



A Checklist Of The Birds Of The Marshfield Patch

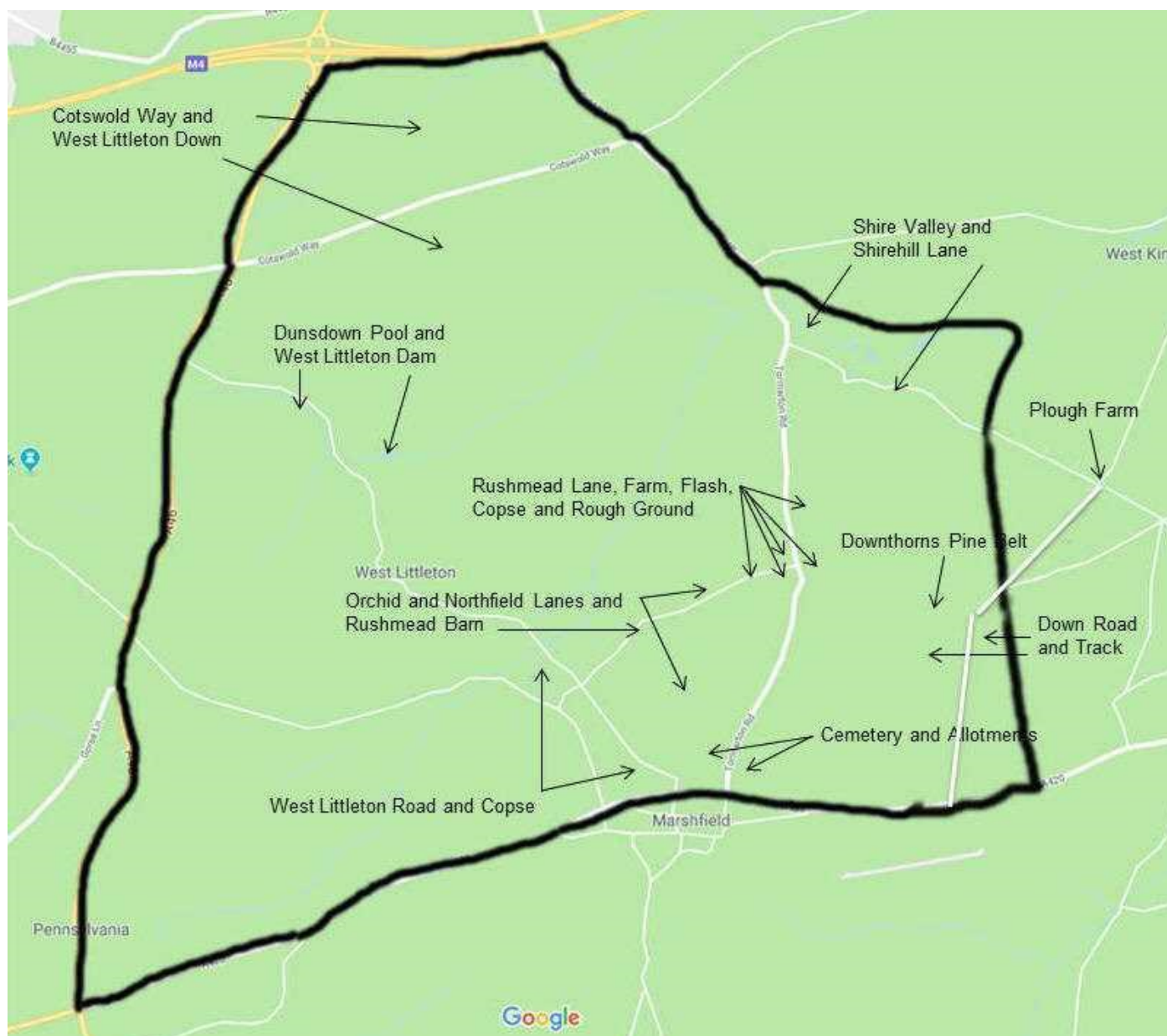
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INTRODUCTION

