



A Checklist Of The Birds Of S. Gloucestershire



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Cover: Hooded Merganser | Bri Thompson | Most recent addition: A 1st winter female on Pilning Wetland, New Passage
Watermark: Black/ White-bellied Storm Petrel | John Martin

INTRODUCTION

This is the first **Avi List** edition of the checklist of the Birds Of South Gloucestershire and has been prepared reflecting the status of species and subspecies believed to have occurred in a naturally wild state within the recording area.

The South Gloucestershire Systematic List follows the conventions of The BOU British List: A Checklist of Birds of Britain (**Avi List**) which came into effect on January 1st 2026.

THE LIST

The South Gloucestershire List is under continuous review; species and subspecies are added or removed following rigorous assessment. Changes to the list are adopted with immediate effect.

TAXONOMY

In 2026, following a detailed review TBOSG has adopted, from the 1st January, the International Ornithological Congress (IOC) World Bird List - **Avi List** (a global collaboration to produce a single current consensus taxonomy for the birds of the world), for all its taxonomic needs.

SPECIES/ SUBSPECIES NAMES

The S. Glos list uses the English names for species and subspecies used by the IOC World Bird List (**Avi List** 2026).

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 S. GLOS SYSTEMATIC BIRD LIST

Each taxon is headed followed by the vernacular name - species are in UPPERCASE.

The list, as of March 1st 2026, stands at 346 - 308 species and 38 subspecies believed to have occurred naturally in the recording area.

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

SPECIES/ subspecies	Date	1 st Documented Reference/ Location/ Finder(s)
STIFFTAILS		
RUDDY DUCK	06/01/1979	Aust Warth
SWANS		
MUTE SWAN		
BEWICK'S SWAN	08/03/1970	Severn Beach
WHOOPER SWAN	29/10/1983	Oldbury Power Station
GEESE		
DARK-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE		
Pale-bellied Brent Goose	12/02/1995	Northwick Warth
RED-BREASTED GOOSE	18/11/1909	Oldbury-on-Severn
CANADA GOOSE		
Lesser Canada Goose	13/09/2024	Chipping Sodbury Common (M Coller)
BARNACLE GOOSE	18/02/1973	Severn Beach
GREYLAG GOOSE		
Continental Greylag Goose	18/11/2011	Warmley/ Shortwood (R Laughton)
WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE	24/12/1938	Severn Beach
Greenland White-fronted Goose	17/10/2010	Littleton-upon-Severn (M Plenty)
TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE	05/12/2020	Oldbury Power Station (P Hazelwood)
PINK-FOOTED GOOSE	01/02/1940	Severn Beach
TAIGA BEAN GOOSE	01/03/1998	Oldbury Power Station
WILDFOWL		
MANDARIN	16/11/1986	Tortworth Court Lake
EGYPTIAN GOOSE	12/02/2002	Oldbury Power Station (A Middleton)
SHELDUCK		
RUDDY SHELDUCK	18/04/1942	Aust Warth
LONG-TAILED DUCK	31/10/1976	New Passage
KING EIDER	11/1912	Shepperdine (L Purcell)
EIDER		
COMMON SCOTER		
VELVET SCOTER	05/03/1892	New Passage
GOLDENEYE		
SMEW	12/02/1855	Dyrham Park
HOODED MERGANSER	23/02/2026	Pilning Wetland, New Passage (A Stockhausen)
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER		
GOOSANDER	01/1891	R. Avon, Bitton
RED-CRESTED POCHARD	04/04/1971	Littleton-upon-Severn
POCHARD		
RING-NECKED DUCK	02/04/1988	New Passage
TUFTED DUCK		
SCAUP	25/04/1938	Severn Beach
GARGANEY	13/04/1982	Severn Beach
SHOVELER		

GADWALL		
WIGEON		
AMERICAN WIGEON	02/01/2017	Littleton Warth (B Ofield)
MALLARD		
PINTAIL		
TEAL		
Green-winged Teal	04/01/2001	Oldbury Power Station (M Warren)

PARTRIDGE, PHEASANT, QUAIL

GREY PARTRIDGE		
PHEASANT		
Ring-necked Pheasant		
QUAIL	14/06/1942	Patchway Common
RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE		

