

Bugbrooke Birdwatch 2024.

- This was the 15th Bugbrooke Birdwatch and 35 people took part, all from the village. Last year there were 40 people who participated. This is the lowest turnout since I began in 2010.
- 34 different species were seen (39 last year).
- The range of birds species seen in each garden was 3-20 (last year 3-21) and the average was 9.4 (last year 10.6).
- As can be seen in the graph of bird numbers since 2010, the numbers are generally steady, albeit from a small sample as represented by the Birdwatch. House Sparrows have increased after a slight decline last year. Woodpigeons are on the increase but Starling are declining again. Last year there were murmurations seen in the village and only one has been mentioned this year. However, large ones have been recorded around Crick.
- The total numbers of birds table is rather distorted because Fieldfares appear in the top ten for numbers, for the first time ever. This was because a single flock was seen on the day of the Birdwatch. Last year, there were no sightings at all.

On a personal note, I have decided that this Birdwatch will be my last. Thanks go to all of you who have joined in, some of whom have done so every year since we started. I have not lost my interest in Bugbrooke wildlife in general, but its birds have always been a particular favourite. I shall continue to do the annual RSPB Big Birdwatch and I encourage you to do it too. I have enjoyed meeting you and hearing your experiences and doubtlessly I shall miss you. Keep supporting our wildlife. They need help more than ever!

This year's results are given below.



