

LESSER REDPOLL *Acanthis cabaret*

Red List. *Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant. Former breeder, last confirmed in 2002.*

Total records: 62. *Sites:* 26 non-breeding.

Spring/summer. Great Stukeley one on Apr 6th and Little Abington one on Jul 28th were probably late/early migrating birds rather than breeding.

First winter period/spring (peak counts of 8+): Woodwalton Fen 50 on Feb 16th, Buckden 41 on Mar 13th, Great Fen Project (New Decoy Farm) 30 on Jan 20th, Ferry Meadows CP 19 on Jan 9th, Grafham Water 12 on Feb 12th and Bedford Purlieus 12 on Feb 17th.

Second winter period: very low numbers. Grafham Water 6 on Nov 5th and Ferry Meadows CP 5 on Oct 20th. Elsewhere just 1-2 at a further 15 sites.

Nocturnal sound recording: Chesterton [Cambs] on Oct 24th.

Visible migration: Cambridge (Lovell Road) on Oct 21st.

There were many fewer records and fewer sites than in recent years in both winter periods, and particularly in the second. The movement of Redpolls south from Northern Britain is cyclical.

COUES'S ARCTIC REDPOLL *Acanthis hornemannii exilipes*

Rare winter visitor, 8(10) 1

First winter period: single at Swaddyswell Pit on Feb 2nd, photo (Sarah Lambert per WB and CBCRecorder).

CROSSBILL (Red Crossbill) *Loxia curvirostra*

Green List. *Scarce annual visitor. Last confirmed breeding 1998.*

First winter period/spring (2 records): Fordham Wood 4 (possibly post-breeding dispersal) on Feb 28th (KSH) and Knapwell (Grange Farm) on May 30th (DG).

Autumn (one record): Ferry Meadows CP on Oct 2nd (DTG).

GOLDFINCH (European Goldfinch) *Carduelis carduelis*

Green List. *Very common resident, winter visitor and passage migrant.*

Total records: 3944. *Sites:* 232 breeding season/207 non-breeding.

Breeding pairs (14 confirmed pairs at 14 sites, and 158 possible pairs at 60 sites): confirmed breeding at Burwell Fen, Demford Res, Devil's Dyke (Burwell), Eddington, Hardwick, Hinxtown Genome Campus, Kingfishers Bridge, Knapwell (Grange Farm), Nine Wells, Oakington, Paxton Pits, Rampton, Sawston and Wicken Fen (Baker's Fen). Additional territories at Paxton Pits 33, Shippea Hill 20, Knapwell (Grange Farm) 18, Tetworth Hall Estate 8, Burwell 6, River Cam (Baits Bite-Claythorpe) 5, Fen Drayton Lakes 4 and 1-3 at 53 additional sites.

Out of breeding season (peak counts of 100+): Bretton 300 on Nov 19th, Cam Washes (Upware) 250 on Sep 2nd, Burwell Fen 200 on Jan 12th, Kingfishers Bridge 135 on Sep 1st, Wicken Fen 120 on Sep 1st and Fowlmere NR 110 on Dec 25th.

BBS *Distribution* (% squares occupied): 65% (95/96) cf. 90% (18/19)
Density (individuals/10 squares): 23 (95/96) cf. 62 (18/19)

SISKIN (Eurasian Siskin) *Spinus spinus*

Green List. *Scarce resident and fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant. Occasional breeder.*

Total records: 230. *Sites:* 1 breeding season/48 non-breeding.

Summer. Kingfishers Bridge a single on May 7th and a pair on Jun 2nd suggest possible local breeding.

Peak counts of 30+: fewer records at fewer sites than usual in both winter periods cf. Lesser Redpoll.

First winter period: Ferry Meadows CP 170 on Jan 30th and Chippenham Fen 60 on Jan 7th.

Second winter period: Fen Drayton Lakes 50 on Oct 21st.

LAPLAND BUNTING *Calcarius lapponicus*

Amber List. *Scarce, almost annual passage migrant and winter visitor, usually singly. 54(93) 1*

Second winter period (one record): Barleycraft GP on Nov 23-24th, video (RT).

CORN BUNTING *Emberiza calandra*

Red List. *Fairly common but much declined local resident.*

Total records: 468. *Sites:* 103 breeding season/54 non-breeding.

Breeding (2 confirmed pairs at 2 sites, and 131 territories at 56 sites): confirmed breeding only at Demford Res and Fowlmere NR, additional territories Great Chishill 27, Ouse Washes 12, Devil's Dyke (Ditch Farm) 10, Tetworth Estate 4, Nine Wells 4, Coveney Byall Fen 4, Burwell 4, Roman Road 3, Kneesworth 3, Devil's Dyke (Warbraham Mains Farm) 3, Berry Fen 3 and 1-2 at a further 45 sites.
Peak counts of 40+:

First winter period: Hinxtown (Lordship Farm) 60 on Feb 5th, Melbourn 60 on Apr 13th and Fowlmere NR 54 on Jan 12th.

Second winter period: Foxton 40 on Oct 4th.

BBS *Distribution* (% squares occupied): 45% (95/96) cf. 24% (18/19)
Density (individuals/10 squares): 18 (95/96) cf. 6 (18/19)