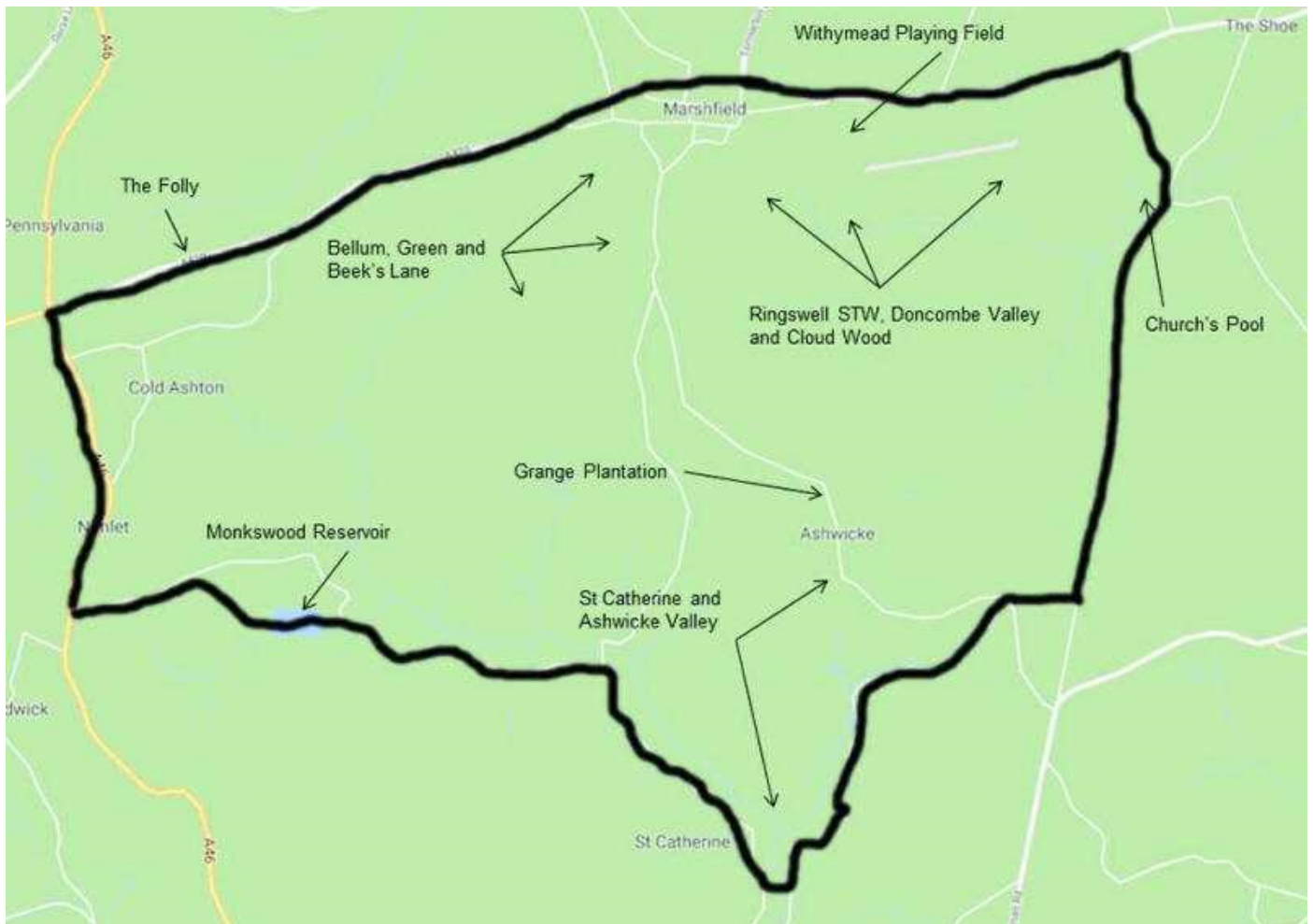
This is the first edition of the checklist of the birds of the Marshfield patch and has been prepared reflecting the status of species and forms believed to have occurred in a naturally wild state within the Marshfield Patch boundary.

