

Berkshire Breeding Bird Population Estimates

Species likely to have bred in 2021 ¹	Population (pairs/territories)	Source ²
Canada Goose	1,900 (L)	APEP
Greylag Goose	340 (L)	APEP
Mute Swan	200 - 300	Atlas 2008-11
Egyptian Goose	150 (L)	APEP
Shelduck	24 (M)	APEP
Mandarin Duck	190 (L)	APEP
Shoveler	0 - 5	Expert review
Gadwall	24 - 68	Atlas 2008-11
Mallard	1,200 (L)	APEP
Red-crested Pochard	5 - 10	Expert review
Pochard	10 - 20	Expert review
Tufted Duck	250 (L)	APEP
Goosander	1 - 5	Expert review
Grey Partridge	50 - 150	Expert review
Pheasant	20,000 (M)	APEP
Quail	0 - 20	Expert review
Red-legged Partridge	850 (M)	APEP
Nightjar	50 - 100	Annual reports
Swift	750 (M)	APEP
Cuckoo	75 (L)	APEP
Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	4,700 (M)	APEP
Stock Dove	3,000 (M)	APEP
Woodpigeon	76,000 (M)	APEP
Collared Dove	8,200 (M)	APEP
Water Rail	30 - 50	Survey 2016-8
Moorhen	3,500 (M)	APEP
Coot	690 (L)	APEP
Little Grebe	40 - 60	Atlas 2008-11
Great Crested Grebe	200 - 300	Atlas 2008-11
Stone-curlew	1 - 5	Expert review
Oystercatcher	5 - 10	Expert review
Lapwing	500 - 1,000	Atlas 2008-11
Ringed Plover	0 - 5	Expert review
Little Ringed Plover	10 - 20	Expert review
Curlew	2 - 5	Expert review
Woodcock	400 (M)	APEP
Redshank	1 - 5	Expert review
Black-headed Gull	450 (H)	APEP
Mediterranean Gull	2	Expert review
Herring Gull	10 - 100	Expert review
Lesser Black-backed Gull	10 - 50	Expert review
Common Tern	170 (M)	APEP
Cormorant	110 (M)	APEP

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Grey Heron	110 (H)	APEP
Little Egret	5 - 20	Expert review
Sparrowhawk	210 (M)	APEP
Goshawk	2 - 10	Expert review
Red Kite	200 - 560	Atlas 2008-11
Buzzard	600 - 900	Atlas 2008-11
Barn Owl	60 - 100	Atlas 2008-11
Little Owl	50 - 80	Atlas 2008-11
Long-eared Owl	2 - 10	Expert review
Tawny Owl	400 (M)	APEP
Kingfisher	44 - 69	Atlas 2008-11
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	1 - 10	Expert review
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2,500 (M)	APEP
Green Woodpecker	1,100 (M)	APEP
Kestrel	450 (M)	APEP
Hobby	10 - 50	Expert review
Peregrine	5 - 10	Expert review
Ring-necked Parakeet	1,100	Atlas 2008-11
Jay	3,200 (M)	APEP
Magpie	8,000 (M)	APEP
Jackdaw	14,000 (M)	APEP
Rook	12,000 (M)	APEP
Carrion Crow	8,600 (M)	APEP
Raven	10 - 20	Expert review
Coal Tit	5,000 (M)	APEP
Marsh Tit	610 (M)	APEP
Willow Tit	3 - 10	Expert review
Blue Tit	44,000 (M)	APEP
Great Tit	35,000 (M)	APEP
Woodlark	160 (H)	APEP
Skylark	9,800 (M)	APEP
Sand Martin	150 (M)	APEP
Swallow	2,700 (M)	APEP
House Martin	3,500 (M)	APEP
Cetti's Warbler	50 - 80	Atlas 2008-11
Long-tailed Tit	5,400 (M)	APEP
Willow Warbler	3,500 (M)	APEP
Chiffchaff	11,000 (M)	APEP
Sedge Warbler	2,100 (M)	APEP
Reed Warbler	1,400 (M)	APEP
Blackcap	15,000 (M)	APEP
Garden Warbler	1,600 (M)	APEP
Lesser Whitethroat	250 (M)	APEP
Whitethroat	11,000 (M)	APEP
Dartford Warbler	20 - 50	Expert review
Firecrest	100 - 200	Expert review

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Goldcrest	5,100 (M)	APEP
Wren	76,000 (M)	APEP
Nuthatch	4,200 (M)	APEP
Treecreeper	2,600 (M)	APEP
Starling	12,000 (M)	APEP
Song Thrush	11,000 (M)	APEP
Grasshopper Warbler	1 - 10	Expert review
Mistle Thrush	1,300 (M)	APEP
Blackbird	48,000 (M)	APEP
Spotted Flycatcher	50 - 100	Expert review
Robin	70,000 (M)	APEP
Nightingale	50 - 100	Surveys 2010, 2021
Black Redstart	2 - 5	Expert review
Redstart	10 - 50	Expert review
Stonechat	77 (M)	APEP
House Sparrow	23,000 (M)	APEP
Duncock	20,000 (M)	APEP
Yellow Wagtail	10 - 20	Expert review
Grey Wagtail	260 (L)	APEP
Pied Wagtail	2,500 (M)	APEP
Meadow Pipit	20 - 100	Expert review
Tree Pipit	10 - 50	Expert review
Chaffinch	48,000 (M)	APEP
Bullfinch	960 (M)	APEP
Greenfinch	19,000 (M)	APEP
Linnet	2,300 (M)	APEP
Lesser Redpoll	0 - 20	Expert review
Common Crossbill	10 - 100	Expert review
Goldfinch	9,300 (M)	APEP
Siskin	230 (L)	APEP
Corn Bunting	100 - 300	Expert review
Yellowhammer	5,000 (M)	APEP
Reed Bunting	1,200 (M)	APEP

¹ Species included are birds thought to have bred in the last five years.

² **Atlas 2008-11**: data are based on Berkshire 2008-11 atlas survey counts given in Appendix IV of *The Birds of Berkshire*, 2013.

APEP: For commoner species, Berkshire population estimates in Appendix IV of *The Birds of Berkshire* 2013 have been used. These were derived from Avian Population Estimates Panel national population estimates (Musgrove *et al* 2013, *British Birds* **106**, 64-100) x Berkshire fraction of national abundance from BTO atlas surveys 2008-11. Confidence in the APEP estimate is given as high (H), medium (M) or low (L).

Expert review: for scarcer species, a consensus of experts has been sought. The experts included the County Recorder (Marek Walford), the authors (Neil Bucknell and Renton Righelato) and members of the BOC's Conservation Subcommittee.