



Campaign to Protect  
Rural England  
OXFORDSHIRE

### **BIRDS THAT CAN BE SEEN REGULARLY AT OTMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE**

The following list does not include the so called "common garden birds" such as blackbird, chaffinch, blue tit, robin etc.

#### **ALL THE YEAR:**

**Wading Birds;** Lapwing, Redshank, Snipe, Curlew,

**Grebes, Ducks and Rails;** Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Teal, gadwall, Shoveler, Pochard, Tufted duck, Moorhen, Coot, Water Rail,

**Birds of Prey;** Marsh Harrier, Sparrowhawk, Buzzard, Kestrel, Red Kite, Peregrine Falcon,

**Owls;** Barn Owl,

**Water Birds;** Cormorant, Mute Swan, Grey Heron, Kingfisher,

**Small Birds;** Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Stonechat, Marsh Tit, Linnet, Yellowhammer, Reed Bunting, Cetti's Warbler,

#### **WINTER: (Nov/Dec/Jan)**

Ducks; Widgeon, Pintail,

**Birds of Prey;** Hen Harrier, Merlin,

**Waders;** Golden Plover, Jack Snipe (lucky to see),

**Owls;** Short Eared Owl,

**Small Birds;** Fieldfare, Redwing, Redpoll,

**SPRING/SUMMER:** (Best time is late March/ April to end June. In this period birds are more obvious because they are singing and displaying)

**Ducks:** Garganey,

**Birds of Prey:** Hobby (Otmoor is one of the best places in England to see hobbies as there is an abundance of dragonflies)

**Waders and Water Birds:** Little Ringed Plover, Common Tern,

**Land Birds and Smaller Birds:** Turtle Dove, Cuckoo, Sand and House Martin, Swallow, Swift, Grass Hopper Warbler (in scrubby field by car park), Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Garden Warbler, Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler,

**Autumn:** (on migration)

**Waders:** Greenshank, Green Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper,

**Small Birds:** Whinchat

The above listing is of those birds that one has a reasonable chance of seeing on a visit to Otmoor. There is also a good chance of seeing some of the rarer birds which often drop into the Reserve especially in the Spring and Autumn migrations. For example, Common Crane is sometimes seen in the Spring, and White Fronted Geese and Bewick Swans, and Bittern in the Winter. Nightingales have been heard singing in the Spring but so far not staying to nest. Lesser Spotted Woodpecker is also occasionally seen. Waders such as, Wimbrel often occur on migration as do Black tailed godwits.

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