

## Fleam Dyke species list – Birds

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Scientific name	Common name	Notes	Ref. (2000-2009)
<i>Turdus merula</i>	Blackbird		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Blackcap	Seen/heard in 1964 (NIC8); "in full song" from the A11 cutting in 1975 (NIC19, p. 8); 2 seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002, BRC
<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	Blue Tit		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Brambling	6+ seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002
<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Bullfinch		IW, BRC
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Buzzard	One noted as a "resident" in 2003 (NL11); one seen on two occasions in 2006; a pair seen in March 2007 (IW).	IW, NL11, BRC
<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Chaffinch		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Chiffchaff		IW, BRC
<i>Parus ater</i>	Coal Tit	One heard on 29 January 2006 (IW).	IW, BRC
<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Collared Dove		IS&GJ2001
<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Corn Bunting	One near Bedford Gap in 2002 (NL7); One "sang right through the season in the tall Ash tree in Section 10 [= section 2a]" in 2003 (NL17). A flock of 20+ seen on 23 November 2009 (IW).	IW, BRC, NL7, NL17
<i>Corvus corone</i>	Carrion Crow		IS&GJ2001
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Cuckoo		IS&GJ2001
<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	Dotterell	Two seen with Lapwings at SE end of dyke on 13 October 1980 (NL9).	
<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Dunnock		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Fieldfare	In fields alongside (NL7). A flock of 200+ seen on 23 November 2009 (IW).	IW, NL7, IS&GJ2002
<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Garden Warbler	Noted in May 2007 (BRC)	BRC
<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Goldcrest	One seen in large Yew tree on 2 March 2006 (IW).	IW, BRC
<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Golden Plover	Approx. 2000 seen in flock in field SW of the Fulbourn end on 2 April 2005 (IW).	IW, BRC
<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Goldfinch	25 seen in 2001 (NL3); Many seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002); A flock of over 25 on 5 November 2004 (IW)	IW, IS&GJ2002, BRC, NL3
<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Grasshopper Warbler	Seen in 2007 (BRC)	BRC
<i>Parus major</i>	Great Tit		IS&GJ2001
<i>Dendrocopos major</i>	Greater Spotted Woodpecker	One seen at Dungate Farm in 1964 (NIC8); two seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002, BRC
<i>Picus viridis</i>	Green Woodpecker	One seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002); one seen in 2005 (IW); one heard in 2006 (IW).	IS&GJ2001, IS&GJ2002, IW, BRC
<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Greenfinch	A flock of over 30 seen in November 2004 (IW).	IS&GJ2001, IW, BRC
<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Grey Partridge	A total of 4 pairs seen between Bedford Gap and Fleam Dyke Pumping Station in March 2006 (IW).	IW, BRC
<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Grey Wagtail	One flying east in October 2009 (IW).	IW
<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Hobby	Male and female seen regularly at Fulbourn end in spring and early autumn 2002 (NL7); also noted in 2006 at Mutlow Hill (BRC).	NL7, BRC
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	House Martin		IS&GJ2001
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	House Sparrow		IS&GJ2001
<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Jackdaw		IS&GJ2001
<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Kestrel		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Lapwing	Noted in 2006 and 2007 (BRC)	BRC
<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	One seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002
<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Lesser Whitethroat	Noted in June 2007 (BRC)	BRC
<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Linnet	"More than for many years" in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002, BRC
<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Long-tailed Tit	"Have done well" and "more than for many years in 2002 (NL7, IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2001, NL7, IS&GJ2002, BRC
<i>Asio otus</i>	Long-eared Owl	One disturbed from its day roost in May 2005 (IW); one seen hunting in April 2006 (IW); two seen in December 2008 (IW).	IW, BRC
<i>Pica pica</i>	Magpie		IS&GJ2001
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard		IS&GJ2001
<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Marsh Harrier	One female disturbed from bottom of ditch in May 2005 (IW); one seen at very close quarters in April 2007 (IW).	IW, BRC
<i>Parus palustris</i>	Marsh Tit	Two seen in April 2007 (IW).	IW
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Merlin		IS&GJ2001

<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Mistle Thrush		IS&GJ2001
<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Nightingale	"A few guttural calls from the wind-swept thorn bushes on the A11 road cutting" in 1975 (NIC19, p. 8). An account from 1978 notes that "in most years Nightingales can be heard near the lay-by where the dyke crosses the A.11" (NIC21, p. 14)	NIC21
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine	One male disturbed a Golden Plover flock on 2 April 2005 (IW).	IW, BRC
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Pheasant	There is a pheasant-rearing pen to the south of Bedford Gap (NL17); noted in 1964 (NIC8).	IS&GJ, NL17, BRC
<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Red Kite	Seen (though identification uncertain) between Dungate Farm and Bedford Gap in early June 2002 (NL7).	NL7
<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Red-legged Partridge		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	Redpoll	Three seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002
<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Redwing	In fields alongside (NL7).	NL7, IS&GJ2002, BRC
<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Reed Bunting	10+ seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002
<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Ring Ouzel	Noted in 2007 (BRC)	BRC
<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Robin		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Rook		IS&GJ2001
<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Short-eared Owl	One seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002
<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Skylark	A flock of 19 flew over on 9 November 2005 (IW).	IS&GJ2001, IW, BRC
<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush	Three were seen on 2 April 2005 (IW).	IS&GJ2001, IW, BRC
<i>Columba oenas</i>	Stock Dove	Seen in March 2000 (BRC)	BRC
<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Stonechat	One seen in 2002 (IS&GJ2002).	IS&GJ2002
<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	Stone-curlew	Five seen on 1 June 1941 (NL9).	
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Sparrowhawk	A pair reared at least two young in 2003 (NL17); one seen on 14 October 2009 (IW).	IS&GJ2001, IW, NL17, BRC
<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Spotted Flycatcher	Seen at Dungate Farm in June 2001 (BRC)	BRC
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Starling	About 130 were seen feeding on elder berries on 14 October 2009 (IW).	IS&GJ2001, IW
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Swallow		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Turtle Dove	Noted on 31 August 2004 (IW); three heard purring on 7 June 2006 (IW).	IW, BRC
<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Wheatear	Noted in April 2007 (BRC)	BRC
<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Whitethroat	Noted in 1964 (NIC8); perhaps only now in the area of planted junipers near the A11? (NL17).	IS&GJ2001, NL17, BRC
<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Willow Warbler	Noted in 1964 (NIC8); "in full song" in 1975 from the A11 cutting (NIC19, p. 8)	IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Wood Pigeon		IS&GJ2001
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Wren	"A regular feature" and "more than for many years" (NL7, IS&GJ2002) in 2002.	IS&GJ2001, IS&GJ2002, NL7, BRC
<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	Yellow-browed Warbler	One was seen and heard in the scrub just south of the A11 on 14 October 2009 (IW). This species is a very scarce migrant from central Siberia.	IW
<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Yellowhammer		IS&GJ2001, BRC
<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Yellow Wagtail	One flew over on 11 May 2005 (IW).	IW, BRC