

1996-97

SECOS GARDEN BIRDWATCH

This year there were 20 participants in our Garden Birdwatch and the Society thanks them very much for their dedication and enthusiasm in collecting the data over the 6 months for this report. Two participants are not included in the report as one had insufficient data points and the other did not submit the data.

We have used the data in the same way as last year analysing the results in two ways. Table 1 is a measure of the abundance of the various species and Table 2 is a measure of presence or absence. There is also Table 3 which identifies name(s) together with the participant number to enable easy recognition.

During the winter of 1996/97, 51 species were seen. Starlings and House Sparrows by far the most abundant, this was the same during the previous winter with Blue Tit, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Greenfinch again following not too far behind. Similar numbers are found for Black headed Gull and Redwing but it must be remembered that these are influenced by high counts in a few gardens (Table 1).

As far as presence is concerned, the first eleven for this period are the same as 1995/96, but with a couple juggled around. Unfortunately the BTO official results are not available yet for comparison, but as far as can be seen our results are in line with countywide findings. The top eleven being :- Blue Tit, House Sparrow, Collared Dove, Robin, Blackbird, Great Tit, Starling, Dunnock, Chaffinch, Magpie and Greenfinch (in that order). Nine species were found in all of our gardens at some time or other :- Starling, House Sparrow, Blue Tit, Blackbird, Chaffinch, Wood Pigeon, Collared Dove, Great Tit and Robin.

Many thanks from me for participating. Forms for next Winter will be issued during the September meeting. New watchers are always welcome.

TABLE 3

Number Participants

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| 1 | ✓ Hilary Clewes |
| 2 | ✓ Brian Perkins |
| 5 | ✓ David Meakin |
| 11 | ✓ Joan and Alan Soper |
| 18 | ✓ Ann Pym |
| 20 | ✓ Bob Smith |
| 22 | ✓ Arthur Fisher |
| 27 | ✓ Joan Tilbrook |
| 28 | ✓ Maureen Broad |
| 29 | ✓ D.J. Hambleton |
| 31 | ✓ John Barker |
| 33 | ✗ Helen Innes (Insuff. Data) |
| 34 | ✓ Margaret and Brian Nightingale |
| 35 | ✓ Doreen Jones |
| 36 | ✓ Geoff Yarwood |
| 37 | ✓ Richard Hughes |
| 38 | ✓ Ann and Tom Davies |
| 39 | ✓ Chris Green |
| 40 | ✗ Tony Hope |

TABLE 1

SECOS GARDEN BIRDWATCH 1996-7
All gardens - Maximum Count

Species	1	2	5	11	18	20	22	27	28	29	31	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	Mean	No of Gardens
Starling	90	67	50	44	5	50	30	40	99	32	30	3	30	65	7	4	50	14	39.4	18
House Sparrow	14	22	50	35	7	12	23	5	12	28	35	30	17	24	10	5	32	50	22.8	18
Blue Tit	8	10	7	10	20	8	6	4	12	10	5	16	11	8	8	3	5	6	8.7	18
Redwing	3	1	2	2		40	34	4	4	6		4	2	12		1	20		7.5	15
Blackbird	3	4	14	4	4	6	7	5	4	7	2	7	8	7	12	2	10	6	6.2	18
Black Headed Gull	7			3		12	23		10		20			8	17		10		6.1	9
Chaffinch	10	4	6	12	18	2	1	2	9	8	2	4	7	12	6	1	4	1	6.1	18
Greenfinch	6	8	7	2	21	4	3		5	4	1	2	13	8	4	4	3	6	5.6	17
Wood Pigeon	16	2	5	1	1	6	4	4	4	3	4	7	5	3	6	1	4	4	4.4	18
Collared Dove	6	3	6	4	5	4	4	2	8	3	4	2	4	4	6	4	5	2	4.2	18
Great Tit	4	3	2	3	9	4	4	2	5	3	2	4	8	2	5	2	3	6	3.9	18
Goldfinch	1	8	5	13	7	1		1	6	8			1	1	7	3	1		3.5	14
Long-Tailed Tit				1		6	2			6		6	7	12	14	1			3.1	9
Fieldfare			2				9	4	1				13		1		20		2.8	7
Crow	3		3	2		3	7	4	3	2	1	3	5	2	3		4		2.5	14
Magpie	2		2	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	1	4	5	3	3		1	2	2.2	16
Siskin	1			4		10	2		2			2	1	6	12				2.2	9
Dunnock	2	2	2	1	1	2	2		3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	2.1	17
Robin	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2.1	18
Coal Tit	1	2		2	2	3	3	1	3	2		3	2	3	1	2	2	2	1.9	16
Song Thrush	1	2	2	2		1	2	1	1	2		1	4	1	2		2	6	1.7	15
Redpoll														24			1		1.4	2
Tree Sparrow				1	22				1										1.3	3
Pied Wagtail	2	2	1	1	1	2		1	2	2	1		1	3	1		3		1.3	14
Jackdaw					1				9	1		2		5					1.0	5
Wren	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2		1	1	1.0	16
Mistle Thrush				1		1	1	2		1		2	2	2	2		3		0.9	10
Sparrowhawk		1			1				2	2	1	1	1	1		1	1		0.7	10
Jay	1			1	2	1						1	1		2		1	1	0.6	9
Bullfinch			1	3									2				5		0.6	4
Blackcap		1	1			1	2	1		1				1		1			0.5	8
Nuthatch				1	2				2	2		1							0.4	5
House Martin																	8		0.4	1
Gt Sp Woodpecker					2				2			1	1		1				0.4	5
Goldcrest	1					2								2			1		0.3	4
Brambling			2		2							1							0.3	3
Yellowhammer													3		1				0.2	2
Kestrel								1				1	2						0.2	3
Grey Heron									1			1					2		0.2	3
Treecreeper					1	1								1					0.2	3
Reed Bunting	1			1									1						0.2	3
Pheasant					3														0.2	1
Chiffchaff			1							1									0.1	2
Tawny Owl																	1		0.1	1
Willow Warbler													1						0.1	1
Swallow																	1		0.1	1
Rook				1															0.1	1
Green Woodpecker															1				0.1	1

