

BIRDS OF THE NORTHWICH WOODLANDS

The Northwich Woodlands are an excellent place for birdwatching; the variety of habitats attracts a vast array of birds throughout the year with over 235 species recorded. There are seven birdwatching hides within the woodlands.

Definition of Terms:-

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| Vagrant | Recorded on less than five occasions |
| Rare Visitor | Recorded on more than five occasions but not annually |
| Occasional Visitor | Recorded most years |
| Passage Migrant | Recorded most years in Spring and / or Autumn |
| Summer Visitor | Annual Summer Visitor |
| Winter Visitor | Annual Winter Visitor |
| Resident | Recorded all year round |

Breeding Species are shown in Bold

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| Alpine Swift <i>Apus melba</i> | Vagrant |
| American Wigeon <i>Anas americana</i> | Vagrant |
| Arctic Skua <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> | Vagrant |
| Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba</i> | Regular Visitor |
| Barn Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | Summer Visitor |
| Barnacle Goose <i>Branta leucopsis</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Bar-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa lapponica</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Black-billed Magpie <i>Pica pica</i> | Resident |
| Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Black-crowned Night Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | Vagrant |
| Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i> | Resident. |
| Black-legged Kittiwake <i>Rissa tridactyla</i> | Rare Visitor |

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| Black-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Black-tailed Godwit <i>Limosa limosa</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Black-throated Diver <i>Gavia arctica</i> | Vagrant |
| Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | Vagrant - failed breeder |
| Blue Tit <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i> | Resident |
| Bohemian Waxwing <i>Bombycilla garrulus</i> | Vagrant |
| Brambling <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Brent Goose <i>Branta bernicla</i> | Vagrant |
| Broad-billed Sandpiper <i>Limicola falcinellus</i> | Vagrant |
| Carrion Crow <i>Corvus corone</i> | Resident |
| Caspian Tern <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> | Vagrant |
| Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> | Resident |
| Coal Tit <i>Periparus ater</i> | Resident |
| Common Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i> | Resident |
| Common Bullfinch <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i> | Resident |
| Common Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i> | Resident |
| Common Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Common Coot <i>Fulica atra</i> | Resident |
| Common Crossbill <i>Loxia curvirostra</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Common Cuckoo <i>Cuculus canorus</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Common Eider <i>Somateria mollissima</i> | Vagrant |
| Common Goldeneye <i>Bucephala clangula</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Common Grasshopper Warbler <i>Locustella naevia</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Common Greenshank <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Common Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | Resident |
| Common Kingfisher <i>Alcedo atthis</i> | Resident |
| Common Linnet <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> | Resident |

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| Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | Resident |
| Common Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> | Resident |
| Common Pochard <i>Aythya ferina</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Common Quail <i>Coturnix coturnix</i> | Vagrant |
| Common Raven <i>Corvus corax</i> | Resident |
| Mealy Redpoll <i>Carduelis flammea</i> | Vagrant |
| Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i> | Summer Visitor |
| Common Redstart <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Common Scoter <i>Melanitta nigra</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Common Shelduck <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> | Resident Breeder |
| Common Snipe <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Common Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | Resident |
| Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Common Whitethroat <i>Sylvia communis</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Common Wood Pigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i> | Resident |
| Corn Bunting <i>Emberiza calandra</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Corn Crane <i>Crex crex</i> | Vagrant |
| Curlew Sandpiper <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Egyptian Goose <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i> | Vagrant |
| Eurasian Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> | Resident |
| Eurasian Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i> | Regular Visitor |
| Eurasian Dotterel <i>Charadrius morinellus</i> | Vagrant |
| Eurasian Hobby <i>Falco subbuteo</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Eurasian Jackdaw <i>Corvus monedula</i> | Resident |