GREBES

LITTLE GREBE		
GREAT CRESTED GREBE		
SLAVONIAN GREBE	27/04/1989	New Passage (P Bowerman)
BLACK-NECKED GREBE	24/10/1996	New Passage (R Reader)

CUCKOO

CUCKOO

SANDGROUSE

PALLAS'S SANDGROUSE	03/06/1888	Hambrook
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DOVES, PIGEONS

TURTLE DOVE		
COLLARED DOVE	07/05/1960	Chipping Sodbury
WOODPIGEON		
ROCK DOVE		
STOCK DOVE		

CRANE

COMMON CRANE	03/01/2000	Severn Beach
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RAILS, CRAKES, GALLINULES

WATER RAIL		
CORNCRAKE	30/10/1938	Patchway Common
SPOTTED CRAKE	09/1891	Stoke Gifford
MOORHEN		
COOT		

WADERS

STONE CURLEW	27/07/1999	New Passage (P Bowerman)
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AVOCET	12/1900	Thornbury
BLACK-WINGED STILT	05/1848	Thornbury area
OYSTERCATCHER		
GREY PLOVER		
GOLDEN PLOVER		
Icelandic Golden Plover	13/07/2014	Northwick Warth/ Pilning Wetlands
AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER	01/01/2002	New Passage (P Bowerman)
DOTTEREL	14/09/1974	Severn Beach
KILLDEER	31/10/2016	New Passage (P Bowerman)
RINGED PLOVER		
Tundra Ringed Plover		
LITTLE RINGED PLOVER		
LAPWING		
KENTISH PLOVER	04/05/1947	Severn Beach
WHIMBREL		
CURLEW		
BAR-TAILED GODWIT		
BLACK-TAILED GODWIT		
Continental Black-tailed Godwit		
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER	16/10/1977	Aust Warth (P Chadwick, B Lancaster, N Lacy)
JACK SNIPE	12/1935	Stoke Gifford
WOODCOCK		
SNIPE		
TEREK SANDPIPER	20/09/1986	Severn Beach (B Lancaster, N Lacy)
COMMON SANDPIPER		
GREY PHALAROPE	21/10/1949	Stoke Gifford
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE	08/10/2001	Severn Beach (P Bowerman)
GREEN SANDPIPER		
WOOD SANDPIPER	13/08/1943	St. Catherine's Valley, Marshfield
REDSHANK		
Icelandic Redshank		
LESSER YELLOWLEGS	30/09/2024	Pilning Wetlands, New Passage (M Hall)
SPOTTED REDSHANK	17/11/1954	Shepperdine
GREENSHANK		
TURNSTONE		
KNOT		
RUFF		
BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER	20/08/1983	Oldbury Power Station (K Vinicombe)
CURLEW SANDPIPER		
TEMMINCK'S STINT	29/04/1984	Oldbury Power Station (L Tucker, K Vinicombe)
BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER	30/09/1989	New Passage (P Bowerman)
SANDERLING		
DUNLIN		
Greenland Dunlin	16/05/2008	Severn Beach (J Martin)
Northern Dunlin		
PURPLE SANDPIPER	12/1892	New Passage
PECTORAL SANDPIPER	17/09/1989	Oldbury Power Station
SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER	12/08/1990	Oldbury Power Station (K Vinicombe)

LITTLE STINT		
WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER	12/09/1985	Severn Beach (P Bowerman)
COLLARED PRATINCOLE	21/05/2020	Pilning Wetlands, New Passage (A Ramesh)

SKUA'S

ARCTIC SKUA	01/06/1941	Littleton-upon-Severn
LONG-TAILED SKUA	04/10/1981	New Passage
POMARINE SKUA	11/1879	New Passage
GREAT SKUA	14/05/1973	Chittening Warth

AUKS

PUFFIN	10/1935	Filton
BLACK GUILLEMOT	27/10/1998	Severn Beach (B Lancaster)
RAZORBILL		
LITTLE AUK	10/1841	Severnside
GUILLEMOT		

TERNS

LITTLE TERN	09/05/1945	Severn Beach
CASPIAN TERN	19/07/2025	Orchard Pools, Severn Beach (M Plenty)
WHISKERED TERN	10/05/2016	Oldbury Power Station (P Hazelwood)
WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN	03/05/1990	Aust Warth (P Chadwick)
BLACK TERN		
SANDWICH TERN		
ARCTIC TERN		
COMMON TERN		
ROSEATE TERN	01/05/1990	New Passage (P Bowerman)

