

## 2016 Sightings

Winter (2016/17) Sightings

### **12th February 2017 (Rob Burke)**

Earls Barton Northamptonshire

Back garden of our home in Earls Barton Northamptonshire around 12.30pm.

### **12th February 2017 (Colin Thacker)**

Ryarsh, West Malling, Kent

Saw what I first thought were a pair of starlings in our garden this morning but then noticed the white chest/neck plumage so looked it up on the RSPB website - not heard of Ring Ouzel before but definitely a match !

### **28th January 2017 (Kevin Merry)**

Brackley, Northants

Sighting of one ring ouzel in play area. Location is Brackley Northants. The play area is located near open farm land on the edge of our small town .Only ever seen this type of bird before about 30 years ago .

### **28th January 2017 (Lawrence King)**

Totton, Hants

Female feeding in garden today 28th Jan 2017. Totton, Hants. SO40 3NX. Definitely a Ring Ouzel - Was feeding amicably near a male and female blackbird pair.

### **27th January 2017 (Stuart Charles Christophers)**

Bovey Tracey Devon

Sighted on tree adjacent to River Bovey on the outskirts of Bovey Tracey Devon.

Came home from my walk and researched. I didn't believe it was a Blackbird when I was observing it.

### **24th January 2017 (Ron Thomas)**

Merthyr Tydfil

Female bird seen on fence in rear garden in Treharris, Merthyr Tydfil 930am Tuesday 24/1/17

### **22nd January 2017 (Mr Bailey)**

Todbrock reservoir, Derbyshire

Todbrock reservoir high Peak Derbyshire. Sunday 22nd January.

### **7th January 2017 (Nick Tasker)**

St David's Head, Pembrokeshire

Ring ouzel or leucistic blackbird? Spotted flitting from scrubby undergrowth next to sea cliffs and briefly perching on a fence at St David's Head, Pembrokeshire. It initially looked like a blackbird, but then we (two of us) saw a whitish breast patch. We didn't see any (other) blackbirds on our walk. What do you think? Is an overwintering ring ouzel likely in such an environment?

### **28th December 2016 (Finoa Leask)**

Coldingham, Scotland

Spotted yesterday (28/12/2016) in a garden in the village of Coldingham, Scotland.

**24th December 2016 (Martin Waters)**

Eggesford, Devon

11am Saturday 24th December at Eggesford Garden Centre, Eggesford, Devon.

One female Ring Ouzel spotted on ground, in old orchard, on approach road to the garden centre.

**18th December 2016 (David Miller)**

Sevenoaks, Kent

I am a keen birder and have been for many Years. On the 17th December I was driving through Countryside near Sevenoaks and I believe I saw a Ring Ouzel fly across the road in front of me. Had this been two months ago there would not have been any doubt in my mind. Has there been any sightings as late in the year.

**15th Dec 2016 (Scott Rice)**

Hassop, Derbyshire

SK23550 72217

15th Dec 2016 13:40pm. Solitary bird in hedge bottom at side of road

**2nd December 2016 (Jane Pugh)**

West Linton, Scottish Borders

Seen 2 of these down by my local river in West Linton in the Scottish Borders. Today 2/12/2016 they caught my eye as I'd never seen one before and looked it up when I got home.

**28th November 2016 (Michael Bantine)**

Stoke Newington, Hackney

On 28 November 2016, near Brooke Road, Stoke Newington, Hackney, saw 1 [not sure if male or female], ouzel in a housing estate garden. Stayed for 10 mins then flew off. Could not get photo as zoom not working properly.

**28th November 2016 (MICHAEL BANTINE)**

Stoke Newington, London

On 28 November, just off Brooke Road, Stoke Newington, London, spotted a single [not sure if it was male or female] ouzel in an housing estate garden. Tried to take a photo but my camera phone is rubbish and there was a paranoid girl who thought i was spying on her for some reason. It stayed there for about 10 mins before flying off.

**16th November 2016 (Paul Stirling)**

Coulsdon, Surrey

Presumably the same individual - seen on two separate occasions over a 2 or three day period - in suburban garden in Coulsdon, Surrey, CR5 3JH. Viewed from indoors only so unable to hear distinctive call - but observed through binoculars and identification 99.9% certain..... dates 14th and 16th November 2016. Regret do not know the grid reference.

**Autumn Migration****28th October 2016 (Ms Jilly Picken)**

Hackney Downs, London

Opposite Hackney Downs in London in Downs Park Road from my daughter's apartment sheltering in a huge yucca tree in the back garden. We had a clear view from her balcony doors to the tree close by.

**24th October 2016 (Anna Brown)**

Farnham, Surrey

Saw a pair of Ring Ouzels on October 24th in the gardens which backs onto MoD land in Farnham Surrey of woods and scrub land.

