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## GREENHILLS PARK, WINTERING BIRD AND BADGER SURVEYS

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## 1. Introduction

Envirico Ltd. have been engaged by South Dublin Co. Council, to undertake a survey of the Greenhills Park Dublin. This park provides open green space within the city and may be used by wintering birds associated with the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA 004024 and the north Bull Island SPA 004006. These surveys were undertaken by Envirico Ltd. monthly from December 2024 to March 2025.

### 1.1 Site Owner/Manager:

South Dublin County Council

### 1.2 Site Address:

Greentreers Park, Limekiln Ln., Dublin

### 1.3 Site GPS Co-ordinates:

53.30877401686002, -6.335908330475407

### 1.4 Scope of Survey:

On request of the client a wintering bird and badger survey was carried out at Greenhills Park, Limekiln Ln, Dublin. The purpose of this survey was to assess the distribution of wintering birds using the site and potential use by foraging badgers.

### 1.5 Survey Limitations:

Survey times during winter are limited by the combination of tide and daylight. The site is subject to regular disturbance through human activity, ranging from sports and maintenance to dog walking.

Detecting mammal activity on public playing surfaces and in areas of high dog activity may be hindered by these activities.

## 1.6 Statement of Authority:

**This report and aspects of field work have been completed by Envirico Ecologist Brian Power.**

Brian holds BSc (Hons) degree in Industrial Environmental Science from Institute of Technology Carlow and an MSc in Ecological Assessment from National University of Ireland Cork (UCC). Brian is an experienced ecological consultant with over 10 years' professional experience within consultancy. He has strong generalist ecological field skills in terrestrial and riparian environments and through his experience can demonstrate undertaking a range of ecological surveys including habitat, invasive and protected species survey, delivering initial site appraisals and identification of ecological constraints to inform Ecological Impact Assessments (EIA) and AA. Brian is an experienced Countryside bird surveyor and Irish Wetland Bird surveyor with over 15 years' experience in bird identification, he has performed multiple breeding sea bird surveys on the Blasket Islands and Skellig Michael. Brian has undertaken numerous terrestrial mammal surveys both as a volunteer with the Mammals in a Sustainable Environment Project and in a professional capacity as an ecological consultant working with forestry related projects.

**Aspects of this report and associated fieldwork were carried out by Envirico ecologist Patrick McQuinn.**

Patrick holds BSc (Hons) degree in Zoology from University College Cork. Patrick is an experienced ecologist and outdoor educator with 5 years' professional experience in Ireland, working in consultancy and education. He has strong generalist ecological field skills in terrestrial environments with particular expertise in Invasive Alien Species identification, remediation and monitoring. Patrick has undertaken many ecological surveys including Breeding seabird surveys on the Blasket Islands, RHAT, habitat and protected species surveys for a variety of project types and has written numerous survey reports and management plans for clients and has undertaken a training course hosted by Pascal Sweeney where he was trained in habitat suitability and survey techniques for Freshwater Pearl Mussel. Patrick is an experienced outdoor educator and trainer having spent a year exclusively working with community groups across the country educating them on local/national biodiversity, citizen science and producing community led Biodiversity Action Plans.

## 2. Location details

The location of the Greenhills survey site is situated in the south Dublin City area, off Limekiln Lane and Ascaill na Tinileach. The survey area consists of Amenity Grassland (GA2) in the form of playing fields adjacent to Perrystown Community Centre, the pitch is surrounded and intersected by Artificial surfaces (BL3) in the form of walking tracks. The wider area consists primarily of urban settlement, associated amenity features and religious sites.

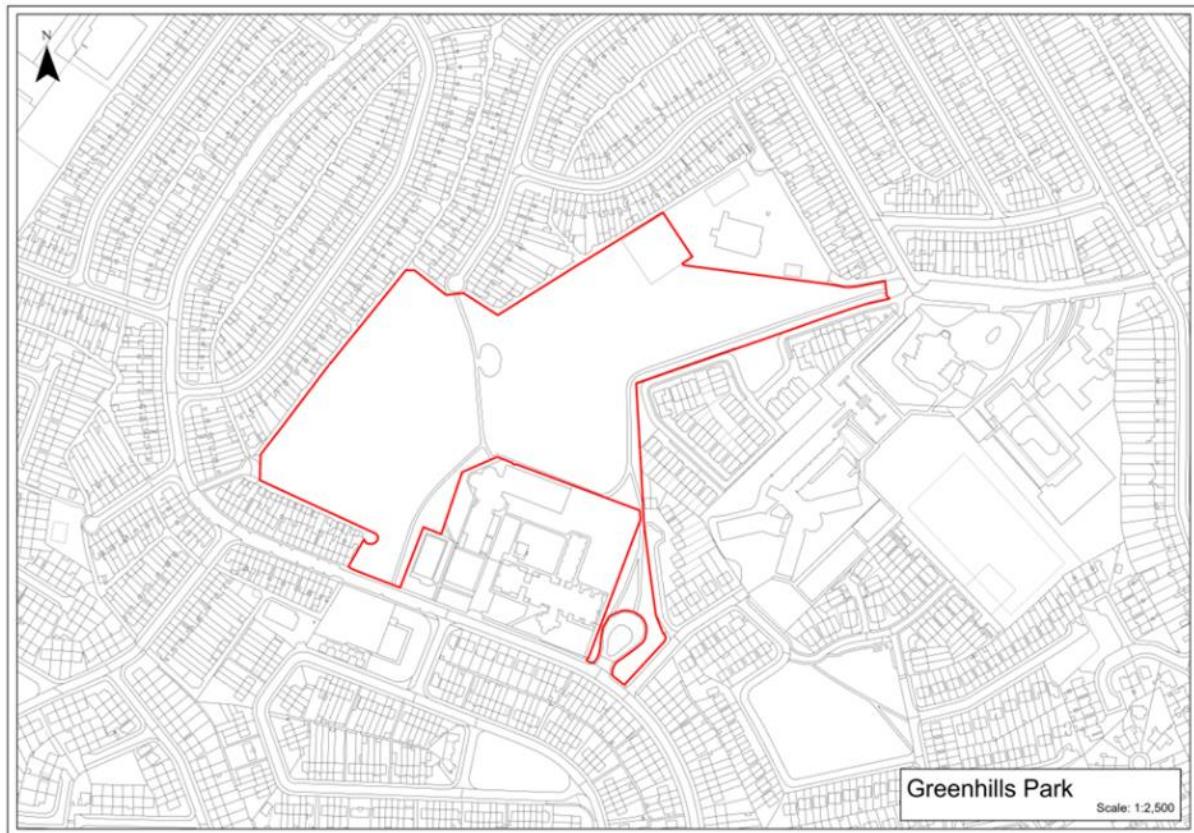


Figure 1: Site location



Figure 2: Site boundary

## 2.1 Project site in relation to Natura 2000 sites

The location of the Greenhills survey site is situated in the south Dublin City area, off Limekiln Lane and Ascaill na Tinileach. A total of 4 Special Protected Areas are found within 15kms of the survey location, these include South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (8km), North Bull Island SPA (12km), Wicklow Mountains SPA (8km) and the North-west Irish Sea (13km).

