

Bird Survey for
The Churchyard of
The Parish Church of St John The Baptist
Ruyton XI Towns

2003-2004 compiled by T.M. Edwards

for

Ruyton XI Towns Heritage Group

Reason for bird Survey

To add to the natural history knowledge of the area to run concurrently with work being undertaken to study botany, mammals, insects and other invertebrates of the site.

Methodology

Observations were made throughout the year from within the church and castle grounds and immediate surrounding area. Visits were made twice monthly during spring and early summer when birds were holding nesting territory and once a month for the remainder of the year.

Visits were made mainly in the morning. Some visits were made in the evening at times when some species are more active and vocal.

The survey was carried out from January 2003 to January 2004.

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BIRD LIST FOR CHURCHYARD AND CASTLE SITE JANUARY 2003 TO JANUARY 2004

BUZZARD	Buteo buteo
KESTREL	Falco tinnunculus
PHEASANT	Phasianus colchicus
STOCK DOVE	Columba oenas
WOODPIGEON	Columba palumbus
COLLARED DOVE	Streptopelia decaocto
CUCKOO	Cuculus canorus
TAWNY OWL	Strix aluco
SWIFT	Apus apus
GREAT SPODED WOODPECKER	Dendrocopos major
SWALLOW	Hirundo rustica
HOUSE MARTIN	Delichon urbica
WREN	Troglodytes troglodytes
DUNNOCK	Prunella modularis
ROBIN	Erithacus rubecula
BLACKBIRD	Turdus merula
FIELDFARE	Turdus pilaris
SONG THRUSH	Turdus philomelos
REDWING	Turdus iliacus
MISTLE THRUSH	Turdus viscivorus
BLACKCAP	Sylvia atricapilla
CHIFFCHAFF	Phylloscopus collybita
GOLDCREST	Regulus regulus
COAL TIT	Parus ater
BLUE TIT	Parus caeruleus
GREAT TIT	Parus major
NUTHATCH	Sitta europaea
TREE CREEPER	Certhia familiaris
JAY	Garrulus glandarius
MAGPIE	Pica pica
JACKDAW	Corvus monedula
ROOK	Corvus frugilegus
CARRION CROW	Corvus corone
STARLING	Sturnus vulgaris
HOUSE SPARROW	Passer domesticus
CHAFFINCH	Fringilla coelebs
GREENFINCH	Carduelis chloris
GOLDFINCH	Carduelis carduelis
BULLFINCH	Pyrrhula pyrrhula

In addition to the above list the following species were observed or heard from the site during the surveys:-

CANADA GOOSE	Branta canadensis
BLACK-HEADED GULL	Larus ridibundus
SAND MARTIN	Riparia riparia
RAVEN	Corvus corax

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