

# RECORDERS' NEWSLETTER



## Recorders Newsletter 38 (March 2018)

Pardon the tasteless pun, I hope this may help to kill two birds with one stone. Firstly, this is part of the on-going LBAP review and an attempt to help define key bird species and key habitats. Secondly I make some suggestions of certain species where it would be great to build up a list of know sites and perhaps use that to help develop some specific biodiversity help.

If you can I suggest reading this in conjunction with distribution maps from Glamorgan Bird Club – Ref...

### Notes for RCT Watch Report

Llanharan Marsh and Brynna Woods

Monthly total number of bird species seen

January – 38 : February - 35 : March – 38

The first visit of the year was on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan with 29 species recorded with the highlight being a Red kite.

10<sup>th</sup> Jan saw a Great Black Backed Gull fly over heading east.

14<sup>th</sup> Jan was the start of spring for Treecreepers with 2 pairs playing chase with each other. Good numbers of Redwing and a few Fieldfares.

26<sup>th</sup> Jan and the first Stock Dove of the year flew over. A Great Spotted Woodpecker was drumming and Song Thrushes were very evident singing their repeated songs high up in the trees.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb heralded a new month with 2 noisy Canada Geese.

15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Male Blackcap seen in my back garden.

21<sup>st</sup> Feb – resident passerines showing increasing urgency in pairing off.

4<sup>th</sup> March – Green Woodpecker again seen within the woods and male Sparrowhawk noted flying up the Ewenni Fach rather than just through the wood.

15<sup>th</sup> Mar – 2 calling Chiffchaffs from the highest trees.

18<sup>th</sup> Mar – the snow brought a large party of Siskin who flew over the wood without stopping. The snow had left the wood pretty birdless and in 2 hours I struggled to find 12 different species.

A fairly lacklustre quarter which was as a result of numerous wet days.

A. J. (Tony) Swann

Key breeding birds and some 'site specific' wintering birds;

**Mute Swan**

I am only aware of one nesting site in RCT at the old opencast ponds at Llanharan. Also TirfounderFields ? Elsewhere mute swans are occasionally small in small groups flying across the County, but I am not aware of any

**Greylag Goose**

Tirfounder Fields and occasionally elsewhere. Some, or all, may be feral birds,

**Canada Goose**

Scattered breeding. More common in winter with a large flock in Avberdare Park, and skeins of 20 or so birds seen flying around

**Wigeon**

**Mallard**

**Tufted Duck**

**Goosander**

**Quail**

**Pheasant**

**Little Egret**

**Heron**

**Little Grebe**

**Red Kite**

**Goshawk**

**Sparrowhawk**

**Buzzard**

**Kestrel**

**Merlin**

**Hobby**

**Peregrine**

**Water Rail**

**Moorhen**

**Coot**

**Lapwing**

**Little Ringed plover**

**Ringed plover**

**Curlew**

**Common Sandpiper**

**Snipe**

**Black-headed Gull**

**Lesser Black Backed Gull**

**Herring Gull**

**Feral Pigeon**

**Stock Dove**

**Woodpigeon**

**Collard Dove**

**Cuckoo**

**Barn Owl**

**Little Owl**

**Tawny Owl**

**Nighthjar**

**Swift**

**Kingfisher**

**Green Woodpecker**

**Greater Spotted Woodpecker**

**Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**

**Magpie**

**Jay**

**Jackdaw**

**Rook**

**Carrion Crow**

**Raven**

**Goldcrest**

**Blue Tot**

**Great Tit**

**Coal Tit**

**Willow Tit**

**Marsh Tit**

**Long Tailed Tit**

**Skylark**

**Sand Martin**

**Swallow**

**House Martin**

**Cetti's Warbler**

**Wood Warbler**

**Blackcap**

**Garden Warbler**

**Lesser Whitethroat**

**Whitethroat**

**Dartford Warbler**

**Grasshopper Warbler**

**Sedge Warbler**

**Reed Warbler**

**Nuthatch**

**Dipper**

**Tree Creeper**

**Wren**

**Starling**

**Ring Ouzel**

**Blackbird**

**Song Thrush**

**Mistle Thrush**

**Spotted Flycatcher**

**Robin**

**Pied Flycatcher**

**Redstart**

**Whinchat**

**Stonechat**

**Wheatear**

**Dunnock**

**House Sparrow**

**Grey Wagtail**

**Pied Wagtail**

**Tree Pipit**

**Meadow Pipit**

**Chaffinch**

**Greenfinch**

**Goldfinch**

**Siskin**

**Linnet**

**Lesser Redpoll**

**Crossbill**

**Bullfinch**

**Yellowhammer**

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