

Species List - Birds

Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	Status
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Fairly common breeding resident
Bewick's Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	Rare winter visitor
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Annual winter visitor, mainly to mosslands
Pink-footed Goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Regular winter visitor to mosslands
White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Rare winter visitor
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	Small feral population
Snow Goose	<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	Rare winter visitor
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Common but declining feral breeding population
Barnacle Goose	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	Rare winter visitor
Brent Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Rare winter visitor
Egyptian Goose	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>	Occasional escapee from local collections
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Regular breeder on the mosslands
Mandarin Duck	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	Scarce feral resident and escapee
Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Scarce winter visitor
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Fairly common winter visitor. Scarce breeder
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Common winter visitor and breeding resident
Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Rare winter visitor / passage migrant
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Rare passage migrant; 2 records from Bretherton in 1992 and Cuerden in 2000
Showeler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Scarce winter visitor / passage migrant
Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Scarce winter visitor
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Rare winter visitor
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Fairly common winter visitor. Scarce breeder
Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Rare winter visitor
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	Rare winter visitor
Common Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Rare passage migrant, usually in summer months
Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Winter visitor in small numbers
Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	Rare winter visitor
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Rare winter visitor
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Fairly common winter visitor. Scarce breeder
Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	Formerly common resident, now probably extinct
Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Rare summer visitor, usually in influx years
Red-legged Partridge	<i>Alectoris rufus</i>	Scarce resident boosted by birds released for shooting
Red Grouse	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	Resident in small numbers on the moors
Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Uncommon resident
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Common resident boosted by birds released for shooting
Red-throated Diver	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	Rare winter visitor
Black-throated Diver	<i>Gavia arctica</i>	Rare winter visitor; 2 records both Anglezarke Reservoir in 1986 and 1997
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Rare winter visitor
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	Occasional storm driven bird in Autumn; 3 records
Gannet	<i>Morus bassanus</i>	Occasional storm driven bird in Autumn; 2 records
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Common on the reservoirs, especially in winter
Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Rare winter visitor
Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Rare vagrant; one record from Anderton in 2007
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Rare vagrant; one record from Belmont in 2009
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Increasingly common visitor
Great White Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Rare vagrant
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Fairly common visitor with a few pairs breeding
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Rare vagrant
White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Rare vagrant
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Rare vagrant; one record in 2013 at Rivington
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Uncommon breeding bird
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Common breeding bird; less common in winter
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisgenae</i>	Rare winter visitor; one record from Rivington in 1987
Slavonian Grebe	<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	Rare winter visitor; 2 records from Belmont in 2005 and Rivington in 2013
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Rare visitor; 2 records from Roddlesworth in 1996 and Rivington in 2001
Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Rare passage migrant; one record from Anglezarke in 2005
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Rare visitor; increasing in frequency
Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Annual visitor
Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Scarce winter visitor to the mosses
Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Occasional vagrant
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Rough-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	Rare winter visitor; one record from Winter Hill in 2010
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Rare vagrant; one record from Belmont in 1983
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Annual passage migrant
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Winter visitor to the mosslands and rare breeding bird
Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Rare summer visitor; no record of breeding
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Scarce resident breeding bird

Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor
Spotted Crane	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	Rare passage migrant; one record from Withnell Fold NR in 1995
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Rare passage migrant
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>	Rare vagrant; one record from Withnell Moor in June 2004
Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Rare passage migrant
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Mainly summer visitor and scarce breeding bird
Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Occasional winter visitor and rare breeding bird
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Rare vagrant
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Fairly common breeding resident
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Scarce summer visitor and breeding bird
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Scarce passage migrant
Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	Rare passage migrant
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Common spring migrant; less common in autumn
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Mainly summer visitor and scarce breeding bird
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Occasional visitor mainly in summer
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Rare vagrant
Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Rare vagrant; one record from Belmont in 1988
Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Rare vagrant
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Rare vagrant
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Rare passage migrant
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Rare vagrant
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Scarce passage migrant and rare breeding bird
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Rare passage migrant
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Rare passage migrant; one record from Anglezarke in September 2003
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Scarce passage migrant and breeding bird
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Rare vagrant; two records from Rivington in 1986 and 1989
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Rare vagrant
Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Scarce passage migrant
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Rare passage migrant
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Scarce breeding bird
Jack Snipe	<i>Limnocyptes minimus</i>	Scarce passage migrant and winter visitor
Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Winter visitor and breeding resident in small numbers
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Fairly common passage migrant and resident breeding bird
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Rare vagrant; two records both from Belmont in 1985 and 2013
Great Skua	<i>Stercorarius skua</i>	Rare vagrant; two records from Anglezarke and Rivington in 1989 and 1990
Razorbill	<i>Alca torda</i>	Rare vagrant; two records, both from Anglezarke in 1980 and 1990
Little Auk	<i>Alle alle</i>	Rare vagrant; 2 records, latest from Withnell Fold in 1995
Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Rare vagrant; 3 records from Cuerden, Rivington and Heskin
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Rare passage migrant
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Rare passage migrant
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Fairly common passage migrant; rare breeding bird
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	Rare passage migrant
Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	Scarce vagrant
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Common winter visitor and breeding bird
Little Gull	<i>Larus minutus</i>	Scarce vagrant
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	Mainly summer visitor breeding in small numbers
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Common winter visitor
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Rare vagrant; one record from Rivington in 1989
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Common in most months; has bred
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Common winter visitor and on passage
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Rare vagrant; 2 records, the last from Withnell landfill site in 2008
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Rare vagrant; single record from Withnell landfill site in 2008
Iceland Gull	<i>Larus glaucooides</i>	Rare winter visitor
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	Rare winter visitor
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Scarce winter visitor
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	Fairly common resident breeding bird
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Very common resident breeding bird
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Very common resident breeding bird
Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Increasingly rare summer visitor
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Uncommon summer visitor and passage migrant
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Fairly common resident breeding bird
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Fairly common resident breeding bird
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	Rare breeding bird
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Rare breeding bird and uncommon winter visitor
Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Rare vagrant; formerly breeding bird
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Fairly common summer visitor
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	Rare vagrant; one record at Ulnes Walton in 1990

Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Rare vagrant; three records
Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Rare vagrant; one record from Hoghton in 1998
Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Fairly common breeding bird
Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Rare passage migrant; one record from Adlington in 1996
Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	Scarce resident breeding bird
Great Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	Increasingly rare breeding bird; on verge of extinction
Ring-necked Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Rare feral vagrant
Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Rare vagrant; 2 records both from Rivington in 1985 and 1997
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Rare winter visitor
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Rare vagrant; 2 records from Rivington in 1953 and Brinscall in 1976
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Scarce breeding bird
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Common winter visitor, passage migrant, scarce breeder
Firecrest	<i>Regulus ignicapilla</i>	Rare vagrant
Blue Tit	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Willow Tit	<i>Parus montanus</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird
Marsh Tit	<i>Parus palustris</i>	Rare vagrant
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Fairly common summer visitor
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Common summer visitor
House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Common summer visitor
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	Rare passage migrant; single record from Birkacres in 2007
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Very scarce summer visitor and passage migrant
Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Common summer visitor
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Common summer visitor
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Common summer visitor
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Fairly common summer visitor
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Fairly common summer visitor
Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Common summer visitor
Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Fairly common summer visitor
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scoenobaenus</i>	Fairly common summer visitor
Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Fairly common summer visitor
Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	Regular winter visitor in invasion years
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Scarce passage migrant
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Common winter visitor
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Common winter visitor
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Scarce summer visitor and breeding bird
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	Increasingly rare summer visitor
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Scarce vagrant
Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Fairly common summer visitor
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Scarce summer visitor and breeding bird
Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird
Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Common passage migrant; scarce breeding bird
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Common resident breeding bird
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Scarce passage migrant
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Increasingly rare summer visitor
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Rock Pipit	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	Rare vagrant; single record from Rivington in 1989
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Rare vagrant; single record from Belmont in 1995

Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Regular winter visitor sometimes in large numbers
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Rare vagrant, possibly overlooked
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird
Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird
Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>	Increasingly rare visitor; formerly breeding bird
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Carduelis cabaret</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird; winter visitor
Common (Mealy) Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Scarce winter visitor
Arctic Redpoll	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>	Rare winter visitor
Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Scarce visitor
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Common winter visitor, passage migrant, scarce breeder
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	Rare winter visitor
Lapland Bunting	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	Rare passage migrant; one record from Winter Hill in 2010
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Common resident breeding bird
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Uncommon resident breeding bird