GULLS

LITTLE GULL	05/05/1974	Severn Beach
KITTIWAKE		
SABINE'S GULL	13/09/1980	New Passage
BLACK-HEADED GULL		
LAUGHING GULL	01/05/2012	Severn Beach (P Bowerman)
FRANKLIN'S GULL	19/05/1984	Severn Beach (P Bowerman, B Lancaster)
MEDITERRANEAN GULL	18/03/1977	Stoke Gifford
RING-BILLED GULL	28/02/1987	New Passage
COMMON GULL		
CASPIAN GULL	16/11/2002	Harnhill Landfill (J Martin, R Reader)
HERRING GULL		
Scandinavian Herring Gull		
YELLOW-LEGGED GULL	11/1989	New Passage
Atlantic Yellow-legged Gull	19/09/2023	Severn Beach (O Dewhurst)
GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL		
GLAUCOUS GULL	Winter 1840	Severnside
LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL		
Continental LB-backed Gull		

ICELAND GULL	23/02/1940	Stoke Gifford
Kumlien's Gull	30/06/1996	Oldbury Power Station (K Vinicombe)

DIVERS

RED-THROATED DIVER	06/01/1960	Shepperdine
GREAT NORTHERN DIVER	14/12/1983	Aust Warth
PACIFIC DIVER	27/11/2009	Salmon Pool, Severn Beach (M Hayes)
BLACK-THROATED DIVER	06/05/1991	New Passage

PETRELS, SHEARWATERS

STORM PETREL	31/10/1824	Alveston
LEACH'S PETREL	07/10/1938	Aust Warth Pier
FULMAR		
CORY'S SHEARWATER	26/11/2000	Severn Beach (B Lancaster)
SOOTY SHEARWATER	07/09/1974	Aust (R Thomas)
MANX SHEARWATER		
Balearic Shearwater	24/09/1988	New Passage (A Merritt, P Bowerman, B Lancaster)

STORKS

WHITE STORK	23/05/1971	Hallen
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GANNETS, CORMORANTS

GANNET		
SHAG	08/ 1951	Cromhall
CORMORANT		
Continental Cormorant	15/01/2001	Oldbury Power Station

IBIS, BITTERNS, HERONS, EGRETS

GLOSSY IBIS	14/10/2009	Severn Beach/ Northwick/ Aust Warth (P Buckle, P Baber)
SPOONBILL	18/04/1998	Severn Beach (R Miles)
BITTERN	01/1891	Hambrook area
LITTLE BITTERN	28/09/1958	R. Avon Keynsham/ Willsbridge (A Croote)
LITTLE EGRET	24/05/1993	Northwick Warth
NIGHT HERON	19/11/1971	Sevenside
GREAT WHITE EGRET	30/11/2012	Almondsbury/ Patchway area (C Heyworth)
CATTLE EGRET	24/04/1993	Littleton Brick Pits, Littleton-upon-Severn
GREY HERON		

NIGHTJAR, SWIFTS

NIGHTJAR	21/05/1944	High Wood, Filton
ALPINE SWIFT	11/04/1993	Aust Cliffs, Aust (S Hale)
SWIFT		
PALLID SWIFT	31/10/2022	Aust Cliffs and surrounding fields (M Hall)

OWLS

BARN OWL		
LITTLE OWL		

SHORT-EARED OWL	06/10/1942	Severn Beach
LONG-EARED OWL	Winter 1897	near Frampton Cotterell
TAWNY OWL		

RAPTORS

OSPREY	Spring 1860	Tortworth Court Lake
HONEY BUZZARD	Spring 1897	near Tortworth
BOOTED EAGLE	22/03/2025	Pilning Wetlands, New Passage (A Stockhausen)
SPARROWHAWK		
GOSHAWK	25/06/1989	Thornbury
PALLID HARRIER	12/04/2016	Shire Valley, Marshfield (M Hayes)
HEN HARRIER	02/11/1980	Northwick Warth
MONTAGU'S HARRIER	25/05/1958	Marshfield
MARSH HARRIER	01/05/1983	Oldbury Power Station
RED KITE	03/03/1957	near Tockington
BLACK KITE	26/05/2009	St. Catherine's Valley, Marshfield (J Mackenzie-Grieve)
WHITE-TAILED EAGLE	12/1871	Dodington Park
BUZZARD		