### Special Conservation Interests of the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (004024)

- A046 Light-bellied Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla hrota*)
- A130 Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*)
- A137 Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)
- A141 Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)
- A143 Knot (*Calidris canutus*)
- A144 Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)
- A149 Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)
- A157 Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)
- A162 Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)

- A179 Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus*)
- A192 Roseate Tern (*Sterna dougallii*)
- A193 Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)
- A194 Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)

### Special Conservation Interests of the Wicklow mountains SPA (004040)

- A098 Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)
- A103 Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*)

### Special Conservation Interests of the North Bull Island SPA (004006)

A046 Light-bellied Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla hrota*)

A048 Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)

A052 Teal (*Anas crecca*)

A054 Pintail (*Anas acuta*)

A056 Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)

A130 Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*)

A140 Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*)

A141 Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)

A143 Knot (*Calidris canutus*)

A144 Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)

A149 Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)

A156 Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*)

A157 Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)

A160 Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)

A162 Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)

A169 Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

A179 Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus*)

### Special Conservation Interests of the North-West Irish Sea SPA (004236)

- A001 Red-throated Diver (*Gavia stellata*)
- A003 Great Northern Diver (*Gavia immer*)
- A009 Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*)
- A013 Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*)

- A017 Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)
- A018 Shag (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*)
- A065 Common Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*)
- A177 Little Gull (*Larus minutus*)
- A179 Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus*)
- A182 Common Gull (*Larus canus*)
- A183 Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*)
- A184 Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*)
- A187 Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*)

## 2.2 Historic Records from the National Biodiversity Data Centre

### Bird Records

A total of 73 bird species records are available on the National Biodiversity Data Centre for grid squares O13A and O12E which encompass the site. These records are presented in Appendix II of this document.

### Mammal Records

There are no badger records available on the National Biodiversity Data Centre for grid square O13A, there are 5 badger records for O12E. A total of 9 species of mammal are recorded for these squares.

Table 1: Mammal records combined O13A and O12E

Group	Species	Number of Records	Date of latest record
Terrestrial mammal	Eastern Grey Squirrel ( <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i> )	12	20/07/2022
Terrestrial mammal	European Otter ( <i>Lutra lutra</i> )	2	25/06/2016
Terrestrial mammal	European Rabbit ( <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> )	27	17/03/2023
Terrestrial mammal	Red Fox ( <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> )	42	20/01/2023
Terrestrial mammal	Eurasian Badger ( <i>Meles meles</i> )	5	28/07/2018
Terrestrial mammal	Irish Hare ( <i>Lepus timidus subsp. <i>hibernicus</i></i> )	1	26/08/2013
Terrestrial mammal	Brown Rat ( <i>Rattus norvegicus</i> )	1	14/03/2013
Terrestrial mammal	West European Hedgehog ( <i>Erinaceus europaeus</i> )	7	11/09/2021
Terrestrial mammal	Wood Mouse ( <i>Apodemus sylvaticus</i> )	1	05/03/2023

### 3. Methodology

#### Wintering Bird Survey

The methodology for this survey is adapted from that of I-WeBS which uses the well-established technique of counting the numbers of waterbirds at wetland sites by the 'look-see' method (Bibby et al., 1992). Non-waterbird avifauna were also recorded. The area was accessed via Limekiln Ln. and covered by viewing from vantage points along the paths adjacent to the south of the site. Surveys were conducted over a three hour period, 90 minutes either side of high tide.

#### Badger Survey

A field sign survey, including searches for latrines, badger paths and setts (NRA, 2008) was carried out in conjunction with each bird survey. Walkovers of the site and adjoining green areas were carried out to determine to the best of our ability the usage of the site by badgers.

#### 3.2 References

Ecological Surveying Techniques for Protected Flora & Fauna during the Planning of National Road Schemes (NRA, 2008b)

Bibby, C.J., Burgess, N.D., Hill, D.A. & Mustoe, S. 2000. Bird Census Techniques. 2nd Edition. Academic Press, London.

Information from the NBDC downloaded from biodiversity maps on 09<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Accessible at <https://maps.biodiversityireland.ie>

## 4. Survey Results

December 2024

### Visit 1

Table 2: Wintering bird results December (Round 1) 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> <b>Survey Time: 11:10 – 14:10 (High tide 12:40)</b> <b>Weather: 100% cloud cover, occasional drizzle, wind F2</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
<b>Species</b>	<b>Species Latin</b>	<b>BoCCI</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>Time of</b>	<b>Species notes</b>
<b>English Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>(2020 - 2026)</b>	<b>Site Count</b>	<b>Peak count</b>	
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	71	12:15	Occasional movement of birds flying to SW and using adjacent buildings for roosting/preening. Birds foraging on all green areas with a mixed roosting assemblage on western most field
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	105	11:50	Occasional movement of birds flying to SW and using adjacent roof to roost/preen. Birds foraging on all green areas with a mixed roosting assemblage on western most field

Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	6	13:45	Multiple flyovers and birds present on adjacent roofs
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Amber	N/A	N/A	Single flyover, south at 14:00
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
Dutch colour-ringed Black-headed gull present throughout the day. Frequent dog and human disturbance with birds usually relocating within the site and occasionally to adjacent rooftops. Conversation with a regular park visitor indicated the presence of geese using the site historically but had not encountered them in over 5 years, citing increase in dog activity and new housing estate as possible causes.					
Grey Squirrel recorded on site, numerous mammal tracks and evidence of rooting observed, strong smell of fox present. Mammal activity centred around bank adjoining Greenhills community college. Three cornered leek ( <i>Allium triquetrum</i> ) observed on site at multiple locations.					
Black-headed gulls present throughout the survey ranging from 32 to 71 on site with additional birds often present on adjoining rooftop of sports complex.					
Common gulls present throughout the survey ranging from 26 to 105 on site with additional birds often present on adjoining rooftop of sports complex.					
Both species were noted departing and returning to the site from the southwest with an arrival of birds also noted from the east.					

