

Discover: Pensthorpe's birdlife

Pensthorpe offers wildlife a wide diversity of habitats from lakes, ponds and rivers to woodlands, farmland and wildflower meadows. Whilst the species you can see here varies by season, there is always a good mix of birds on the reserve. All the birds which have been recorded on the reserve are listed below.

You don't need to go far to spot some of the wild birds that visit the park and reserve. The viewing lake attracts various species which come to feed on the wheat, pellets and seed we put out for the ornamental wildfowl.

This attracts Jackdaws, Rooks, Mallard Ducks, Coots, Moorhens, Black-headed and Herring Gulls and even wild Mandarin Ducks. If you want to see more you'll need to take a stroll around the reserve and visit some of our hides – use this checklist to see how many you can spot.

Key: A = All Year; S = Spring/Summer; W = Winter; P = Passage; O = Occasional visitor; U = Uncommon; RARE = very rarely recorded



Coot

Species	Status	Seen	Species	Status	Seen	Species	Status	Seen	Species	Status	Seen
Mute Swan	A		Marsh Harrier	A		Yellow-legged Gull	RARE		Grasshopper Warbler	S	
Bewick's Swan	W/U		Hen Harrier	RARE		Great Black-backed Gull	A		Sedge Warbler	S	
Whooper Swan	W/U		Goshawk	RARE		Black Tern	P/U		Reed Warbler	S	
Pink-footed Goose	W		Sparrowhawk	A		Sandwich Tern	O		Great Reed Warbler	RARE	
White-fronted Goose	W/U		Buzzard	A		Common Tern	S		Waxwing	RARE	
Greylag Goose	A		Rough-legged Buzzard	W/U		Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	A		Nuthatch	A	
Canada Goose	S		Osprey	S/U		Stock Dove	A		Treecreeper	A	
Barnacle Goose	S		Kestrel	A		Woodpigeon	A		Wren	A	
Brent Goose	W/U		Hobby	S		Collared Dove	A		Starling	A	
Egyptian Goose	A		Peregrine	O		Turtle Dove	S/U		Ring Ouzel	RARE	
Ruddy Shelduck	RARE		Water Rail	A		Cuckoo	S		Blackbird	A	
Shelduck	S		Moorhen	A		Barn Owl	A		Fieldfare	W	
Mandarin Duck	A		Coot	A		Little Owl	A		Song Thrush	A	
Wigeon	W		Crane	O		Tawny Owl	A		Redwing	W	
Gadwall	A		Oystercatcher	S		Short-eared Owl	RARE		Mistle Thrush	A	
Teal	W		Avocet	S		Swift	S		Spotted Flycatcher	S	
Mallard	A		Little Ringed Plover	S		Kingfisher	A		Robin	A	
Pintail	W		Ringed Plover	O		Green Woodpecker	A		Red-flanked Bluetail	RARE	
Garganey	S/U		Golden Plover	U		Great Spotted Woodpecker	A		Stonechat	U	
Shoveler	A		Lapwing	S		Magpie	A		Wheatear	P	
Red-crested Pochard	RARE		Knot	R		Jay	A		Dunnock	A	
Pochard	A		Ruff	P		Jackdaw	A		House Sparrow	A	
Ferruginous Duck	RARE		Sanderling	RARE		Rook	A		Yellow Wagtail	S/U	
Tufted Duck	A		Dunlin	O		Carrion Crow	A		Grey Wagtail	A	
Goldeneye	W		Jack Snipe	W/U		Raven	A		Pied Wagtail	A	
Smew	RARE		Snipe	W		Goldcrest	A		Meadow Pipit	A	
Red-breasted Merganser	U		Woodcock	W		Firecrest	RARE		Water Pipit	RARE	
Goosander	W/U		Black-tailed Godwit	P		Blue Tit	A		Chaffinch	A	
Ruddy Duck	RARE		Bar-tailed Godwit	O		Great Tit	A		Brambling	W	
Red-legged Partridge	A		Whimbrel	P/U		Coal Tit	A		Greenfinch	A	
Grey Partridge	A		Curlew	U		Marsh Tit	A		Goldfinch	A	
Pheasant	A		Common Sandpiper	P		Bearded Tit	U		Siskin	W	
Cormorant	A		Green Sandpiper	P		Skylark	S		Linnet	A	
Bittern	W		Greenshank	P		Sand Martin	P		Lesser Redpoll	W	
Cattle Egret	U		Wood Sandpiper	P/U		Swallow	S		Mealy Redpoll	RARE	
Little Egret	A		Redshank	P		House Martin	S		Bullfinch	A	
Great White Egret	U		Turnstone	U		Cetti's Warbler	A		Yellowhammer	A	
Grey Heron	A		Kittiwake	RARE		Long-tailed Tit	A		Reed Bunting	A	
White Stork	RARE		Black-headed Gull	A		Chiffchaff	A		Additional Species		
Spoonbill	RARE		Little Gull	U		Willow Warbler	S				
Little Grebe	A		Mediterranean Gull	S		Blackcap	S				
Great Crested Grebe	A		Common Gull	W		Garden Warbler	S				
Honey-buzzard	RARE		Lesser Black-backed Gull	A		Lesser Whitethroat	S				
Red Kite	A		Herring Gull	A		Whitethroat	S				