

HENFIELD BIRDWATCH 2020: SEPTEMBER SPECIES

September was a good month for seeing birds in Henfield, with the highest number of different species recorded since Spring. This was certainly helped by the staging of the Henfield Big Bird Bash over the final weekend of the month, which in itself included 67 of the 75 total species recorded. With Autumn migration in full flight September should usually be a good month regardless, and there were good numbers of summer visitors passing through our patch. Warblers were still on the move with the last **Whitethroats**, **Willow** and **Reed Warblers** of the year noted, with plenty of **Chiffchaffs** and **Blackcaps** still around. **Hobby**, **Spotted Flycatcher**, **Whinchat** and **Yellow Wagtail** are some of our locally scarce migrants, so it was good to hear these were also seen. Less scarce and seen throughout the month were **House Martins** and **Swallows**, and these were joined by **Sand Martins** too. The latter and Yellow Wagtails were both new for the year, and this moves the species recorded in 2020 up to 118. Already seen this year but making a welcome return was **Snipe**, and a record of a calling **Little Owl** at the bottom of West End Lane was exciting news.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2020
Species	72	56	77	89	79	71	74	66	75				118
Reports	18	12	29	51	52	22	22	16	23				245
Records	234	172	270	374	459	240	166	153	354				2422

Species seen in September 2020		
Mute Swan	Green Woodpecker	Treecreeper
Greylag Goose	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Wren
Canada Goose	Kestrel	Starling
Mallard	Hobby	Blackbird
Pheasant	Magpie	Song Thrush
Cormorant	Jay	Mistle Thrush
Little Egret	Jackdaw	Spotted Flycatcher
Grey Heron	Rook	Robin
Sparrowhawk	Carrion Crow	Whinchat
Buzzard	Raven	Stonechat
Moorhen	Goldcrest	Duncock
Coot	Blue Tit	House Sparrow
Lapwing	Great Tit	Yellow Wagtail
Snipe	Coal Tit	Grey Wagtail
Black-headed Gull	Skylark	Pied Wagtail
Herring Gull	Sand Martin	Meadow Pipit
Feral Pigeon	Swallow	Chaffinch
Stock Dove	House Martin	Bullfinch
Wood Pigeon	Cetti's Warbler	Greenfinch
Collared Dove	Long-tailed Tit	Linnet
Barn Owl	Chiffchaff	Crossbill
Little Owl	Willow Warbler	Goldfinch
Tawny Owl	Blackcap	Siskin
Kingfisher	Whitethroat	Yellowhammer
	Reed Warbler	Reed Bunting
	Nuthatch	

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Mute Swan	Caspian Gull	Chiffchaff
Greylag Goose	Great Black-backed Gull	Willow Warbler
Canada Goose	Feral Pigeon	Blackcap
Egyptian Goose	Stock Dove	Garden Warbler
Shelduck	Wood Pigeon	Lesser Whitethroat
Mandarin	Collared Dove	Whitethroat
Wigeon	Turtle Dove	Sedge Warbler
Gadwall	Cuckoo	Reed Warbler
Teal	Barn Owl	Nuthatch
Mallard	Little Owl	Treecreeper
Pintail	Tawny Owl	Wren
Garganey	Swift	Starling
Shoveler	Hoopoe	Blackbird
Pochard	Kingfisher	Fieldfare
Tufted Duck	Green Woodpecker	Song Thrush
Pheasant	Great Spotted Woodpecker	Redwing
Cormorant	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Mistle Thrush
Cattle Egret	Kestrel	Spotted Flycatcher
Little Egret	Hobby	Robin
Great White Egret	Peregrine	Nightingale
Grey Heron	Golden Oriole (h)	Black Redstart
Glossy Ibis	Magpie	Stonechat
Little Grebe	Jay	Whinchat
Great Crested Grebe	Jackdaw	Wheatear
Red Kite	Rook	Dunnock
Hen Harrier	Carrion Crow	House Sparrow
Sparrowhawk	Raven	Grey Wagtail
Buzzard	Goldcrest	Pied Wagtail
Water Rail	Blue Tit	Meadow Pipit
Moorhen	Great Tit	Chaffinch
Coot	Coal Tit	Bullfinch
Oystercatcher	Skylark	Greenfinch
Lapwing	Swallow	Linnet
Black-tailed Godwit	House Martin	Crossbill (h)
Common Sandpiper	Sand Martin	Goldfinch
Green Sandpiper	Cetti's Warbler	Siskin
Redshank	Long-tailed Tit	Yellowhammer
Snipe		Reed Bunting
Black-headed Gull		
Mediterranean Gull		
Common Gull		
Lesser Black-backed Gull		
Herring Gull		

Interesting and/or rare records are indicated in **bold**; those in **red** are species that are new to the Henfield list.