Table 3: Other species recorded December (Round 1) 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Other Species 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Mistle thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green

Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Green
Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	Green

## Visit 2

Table 4: Wintering bird results December (Round 2) 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> <b>Survey Time: 11.55 – 14.55 (High tide 13:25)</b> <b>Weather: 100% Cloud cover, Wind F2, Occasional drizzle</b> <b>Surveyor: Patrick McQuinn</b>					
<b>Species</b>	<b>Species Latin</b>	<b>BoCCI (2020 - 2026) Status</b>	<b>Peak Site Count</b>	<b>Time at site</b>	<b>Species notes</b>
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	72	13:40	Occasional movement of birds flying to SW and using adjacent building for roosting/preening. Birds observed foraging on all green areas with a mixed roosting assemblage on western most field
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	15	13:25	Occasional movement of birds flying to SW and using adjacent building for roosting/preening. Birds foraging on all green areas with a mixed

					roosting assemblage on western most field
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	4	14:25	Predominantly observed foraging in the western most field.
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Red	2	12:40 & 13:25	Observed foraging in the western most field. On both occasions birds were flushed by loose dogs and observed flying east.
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
<p>No birds present on site at start of survey window due to the presence of several dogs. Birds arrived on site at 12:10.</p> <p>Throughout the survey window there was a constant presence of dogs/ walkers on site.</p> <p>Majority of dogs were off leads and actively chasing birds.</p> <p>At 12:05 a ringed Black headed gull was observed on site. The ring colour was white however the bird was flushed from the site by a loose dog prior to the ring number being noted.</p> <p>Oystercatcher was observed twice foraging in the western most field. Birds were present on both occasions for approximately 10 minutes before being flushed from the site by loose dogs and flying east.</p> <p>Black-headed gulls present throughout the survey ranging from 6 to 72 on site with additional birds often present on adjoining rooftop of sports complex.</p> <p>Common gulls present throughout the survey ranging from 5 to 15 on site with additional birds often present on adjoining rooftop of sports complex.</p>					

Table 5: Other species December (Round 2) 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Other Species 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		
Weather: 100% cloud cover, occasional drizzle, wind F2		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green

Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Green
Blue tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica Pica</i>	Green

### Visit 3

Table 6: Wintering bird results December (Round 3) 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> <b>Survey Time: 12:40 – 15:40 (High Tide 14:10)</b> <b>Weather: 10% cloud cover, Wind F2/3, no precipitation</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 - 2026) Status	Peak Count	Time present	Species notes
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	52	13:55	Occasional movement of birds flying to west and using adjacent building to roost/preen. Birds foraging on all green areas with a mixed roosting assemblage

					on western most field
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	29	13:25	Occasional movement of birds flying to SW and using adjacent roof to roost/preen. Birds foraging on all green areas with a mixed roosting assemblage on western most field
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	9	13:10	Multiple flyovers and birds present on adjacent roofs
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
<p>Regular dog disturbance and activity throughout the survey, roosting assemblage continually disturbed. Birds present and feeding across the site with the western most fields holding the highest concentration of birds. Birds also being fed scraps. Dutch ringed Black-headed gull present throughout the survey period.</p> <p>Occasional football played on eastern most pitch, birds moved to the periphery of play area before exiting to roof of adjacent building. Movement of both Black-headed gulls and Common Gulls to rooftop frequent throughout the survey, site used for preening and roosting during peak disturbance events. <i>Allium triquetrum</i> noted at additional location on boundary.</p> <p>Black-headed gulls present throughout the survey ranging from 1 to 52 on site with additional birds often present on adjoining rooftop of sports complex</p>					

Common gulls present throughout the survey with the exception of a count at 14:40, with numbers ranging from 0 to 29 on site with additional birds often present on adjoining rooftop of sports complex.

Table 7: Other species December (Round 3) 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Other Species Recorded 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Mistle thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica Pica</i>	Green

## January 2025

### Visit 1

Table 8: Wintering bird results January (round 1) 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> <b>Survey Time: 10:17 – 13:17 (High Tide 11:47)</b> <b>Weather: 100% cloud cover, Wind F2, no precipitation</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
Species	Species Latin	BoCCI (2020 - 2026)	Peak Count	Time present	Species notes
English Name	Name	Status			
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	68	12:17	Occasional movement of birds within the site. main roost on western field. Birds foraging on all greens. Birds also using roof of Greenhills Community Centre to roost and preen.
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	42	11:47	Occasional movement of birds within the site. Main roost on western field. Birds foraging on all greens. Some arrivals and departures from the site from various directions with

					Birds also using roof of Greenhills Community Centre to roost and preen.
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	16	12:47	Multiple flyovers and birds present on adjacent roofs in wider environment. Noted feeding on all green areas with low numbers roosting in mixed flock in western most field.
<b>Mediterranean Gull</b>	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	Amber	1	13.02	Feeding on western field with Black-headed gulls
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
Regular dog and human disturbance. Bird activity throughout the survey. Roosting assemblage frequently disturbed with people sending dogs into the flock, flock occasionally relocated within western field or dispersed to wider environment. Birds present and feeding across the site with the western most fields holding the highest concentration of birds. Birds also being fed scraps. Dutch ringed Black-headed gull present throughout the survey period. Occasional football played on eastern most pitches; birds moved to the periphery of play area before exiting to roof of adjacent building. Movement of both Black-headed gulls and					

Common Gulls to rooftop frequent throughout the survey, site used for preening and roosting during peak disturbance events.

Black-headed gulls present throughout the survey ranging from 8 to 68 on site with additional birds often present on adjoining rooftop of sports complex

Common gulls present throughout the survey with the exception of a count at 14:40, with numbers ranging from 8 to 42 on site with additional birds often present on adjoining rooftop of sports complex.

Herring Gulls present throughout the survey period, ranging from 7 to 16

1 adult Mediterranean gull present 13:02 to end of survey.

Table 9: Other species January (Round 1) 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Other Species Recorded 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erythacus rubecula</i>	Green
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	Amber
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica Pica</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Green
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green

## Visit 2

Table 10: Wintering bird surveys January visit 2, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> <b>Survey Time: 11:39 – 14:39 (High Tide 13.09)</b> <b>Weather: 30% cloud cover, Wind F1-2, no precipitation, high visibility</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
Species <b>English Name</b>	Species Latin <b>Name</b>	BoCCI <b>(2020 - 2026) Status</b>	Peak <b>Count</b>	Time of <b>peak count</b>	<b>Species notes</b>
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	34	12:54	Feeding on all green areas and roosting on western pitch. Disturbed birds vacating west, relocating within site and moving to community centre roof
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	29	13:39	Feeding on all green areas and roosting on western pitch. Disturbed birds vacating west, relocating within site
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	14	13:09	Roosting on western field, scattered birds observed feeding across site
<b>Grey Heron</b>	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Green	1	13.09	Walking along path in western section of site
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
Regular dog and human disturbance throughout the survey.					