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TABLE 2

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All gardens - % no of weeks seen

Mean

Species	1	2	5	11	18	20	22	27	28	29	31	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	Mean
Blue Tit	100	96	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	96	100	100	100	100	74	91	100	97.6
House Sparrow	100	88	100	100	100	92	54	95	100	100	100	100	100	96	96	37	100	100	92.1
Collared Dove	96	73	100	84	87	100	75	100	100	100	100	92	100	100	88	53	96	100	91.3
Robin	83	96	100	100	91	88	96	100	96	100	85	96	100	100	77	37	78	100	90.2
Blackbird	88	77	100	68	83	92	100	95	83	100	58	100	88	100	100	63	87	100	87.9
Great Tit	100	100	96	100	100	96	71	67	96	100	12	100	100	78	58	47	43	100	81.3
Starling	83	85	100	100	26	92	67	100	100	96	100	24	92	100	31	21	61	100	76.6
Dunnock	41	81	96	36	91	81	79		92	88	81	92	100	39	69	68	87	100	73.4
Chaffinch	100	77	88	92	100	46	17	62	100	76	63	92	100	91	69	5	70	10	69.9
Magpie	96		100	60	48	31	75	100	46	44	15	100	100	100	69		30	100	61.9
Greenfinch	96	92	77	56	100	54	50		96	68	4	44	96	100	15	58	30	60	60.9
Wood Pigeon	83	38	92	4	4	88	58	100	21	80	42	44	14	65	88	5	70	100	55.3
Coal Tit	21	27		92	87	8	46	19	83	100		96	52	70	15	32	35	100	49.1
Crow	96		77	24		88	21	100	29	48	15	44	60	83	62		39		43.7
Wren	4	19	96	52		31	25	100	8	16	19	16	32	39	42		30	100	34.9
Song Thrush	8	12	58	32		8	17	90	8	36		16	44	13	50		43	50	26.9
Pied Wagtail	46	15	4	4	30	73		62	50	40	4		24	52	12			60	26.4
Goldfinch	8	54	46	72	30	4		5	13	44			4	13	4	32	4		18.5
Black Headed Gull	17			12		19	46		63		12			87	27		39		17.9
Sparrowhawk		4			78				21	16	4	12	12	30			9	60	13.7
Nuthatch				8	100				67	36		16							12.6
Gt Sp Woodpecker				100					29			36	44		12				12.3
Jay	8			12	17	4						32	60		27		4	40	11.3
Jackdaw					9				46	4		20		96					9.7
Long Tailed Tit				4		12	4			16		32	48	17	35	5			9.6
Redwing	8	4	8	8		8	8	14	8	4		12	16	13		5	26		7.9
Siskin	4			20		8	25		4			12	20	35	4				7.3
Mistle Thrush				20		15	13	5		4		4	16	4	4		43		7.1
Blackcap		8	23			4	29	5		28				4			22		6.8
Tree Sparrow				4	87				8										5.5
Bullfinch			8	24									28				20		4.4
Fieldfare			4				8	10	4				16		12		9		3.5
Tawny Owl																	50		2.8
Kestrel							5					4	36						2.5
Brambling			4		30							4							2.1
Yellowhammer													20		12				1.8
Goldcrest	4					8								9			10		1.7
Pheasant					26														1.4
Redpoll														22			4		1.4
Grey Heron									4			12					4		1.1
Reed Bunting	4			4									4						0.7
Treecreeper					4	4								4					0.7
House Martin																	9		0.5
Chiffchaff			4							4									0.4
Green Woodpecker															8				0.4
Rook				4															0.2
Swallow																	4		0.2
Willow Warbler													4						0.2