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| Eurasian Jay <i>Garrulus glandarius</i> | Resident |
| Eurasian Marsh Harrier <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | Vagrant |
| Eurasian Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Eurasian Reed Warbler <i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Eurasian Siskin <i>Carduelis spinus</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Eurasian Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter nisus</i> | Resident |
| Eurasian Spoonbill <i>Platalea leucorodia</i> | Vagrant |
| Eurasian Teal <i>Anas crecca</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Eurasian Tree Sparrow <i>Passer montanus</i> | Resident |
| Eurasian Treecreeper <i>Certhia familiaris</i> | Resident |
| Eurasian Wigeon <i>Anas penelope</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Eurasian Woodcock <i>Scolopax rusticola</i> | Winter Visitor |
| European Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> | Winter Visitor |
| European Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> | Resident |
| European Greenfinch <i>Carduelis chloris</i> | Resident |
| European Honey-buzzard <i>Pernis apivorus</i> | Vagrant |
| European Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> | Resident |
| European Shag <i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i> | Vagrant |
| European Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> | Rare Visitor; Former Breeder |
| Fieldfare <i>Turdus pilaris</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Firecrest <i>Regulus ignicapilla</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Franklin's Gull <i>Larus pipixcan</i> | Vagrant |
| Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i> | Resident |
| Garden Warbler <i>Sylvia borin</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Garganey <i>Anas querquedula</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Glaucous Gull <i>Larus hyperboreus</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Glossy Ibis <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | Vagrant |

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| Goldcrest <i>Regulus regulus</i> | Resident |
| Goosander <i>Mergus merganser</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Great Bittern <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Great Black-backed Gull <i>Larus marinus</i> | Regular Visitor |
| Great Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> | Resident. |
| Great Crested Grebe <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> | Resident |
| Great Egret <i>Ardea alba</i> | Vagrant |
| Great Grey Shrike <i>Lanius excubitor</i> | Vagrant |
| Great Northern Diver <i>Gavia immer</i> | Vagrant |
| Great Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos major</i> | Resident |
| Great Tit <i>Parus major</i> | Resident |
| Greater Canada Goose <i>Branta canadensis</i> | Resident |
| Greater Scaup <i>Aythya marila</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Greater White-fronted Goose <i>Anser albifrons</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Green Sandpiper <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Green Woodpecker <i>Picus viridis</i> | Resident |
| Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | Resident |
| Grey Partridge <i>Perdix perdix</i> | Resident |
| Grey Phalarope <i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i> | Vagrant |
| Grey Plover <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Grey Wagtail <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | Resident |
| Greylag Goose <i>Anser anser</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Hawfinch <i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i> | Vagrant |
| Hedge Accentor <i>Prunella modularis</i> | Resident |
| Hen Harrier <i>Circus cyaneus</i> | Vagrant |
| Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i> | Regular Visitor |
| Hoopoe <i>Upupa epops</i> | Vagrant |

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| House Martin <i>Delichon urbicum</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i> | Resident |
| Iceland Gull <i>Larus glaucoides</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Jack Snipe <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Kentish Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> | Vagrant |
| Lapland Longspur <i>Calcarius lapponicus</i> | Vagrant |
| Leach's Storm-petrel <i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i> | Vagrant |
| Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Lesser Redpoll <i>Carduelis cabaret</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Lesser Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos minor</i> | Resident |
| Lesser Whitethroat <i>Sylvia curruca</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Little Auk <i>Alle alle</i> | Vagrant |
| Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | Resident Breeder |
| Little Gull <i>Larus minutus</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Little Owl <i>Athene noctua</i> | Resident. Has bred |
| Little Plover <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Little Stint <i>Calidris minuta</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Little Tern <i>Sternula albifrons</i> | Vagrant |
| Long-billed Dowitcher <i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i> | Vagrant |
| Long-eared Owl <i>Asio otus</i> | Winter Visitor. Former Breeder |
| Long-tailed Duck <i>Clangula hyemalis</i> | Vagrant |
| Long-tailed Tit <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i> | Resident |
| Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | Resident |
| Mandarin Duck <i>Aix galericulata</i> | Vagrant |
| Manx Shearwater <i>Puffinus puffinus</i> | Vagrant |
| Marsh Tit <i>Poecile palustris</i> | Vagrant |