Black-headed gulls present throughout survey period ranging in number from 6 – 34.  
 Common Gull present throughout the survey ranging in number from 4 – 29.  
 Herring Gull present throughout the survey except for final 15 minutes ranging in number from 0 – 14. Grey Heron present during a single 15 minute period walking a path in the western section of the site. Rooting on non-playing green (old) and goal storage area at south.

Table 11: Other species January 2025 (Round 2) 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Other Species Recorded 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Green
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica Pica</i>	Green
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green

### Visit 3

Table 12: Wintering bird results January round 3 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

#### Wintering Waterbirds 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Survey Time: 09.08 to 12:08 (high 10:38)**

**Weather: 100% Cloud Cover, frequent precipitation, mostly persistent drizzle, wind F2/3. Whole site visible**

**Surveyor: Brian Power/Lydia Furey**

Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -	Peak Count	Time of peak count	Species notes

		<b>2026) Status</b>			
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	60	9.15am	Feeding in all green areas.
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	36	10.15am	Feeding in all green areas.
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	24	9.15am	Feeding in all green areas.
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
<p>Feeding occurred in all green areas, although in later part of survey eastern areas of site were relatively quiet with some counts being zero gull species present within. Birds often recorded flocking to resident gardens to north of the site. Loose dog disturbance common within survey area, birds observed scattering and re-landing on pitch. Birds recorded as using community centre roof, in addition to a number of Herring gulls being present on residential rooftops throughout the survey time. High count of 9 black headed gulls and 1 common gull on rooftop at 11.30. Dutch ringed black headed gull present throughout survey. At approximately 12.15, loafing group began to form on east pitch, becoming the primary action of gull species present.</p> <p>Probable Badger latrine on edge of west of pitch. Rooting noted in mini woodland and adjacent green.</p>					

Table 13: Other species January (Round 3) 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Other Species Recorded 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Feral pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green

House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Blue tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green
Pied wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green

## Visit 4

Table 14: Wintering bird surveys January visit 4, 29th January 2025

Wintering Waterbirds 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025					
Survey Time: 09:56-12:56					
Weather: 50% Cloud Cover, Wind F2/F3, Visibility Good					
Surveyor: Brian Power					
Species	Species Latin	BoCCI (2020 - 2026) Status	Peak Count	Time of peak count	Species notes
English Name	Name				
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	34	10:41 and 12:26	Feeding in all green areas.
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	16	12:56	Feeding in all green areas.
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	8	10:26 and 11:56	Feeding in all green areas.
Visit Notes					
Dutch ringed Black-headed Gull present throughout the survey. Fresh mammal rooting at back of community college. Possible badger latrine on pitch and rooting visible. Dog disturbance was frequent throughout surveys. Gulls feeding across all greens until 11:26 when remaining birds were predominantly loafing on western pitch. Fox scat on pitch and small mammal footprints were present on path. Strong smell of fox at southwest of mini woodland. Birds were occasionally roosting on adjacent complex roof with a high count here of 24 Black-headed and 4 Common gulls present. Herring gulls occasionally flying over and using rooftops in adjacent estates.					

Table 15: Other species January 2025 (Round 4) 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Other Species Recorded 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Mistle thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Green

## February 2025

### Visit 1

Table 16: Wintering bird results February (Round 1) 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b> <b>Survey Time: 10:41 – 13:41</b> <b>Weather: 100% cloud cover, wind F2, Vis good, temp 5c</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
<b>Species</b>	<b>Species Latin</b>	<b>BoCCI</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>Time of Peak</b>	<b>Species notes</b>
<b>English Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>(2020 - 2026) Status</b>	<b>Site Count</b>	<b>count</b>	
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	72	10:56	Present throughout survey with birds feeding across all greens and loafing on western pitch. Numbers ranging from 17 to 72
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	46	10:56	Present throughout survey with birds feeding across all greens and loafing on western pitch. Numbers ranging from 7 to 46
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	16	12:26	Present throughout survey with birds feeding across all greens and loafing on western pitch. Numbers ranging from 4 to 16. Birds occasionally flying over and visible in

					neighbouring estates
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
<p>Varying levels of dog disturbance throughout survey from animals on periphery of pitches to dogs being directed into the loafing flock.</p> <p>Gulls observed feeding across all pitches and a loafing on western pitch</p> <p>Probable badger latrine in area of rooting where goals are stored towards south of site, rooting on non-playing green. Fox scat noted near NE entrance.</p>					

Table 17: Other species recorded February (Round 1) 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Other Species 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Amber
Blue tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Long-tailed tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green

## Visit 2

Table 18: Wintering bird results February (Round 2) 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b> <b>Survey Time: 12:50 – 15:50</b> <b>Weather: Cloudy/overcast, wind F3 from southwest, 6°C</b> <b>Surveyor: Lydia Furey</b>					
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 - 2026) Status	Peak Site Count	Time at site	Species notes
<b>Black-headed gull</b>	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	64	13:05	Mixture of feeding and loafing activity with birds present across all playing fields on site. Roof of centre used for loafing activity by species. No birds present during last 15 minutes of survey.
<b>Common Gull</b>	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	42	13:05	Mixture of feeding and loafing activity with birds present across all playing fields on site. No birds present during last 15 minutes of survey.
<b>Herring Gull</b>	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	7	13:20	Low numbers of species present throughout survey. No birds present during last 15 minutes of survey.
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
Site was busy with users. Loose dog disturbance common in addition to bikes cycling through pitches and disturbing feeding birds. Low numbers of various gulls/individuals scattered on neighbouring roofs. 31 black headed gulls ( <i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i> ) were recorded on centre roof @ 13:50.					

Table 19: Other species February (Round 2) 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Other Species 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Thrush	<i>Turdus</i> sp.	N/A
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Blue tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Pied wagtail	<i>Moptacilla alba</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green

### Visit 3

Table 20: Wintering bird results February (Round 3) 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Wintering Waterbirds 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025					
<p><b>Survey Time: 14:54 – 17:54</b></p> <p><b>Weather: Cloud cover 50% variable to 100%, wind F3 gusting, heavy showers prior to survey then occasional throughout</b></p> <p><b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b></p>					
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 - 2026) Status	Peak Count	Time present	Species notes
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	78	15:09	Feeding across all pitches and forming a mixed loafing

					flock on western pitch. Ranging in number from 0 to 78 with not birds present during the last 45 mins of survey
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	26	15:39	Feeding across all pitches and forming a mixed loafing flock on western pitch. Ranging in number from 0 to 26 with not birds present from 16:39.
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	8	15:09	Present in low numbers during the first half hour, then observed flying over or in estates

