

- 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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Juvenile Whitethroat

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.

**Treecreeper** (*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.



Male Blackcap singing



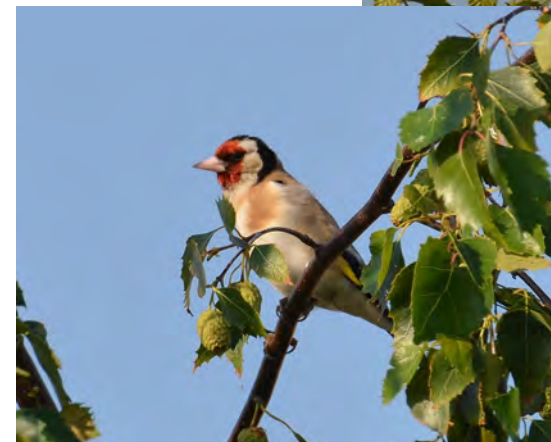
Chaffinch

Yellowhammer



**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.



Goldfinch

**Stock Dove** (*Columba oenas*) R Infrequently seen and heard in Banstead Wood. Probable breeding species but not yet confirmed.

**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 Ramber's Rest.

**Wren** (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) RB Common breeding species in Banstead Wood, infrequent 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.