sunflower seeds.

During the spring a male Robin was regularly seen offering food to his mate.

Our thanks are again due to the participants in the survey, listed below, and record sheets will again be available for those who wish to take part this coming winter.

- ✓ 8501 1. Hilary Clowes, Wistaston
- ✓ 8502 2. Bryan Perkins, Crewe
- ✓ 8503 3. David Meakin, Crewe
- ✓ 8511 4. Alan Soper, Congleton
- ✓ 8515 5. Polly Proudlock, Alsager incomplete.
- 8516 6. Vera Riggall, Congleton
- 8517 7. ~~Alan Soper~~, Congleton
- 8520 8. Bob Smith, Shavington
- 8722 9. Arthur Fisher, Wistaston
- 8721 10. Joan Tilbrook, Wistaston no 94/95
- 31 11. John Barker, Crewe
- 8728 12. Maureen Broad, Holmes Chapel
- 8729 D Hambleton Nantwich
- 32 B Moore Arthur Fisher.
- 30 A & D Tomlinson Congleton

#### LOCAL BIRD NEWS AND SURVEYS

Just a few snippets of local information:-

Dipper - a pair has bred near Crewe, and fledged 4 young, which were ringed. This is thought to be the first proved breeding in the lowlands of the area.

Buzzard - whilst awaiting the final results of the CAWOS Buzzard Survey it would appear that there are now three pairs within the SECOS area.

Osprey - one bird has been regular in the area since late June.

Although these are important highlights, don't forget that what I need for the Annual Bird Report is your records of all bird species, but especially the commoner ones. I felt that last year's Bird Report was a good one. Please give me the information to make 1994's report as good, if not better.

The Surveys running this summer were:-

Swifts - Survey of breeding sites only.

Little Grebe - Survey of breeding population.

Ruddy Duck - "-

Buzzard - "-

If you have any information on any of these species, then please send it to me in August or September.

Colin Lythgoe.



# SECOS Winter Garden Bird Survey : 1993/1994

## Species Recorded

Species	No. of gardens in which recorded	Max. no. in in any garden	Garden Nos.
Blue Tit	11	10	1-12
House Sparrow	11	33	2-4
Blackbird	11	7	3
Starling	11	61	4
Robin	11	4	8
Great Tit	11	5	12
Chaffinch	11	12	1
Duncock	10	3	
Collared Dove	11	10	1
Magpie	11	6	6-9
Greenfinch	9	7	2-12
Wren	11	2	
Crow	11	11	1
Coal Tit	11	3	12
Pied Wagtail	7	2	
Song Thrush	10	3	
Blackheaded Gull	7	12	1-9
Nuthatch	3	2	6
Mistle Thrush	6	2	
Siskin	7	5	12
Goldfinch	5	3	12
Wood Pigeon	9	4	1-9
G.S. Woodpecker	4	1	
Long-tailed Tit	7	10	8-9
Goldcrest	5	2	
Jay	3	2	1-4
Jackdaw	3	2	
Treecreeper	2	1	1-4
Fieldfare	1	4	1
Heron	1	1	1
Kestrel	4	1	
Blackcap	6	2	
Reed Bunting	2	4	3
Bullfinch	3	4	3-4
Tree Sparrow	1	1	4
Rook	2	1	
Sparrow Hawk	2	1	4-12
Redwing	3	50	8
Grey Wagtail	2	1	9-10
Brambling	1	1	12
Merlin	1	1	12
L.S. Woodpecker	1	1	11