					.neighbouring the site.
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
<p>Most birds initially loafing on west pitch with some loose feeding flocks across the eastern pitches. Then flushed by multiple loose dogs and began circling. Birds relocated across all pitches and began feeding. Remaining birds began feeding and started to reduce in number as the afternoon progressed with a mixed flock observed circling over the site between 16:39 and 16:54 and drifting south.</p> <p>Herring gulls were observed flying over the site and into neighbouring estates. A heron and Lesser Black-back gull were observed flying over the site.</p> <p>Rooting noted on non-playing green.</p>					

Table 21: Other species February (Round 3) 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Other Species Recorded 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green

## Visit 4

Table 22: Wintering bird results February (Round 4)

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 27 Feb 25</b> <b>Survey Time: 09:31 – 12:31</b> <b>Weather: 0% cloud cover, wind f2/3, vis good, temp 6c</b> <b>Surveyor:</b>					
<b>Species</b>	<b>Species Latin</b>	<b>BoCCI</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>Time of peak</b>	<b>Species notes</b>
<b>English Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>(2020 - 2026) Status</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>count</b>	
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	71	09:31	Present throughout survey both feeding and loafing. Ranging in number from 21 to 71
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	31	10:16	Present in varying numbers loafing and feeding throughout survey, ranging in number from 12 to 31
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	21	09:31	Present in varying numbers loafing and feeding throughout survey,

					ranging in number from 2 to 21
<b>Lesser Black-back Gull</b>	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Amber	1	11:01	Loafing briefly on western pitch.
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
Gulls present, loafing and feeding throughout survey. Regular disturbance from uncontrolled dogs and people with birds relocating within the site or occasionally dispersing and drifting south or to adjacent sports centre complex roof which had a high count of 31 Black-headed gulls at 12:31					

Table 23: Other species February (Round 4) 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Other Species Recorded 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green

## March 2025

### Visit 1

Table 24: Wintering bird results March (Round 1) 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b> <b>Survey Time:08:21 – 11:21 (High tide 09:51)</b> <b>Weather: 70% cloud cover, variable, reducing as day progressed, no rain, good visibility, wind F2/3</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
<b>Species</b>	<b>Species Latin</b>	<b>BoCCI</b>	<b>Peak</b>	<b>Time of</b>	<b>Species notes</b>
<b>English Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>(2020 - 2026) Status</b>	<b>Site Count</b>	<b>Peak count</b>	
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	34	08:36	Birds foraging on all green areas, primarily western pitch. Mixed roosting assemblage on western pitch, occasionally moving to centre field and back if disturbed.
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	66	08:36	Foraging on all green areas with a mixed roosting assemblage on western most field occasionally on centre field
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	15	11:06	Multiple flyovers and birds present on adjacent roofs. Single figures throughout various

					times of survey. Peak count when birds being fed scraps
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Amber	3	09:36	Mostly loafing, occasionally feeding. Birds occasionally present on adjacent rooftops in estates
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
Regular dog disturbance throughout day, occasionally deliberate causing birds to disperse and redistribute. Birds feeding across all green areas at various times. Western pitch being used as a loafing area throughout parts of the day, with loafing birds occasionally relocating to central pitch to loaf or other pitches to feed. Birds vacating area noted travelling east.					

Table 25: Other species March (Round 1) 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Other Species Recorded 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green

## Visit 2

Table 26: Wintering bird results March (Round 2) 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b> <b>Survey Time: 10:16-13:16 (High tide 11:46)</b> <b>Weather: 90% cloud cover, clearing, no rain, good visibility, wind F1, 8c</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
<b>Species English Name</b>	<b>Species Latin Name</b>	<b>BoCCI (2020 - 2026) Status</b>	<b>Peak Site Count</b>	<b>Time of Peak count</b>	<b>Species notes</b>
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	11	12:01&12:16	Birds foraging on all green areas with a mixed roosting assemblage on western most field, occasionally moving to centre field and back if disturbed.
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Amber	7	10:16	Birds foraging on all green areas with a mixed roosting assemblage on western most field occasionally moving to centre field
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	2	11:31 & 11:46	Multiple flyovers and birds present on adjacent roofs in estates.
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Amber	N/A	N/A	Flyover and in estates
<b>Visit Notes</b>					

<p>Primary school parade exiting the ground at the start of survey. Regular dog disturbance throughout day, occasionally flock intentionally targeted causing birds to disperse and redistribute. Pitch marking in progress on arrival at 10:16 until 11:15.</p> <p>No recent rooting observed.</p> <p>Birds feeding across all green areas at various times. Western pitch being used as a loafing area throughout parts of the day, with loafing birds occasionally relocating to central pitch to loaf or other pitches to feed. Birds vacating area noted travelling east.</p> <p>Conversation with local referred to geese using the site prior to the construction of a housing estate at the southwest of the site and addition of a walking track, approximately 4/5 years previous.</p>
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Table 27: Other species March (Round 2) 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Other Species Recorded 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Green
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Green
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Green
Goldcrest	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Amber
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Blue tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green

## Visit 3

Table 28: Wintering bird results March (Round 3) 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b> <b>Survey Time: 12:20 – 15:25 (high 13:45)</b> <b>Weather: Wind F3, Could 0-80% variable, good visibility</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 - 2026) Status	Peak Count	Time present	Species notes
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus</i>	Amber	1	14:20	1 briefly on centre pitch, flushed.
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	13	14:20	Group of 13 dropped in briefly to feed on scraps. Observed frequently on adjacent roofs
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
Birds absent for the majority of survey, low levels of dog activity. 1 Lesser black-back gull observed in estate. No fresh digging noted, fox scat noted in wild meadow.					

Table 29: Other species March (Round 3) 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>Other Species Recorded 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Green

Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Blue tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Green
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green

## Visit 4

Table 30: Wintering bird results March (Round 4) 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>Wintering Waterbirds 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b> <b>Survey Time: 13:29 – 16:29 (high 14:59)</b> <b>Weather: 30% Cloud cover, variable. Wind F2, 10c.</b> <b>Surveyor: Brian Power</b>					
Species	Species Latin	BoCCI	Peak	Time of peak	Species notes
English Name	Name	(2020 - 2026) Status	Count	count	
<b>Herring Gull</b>	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Amber	N/A	N/A	Regular flying over estates
<b>Visit Notes</b>					
No wintering birds using pitches. Occasional dog activity. Football being played on sections of the western pitch from 15:29 to 15:59. No fresh rooting noted.					

