

- This was the 12<sup>th</sup> Bugbrooke Birdwatch and 52 people took part, all from the village. Last year there were 48 people who participated.
- 38 different species were seen (33 last year).
- The range of birds species seen in each garden was 1-19 (last year 0-20) and the average was 9.25 (last year 9.0).
- As can be seen in the graph of bird numbers since 2009, the starling seems to be seeing a decline since its amazing recovery in 2019, the year after the cold winter of 2018.
- Most species have returned to the pre 2018 numbers, except House Sparrows and to a lesser extent, Collared Doves.
- Wood pigeons are still increasing at a fast rate.
- The top tens changed a little. The top ten for the occurrence of species in gardens did not have any new-comers but the 10 were rearranged as happened with the top ten in the numbers of any one species.
- As there is such a variation in numbers of birds seen in various gardens around the village, I have asked people who had more than 13 species in their gardens, (and for whom I had contact details), to fill in a short survey about their gardens and how they cater for their bird visitors. The results will form the basis of my article in the April edition of LINK.
- If you would like to look at the results online, go to [www.bugbrookelink.co.uk](http://www.bugbrookelink.co.uk)