**23rd October 2016 (Dave Burges)**

Black Down, West Sussex

All sightings by Dave Burges unless otherwise stated.

2/10/16 2-3

7/10/16 16+

8/10/16 40+ (Paul Matson)

9/10/16 30+ (Robert King)

9/10/16 59 (Jan Wilczur & S Woolfenden)

12/10/16 Up to 4 (sunset)

13/10/16 1+ (sunset)

14/10/16 1+ (sunset)

15/10/16 12+

16/10/16 8+

22/10/16 Up to 3

23/10/16 1

**20th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

A single bird still calling and seen briefly in the Adler Buckthorn tree by the pond. TQ424308 The Old Airstrip Ashdown Forest East Sussex

**19th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

One calling and showed briefly in berrie tree by pool at the Old Airstrip, Ashdown Forest, East Sussex. TQ423305

**18th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

Male feeding in Rowan at the Old Airstrip mid afternoon TQ423328

**16th October 2016 (Peter Whitcomb)**

Various locations in Sussex

Summary of sightings between 6th and 14th October.

14 Oct 2016 - flock 22 east at Hollingbury Hillfort (Wild Park LNR) Brighton TQ322078

15 Oct 2016 - 3 on Hollingbury Hillfort as above

12 Oct 2016 - 3 over Wild Park LNR TQ3207

If any help these copied from Sussex Ornithological website - take care for duplications:

9 Oct 2016 - 59 Black Down SU916300

9 Oct 2016 - 10 Saddlecombe TQ272123

8 Oct 2016 - 25 Hasting Country Park, Warren Glen, East Sussex

8 Oct 2016 - 31 Fairlight, East Sussex

8 Oct 2016 - 100+ Beachy Head area

8 Oct 2016 - 11 Crowlink TV5497

8 Oct 2016 - 26 Seaford Head, East Sussex

8 Oct 2016 - 8 Mill Hill, Shoreham TQ2107

7 Oct 2016 - 12 Old Lodge reserve, Ashdown Forest TQ4631

7 Oct 2016 - 6 Pett Level, East Sussex  
6 Oct 2016 - 5 Thundersbarrow Hill TQ233090  
6 Oct 2016 - 6 Cissbury Ring, West Sussex

**16th October 2016 (Paolo Oprandi)**

Sheepcote valley, Brighton  
There have been 10 for over a week at Sheepcote Valley near Brighton. Still there yesterday

**16th October 2016 (Claire Bacon)**

Lewes, East Sussex  
Single female seen eating berries on Mount Caburn near Lewes in Sussex

**14th October 2016 (Dave Warner)**

Langstone Harbour, Portsmouth  
1 Bird, Male Day: 15/10/2016 Time: 10.15am Location: Milton Common, off Langstone Harbour, Portsmouth Grid Ref:SU673000 Weather: Good visibility, blue skies with some high cloud, temps: 16 degrees C.  
The bird was seen with blackbird initially and later on own. Distinctive call of 'chack' 'chack' heard then seen.

**14th October 2016 (Janet Wilkes)**

Dungeness Bird Observatory Kent.  
"Good morning for vis migration but not much in the way of grounded migrant other than 40 Ring Ouzels along with 30 Song Thrushes"  
quote for the warden's daily report

**14th October 2016 (Graham Addy)**

Aldbrough, East Yorkshire  
A male bird came in the garden several times for water.....have pictures

**14th October 2016 (Adrian Drummond-Hill)**

Harwood, Bolton  
One bird in my back garden 14th October 2016. Record photo on Flickr at this link. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ajdhill/30316035395/in/dateposted/>  
Location of my house is Harwood, Bolton. 53deg 36'00.32N 2deg 22'55.59W

**13th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex  
3 Adult males, 2 juveniles & single Adult female feeding on Rowan berries at Old Lodge NR Ashdown Forest East Sussex (13/10/16)

**13th October 2016 (Sam Smith via Janet Wilkes)**

East Sussex-Rye Harbour Nature Reserve-Castle Water area  
85 Ring Ouzels in 2 Flocks seen by Sam Smith Asst Warden at the Reserve early a.m.

**11th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex  
3 Adult Males and 3 Juveniles feeding on Rowan berries again at 16:00, TQ462305 Old Lodge NR, Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

**10th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

Just 2 Adult males present this morning feeding on Rowen berries, Old Lodge NR, Ashdown, East Sussex TQ466306

**9th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

20+ Ring Ouzels mostly Adult Males and Juveniles feeding on Rowen Berries at Old Lodge NR, Ashdown Forest, East Sussex.

**9th October 2016 (Inga Chapman)**

Hastings Country Park

Today at dusk 09/10/16 between 1830 and 1900. Not enough light to take a photo. Plumage fairly dark, speckled with lighter edge to wing. No doubt about it being a Ring Ouzel.

