

The Birds of Berkshire Atlas Group

2007-2011 Berkshire Bird Survey Project

Dear neighbour

We are grateful to the editor of Cookham.com for enabling us to seek your help in the biggest conservation project ever undertaken in Berkshire. Our future generations will want a diverse countryside filled with birdsong, at least as good as the one we have been enjoying if not better and as a means of planning for that we are gathering details of breeding birds in every town and village. Please help us by recording all evidence of breeding birds in your garden or local area. This includes the very common species such as Blue Tits, Wrens, Chaffinches, Blackbirds etc, and particularly some of the increasingly scarcer ones such as Mistle Thrush, House Martin, Swift and Collared Doves. In fact, every species you can identify.

Ideally we need to know what evidence you found for each record; e.g. nest building, a nest with eggs, food being carried to an unseen nest, and in particular, downy young seen being fed.

The information we need for each report is:-

Name of town or village (including those on the boundaries with adjacent counties) Name of road

And for each species reported, the sort of evidence you saw.

Location	Road	Species	Evidence	Contact (optional)
Binfield	Twyford Rd	Robin	young	Tel/email
Bracknell	Southwold	Tawny Owl	Hooting	
Warfield	Westmorland Dr	Chaffinch	Carrying food	

By all means create your own form as above, or request one from the organisers at <u>wildlife@cookham.com</u> which is where to send records by email, or post to Berkshire Atlas Group, PO Box 680, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 9ST.

The results will be incorporated into a brand new Berkshire Bird Atlas (or Avifauna) which will summarise all changes to populations over recent decades and help us plan for the future.

Please continue to send in records regularly/monthly until the end of July. Latest information and reminders will appear frequently courtesy of your local newspaper editor, who is helping us greatly to succeed in this momentous initiative.

Thank you for your help

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