

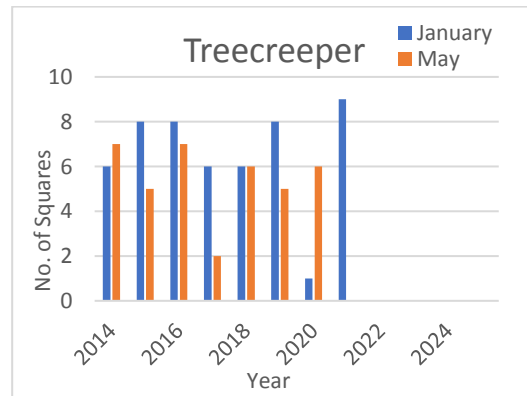
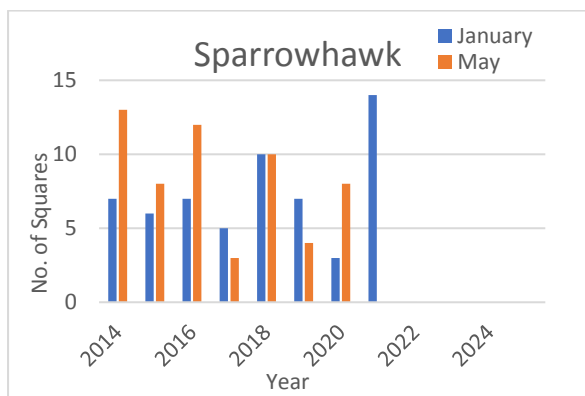
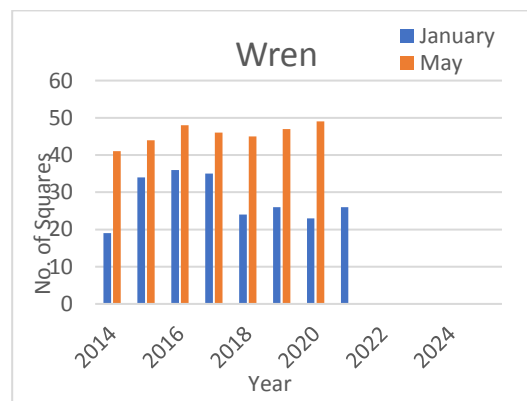
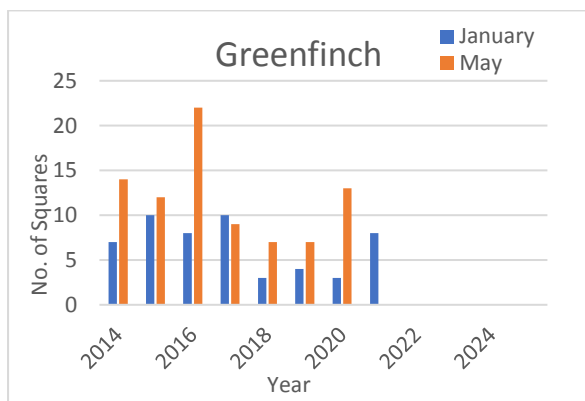
SOUTH BRENT PARISH BIRD SURVEY – JANUARY 2021 RESULTS

The South Brent Parish Bird Survey aims to monitor the birds of the parish in both winter and the breeding season, by ensuring that all 52 1-km squares are visited by at least once by one observer in January and May each year to record the species seen and heard. In 2021, 24 observers paid 180 square visits and recorded 70 species. This compares to 11 observers, 125 square visits and 67 species in 2020, when the weather was mostly wet and windy. The weather was more conducive to venturing out this January, and covid-19 restrictions probably encouraged more people to walk in the local area.

The results are shown in Appendix 1, including those for January 2021. No new species were added this year, but a single **Black-headed Gull** (at Wastewater Treatment Works, Brent Mill) and **Lapwing** (near Lincombe) were both the first in January since 2017. Most species were recorded in more squares this year than last, when many were at their lowest ebb since 2014, and one overall conclusion is that the species, and the number of squares they have been recorded in, has not changed greatly over the last eight years. This may not be a surprising conclusion, but at least we now have data to support it, and although there are few discernible trends, there have certainly been ups and downs in most species.

The data from Appendix 1 can also be represented as bar charts and four examples are shown below. Caution is needed in interpreting such data, but **Greenfinch** seems to be recovering from a 2018–20 low, **Sparrowhawk** and **Treecreeper** were recorded in the highest number of squares since the survey began, whereas for **Wren** the number of squares in January has been consistently lower in 2018–21 than in 2015–17. A spreadsheet showing the charts for all species is available on request.

The following submitted square visit records in January 2021: *Mick Bramich, Jo Brooks, John & Sylvia Caddick, Julia & Michael Cady, Mary Davies, John Day, Phil Dean, Mike Goss, Reg Hambly, Pete & Sylvia Hamilton, Helen Harvey, Paul Heatley, Mo Holder, Steve Hopper, Leonard Hurrell, Mike Ingram, Ginny Jones, Maggie King, Dave MacDiarmid, Keith Male, Dave & Kate Pakes, Gaynor & Adrian Platt, Peter Reay and Graham Royle*. Casual records were also received from: *Janet Bomback, Laurette Guest, Paul Hedges, John Luscombe and Gaynor Williams*. Thanks to all.



