

HENFIELD BIG BIRD BASH 2020

This year's Big Bird Bash set a new record for the number of birds seen or heard over the long weekend, beating the previous best by five. Last year's two bashes, in June and September, both produced 62, so the new record now stands at 67.

Val's group had the most birds on her walk with 45, and this keeps up val's record of leading the most productive walk. This is the third Bash running that her group has come out top, albeit that June of last year was a tie for first.

The overall list of every bird seen on all Bashes now stands at 78 species in total. The six new species added to the list this year were: Little Egret, Snipe, Grey Wagtail, Yellow Wagtail, Siskin and Crossbill. So a big congratulations goes to Mike who recorded five of those!



Kingfisher (picture by Val)

Year	TOTALS		Paul		Nigel		Will		Mike		Val	
	June	Sept	June	Sept	June	Sept	June	Sept	June	Sept	June	Sept
2019	62	62	40	34	35	30	32	37	41	39	41	52
2020	-	67	-	40	-	31	-	36	-	43	-	45

Species seen in during the September 2020 Bash

Mute Swan	Kestrel	Blackbird
Greylag Goose	Hobby	Song Thrush
Canada Goose	Magpie	Mistle Thrush
Mallard	Jay	Robin
Pheasant	Jackdaw	Whinchat
Cormorant	Rook	Stonechat
Little Egret	Carrion Crow	Dunnock
Grey Heron	Raven	House Sparrow
Sparrowhawk	Goldcrest	Yellow Wagtail
Buzzard	Blue Tit	Grey Wagtail
Moorhen	Great Tit	Pied Wagtail
Snipe	Coal Tit	Meadow Pipit
Black-headed Gull	Skylark	Chaffinch
Herring Gull	Swallow	Bullfinch
Feral Pigeon	House Martin	Greenfinch
Stock Dove	Cetti's Warbler	Linnet
Wood Pigeon	Long-tailed Tit	Crossbill
Collard Dove	Chiffchaff	Goldfinch
Tawny Owl	Blackcap	Siskin
Kingfisher	Whitethroat	Yellowhammer
Green Woodpecker	Nuthatch	Reed Bunting
Great Spotted Woodpecker	Treecreeper	Total seen/heard: 67 spp.
	Wren	
	Starling	

The birds seen by all of us....

The following birds were seen by every group over the five days of the Bash

Buzzard	Blue Tit
Herring Gull	Great Tit
Stock Dove	Swallow
Wood Pigeon	House Martin
Green Woodpecker	Chiffchaff
Kestrel	Starling
Magpie	Blackbird
Jay	Robin
Jackdaw	Dunnock
Carrion Crow	Linnet

.... and by just one of us

These birds were seen by just one group over the five days of the Bash

Paul's walk:	Grey Wagtail
Greylag Goose	Cetti's Warbler
Canada Goose	
Little Egret	Nigel's walk:
Hobby	Whitethroat
Song Thrush	
Yellowhammer	Will's walk:
	Mistle Thrush
Mike's walk:	
Snipe	Val's walk:
Tawny Owl	Kingfisher
Yellow Wagtail	Whinchat

TOTAL BASH SPECIES LIST

Mute Swan	Green Woodpecker	Starling
Greylag Goose	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Blackbird
Canada Goose	Kestrel	Song Thrush
Mallard	Hobby	Mistle Thrush
Pheasant	Magpie	Spotted Flycatcher
Cormorant	Jay	Robin
Little Egret	Jackdaw	Nightingale
Grey Heron	Rook	Whinchat
Little Grebe	Carrion Crow	Stonechat
Red Kite	Raven	Dunnock
Sparrowhawk	Goldcrest	House Sparrow
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Feral Pigeon	Long-tailed Tit	Linnet
Stock Dove	Chiffchaff	Crossbill
Wood Pigeon	Willow Warbler	Goldfinch
Collard Dove	Blackcap	Siskin
Turtle Dove	Whitethroat	Yellowhammer
Barn Owl	Reed Warbler	Reed Bunting
Tawny Owl	Nuthatch	
Swift	Treecreeper	Overall total: 78 spp.
	Wren	