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| Meadow Pipit <i>Anthus pratensis</i> | Regular Visitor. Occasional Breeder |
| Mediterranean Gull <i>Larus melanocephalus</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Mew Gull <i>Larus canus</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Mistle Thrush <i>Turdus viscivorus</i> | Resident |
| Mute Swan <i>Cygnus olor</i> | Resident |
| Northern Fulmar <i>Fulmarus glacialis</i> | Vagrant |
| Northern Gannet <i>Morus bassanus</i> | Vagrant |
| Northern Goshawk <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Northern Lapwing <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> | Resident |
| Northern Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Northern Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Northern Wheatear <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Pectoral Sandpiper <i>Calidris melanotos</i> | Vagrant |
| Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | Resident |
| Pied Avocet <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> | Occasional Visitor. Has Bred |
| Pied Flycatcher <i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Pink-footed Goose <i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Purple Sandpiper <i>Calidris maritima</i> | Vagrant |
| Red Kite <i>Milvus milvus</i> | Vagrant |
| Red Knot <i>Calidris canutus</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Red-breasted Merganser <i>Mergus serrator</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Red-crested Pochard <i>Netta rufina</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Red-legged Partridge <i>Alectoris rufa</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Red-necked Grebe <i>Podiceps grisegena</i> | Vagrant |
| Red-necked Phalarope <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> | Vagrant |

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| Red-throated Diver <i>Gavia stellata</i> | Vagrant |
| Redwing <i>Turdus iliacus</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Reed Bunting <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i> | Resident |
| Ring Ouzel <i>Turdus torquatus</i> | Vagrant |
| Ring-billed Gull <i>Larus delawarensis</i> | Vagrant |
| Ringed Plover <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Ring-necked Duck <i>Aythya collaris</i> | Vagrant |
| Feral Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i> | Resident |
| Rock Pipit <i>Anthus petrosus</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Rook <i>Corvus frugilegus</i> | Resident |
| Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i> | Vagrant |
| Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i> | Vagrant |
| Rough-legged Buzzard <i>Buteo lagopus</i> | Vagrant |
| Ruddy Duck <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i> | Resident |
| Ruddy Shelduck <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> | Vagrant |
| Ruff <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Sand Martin <i>Riparia riparia</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Scottish Crossbill <i>Loxia scotica</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Sedge Warbler <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Short-eared Owl <i>Asio flammeus</i> | Winter Visitor |
| Sky Lark <i>Alauda arvensis</i> | Resident |
| Slavonian Grebe <i>Podiceps auritus</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Smew <i>Mergellus albellus</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Snow Bunting <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i> | Vagrant |
| Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i> | Resident |

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| Spotted Crane <i>Porzana porzana</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Spotted Redshank <i>Tringa erythropus</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Stilt Sandpiper <i>Calidris himantopus</i> | Vagrant |
| Stock Pigeon <i>Columba oenas</i> | Resident |
| Stonechat <i>Saxicola torquata</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Tawny Owl <i>Strix aluco</i> | Resident |
| Temminck's Stint <i>Calidris temminckii</i> | Rare Visitor |
| Tree Pipit <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Tufted Duck <i>Aythya fuligula</i> | Resident Breeder |
| Tundra Swan <i>Cygnus columbianus</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Twite <i>Carduelis flavirostris</i> | Vagrant |
| Velvet Scoter <i>Melanitta fusca</i> | Vagrant |
| Water Pipit <i>Anthus spinoletta</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Water Rail <i>Rallus aquaticus</i> | Resident |
| Whimbrel <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Whinchat <i>Saxicola rubetra</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> | Vagrant |
| White / Pied Wagtail <i>Motacilla alba</i> | Resident |
| White Stork <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> | Vagrant |
| White-winged Tern <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> | Vagrant |
| Whooper Swan <i>Cygnus cygnus</i> | Rare Winter Visitor |
| Willow Tit <i>Poecile montanus</i> | Resident |
| Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | Summer Visitor. |
| Winter Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> | Resident |
| Wood Nuthatch <i>Sitta europaea</i> | Resident |
| Wood Sandpiper <i>Tringa glareola</i> | Passage Migrant |
| Wood Warbler <i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i> | Passage Migrant |

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

Summer Visitor.

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* Vagrant

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*

Resident

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*

Rare Visitor