Table 31: Other species March (Round 4) 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Other Species Recorded 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
Wood pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
Jackdaw	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
Hooded crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green

## 5 Discussion

### 5.1 Overview of Wintering Birds

Over the course of the survey work a total of five species of gull were documented using the site, Black-headed, Common, Herring, Mediterranean and Lesser Black-back, along with Grey Heron and Oystercatcher. No Brent Geese were observed using, or from the site, anecdotal evidence from locals indicated that the pitches were used by geese until ~5 years ago. In addition to this a Great Black-back Gull was noted flying over the site

#### Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus (Larus) ridibundus*)

Black-headed gulls are a SCI of the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA 004024, the North Bull Island SPA 004006, and the North-west Irish Sea SPA 004236 which lie within 15kms of the survey location. Black-headed gulls were documented feeding and loafing on site across the majority of surveys with numbers tapering off in March. A peak count of 78 was recorded on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025. A colour ringed Black-headed gull was observed on site during December and January, white EVP5 and was ringed as an adult on the 07<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in Oegstgeest, Polder Poelgeest, the Netherlands. Another green colour ringed Black-headed Gull was observed at the survey location however the details could not be read.

Black-headed gulls were noted feeding across all green areas, predominantly on maintained playing surfaces, the western most pitch was regularly used as a loafing and preening area. When disturbed they were observed relocating within the site both to loaf and feed, birds were also observed using the community centre roof to the northeast of the site as a loafing and preening area. Numbers varied within each individual survey owing to regular disturbance issues, predominantly relating to loose dogs.

Date	High count	Date	High count	Date	High count
17-Dec-24	71	28-Jan-25	60	27-Feb-25	71
18-Dec-24	72	29-Jan-25	34	11-Mar-25	34
19-Dec-24	52	13-Feb-25	72	14-Mar-25	11
14-Jan-25	68	17-Feb-25	64	18-Mar-25	1
16-Jan-25	34	20-Feb-25	78	20-Mar-25	0

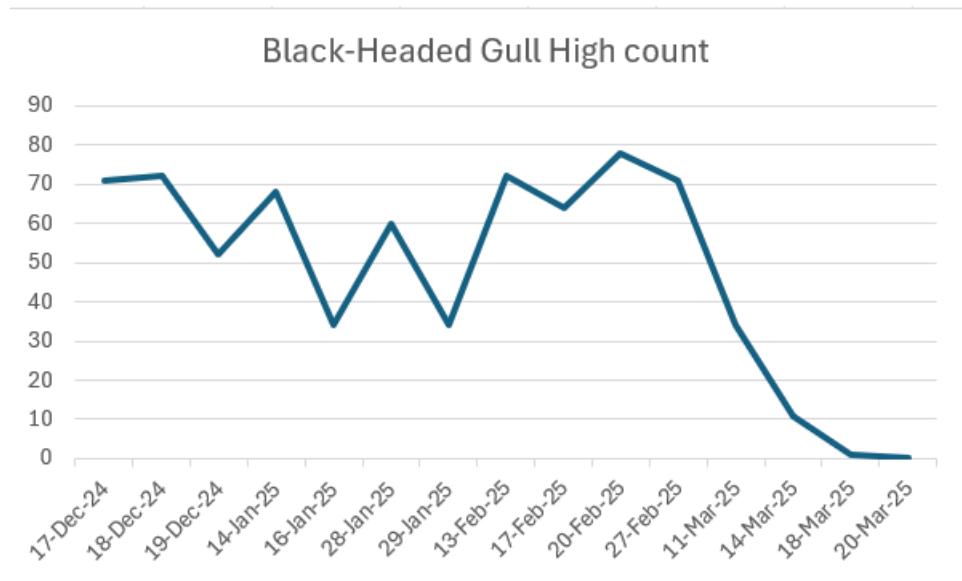


Figure 3: Black-headed gull peak counts per survey

### Common Gull (*Larus canus*)

Common gulls are a SCI of the North-west Irish Sea SPA 004236 which lies within 15kms of the survey location. Common gulls were documented feeding and loafing on site across the majority of surveys with numbers tapering off in March. A peak count of 105 was recorded on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and birds were present for the majority of the survey period with numbers dropping off in March and none recorded on the last two surveys.

Common gulls were noted feeding across all green areas, predominantly on maintained playing surfaces and the western most pitch was regularly used as a loafing and preening area associating in a mixed flock with Black-headed gulls and Herring Gulls.

When disturbed they were observed relocating within the site both to loaf and feed, birds were also observed using the community centre roof to the northeast of the site as a loafing and preening area. Numbers varied within each individual survey owing to regular disturbance issues, predominantly relating to loose dogs, with birds often vacating the area.

Table 32: Common gull peak counts per survey

Date	High count	Date	High count	Date	High count
17-Dec-24	105	28-Jan-25	36	27-Feb-25	31
18-Dec-24	15	29-Jan-25	16	11-Mar-25	66
19-Dec-24	29	13-Feb-25	46	14-Mar-25	7
14-Jan-25	42	17-Feb-25	42	18-Mar-25	0
16-Jan-25	29	20-Feb-25	26	20-Mar-25	0

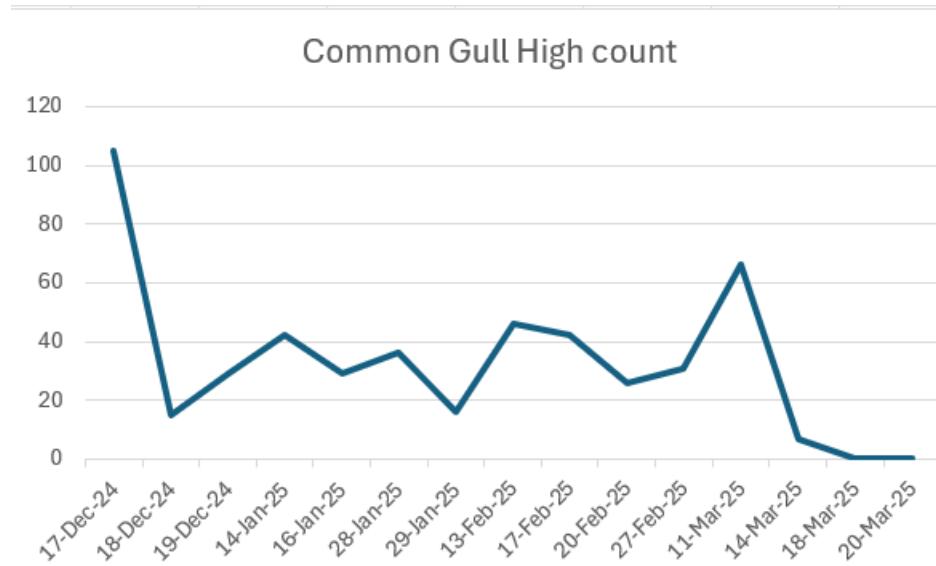


Figure 4: Common gull peak counts per survey

## Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*)

Herring gulls are a SCI of the North-west Irish Sea SPA 004236 which lies within 15kms of the survey location. Herring gulls were observed on or adjacent to the site across the majority of surveys. A peak count of 34 was recorded on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025. They were observed frequently in and flying over adjacent estates using rooftops as perching points. Herring gulls were noted feeding across all green areas, both on maintained playing surfaces and other green areas. The western most pitch was regularly used as a loafing and preening area associating in a mixed gull flock.

