

Adams Road sightings 2021

The principle is that one lists every bird, other vertebrate, butterfly, dragon fly or anything else noteworthy that one can see or hear from the Sanctuary or over it.

Martin Brett (<mailto:mbr110@gmail.com>) would be delighted to receive any records on this template or otherwise, and at as frequent intervals as is convenient to you.

Birds

Numbers are maxima on any one visit during the month. + = young; * = overhead, not counted.; [N] clear evidence of nesting

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Little grebe	2	2	2	2	2 + 3	2 + 2	1	1	1			2
Cormorant										1		
Heron	1	1	1	1		2	1	1				1
Little Egret	1	1	1		1							
Mute Swan												
Greylag goose			2	2								
Pink-footed goose												
Canada Goose	4	6	6	6 + 5	6 + 5	2 + 3	1	*				
Mallard	2	2	7	5 + 9	5 + 12	7 + 12	7 + 4	28	17 + 12	24	2	4
Domestic duck												
Teal												
Tufted duck												
Goosander												
Peregrine falcon		1			2?							
Sparrow hawk	1	1	1	1	1			1			1	1
Buzzard			3	1	1					1	1	1
Kestrel				1								
Pheasant												1
Red legged partridge												
Moorhen	5	8	8	4	4 + 2	4 + 3	5 + 3	11	11 + 4	5 + 1	5	5
Coot	3	2	2	2 + 3	2 + 2	2 + 2	2 + 2	2	4 + 3	*		
Lapwing												
Common gull												
Black-headed gull	1	1	1	*								
Herring gull												
L. blackbacked gull												
Common tern				2								
Feral pigeon												
Wood-pigeon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Stock dove	2	3	1	3	1	1	1	1				1
Collared dove												
Tawny owl		2	1	2	1							1
Swift					1	1		2 ¹				
Kingfisher	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1		1		1
Green woodpecker	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1		1
Gt spd woodpecker	1		1	2	1	2						1
Les. spd woodpecker												
Skylark												
Sand martin												
Swallow				1								
House martin												
Pied wagtail												
Grey wagtail				2								
Wren	1	4	3	3	3	4	3	1				1
Dunnock	1	1	3	1	1	1 + *	1	1				

¹ August 31

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Robin	3	2	5	2	2	6		2	4	1	1	1
Blackbird	8	10	6	1	3	3+	3	*		1	3	3
Fieldfare												12
Song thrush	1	2	1	1	1	3	1					1
Redwing	5	3										11
Mistle thrush	2	1	1									1
Reed warbler				1 ²	4+	4+	2	1	1			
Blackcap		1	2 ³	4	1	1	1	1				
Garden Warbler												
Lesser Whitethroat												
Whitethroat							1 ⁴					
Chiffchaff			2 ⁵	8	1	4	2	1				
Willow Warbler							*					
Goldcrest	1	1	2	1		1	1					1
Long-tailed tit	5	5	5	2	*		3				6	*
Coal tit			1			1						
Blue tit	8+	10	6+	2	2	3	1	1	1	2		
Great tit	5	4	6	1	1	3				*		1
Nuthatch	1											
Treecreeper		1	1	1								
Jay	3	2	3	2	2	2		1	1		2	2
Magpie	2	6	4		1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
Jackdaw			2	1		8	1					
Rook		3								*		
Carrion crow	2	4	4	1	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	1
Starling				1								
Chaffinch	6	3	2	3	*	2						1
Brambling	1											
Greenfinch	1	1	1	1		2						1
Goldfinch	30+	1	1	1		1					32	5
Siskin			2							*	1	
Redpoll		1										
Bullfinch	2	1	2	1	1		2					3
Reed bunting	1		2	2								1

If you see anything which is not listed, it would be most helpful if you add some additional notes on your observation.

Exceptional case: From time to time observers report the presence of sedge warblers; these present a special problem, since it has long been remarked that the Sanctuary has always had a colony of reed warblers, but secure observations of sedge warblers are extremely rare (and the infinite variety of the sedge warbler's song makes its identification challenging too). Could we therefore ask anyone reporting the presence of sedge warblers to indicate briefly the grounds for their identification - either in a separate report or in the hide notebook?

Generally it is not necessary to list wood pigeons/ feral pigeons, as they can be assumed with some confidence.

² 22 April

³ 19 March

⁴ juvenile, 20 July

⁵ 18 March

Butterflies

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Small/Essex skipper										
Large skipper										
Large white										
Small white							1			
Green-veined white				1	1					
Orangetip			3	1						
Brimstone	1 ⁶	1	1							
Red Admiral						1	1			
Peacock		1	1				1			
Small tortoiseshell										
Comma										
Painted lady							1			
Meadow brown						1 ⁷				
Gatekeeper										
Ringlet						4 ⁸				
Speckled wood			2	1	5	4+	1			
Small copper										
Holly blue						1				
White-letter Hairstreak										

Nationally 2021, with its long cold /wet spring, was a bad year for butterflies, as the absolute numbers suggest. The number of species observed on the other hand were most welcome contributions from new correspondents.

Note on reporting of challenging species. Distinguishing related species of butterfly in the field can be tricky - particularly in the case of the various species of white. It seems safest therefore to include only records where the observer had clear evidence, notably from the underwings, to separate small white, green-veined white and female orange-tip (and sometimes large whites, which can be relatively small). The distinction between small skippers and Essex skippers (which are more widespread than is often recognised) is so hard to make except if they are captured that they are lumped together above. Nevertheless, anyone who is confident that they have seen an Essex skipper is invited to annotate their report accordingly.

Other notes

I have not included sightings of grey squirrel and munjac, which were present in every month

Scarlet tiger moth	June/July
3 Brown Hawker	July/August
? Migrant Hawker	August

All other notes on birds or butterflies not listed, animals, insects, behaviour etc are most welcome. In the case of migrant birds and butterflies, dates of first and last sighting for the season are also valuable.

⁶ 23 Feb.

⁷ 2 July

⁸ 1 July