

# Winter Survey Report 2015 for

## Napsbury Park Residents Association

### Foreword:

Welcome to the latest winter report by the RSPB that lists the birds that were on site at Napsbury Park during February of 2015. The RSPB will perform both summer and winter reports each year so we are able to monitor the health and welfare of our park's bird population over the coming years. Included in this report are pictures of the birds on-site and you may be very surprised just how truly beautiful they are. It is well worth and quick look at the pages below to appreciate the beauty that is literally flying around us, and who knows it may just be enough to persuade you to buy those field glasses that you have always wanted! How fortunate we all are to live in such a lovely place.

Next up, plans to improve the lot of the Hedgehog, so please watch this space!!

Keith & Clive– NPRA

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### Introduction and Summary:

Following last Winters' survey 2014, Keith Loud of the Napsbury Park Residents Association (NPRA), emailed me to ask if I would like to help with checking the bird boxes, and also perform the second winter bird survey of Napsbury Park. We met on 10th February 2015, with Clive Ireland from the NPRA to help with replacing the old infested boxes for new clean boxes.

We changed over seven boxes of which six had been used, one had a deceased chick in, this shows that the birds are using the newly hung boxes which is good news indeed. We returned to Rosemary Drive to unload boxes for cleaning & maintenance. These old boxes were then issued to residents who wanted them to hang in their gardens until autumn.

We started our survey out on the south perimeter path checking the wooded areas and the open spaces in the grounds, then proceeded around the path that leads to the old nurses home, then along to the sports fields where we saw a flock

of thirty plus Redwing on the field. We continued up past the tennis courts and along the wooded area adjacent to Shenley Lane. We then continued along the central road back to Rosemary Drive to finish for the day.

The following day I started out on the northern path around the grounds to the central road, then all the way along to the end at entrance on roundabout, to finish the survey.

**Birds observed:**



Carrion Crow



Jackdaw



Mistle Thrush



Wren



Bullfinch



Goldcrest



Blue tit



Starling



Goldfinch



Great tit



Blackbird



House sparrow



Long-tailed tit



Woodpigeon



Song Thrush



Collard Dove



Redwing



Robin



Dunnock



Red Kite



Nuthatch



Chaffinch

Magpie



Great-spotted Woodpecker



Black headed gull



**Heard but not seen:**

Green Woodpecker



Coal tit



**Other Wildlife:**

Numerous Grey Squirrels and a Fox were also seen.

**Conclusion:**

I hope that this short report on the winter birds remains helpful to monitor the wildlife of Napsbury Park and its surroundings. Successful breeding of the smaller bird species last spring/summer was evident due to the usage of the boxes hung by the NPRA in the previous year. These were checked cleaned & rehung.

**Acknowledgements:**

My thanks go to Keith and Clive for meeting with me and letting me help with the bird boxes, and walking around the grounds to check the bird species.

Kind Regards

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