EXOTICS

HOPOE	1878	Near Charfield
BEE-EATER	13/05/2007	Severn Beach (P Bowerman)
KINGFISHER		

WOODPECKERS

WRYNECK	1829	Alveston area
GREEN WOODPECKER		
GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER		
LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER	01/02/1942	Little Stoke

FALCONS

KESTREL		
RED-FOOTED FALCON	16/09/1974	near Shepperdine (C Swaine)
MERLIN		
Icelandic Merlin		
HOBBY		
PEREGRINE		

PARAKEET

RING-NECKED PARAKEET	28/09/1996	Brentry
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ORIOLES

GOLDEN ORIOLE	26/06/1954	Littleton Brick Pits, Littleton-upon-Severn
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SHRIKES

GREAT GREY SHRIKE	01/1891	Dyrham Park
Steppe Grey Shrike	29/08/2022	Chipping Sodbury Common (M Coller)

WOODCHAT SHRIKE	23/07/1989	Rushmead Lane, Marshfield (M Hayes, M Morse)
RED-BACKED SHRIKE	Summer 1874	Hallen area

CORVIDS

JAY

Continental Jay

MAGPIE

JACKDAW

Nordic Jackdaw

25/01/2008	George Lane, Marshfield (R Laughton)
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ROOK

RAVEN

CARRION CROW

Hooded Crow

1920	near Stoke Gifford
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TITS

PENDULINE TIT

11/03/2015	Dyrham Park, Dyrham (M Sheldon)
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BLUE TIT

GREAT TIT

COAL TIT

Continental Coal Tit

18/04/2013	Hanging Hill/ Beach Wood area, Bitton (B Edge)
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MARSH TIT

WILLOW TIT

24/09/1940	Stoke Gifford
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BEARDED TIT

05/04/1981	Littleton Brick Pits, Littleton-upon-Severn
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LONG-TAILED TIT

LARKS

WOODLARK

9/09/1941	Severn Beach
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SKYLARK

SHORELARK

31/01/1960	Severn Beach
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WARBLERS 1

ICTERINE WARBLER

15/05/1992	Fishpool Hill, Brentry (M Dadds)
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SEDGE WARBLER

AQUATIC WARBLER

14/08/1976	Littleton Brick Pits, Littleton-upon-Severn (M Rossiter)
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MARSH WARBLER

06/1909	Patchway area
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REED WARBLER

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER

05/1935	The Over area
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SWALLOWS, MARTINS

SAND MARTIN

SWALLOW

HOUSE MARTIN

RED-RUMPED SWALLOW

17/09/1977	Severn Beach
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WARBLERS 2

CETTI'S WARBLER

23/07/1989	Littleton Brick Pits, Littleton-upon-Severn
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WARBLERS 3

WOOD WARBLER	07/05/1944	Petty France
YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER	12/10/2001	Old Passage (R Reader)
WILLOW WARBLER		
Northern Willow Warbler	05/1913	Cowhill near Thornbury
IBERIAN CHIFFCHAFF	25/03/2017	Kingsgate Park, Yate (M Coller)
CHIFFCHAFF		
Scandinavian Chiffchaff	09/09/1995	Severn Beach
Siberian Chiffchaff	01/01/2005	Emerson's Green (A Jordan)
GARDEN WARBLER		
BLACKCAP		
LESSER WHITETHROAT		
WHITETHROAT		
DARTFORD WARBLER	05/10/2005	Northwick Warth (M Woodman-Smith)
WESTERN SUBALPINE WARBLER	02/05/2004	Severn Beach (J Martin)

WAXWING

WAXWING	23/02/1947	Filton
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CRESTS

FIRECREST	05/01/1980	Hanham Hills, Hanham (N Warren)
GOLDCREST		

NUTHATCH, TREECREEPER

NUTHATCH		
TREECREEPER		

WREN

WREN		
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STARLINGS

STARLING		
ROSE-COLOURED STARLING	08/12/2000	Launceston Avenue, Hanham (R Laughton)