When disturbed they were observed relocating occasionally within the site, but birds were also observed leaving and using the roofs to the north of the site as a loafing and preening area and returning when the area cleared. Numbers varied within each individual survey owing to regular disturbance issues, predominantly relating to loose dogs, with birds often vacating the area. Birds also entered the area to feed on bread and scraps discarded by people.

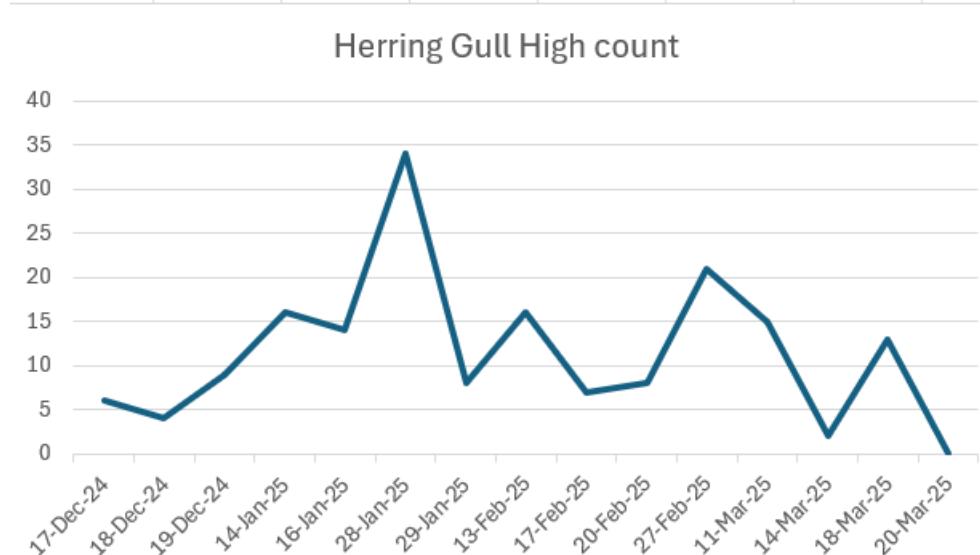


Figure 5: Herring Gull peak counts per survey

Table 33: Herring gull peak counts per survey

Date	High count	Date	High count	Date	High count
17-Dec-24	6	28-Jan-25	34	27-Feb-25	21
18-Dec-24	4	29-Jan-25	8	11-Mar-25	15
19-Dec-24	9	13-Feb-25	16	14-Mar-25	2
14-Jan-25	16	17-Feb-25	7	18-Mar-25	13
16-Jan-25	14	20-Feb-25	8	20-Mar-25	0

### Lesser Black-back Gull (*Larus fuscus*)

Lesser Black-back gulls were absent for the majority of the survey period. A single individual was present briefly loafing in a mixed gull flock on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025, and a group of three individuals was documented on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Lesser Black-back gulls are a SCI of the North-west Irish Sea SPA 004236 which lies within 15kms of the survey location.

### Mediterranean Gull (*Larus melanocephalus*)

A single adult Mediterranean Gull was documented on site on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 feeding on the western pitches.

### Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

A single Grey Heron was documented on site on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, observed walking along a path in the southwest of the site with gulls.

### Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*)

Oystercatchers are a SCI of the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA 004024 and the North Bull Island SPA 004006. Oystercatchers were documented twice during the same survey on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 where two individuals fed briefly before being flushed, potentially the same two birds returned later in the survey.

## 5.2 Other Species

Other species recorded across the surveys are presented in the table below.

Table 34: Other Bird Species recorded

Other Species Recorded Overall list		
Species English Name	Species Latin Name	BoCCI (2020 -2026) Status
<b>Rook</b>	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Green
<b>Robin</b>	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
<b>Mistle thrush</b>	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Green
<b>Blackbird</b>	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green
<b>House Sparrow</b>	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Amber
<b>Goldcrest</b>	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Amber
<b>Chaffinch</b>	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Green

<b>Pied Wagtail</b>	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Green
<b>Woodpigeon</b>	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Green
<b>Jackdaw</b>	<i>Coloeus monedula</i>	Green
<b>Hooded crow</b>	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Green
<b>Starling</b>	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Amber
<b>Wren</b>	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Green
<b>Great tit</b>	<i>Parus major</i>	Green
<b>Feral Pigeon</b>	<i>Columba livia f. domestica</i>	Green
<b>Blue tit</b>	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
<b>Magpie</b>	<i>Pica pica</i>	Green
<b>Goldfinch</b>	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Green
<b>Greenfinch</b>	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	Amber
<b>Bullfinch</b>	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Green
<b>Song Thrush</b>	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Green
<b>Long-tailed tit</b>	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Green
<b>Thrush</b>	<i>Turdus sp.</i>	Green
<b>Sparrowhawk</b>	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Green
<b>Buzzard</b>	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Green

### 5.3 Overview of Mammal activity

Mammal tracks were recorded across all surveys on site, these form well-worn routes along the southern boundary and branch into a small section of planted mini-woodland adjacent to the community college, the source of these tracks is unknown. No burrows or chambers were recorded on site.

Fox scat and a strong smell of Fox were recorded on multiple occasions. Grey Squirrel was noted on two occasions in December. The presence of Fox in the area was confirmed by ground staff and locals.

Evidence of rooting was found during multiple surveys and the same information logged by multiple surveyors; this has been detailed in the map below. The majority of rooting recorded was present in a section of meadow maintained for wildlife and in a small section of planted mini-woodland adjacent to the community college. Much of this rooting corresponds to that expected from badger, however, there may be some overlap with domesticated animals owing to the high levels of dog activity. Rooting

on the western boundary was in soft soil on the exterior of the site boundary in dumped soil, the cause of this rooting is unknown.

Two probable badger latrines were noted, one in the south and one in the west of the site.

Approximate locations of rooting, latrines, Fox scat and trails are presented in the map below, photographic evidence of these are presented in appendix I.



