

## RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch - 30 January 2010

Glebe Gardens, Basingstoke (SU 635 522)

RSPB Basingstoke Local Members Group and Friends of Loddon Vale Parks

Species recorded within Glebe Gardens between 12pm and 3pm

**Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus* – a bird moved overhead.

**Black-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* – at least two winter-plumaged birds seen over the Gardens on several occasions.

**Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia* – at least 11 birds were seen moving over the area, to and from the Town Centre.

**Woodpigeon** *Columba palumbus* – upwards of a dozen were seen, all in the trees, which included a single bird in song.

**Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* – a single bird moved to trees on the southern side of the Gardens with this, or another, then seen to go into the conifers by the car park.

**Magpie** *Pica pica* – a pair.

**Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula* – a single bird flew east from the Gardens.

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone* – a pair.

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus* – three birds included a singing bird; all seen in the conifers about the car park and Chute House.

**Blue Tit** *Cyanistes caeruleus* – at least six birds with three being seen together at one stage.

**Great Tit** *Parus major* – at least two birds, often with other tits.

**Coal Tit** *Parus ater* – one vocal bird with other tits.

**Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus* – a pair.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla* – a male and female in the corner adjacent to the Village Hall.

**Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris* – a bird was both seen and heard in song.

**Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes* – a singing bird.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula* – at least eight were seen, just two being females.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos* – a single bird under trees in the southern part of the Gardens.

**Robin** *Erithacus rubecula* – at least four birds included three in song.

**Dunnock** *Prunella modularis* – one singing bird.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* – at least one was on the buildings etc. about Church Cottage.

**Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla alba* – a total of five birds moved over.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs* – a flock of five birds moved about the eastern and northern parts of the Gardens, feeding in the more open areas.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis* – a minimum of three, single, birds.

**Grey Squirrel** *Sciurus carolinensis* – three singletons, all within the eastern / northern parts of the Gardens.

**Winter Aconite** *Eranthis hyemalis* – in excess of 480 blooms were noted with a concentration of 350<sup>+</sup> about the base of one tree.

**Mulberry** *Morus sp.*

**Stinging Nettle** *Urtica dioica*

**Dock sp.** *Rumex sp.*

**Bramble** *Rubus fruticosus agg.*

**Cow Parsley** *Anthriscus sylvestris*

**Ground Elder** *Aegopodium podagraria*

**Yarrow** *Achillea millefolium*

**Dandelion sp.** *Taraxacum officinale* – a rosette of leaves on the rotting stump of a Horse Chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum*.

**Snowdrop** *Galanthus nivalis*

**Butcher's Broom** *Ruscus aculeatus* – in the scrubber vegetation adjacent to Chute House.

**Hazel** *Corylus avellana*

**Silver Birch** *Betula pendula*

**Common Lime** *Tilia x europaea*

**Beech** *Fagus sylvatica*

**Cherry Laurel** *Prunus laurocerasus*

**Cotoneaster sp.** *Cotoneaster sp.* – one small 'bush' to the south-east of the car park.

**Snowberry** *Symphoricarpos albus*

**Pussy Willow** *Salix discolor*

**'Weeping' Willow** *Salix sp.*

**'Golden' Garden Privet** *Ligustrum ovalifolium aureum*

**Ash** *Fraxinus excelsior*

**Black Walnut** *Juglans nigra*

**Oregon Grape** *Mahonia aquifolium*

**Hawthorn** *Crataegus monogyna*

**Horse Chestnut** *Aesculus hippocastanum*

**Ivy** *Hedera helix*

**Holly** *Ilex aquifolium*

**Scots Pine** *Pinus sylvestris*

**Western Red Cedar** *Thuja plicata*

**Yew** *Taxus baccata*

**Persian Ironwood** *Parrotia persica*

**Tulip Tree** *Linodendrum tulipifera*

**Grass sp.**

**Pendulous Sedge** *Carex pendula*

**Hart's-tongue** *Phyllitis scolopendrium*