The Marshfield Patch list follows the conventions of The BOU British List: A Checklist of Birds of Britain (9th edition) December 2017 which came into effect on January 1st 2018. Revised in January 2025.

THE BOUNDARY



Northern Section



Southern Section

THE LIST

The Marshfield List is under continuous revision; species and forms are either added or removed following rigorous assessment and changes to the list are adopted with immediate effect.

TAXONOMY

In 2017, following a detailed review TBOSG has adopted, from the 1st January 2018, the International Ornithological Union's (IOU) IOC World Bird List (Gill & Donsker 2017) for all its taxonomic needs.

SPECIES/ FORMS NAMES

The Marshfield list uses the English names for species and forms used by the International Ornithological Union's (IOU) IOC World Bird List (Gill & Donsker 2017).

CATEGORIES

- A: Birds recorded in the UK in an apparently natural state at least once since January 1st 1950.
- B: Birds recorded in the UK in an apparently natural state at least once between January 1st 1800 and December 31st 1949, but not subsequently.
- C: Birds that, although introduced, now derive from the resulting self-sustaining populations.

THE MARSHFIELD PATCH LIST

Each taxon is headed followed by the vernacular name, scientific name and category. Species are in UPPERCASE.

The list at the end of December 2024 stands at 164 species and forms believed to have occurred naturally on the Marshfield Patch.

Also listed here under the associated species or form is the occurrence of the first documented reference, location, date and finder(s) where available.

All sightings of rare and scarce birds are subject to ratification by the appropriate rarities committee!

GEESE (1)

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis* A

SWANS (1)

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor* A

WILDFOWL (7)

MANDARIN *Aix galericulata* C
1st: On Broadmead Brook, Shire Valley on April 16th 2010 - John Barnett

GADWALL *Mareca strepera* A

WIGEON *Mareca penelope* A
1st: West Littleton Dam on March 10th 2021 - John Barnett

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos* A

COMMON TEAL *Anas crecca* A

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula* A

COMMON SCOTER *Melanitta nigra* A
1st: Over Marshfield Village on April 2nd 2020 - John Barnett

PARTRIDGE, PHEASANT, QUAIL (5)

GREY PARTRIDGE *Perdix perdix* A

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* C

Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus torquatus*

QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* A
1st: In the Downtorns Farm/ Down Road area on June 17th 1943 - Unknown

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa* C

NIGHTJAR, SWIFTS (2)

NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus* A
1st: West Littleton on September 25th 1947 - Unknown

COMMON SWIFT *Apus apus* A

CUCKOO (1)

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus* A

DOVES, PIGEONS (5)

ROCK DOVE/ FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia* A

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas* A

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus* A

TURTLE DOVE *Streptopelia turtur* A

1st: Breeding season records from 1962 - Unknown

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto* A

RAILS, CRAKES, GALLINULES (5)

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus* A

CORNCRAKE *Crex crex* A

1st: In fields on the south side of Rushmead Lane on June 1st 1989 - Unknown

MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus* A

COOT *Fulica atra* A

CRANE (1)

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* A

1st: Over the Castle Farm area on April 9th 2014 - Unknown

GREBES (1)

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis* A

WADERS (16)

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus* A

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus* A

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria* A

GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola* A

RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius hiaticula psammodromus* A

DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus* A

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus* A

CURLEW *Numenius arquata* A

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola* A

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus* A

COMMON SNIFE *Gallinago gallinago* A

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos* A

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus* A

1st: West Littleton Dam on April 22nd 2021 - John Barnett

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus* A

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola* A

1st: St. Catherine's Valley on August 13th 1943 - Unknown

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia* A

GULLS (9)

BLACK-HEADED GULL	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	A
MEDITERRANEAN GULL	<i>Ichthyaetus melanocephalus</i>	A
1st: Noted 'near' Marshfield on July 27th 1987 - Unknown		
COMMON GULL	<i>Larus canus</i>	A
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL	<i>Larus marinus</i>	A
HERRING GULL	<i>Larus argentatus argenteus</i>	A
Scandinavian Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus argentatus</i>	
YELLOW-LEGGED GULL	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	A
1st: In fields on the west side of the Tomarton Road on August 20th 2015 - Martyn Hayes		
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL	<i>Larus fuscus graellsii</i>	A
Continental Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus intermedius</i>	

