

Adams Road sightings 2022

This list is the first to be arranged on the model of the Cambridgeshire Bird Report (2020), which is itself based on the revised British list of 2020 (*Ibis* 160, 160-240 with subsequent amendments). Its order differs considerably from the previous one, which followed a long-outdated one, and is rather less intuitive

The principle is that one lists every bird, other vertebrate, butterfly, dragon fly or anything else noteworthy that one can see or hear in, from or over the Sanctuary. Numbers represent (conservatively reckoned) maxima on any one visit. 6 + 8 (eg) means six adults and 8 chicks; 1+ indicates a species present, but without a count; * means number too large to be counted with any accuracy. N = clear evidence of nesting, apart from presence of fledglings already counted.

Martin Brett (<mailto:mbr110@gmail.com>) would be delighted to receive any records on this template or otherwise, and at as frequent intervals as may be convenient. I hope that this template will soon appear on the Sanctuary website. Anyone who makes a return in that form will be welcomed with special enthusiasm, since it saves time, but all records are precious, whatever the form submitted, or directly by email or *via* the Yealland Hide notebook; that in the tall hide was discontinued as too often scribbled over or even removed, but could be re-instated if the members wished.

Birds

Numbers are maxima on any one visit during the month. + = young; * = numerous, not counted.; [N] clear evidence of nesting .
1+ = A record that the species was present, but without a count

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Canada goose	4	1+	9	11 + 3	6 + 8	3 + 2	4 + 2	1+			1	2
Greylag goose			1	2 ¹							1	
Pink-footed goose												
Mute swan												
Gadwall												
Wigeon												
Mallard	27	3	13	12+11+ 8	12	12 + 2	9 + 2	4	10		4	12
Domestic duck												
Teal												
Tufted duck					2							
Goosander												
Pheasant	1	2	1									1
Red legged partridge												
Swift					1							
Feral pigeon				*								
Stock dove	1	1+	2	2	7	1	2	1	1			1
Wood-pigeon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Collared dove												
Moorhen	4	2	11	3	5 + 3	3	3+	5	3	4	1	1
Coot	2	1	2	2N + 2	2 + 3	3	1 + 1	1 + 1	1			
Little grebe	1	1	3	1	2 + 3	1	1	2	3	1	1	
Lapwing												
Black-headed gull	3	1		2+								
Common gull		1						1				
Herring gull												
L. blackbacked gull	1				5							
Common tern				2								
Cormorant										1	1	1
Heron	1		1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Great white egret					1							
Little egret	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	2	
Sparrow hawk	2			1	1			1		1	1	1
Red kite	1			1				1				1
Buzzard	1	1	2+	2	3		1		1			1
Tawny owl		1	1	1	1							
Kingfisher	1		1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1

¹ One of these ? hybrid with Canada Goose

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Les. spd woodpecker												
Gt spd woodpecker	1		1	1	1		1	1			1	1
Kestrel	1			1	1							
Green woodpecker	1	1	1	1	1		2	1				1
Peregrine falcon					2							
Ring-necked parakeet				1								
Great grey shrike	1											
Jay	2	2	2	3	2				1	1		1
Magpie	2	21	2	4	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2+
Jackdaw	3		3	2+	1				2		1+	1
Rook												
Carrion crow	2	1	5 N	3		1	1		1		1	1
Coal tit			1	1						1	2	
Blue tit	5	1	5	5	*						1+	2
Great tit	6+	2	4+	3	2				1	2+		
Skylark												
Sand martin												
Swallow				1	1							
House martin												
Long-tailed tit	3	2	4	2	2	1+				4+	1+	12
Willow warbler												
Chiffchaff		1	3 ²	3+	1	2	2	1 + ?	1			
Reed warbler				1 ³	5+	*	2+	5	1			
Blackcap	1	1	1	3N	2	1		1	1			
Garden warbler												
Lesser whitethroat												
Goldcrest	1	1+	4	2	1	1		1				3+
Wren	1	2	4	3	5N + 1	2 + 1	2	2	2	1	2	1
Nuthatch												
Treecreeper			2		1				1	2		
Starling											1	
Song thrush	3	2	1	1								
Mistle thrush	2	1		2	1						1	1
Redwing	5											6+
Blackbird	10+	4	5	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	6+
Fieldfare	7											
Robin	2	3	2	3+	1		1	1 + 1	1	4	2	1
House sparrow												
Duncock	1	1	2	2					1			
Grey wagtail											1	
Pied wagtail												
Chaffinch	2	!+	1	1	1+							
Brambling												
Bullfinch	2+	3		2	1	1						1
Greenfinch	1		1	2								
Linnet												
Lesser redpoll												
Goldfinch	1+	2+	1	2+				*				
Siskin	2	30	1									
Reed bunting	1			1								

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 pigeons, as they can be assumed with some confidence.

² 3 March

³ 22 April (same as 2021)

Butterflies

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Small/Essex skipper										
Large skipper										
Large white										
Small white										
Green-veined white										
Orangetip			1 ⁴	1						
Brimstone		2 ⁵	1							
Red Admiral ⁶										
Peacock		1 ⁷	1							
Small tortoiseshell										
Comma		1+								
Painted lady										
Meadow brown					4					
Gatekeeper					6+					
Ringlet					4+	3				
Speckled wood			4+ ⁸	1+						
Small copper										
Holly blue			1 ⁹							
White-letter Hairstreak										

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 unless they are captured that they are lumped together above. Anyone who is confident that they have distinguished an Essex skipper is urged to annotate their report accordingly.

Other notes:

Fox: Jan.

Otter: swimming in lake July (X 2)

Water vole: September

Weasel: July

Grass snake: June, July

Dragonflies: Brown Hawker: June, July

Emperor : 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.

⁴ 11 April

⁵ 14 March

⁶ 1 Jan.

⁷ 22 March

⁸ 15 April

⁹ 15 April