Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*) RB Common throughout the site.

Siskin (*Carduelis spinus*) W Occasionally seen with other finches in flocks during the winter months.

Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*) RB Most often seen in the hedgerows and shaws during spring/summer and with flocks of finches during the winter.

Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) RB Most often seen in the hedgerows and shaws during spring/summer and with flocks of finches during the winter.

Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*) RB Small numbers seen on woodland periphery and in shaws/scrub.

Lesser Redpoll (*Carduelis cabaret*) W Large flock (140) present in January - March, single bird present in December.

Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*) RB Pair seen on Hither field in June. Pair nested at Harholt Plantation June.

Yellowhammer (*Emberiza citrinella*) R Single, singing male at Stagbury ‘B’ in May.

Ring-necked Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*) RB Small but noisy colony present in the Nuttery.

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Key to status

RESIDENT [R]

BREEDING [B]

SUMMER BREEDING VISITOR [S]

WINTER VISITOR [W]

VISITOR, ANY SEASON [V]

Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*) V Occasional visitor, usually over the grasslands in the Chipstead Valley.

Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*) R Although likely to be a breeding species, no nest was discovered in 2011. Frequently seen in and over Banstead Wood.

Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*) R Nested in an adjacent woodland, but not on the site. Rare twenty years ago, they are now seen increasingly and seem likely to become a breeding species.

Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) RB Nested in the shaw between Harholt Plantation and Hill Wood Field. Frequently seen over the Downs.

Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) S Nested in Banstead Wood producing two young. Possibly under threat due to substantial decrease in its main prey (Swallows, swifts and martins).

Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) R Usually seen and heard along the western boundary of Banstead Wood where it may have bred.

Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) W Seen over grassland areas on two occasions during the winter months.

Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*) R Two birds seen in February. Possible breeding species? Very prone to increasing disturbance (dogs, etc.)

Woodpigeon (*Columba palumbus*) RB Common breeding species.

**Goldcrest** (*Regulus regulus*) RB Small numbers particularly seen on conifers or accompanying flocks of tits in Banstead Wood.

**Blue Tit** (*Parus caeruleus*) RB Common throughout

**Great Tit** (*Parus major*) RB Common throughout

**Coal Tit** (Parus ater) RB Small numbers, often with Goldcrests on conifers in Banstead Wood.

**Long-tailed Tit** (*Aegithalos caudatus*) RB Frequently seen and heard, particularly in the Fames Rough area.

**Nuthatch** (*Sitta europaea*) RB Probably increasing in numbers. Found throughout the woodland and shaws.

**Tree creeper** (*Certhia familiaris*) RB Small numbers distributed throughout the woodlands.

**Starling** (*Sturnus vulgaris*) R Resident species suffering serious decline. Rarely seen on the site!

**Jay** (*Garrulus glandarius*) RB Frequently seen and heard although usually a shy bird.

**Magpie** (*Pica pica*) RB Common and increasing throughout.

**Jackdaw** (*Corvus monedula*) RB Large colony in the Chipstead Valley, frequently feeding on the Downs.

**Raven** (*Corvus corax*) R A single bird being mobbed by Carrion Crows is probably attributable to this species. It was seen over the Downs in May.

**Carrion Crow** (*Corvus corone*) RB Common throughout the site.

**House Sparrow** (*Passer domesticus*) RB Serious decline in numbers and now only regularly seen around the Rambler’s Rest.
**Garden Warbler** (*Sylvia borin*)  S  Male(s) heard singing in Harholt Plantation.

**Lesser Whitethroat** (*Sylvia curruca*)  S  Male singing at Stagbury field

**Whitethroat** (*Sylvia communis*)  S  Males singing at Stagbury field, Great Parson’s field and Harholt Plantation.

**Blackcap** (*Sylvia atricapilla*)  R  Several males singing in scrubby areas in Banstead Wood and adjacent shaws/scrub. Increasingly over-wintering.

**Willow Warbler** (*Phylloscopus trochilus*)  S  Present mostly at Harholt Plantation.

**Chiffchaff** (*Psylloscopus collybita*)  S  Present in most shaws, scrub areas and the periphery of Banstead Wood.

Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) R Occasionally seen in the vicinity of the Rambler’s Rest.

Tawny Owl (*Strix aluco*) RB Often heard but infrequently seen in Banstead Wood and its immediate environs.

Little Owl (*Athene noctua*) R Possibly heard, but not yet seen in Banstead Wood.

Swift (*Apus apus*) S Infrequently seen or heard over the site in 2011.

Green Woodpecker (*Picus viridis*) RB Maintaining good size population. Most often seen on Hither Field, Hill Wood field and Harholt Plantation.

Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopus major*) RB Seen and heard frequently, mostly in Banstead Wood.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopus minor*) R A single bird seen on the periphery of Banstead Wood in June. Possibly suffering from the decrease in food supply (invertebrates) due to weather conditions?

Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*) RB Fewer breeding birds on Hither field this year, probably due to the increasing scrub. No juvenile birds seen, so likely that the nesting birds failed to raise any young.

Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) S Few of this migratory species seen over the site during the summer - due to decrease in invertebrates?

House Martin (*Delichon urbica*) S Very small numbers seen over the site during the summer - due to decrease in numbers of invertebrates?

Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*) R A species new to the site. Small flock seen on Hither field during September and October.

Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*) R Seen infrequently at Park Farm depot and Rambler’s Rest.

Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) RB Common breeding species in Banstead Wood, infrequently over the rest of the site.

Dunnock (*Prunella modularis*) RB Common breeding species on the periphery of Banstead Wood and hedgerows over the site.

Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*) RB Common breeding species in Banstead Wood and hedgerows over the site.

Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*) S Single male seen on Hither field, present for several days in late August.

Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*) R Small flock (3) seen on Hither field, present for one day in September.

Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*) S Single bird seen on Hither field in April.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*) RB Several breeding pairs in Banstead Wood and also in shaws/scrub on the Downs.

Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*) W Moderate numbers, usually in company with Redwings, during January - March. Seen over all of the site, particularly close to scrub bearing berries!

Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*) W High numbers during January - March.

Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) RB Several pairs in Banstead Wood, rarely seen elsewhere on the site.

Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*) RB At least 3 pairs in Banstead Wood, with another singing male in the Nuttery.