Figure 6: Mammal activity Greenhills Park

## Appendix I Photographs



*Photo 1: Dutch ringed Black-headed gull 17th December 2024*



*Photo 2: Common gull*



*Photo 3: Black-headed gull feeding flock on central pitch*



*Photo 4: Mixed loafing flock western pitch*



*Photo 5: Mixed loafing and feeding flock on western pitch*



*Photo 6: Dog disturbance*



*Photo 7: Grey Heron on path by western pitch*



*Photo 8: Track into mini-woodland*



*Photo 9: Rooting on non-playing green*



*Photo 10:Rooting on non-playing green*



*Photo 11: Mammal track on non-playing green leading from mini-woodland*



*Photo 12: Probable badger latrine*



*Photo 13: Lesser Black-back Gull*

## Appendix II Bird Records from the NBDC

Species group	Species name	Record count	Date of last record	Title of dataset	Designation
<b>bird</b>	Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica)	5	09/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Black-billed Magpie (Pica pica)	10	10/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Blackcap (Sylvia atricapilla)	9	16/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Black-headed Gull (Larus ridibundus)	5	13/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
<b>bird</b>	Blue Tit (Cyanistes caeruleus)	13	07/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Branta bernicla subsp. hrota	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	
<b>bird</b>	Brent Goose (Branta bernicla)	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened

					Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Chaffinch ( <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> )	4	16/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Coal Tit ( <i>Periparus ater</i> )	6	16/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Common Blackbird ( <i>Turdus merula</i> )	12	18/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Common Bullfinch ( <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i> )	6	03/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Common Buzzard ( <i>Buteo buteo</i> )	8	04/09/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Common Chiffchaff ( <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i> )	1	16/04/2020	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Common Coot ( <i>Fulica atra</i> )	9	17/04/2020	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Common Greenshank ( <i>Tringa nebularia</i> )	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened

					Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Common Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus)	2	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Common Kingfisher (Alcedo atthis)	1	22/09/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List

<b>bird</b>	Common Linnet ( <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> )	6	10/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Common Moorhen ( <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> )	11	25/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Common Pochard ( <i>Aythya ferina</i> )	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Common Redshank ( <i>Tringa totanus</i> )	2	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds

					of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
<b>bird</b>	Common Starling ( <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> )	2	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Common Swift ( <i>Apus apus</i> )	2	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Common Wood Pigeon ( <i>Columba palumbus</i> )	8	16/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird

					Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species
<b>bird</b>	Eurasian Collared Dove ( <i>Streptopelia</i> <i>decaocto</i> )	2	16/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Eurasian Jackdaw ( <i>Corvus monedula</i> )	5	02/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Eurasian Oystercatcher ( <i>Haematopus</i> <i>ostralegus</i> )	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Eurasian Siskin ( <i>Carduelis spinus</i> )	4	09/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Eurasian Sparrowhawk ( <i>Accipiter nisus</i> )	2	03/08/2020	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Eurasian Teal ( <i>Anas</i> <i>crecca</i> )	3	11/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern

					Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Eurasian Woodcock (Scolopax rusticola)	1	03/01/2004	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	European Golden Plover (Pluvialis apricaria)	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird

					Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section III Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
<b>bird</b>	European Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> )	5	16/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	European Greenfinch ( <i>Carduelis chloris</i> )	3	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	
<b>bird</b>	European Robin ( <i>Erythacus rubecula</i> )	9	10/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Fieldfare ( <i>Turdus pilaris</i> )	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	
<b>bird</b>	Goldcrest ( <i>Regulus regulus</i> )	3	16/04/2020	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Great Cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> )	2	27/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Great Tit ( <i>Parus major</i> )	5	07/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Grey Heron ( <i>Ardea cinerea</i> )	13	02/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Grey Wagtail ( <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> )	4	24/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	

<b>bird</b>	Greylag Goose ( <i>Anser anser</i> )	1	18/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	Invasive Species: Invasive Species    Invasive Species: Invasive Species >> Regulation S.I. 477 (Ireland)    Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Hedge Accentor ( <i>Prunella modularis</i> )	6	07/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Herring Gull ( <i>Larus argentatus</i> )	3	12/07/2015	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation

					Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
<b>bird</b>	Hooded Crow ( <i>Corvus cornix</i> )	8	09/04/2020	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	House Martin ( <i>Delichon urbicum</i> )	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	House Sparrow ( <i>Passer domesticus</i> )	4	12/04/2020	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Lesser Black- backed Gull ( <i>Larus fuscus</i> )	4	08/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation

					Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Little Egret ( <i>Egretta garzetta</i> )	6	24/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex I Bird Species
<b>bird</b>	Little Grebe ( <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> )	4	13/04/2018	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Long-eared Owl ( <i>Asio otus</i> )	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	
<b>bird</b>	Long-tailed Tit ( <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i> )	4	09/04/2020	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Mallard ( <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> )	12	17/04/2020	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species
<b>bird</b>	Mew Gull ( <i>Larus canus</i> )	4	14/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened

					Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Mistle Thrush ( <i>Turdus viscivorus</i> )	4	27/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Mute Swan ( <i>Cygnus olor</i> )	9	25/05/2019	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Northern Lapwing ( <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> )	1	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation

					Concern - Red List
<b>bird</b>	Northern Wheatear (Oenanthe oenanthe)	1	11/08/2021	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Pied Wagtail (Motacilla alba subsp. yarrellii)	14	13/04/2018	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Red Grouse (Lagopus lagopus)	1	06/11/2022	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section I Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Red List
<b>bird</b>	Redwing (Turdus iliacus)	2	13/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	

<b>bird</b>	Reed Bunting ( <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i> )	1	02/04/2020	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Rock Pigeon ( <i>Columba livia</i> )	3	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species
<b>bird</b>	Rook (Corvus frugilegus)	3	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	
<b>bird</b>	Sand Martin ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> )	2	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Sedge Warbler ( <i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i> )	1	18/04/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Sky Lark ( <i>Alauda arvensis</i> )	2	01/05/2020	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	Song Thrush ( <i>Turdus philomelos</i> )	6	08/03/2022	Birds of Ireland	

<b>bird</b>	Stonechat ( <i>Saxicola torquata</i> )	1	25/02/2021	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Tufted Duck ( <i>Aythya fuligula</i> )	8	13/02/2023	Birds of Ireland	Protected Species: Wildlife Acts    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex II, Section I Bird Species    Protected Species: EU Birds Directive >> Annex III, Section II Bird Species    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern    Threatened Species: Birds of Conservation Concern >> Birds of Conservation Concern - Amber List
<b>bird</b>	White Wagtail ( <i>Motacilla alba</i> )	2	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	
<b>bird</b>	Willow Warbler ( <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> )	2	31/12/2011	Bird Atlas 2007 - 2011	
<b>bird</b>	Winter Wren ( <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i> )	7	07/03/2023	Birds of Ireland	
<b>bird</b>	Yellow-browed Warbler ( <i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i> )	1	03/01/2004	Birds of Ireland	