AUKS (1)

LITTLE AUK	<i>Alle alle</i>	A
1st: Picked up on Marshfield High Street on November 4th 1990 - Unknown		

CORMORANTS (1)

CORMORANT	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	A
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HERONS, EGRETS (3)

GREY HERON	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	A
GREAT WHITE EGRET	<i>Ardea alba</i>	A
1st: One in flight over the Shire Valley on February 13th 2022 - Nick Ford		
LITTLE EGRET	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	A

RAPTORS (10)

OSPREY	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	A
1st: One south of Shirehill Lane on October 8th 2013 - Unknown		
SPARROWHAWK	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	A
GOSHAWK	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	A
1st: South over Rushmead Lane on January 21st 2005 - Martyn Hayes		
MARSH HARRIER	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	A
1st: Noted 'near' Marshfield on May 7th 1990 - Unknown		
HEN HARRIER	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	A
1st: Northfield Lane on January 31st 2015 - Unknown		
PALLID HARRIER	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	A
1st: The Shire Valley on April 12th 2016 - Martyn Hayes		
MONTAGU'S HARRIER	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	A
1st: Noted 'near' Marshfield on May 25th 1958 - Unknown		
RED KITE	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	A
1st: Noted 'near' Shirehill Farm on June 3rd 2001 - Unknown		

BLACK KITE	Milvus migrans	A
1st: Nailey Farm, St. Catherine's Valley on May 26th 2009 - John Mackenzie-Grieve		
BUZZARD	Buteo buteo	A
OWLS (4)		
BARN OWL	Tyto alba	A
TAWNY OWL	Strix aluco	A
LITTLE OWL	Athene noctua	C
SHORT-EARED OWL	Asio flammeus	A
EXOTICS (4)		
KINGFISHER	Alcedo atthis ispida	A
HOOPOE	Upupa epops	A
1st: Near Oldfield Farm in mid-May 2018 - Unknown		
WAXWING	Bombycilla garrulus	A
1st: Withymead on January 6th 2017 - Denise Whittle		
DIPPER	Cinclus cinclus gularis	A
WOODPECKERS (4)		
WRYNECK	Jynx torquilla	A
1st: Ringswell on September 13th 2019 - John Barnett		
LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER	Dryobates minor comminutus	A
GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER	Dendrocopos major anglicus	A
GREEN WOODPECKER	Picus viridis	A
FALCONS (4)		
KESTREL	Falco tinnunculus	A
MERLIN	Falco columbarius aesalon	A
HOBBY	Falco subbuteo	A
PEREGRINE	Falco peregrinus	A
SHRIKES (3)		
RED-BACKED SHRIKE	Lanius collurio	A
1st: Rushmead Lane on September 5th 2020 - Nigel & Sue Kempson		
GREAT GREY SHRIKE	Lanius excubitor	A
1st: Rushmead Lane on October 27th 2014 - Martyn Hayes		
WOODCHAT SHRIKE	Lanius senator	A
1st: Rushmead Lane on July 23rd 1989 - Martyn Hayes		
CORVIDS (8)		
JAY	Garrulus glandarius rufitergum	A
Continental Jay	Garrulus glandarius glandarius	
MAGPIE	Pica pica	A
JACKDAW	Coloeus monedula spermologus	A
Nordic Jackdaw	Coloeus monedula monedula	
1st: George Lane on January 25th 2008 - Rob Laughton		

ROOK	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	A
CARRION CROW	<i>Corvus corone</i>	A
RAVEN	<i>Corvus corax</i>	A

TITS (6)

COAL TIT	<i>Pariparus ater britannicus</i>	A
MARSH TIT	<i>Poecile palustris dresseri</i>	A
WILLOW TIT	<i>Poecile montanus kleinschmidti</i>	A

1st: Noted 'near' Marshfield on August 11th 1978 – Unknown

BLUE TIT	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus obscurus</i>	A
GREAT TIT	<i>Parus major newtoni</i>	A
LONG-TAILED TIT	<i>Aegithalos caudatus rosaceus</i>	A

