

# BIRDS OF EARLHAM CEMETERY, NORWICH

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This list of birds includes species found in the Cemetery and flying overhead. It is a work in progress and will be updated as new information comes in.

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The order of this list follows **Collins Bird Guide** by Lars Svensson and Peter J. Grant, illustrated by Killian Mullarney and Dan Zetterström (Collins 1997).

Species	Comments
Cormorant, <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Regularly flies over Cemetery.
Grey Heron, <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Occasionally seen flying over. In 2010 a juvenile perched in a Rowan tree looking intently at a garden pond for several minutes before flying off.
Bewick's Swan, <i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Flocks occasionally heard flying over at night, including in winter 1992 and winter 2009/10.
Pink-footed Goose, <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Flocks occasionally heard flying over at night, including in November/December 2012.
Mallard, <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Occasional. A pair was present on the Memorial Garden pond in mid-March 2008.
Common Buzzard, <i>Buteo buteo</i>	Fly over the Cemetery in most summers.
Sparrowhawk, <i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Resident. Nests and frequently seen flying over Cemetery and surrounding streets.
Hobby, <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Summer visitor, seen hunting Swifts in 2010 and 2011.
Peregrine Falcon, <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Occasional visitor, seen several times.
Pheasant, <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Occasional visitor. Seen 1995, 2005, both March.
Woodcock, <i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Flushed in Cemetery on more than one occasion in the winter and once seen flying into Cemetery.
Black-headed Gull, <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Regular visitor.
Common Gull, <i>Larus canus</i>	Visitor. Sometimes seen "puddling" for worms. (NB: Other species of gull fly high over the Cemetery.)
Herring Gull, <i>Larus argentatus</i>	Regularly fly over, on way to roosting site. One perched on a grave stone, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017 (VB):



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Lesser Black-backed Gull, <i>Larus fuscus</i>	Fly over fairly regularly, on way to roosting site.
Great Black-backed Gull, <i>Larus marinus</i>	Fly over fairly regularly, on way to roosting site.
Wood Pigeon, <i>Columba palumbus</i>	Common resident. Nests.
Collared Dove, <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Resident in small numbers. Nests.
Cuckoo, <i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Occasional visitor. One heard May 1993 and another May 2000.
Tawny Owl, <i>Strix aluco</i>	Heard most years. May be becoming scarcer.
Swift, <i>Apus apus</i>	Summer visitor. Feeds over Cemetery every year.
Green Woodpecker, <i>Picus viridis</i>	Resident. Probably nests. Heard more than seen.
Great Spotted Woodpecker, <i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Resident. Nests in old trees.
Sand Martin, <i>Riparia riparia</i>	Two seen flying above Cemetery in 1993.
Barn Swallow, <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Summer visitor. Feeds over Cemetery every year.
House Martin, <i>Delichon urbica</i>	Summer visitor. Feeds over Cemetery every year.
Meadow Pipit, <i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Flew over on autumn migration, several days in 2012.
Waxwing, <i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	Flew over in winter 2011/12. 13 birds seen in Lime trees by Bowthorpe Road/Dereham Road traffic lights, 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2013. (Seen in colder winters in varying numbers on berries in the Stafford Street area.) A flock of 20+ flew over the Cemetery on 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 (VB/JB).
Wren, <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Resident. Probably nests. Seen spring 2016 (CP) and several heard 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017 (VB)
Dunnock, <i>Prunella modularis</i>	Resident. Probably nests.
Robin, <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Resident. Probably nests.
Song Thrush, <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Seen most years. Nested in 1990s and singing males have been seen in the last few years, so may still do.
Redwing, <i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Winter visitor.
Mistle Thrush, <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Seen most years until 2010 and now seen occasionally.
Fieldfare, <i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Winter visitor in bad weather.
Blackbird, <i>Turdus merula</i>	Resident. Nests. May be less frequent than it used to be.
Blackcap, <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Summer visitor. Present every year; probably nests.
Whitethroat, <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Summer visitor. Seen in gardens on Helena Road adjoining Cemetery 2011.
Lesser Whitethroat, <i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Summer visitor, seen once several years ago.
Willow Warbler, <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Summer visitor. Heard 1993, 1997.
Chiffchaff, <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Summer visitor. Present every year; probably nests.
<a href="#">Wood Warbler, <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i></a>	Seen in a mixed flock of birds on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 by Craig Robson. (Thanks to James Emerson for notifying us of this sighting.)
Goldcrest, <i>Regulus regulus</i>	Resident. Probably nests. Seen spring 2016 (CP).

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Firecrest, <i>Regulus ignicapillus</i>	Nested once in late 1980s / early 1990s.
Spotted Flycatcher, <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Seen 1992, 2000. In serious decline nationally and not seen recently.
Pied Flycatcher, <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Occasional. Seen spring 2012.
Great Tit, <i>Parus major</i>	Common resident. Probably nests.
Coal Tit, <i>Parus ater</i>	Resident. Probably nests.
Blue Tit, <i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Common resident. Probably nests.
Long-tailed Tit, <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Common resident. Probably nests.
Nuthatch, <i>Sitta europaea</i>	Resident. Heard more often than seen. Several in spring 2016. One on 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017.
Treecreeper, <i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Resident. Probably nests. Seen spring 2016 (CP).
Great Grey Shrike, <i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Rare visitor. Seen once c 2000, when a single bird shot out of the Cemetery and landed beside a lady hanging out washing in a garden on St. Thomas' Road.
Magpie, <i>Pica pica</i>	Common resident. Nests. Has become much more common over last 20 years.
Jay, <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Common resident. Nests. Increasing.
Jackdaw, <i>Corvus monedula</i>	Seen since 2010. Probably nests. Increasing.
Carrion Crow, <i>Corvus corone corone</i>	Resident in small numbers. Nests. Often found in areas of newly cut grass, which they search for food.
Starling, <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Visitor? Nested in the past in hollow trees but becoming less common.
House Sparrow, <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Nested in adjoining gardens until the mid 1990s. In general decline, though still seen in Norwich in bushes and hedges, e.g. Recreation Road.
Chaffinch, <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Resident. Probably nests.
Brambling, <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Occasional winter visitor, seen in 1990, 1991 and 1998. Likes beech mast.
Redpoll, <i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Winter visitor, seen March 1991. Seen in small numbers most winters on Alder catkins by River Wensum.
Goldfinch, <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Resident. Probably nests. Also seen in flocks in winter.
Greenfinch, <i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Resident. Probably nests. Also seen in flocks in winter.
Siskin, <i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Winter visitor, seen 1994, 2001, 2004. Seen most winters on Alder catkins by River Wensum.
Hawfinch, <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	March 1991 – two sightings on consecutive days, including four birds seen at top of a tall Horse Chestnut (JB & VB).
Common Crossbill, <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	One flew over in March 2012.