Appendix 1. South Brent Parish Bird Survey. The number of 1-km squares (total = 52, but only 49 surveyed in Jan 2014) in which each species has been recorded during January and May from 2014 to 2021

| JANUARY | | | | | | | | Month | MAY | | | | | | | |
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| 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | | YEAR | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| 33 | 30 | 26 | 29 | 22 | 23 | 11 | 24 | Number of observers | 39 | 27 | 25 | 18 | 23 | 10 | 14 | |
| | 172 | 165 | 159 | 150 | 176 | 125 | 180 | Number of square visits | 196 | 184 | 206 | 165 | 140 | 130 | 157 | |
| | | | 1931 | 1507 | 1829 | 1221 | 1867 | Number of records | 2608 | 2578 | 3072 | 2319 | 2077 | 1786 | 2224 | |
| 64 | 67 | 69 | 72 | 71 | 67 | 67 | 70 | NUMBER OF SPECIES | 81 | 82 | 78 | 85 | 79 | 77 | 82 | |
| | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Barn Owl | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | |
| | | | | | | | | Black Redstart | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 30 | 37 | 40 | 39 | 40 | 38 | 34 | 37 | Blackbird | 39 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 45 | 40 | 44 | |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | Blackcap | 36 | 31 | 35 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 33 | |
| 2 | 2 | | 1 | | | | 1 | Black-headed Gull | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 35 | 30 | 36 | 32 | 37 | 35 | 33 | Blue Tit | 32 | 32 | 36 | 30 | 27 | 37 | 33 | |
| | | | | 1 | | | | Brambling | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 12 | 10 | 7 | 12 | Bullfinch | 28 | 15 | 16 | 20 | 16 | 11 | 10 | |
| 23 | 31 | 26 | 35 | 30 | 32 | 19 | 33 | Buzzard | 33 | 36 | 40 | 31 | 32 | 23 | 31 | |
| | 2 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 2 | Canada Goose | 12 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 6 | |
| 35 | 46 | 50 | 47 | 47 | 46 | 44 | 46 | Carrion Crow | 48 | 46 | 52 | 46 | 49 | 51 | 47 | |
| 28 | 30 | 29 | 34 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 27 | Chaffinch | 42 | 42 | 44 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Chiffchaff | 33 | 31 | 33 | 34 | 28 | 28 | 36 | |
| 15 | 23 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 18 | 9 | 15 | Coal Tit | 15 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 13 | |
| 11 | 13 | 12 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 14 | Collared Dove | 18 | 12 | 22 | 17 | 20 | 20 | 21 | |
| | | 1 | | | 1 | | | Coot | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 2 | | 1 | Cormorant | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | | Cuckoo | 14 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 18 | 16 | 22 | |
| 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 5 | Dipper | 6 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 7 | |
| 15 | 27 | 27 | 33 | 23 | 19 | 22 | 27 | Dunnock | 34 | 33 | 35 | 33 | 27 | 29 | 33 | |
| 6 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 16 | Fieldfare | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | Firecrest | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 17 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 15 | G. S. Woodpecker | 20 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 14 | |
| | | | | | | | | Garden Warbler | 7 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 12 | |
| 12 | 12 | 18 | 19 | 18 | 8 | 15 | 14 | Goldcrest | 9 | 6 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 4 | |
| 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Golden Plover | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 15 | Goldfinch | 24 | 22 | 29 | 31 | 31 | 34 | 34 | |
| 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 | Goosander | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | G'hopper Warbler | 1 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | | 1 | | G. Black-backed Gull | 3 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 9 | |
| | | | | | | | | Great Crested Grebe | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 24 | 35 | 27 | 34 | 33 | 30 | 31 | 32 | Great Tit | 30 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 31 | 30 | 27 | |
| 5 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 10 | Green Woodpecker | 13 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 16 | |