LARKS (1)

SKYLARK	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	A
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SWALLOWS, MARTINS (3)

SWALLOW	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	A
SAND MARTIN	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	A
HOUSE MARTIN	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	A

WARBLERS, CRESTS (12)

WILLOW WARBLER	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	A
COMMON CHIFFCHAFF	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	A
WOOD WARBLER	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	A

1st: The Oakford area in May 1964 – Unknown

SEDGE WARBLER	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	A
REED WARBLER	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	A
GRASSHOPPER WARBLER	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	A

1st: The Oakford area mid-April 1964 – Unknown

BLACKCAP	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	A
GARDEN WARBLER	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	A
LESSER WHITETHROAT	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	A
COMMON WHITETHROAT	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	A
DARTFORD WARBLER	<i>Sylvia undata</i>	A

1st: Northfield Lane on October 10th 2008 - Martyn Hayes

GOLDCREST	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	A
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WREN, NUTHATCH, TREECREEPER (3)

WREN	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes indigenus</i>	A
NUTHATCH	<i>Sitta europaea caesia</i>	A
TREECREEPER	<i>Certhia familiaris brittanica</i>	A

STARLINGS (1)

STARLING	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	A
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THRUSHES (9)

RING OUZEL	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	A
1st: The Shire Valley on April 10th 2011 - John Barnett		
BLACKBIRD	<i>Turdus merula</i>	A
Continental Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula merula</i>	
FIELDFARE	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	A
REDWING	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	A
SONG THRUSH	<i>Turdus philomelos clarkei</i>	A
Continental Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos philomelos</i>	
MISTLE THRUSH	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	A

FLYCATCHERS, CHATS, WHEATEARS, ACCENTORS (13)

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	A
PIED FLYCATCHER	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	A
1st: The Shire Valley on April 20th 2008 - John Barnett		

ROBIN	<i>Erithacus rubecula melophilus</i>	A
RED-SPOTTED BLUETHROAT	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	A
1st: Rushmead Lane on May 14th 1998 - Paul Chadwick		

NIGHTINGALE	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	A
RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>	A
1st: The Shire Valley, Marshfield on February 3rd 2014 - John Barnett		

BLACK REDSTART	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros gibraltariensis</i>	A
1st: Martor Industrial Estate on April 5th 1996 - John Barnett		

COMMON REDSTART	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	A
WHINCHAT	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	A
COMMON STONECHAT	<i>Saxicola rubicola hibernans</i>	A
NORTHERN WHEATEAR	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	A
Greenland Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe leucorhoa</i>	
DUNNOCK	<i>Prunella modularis occidentalis</i>	A

WAGTAILS (4)

YELLOW WAGTAIL	<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>	A
GREY WAGTAIL	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	A
PIED WAGTAIL	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	A
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba alba</i>	

PIPITS (2)

MEADOW PIPIT	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	A
TREE PIPIT	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	A

FINCHES, BUNTINGS (17)

HOUSE SPARROW	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	A
TREE SPARROW	<i>Passer montanus</i>	A
1st: Noted 'near' Marshfield in May/ June 1965 – Unknown		

CHAFFINCH	<i>Fringilla coelebs gengleri</i>	A
Continental Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs coelebs</i>	

BRAMBLING	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	A
HAWFINCH	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	A
1st: Doncombe Valley on November 26th 2008 - Len Ingram & Don Smith		
BULLFINCH	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula pileata</i>	A
GREENFINCH	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	A
LINNET	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	A
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea cabaret</i>	
CROSSBILL	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	A
1st: Withymead on July 20th 2011 - John Barnett		
GOLDFINCH	<i>Carduelis carduelis britannica</i>	A
SISKIN	<i>Spinus spinus</i>	A
CORN BUNTING	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	A
REED BUNTING	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	A
YELLOWHAMMER	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	A
LAPLAND BUNTING	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	A
1st: Northfield Lane on March 27th 2008 - Martyn Hayes		

Totals:

Species	155
Forms	9

