

SECOS Winter Garden Bird Survey - 1988/89

The 4th Winter Garden Bird Survey was carried out from October 1988 to April 1989. Nineteen members participated, but unfortunately three did not return records for the second half of the survey.

The survey produced no exceptional results this year, caused no doubt by the mild weather. It was the mildest winter recorded since 1869 and the second mildest since 1669 for the period December 1988 to February 1989.

I attach a summary of the species recorded and as an index I have used 'garden / weeks'. This refers to the number of weeks in which a species is recorded in all gardens, regardless of numbers and is used to assess how common a species is. Also given is the number of gardens in which any species was recorded and the maximum number seen in any one garden.

A total of 51 species was recorded, two more than last year.

I enclose recording sheets for the coming winter in anticipation of your continued support.

Many thanks and good garden watching.

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List of Participants 1988/89

8501	Hilary Clowes	Wistaston ✓
8502	Brian Perkins	Crewe ✓
8504	Ann Baker	Alsager
8505	David Meakin	Crewe ✓
8506	Basil Davies	Alsager ✓
8509	Geoff Pollard	Alsager
8511	Alan Soper	Congleton ✓
8512	Chris Clowes	Barthowley ✓
8513	Brenda Dean	Haslington
8514	Joan Lowe	Alsager ✓
8515	Polly Proudlock	Alsager ✓
8516	Vera Riggall	Congleton ✓
8517	Dennis Crowther	Calveley
8518	Ann Pym	Congleton ✓
8619	Pam Kirkland	Sandbach

8620 Bob Smith Shawington

8722	Arthur Fisher	Wistaston ✓
8725	Elizabeth Deas	Alsager
8726	Bronwyn Pixton	Sandbach
8827	Richard Hughes	Alsager ✓

Species	Garden/Weeks	No. of gardens in which recorded	Max. No. in any garden	No. in Garden
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Blue Tit	427	19	23	17/18
House Sparrow	417	18	37	11
Robin	408	19	4	13/17
Great Tit	407	19	15	17
Blackbird	407	19	9	5/26
Starling	402	19	(80)	12
Chaffinch	366	18	18	18
Duncock	356	18	6	13
Greenfinch	308	17	12	1
Magpie	298	18	12	25
Wren	288	18	3	11/13
Collared Dove	252	18	14	13
Coal Tit	207	15	4	13
Crow	192	14	(40)	9
Song Thrush	122	16	2	*
Pied Wagtail	110	15	3	*
Black-headed Gull	79	8	27	14
Nuthatch	73	4	2	*
Mistle Thrush	57	9	4	16
Jay	42	9	3	12
Siskin	40	9	20	27
Sparrowhawk	33	7	1	*
Woodpigeon	29	8	4	*
Reed Bunting	29	4	3	2/11
Treecreeper	18	4	2	17
Gt. Spotted W'pecker	17	4	1	*
Bullfinch	12	6	2	17/25
Grey Wagtail	11	2	1	14/25
Goldfinch	11	7	8	12
Long-tailed Tit	10	4	7	18
Jackdaw	10	2	2	14/17
Brambling	9	2	2	1
Willow/Marsh Tit	8	2	1	4/26
Tree Sparrow	7	2	6	12
Fieldfare	5	3	2	6
Goldcrest	4	2	1	1/11
House Martin	3	1	30	6
Pheasant	3	1	1	1
Tawny Owl	2	1	1	9
Skylark	2	1	2	19
Less. Spotted W'pecker	2	1	1	17

Kestrel	2	1	1	18
Swallow	1	1	12	19
Rook	1	1	2	6
Redpoll	1	1	2	18
Woodcock	1	1	1	17
Willow Warbler	1	1	4	5
W. Warbler/\Chiffchaff	1	1	1	5
Linnet	1	1	3	12
Grey Heron	1	1	1	17
Herring Gull	1	1	1	22

* Recorded in 3 or more gardens.

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