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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | YEAR | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| 7 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 8 | Greenfinch | 14 | 12 | 22 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 13 | |
| 6 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 6 | Grey Heron | 8 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 6 | |
| 5 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 7 | Grey Wagtail | 11 | 13 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 12 | |
| | | | | | | | | Harrier species | | | | 2 | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | | | | Hawfinch | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 29 | 25 | 26 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 29 | Herring Gull | 28 | 29 | 30 | 28 | 22 | 16 | 32 | |
| | | | | | | | | Hobby | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | | House Martin | 16 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 12 | 10 | 17 | |
| 14 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 22 | House Sparrow | 26 | 25 | 29 | 24 | 22 | 27 | 24 | |
| | | | | | | 1 | 1 | Italian Sparrow | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 19 | 28 | 32 | 31 | 28 | 32 | 25 | 28 | Jackdaw | 29 | 33 | 34 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 34 | |
| 15 | 14 | 17 | 24 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 20 | Jay | 22 | 18 | 19 | 11 | 16 | 13 | 13 | |
| 5 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | Kestrel | 4 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 10 | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | Kingfisher | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | Lady Am. Pheasant | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Lammergeier | | | 3 | | | | | |
| | | | 1 | | | | 1 | Lapwing | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | | 1 | L. Black-backed Gull | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Lesser Redpoll | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | |
| | | | 1 | | | 1 | | Linnet | 13 | 15 | 21 | 21 | 16 | 15 | 11 | |
| | | | | | | | | Little Egret | | 2 | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | | | | 2 | 1 | Little Grebe | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | |
| 1 | | | | | 1 | | | Little Owl | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| 13 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 19 | Long-tailed Tit | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 11 | |
| 27 | 36 | 36 | 38 | 30 | 35 | 27 | 33 | Magpie | 34 | 34 | 40 | 37 | 31 | 31 | 32 | |
| 9 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | Mallard | 17 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 9 | 12 | 13 | |
| | | | | | | | | Marsh Harrier | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 6 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 | Marsh Tit | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | |
| 4 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 16 | Meadow Pipit | 24 | 20 | 26 | 23 | 25 | 19 | 25 | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | Merlin | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 13 | 19 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 12 | 9 | 20 | Mistle Thrush | 16 | 14 | 29 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 16 | |
| 3 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 | Moorhen | 4 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 2 | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Mute Swan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| | | | | | | | | Nightjar | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 15 | 22 | 20 | 13 | 14 | 19 | 11 | 13 | Nuthatch | 14 | 12 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 9 | |
| 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Peregrine | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | |
| 10 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 3 | 7 | Pheasant | 22 | 27 | 31 | 26 | 33 | 23 | 19 | |
| | | | | | | | | Pied Flycatcher | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| 9 | 20 | 14 | 19 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 15 | Pied/White Wagtail | 14 | 15 | 26 | 23 | 14 | 14 | 17 | |
| | | 1 | 1 | | | | | Pintail | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 25 | 22 | 19 | 24 | 28 | 19 | 19 | Raven | 18 | 16 | 21 | 22 | 14 | 19 | 15 | |
| | | | | | | | | Red Kite | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | Red- Legged Partridge | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Redstart | 1 | 5 | | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6 | |
| 22 | 29 | 19 | 29 | 32 | 25 | 19 | 30 | Redwing | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | Reed Bunting | 9 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 9 | |
| | 3 | | | | | | | Ring Ouzel | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 38 | 37 | 40 | 38 | 38 | 37 | 42 | Robin | 41 | 43 | 44 | 43 | 42 | 39 | 43 | |
| 12 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 19 | Rook | 22 | 15 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 12 | |
| | | | | | | | | Sand Martin | 1 | 2 | | | | | | |

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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | YEAR | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| | | | | | | | | Sedge Warbler | | | | | | | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | Shelduck | | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | 1 | 1 | | | | Short-eared Owl | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | Siskin | 4 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | |
| 1 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Skylark | 32 | 30 | 36 | 37 | 31 | 34 | 36 | |
| 3 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 5 | Snipe | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| 17 | 15 | 21 | 16 | 23 | 27 | 23 | 20 | Song Thrush | 33 | 25 | 29 | 32 | 33 | 35 | 31 | |
| 7 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 14 | Sparrowhawk | 13 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 8 | |
| | | | | | | | | Spotted Flycatcher | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | |
| 18 | 26 | 12 | 25 | 26 | 22 | 11 | 12 | Starling | 12 | 8 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 12 | |
| 3 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 8 | Stock Dove | 16 | 12 | 19 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 15 | |
| - | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 10 | Stonechat | 9 | 18 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 20 | 23 | |
| | | | | | | | | Swallow | 38 | 42 | 46 | 43 | 37 | 31 | 36 | |
| | | | | | | | | Swift | 13 | 12 | 16 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 11 | |
| 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 8 | Tawny Owl | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 | |
| | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | Teal | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Tree Pipit | 7 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 | |
| 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 9 | Treecreeper | 7 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | 1 | | Tufted Duck | | | 2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Wheatear | 13 | 17 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 9 | |
| | | | | | | | | Whinchat | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | | White-fronted Goose | | | | | | | 1 | |
| | | | | | | | | Whitethroat | 13 | 10 | 13 | 18 | 13 | 18 | 12 | |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | Wigeon | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Willow Warbler | 20 | 20 | 22 | 27 | 24 | 24 | 24 | |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 6 | Woodcock | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 33 | 33 | 30 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 31 | Woodpigeon | 35 | 38 | 39 | 37 | 39 | 39 | 41 | |
| 19 | 34 | 36 | 35 | 24 | 26 | 23 | 26 | Wren | 41 | 44 | 48 | 46 | 45 | 47 | 49 | |
| | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | Yellowhammer | 13 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 13 | 18 | |