DIPPER

DIPPER		
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THRUSHES

MISTLE THRUSH		
SONG THRUSH		
Continental Song Thrush		
REDWING		
Icelandic Redwing		
BLACKBIRD		
Continental Blackbird		
FIELDFARE		

RING OUZEL

Spring 1899

Almondsbury area

FLYCATCHERS, CHATS, WHEATEARS

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER

ROBIN

NIGHTINGALE

BLUETHROAT

White-spotted Bluethroat

PIED FLYCATCHER

RED-FLANKED BLUETAIL

BLACK REDSTART

REDSTART

WHINCHAT

STONECHAT

DESERT WHEATEAR

PIED WHEATEAR

NORTHERN WHEATEAR

Greenland Wheatear

14/05/1998

19/06/2010

05/1905

03/02/2014

28/03/1937

1/12/2013

25/10/2011

Rushmead Lane, Marshfield (P Chadwick)

Britannia Court, Staple Hill, Bristol (J Farley)

Shepperdine

Shire Valley, Marshfield (J Barnett)

Severn Beach

Severn Beach (P Bowerman)

Sailing Club, Oldbury-on-Severn (D Spittle)

ACCENTORS

DUNNOCK

SPARROWS

TREE SPARROW

HOUSE SPARROW

11/1941

Dyrham Park

WAGTAILS

GREY WAGTAIL

YELLOW WAGTAIL

Ashy-headed Wagtail

Blue-headed Wagtail

Grey-headed Wagtail

CITRINE WAGTAIL

EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL

PIED WAGTAIL

White Wagtail

15/04/2018

23/04/1954

26/09/2009

24/04/2019

16/12/1993

Northwick Warth (M Coller)

Severn Beach

Northwick Warth (J Martin)

Pilning Wetlands, New Passage (A Ramesh)

Aust STW, Aust (P Bowerman)

PIPITS

RICHARDS PIPIT

TREE PIPIT

RED-THROATED PIPIT

MEADOW PIPIT

ROCK PIPIT

Scandinavian Rock Pipit

WATER PIPIT

27/11/1993

22/04/2012

03/1870

01/04/1960

Aust Warth

Northwick Warth/ Pilning Wetlands (J Martin)

New Passage

New Passage

FINCHES, BUNTINGS

BRAMBLING

CHAFFINCH

Continental Chaffinch

HAWFINCH

1874

Almondsbury area

COMMON ROSEFINCH

22/09/2001

Leap Valley Downend (A Jordan)

BULLFINCH

GREENFINCH

TWITE

01/1978

Sevenside

LINNET

REDPOLL

10/02/2004

Thornbury GC (M Plenty)

Icelandic Redpoll

05/05/2016

Severn Way, New Passage (P Bowerman)

Lesser Redpoll

CROSSBILL

1829

Alveston area

GOLDFINCH

SERIN

06/04/2017

New Passage (P Bowerman)

SISKIN

SNOW BUNTING

02/01/1948

Littleton-upon-Severn

LAPLAND BUNTING

18/12/1981

Severn Beach

REED BUNTING

LITTLE BUNTING

13/04/2021

Oldbury Power Station (P Hazelwood)

CORN BUNTING

ORTOLAN BUNTING

13/09/2018

Northwick Warth (P Bowerman)

CIRL BUNTING

YELLOWHAMMER

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES

Black/ White-bellied Storm Petrel

25/11/2009

Fregetta tropica/ grallaria

Dark-rumped Petrel Species

03/09/1983

Hydrobates Species

Blue Fulmar

03/07/2023

Severn Beach (M Hall)

Channel Wagtail

18/05/2009

Motacilla flava x flavissima (hybrid)

GREAT BUSTARD

10/01/2008

Otis tarda

European Stonechat

15/03/2023

Saxicola rubicola rubicola

OCCURRENCES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN

Black Swan

Cygnus atratus

ROSS'S GOOSE

Anser rossii

SNOW GOOSE

Anser caerulescens

Todd's Canada Goose

Branta canadensis interior/ parvipes

LESSER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

Anser erythropus

GOLDEN PHEASANT

Chrysolophus pictus

LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT

Chrysolophus amherstiae

Flamingo Species

Phoenicopterus Species

SNOWY OWL

Bubo scandiacus

DOWNY WOODPECKER

Picoides pubescens