Seen In my garden TN354EJ about 1-2 miles from Hastings Country Park where other Ring Ouzels were seen this morning. (info found on internet)

On ground feeding in short rough grass we call a lawn. Two Blackbirds were about 5 metres away, also feeding.

**9th October 2016 (Sonia Stubbs)**

Dover, Kent

Received a phone call from my mother, we both live in River (Dover outskirts) Kent, the CT17 area. Mum wanted me to pop round and identify a bird which had very regrettably flown into her patio window and perished. I called round today and can confirm that the bird is a female Ring Ouzel. The weather conditions in the Dover area yesterday varied from heavy showers to fine drizzle and finer dry spells. It was cool but not cold and there was no breeze. The afternoon conditions when the Ouzel struck the window were relatively fine. Mum will bury the poor thing in the garden tomorrow. Neither of us has seen a Ring Ouzel in this area before. Kind Regards, Sonia

**8th October 2016 (Matt Eade via Janet Wilkes)**

East Sussex. South Downs Bottoms

A count of 101 Ouzels seen between Seaford Head and Beachy Head.

At Francis Bottom 69 Ouzels feeding on berries at ground level.

Bottoms are narrow shrubby dense valleys on the South Downs, often very close to the sea and these provide safe refuelling stops for Ouzels.

**8th October 2016 (Simon Van Hear)**

Carn Galver, Penwith, Cornwall

5 Ring Ouzels together. SW4236

09/10/16 1130hrs

**8th October 2016 (Robert Carrell)**

Langstone Harbour, Hampshire

One Ring Ouzel. North of Langstone Harbour, Hampshire, feeding in a hawthorn tree.

**8th October 2016 (Peter Whitcomb)**

Wild Park LNR, Brighton

Local sightings recently from Wild Park LNR, Brighton TQ3207:

5 Oct - flock of 6 heading east over hillfort

7 Oct - 2 low over hillfort

8 Oct - 11 in 2 flocks east, plus 3 in hawthorns with other thrushes

Also my son's sightings from Sheepecote Valley, Brighton TQ3405:

7 Oct - at least 20 mostly fly-overs

### **7th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

At 15:00pm 5 Adult and 4 Juvenile Ring Ouzels at Old Lodge NR, Ashdown Forest East Sussex, TQ466310. The birds were feeding on berries on a Rowen tree. A tenth bird flew out a yew tree near by on the top path.

### **6th October 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

Seven Ring Ouzels seen at Old Lodge NR, Ashdown Forest around 15:30pm.

### **5th October 2016 (Janet Wilkes)**

West Sussex. Cissbury Ring.

Migrating Ouzels arrived here on 5th October. A least 9 Ouzels seen at various location points around the ring today. Including Flyovers 2 Male and 2 Female. 1 female perched up on an outer branch of the famous 2nd Yew Tree which it now fenced around. Another female perched close by on bushy foilage. Another Male landed on a shrubby bush. 2 Ouzels seen by Alan Wilkes between first and second Yew Trees 1x female and 1 x Juv. Also an Ouzel chacking loudly and flew across the track into berries on way back to Nepcote Car Park. A most successful and enjoyable day with several other birders at the Ring.

### **2nd October 2016 (Darren Spragg)**

Home Park, Surrey

Two Ring Ouzels seen in Home Park, Surrey. Birds heard calling in tree, good sighting of 1 bird, then both birds flew.

### **1st October 2016 (Cheri Vincent)**

Axbridge, Somerset

First week of October 2016, taking a long drink from birdbath in the garden of Mendip Close, Axbridge, Somerset.

Axbridge is on the south side of the Mendip Hills.

I did take several photos and would like someone to take a look at them and confirm whether or not it is a Ring ouzel.

### **1st October 2016 (Rob Lightfoot)**

Lagganbeg, Glen Scammadale

Young male feeding on berries in our garden at 1045 on 1st October 2016. Location is Lagganbeg, Glen Scammadale (south of OBAN, Argyll).

This date may make the bird a UK bred male or a passage migrant. I am a ringer, too (FC4491).

### **12th September 2016 (John & Doreen Cooper and Nick Pope)**

East Sussex-Beachy Head

Ring Ouzel feeding on Hawthorn Berries in the old trapping area. This is 5 days earlier than the 10 year average of 17th September for recording the first migrant ouzel.

## **Spring/Summer Breeding**

### **August 2016 (Marie Trueman)**

Mainland Greece

Saw an article in the RSPB magazine about ring ouzels. We have lived for half the year, for past 13 years, on the south west tip of mainland Greece high up but overlooking sea. One male turned up on our neighbours roof on 16.10.2013 we had had a storm with strong winds and been blown off course as not known there. Only seen one before many years ago in north Norfolk. We are on migratory route for other birds as next stop is Libya. Our tiny village is called Finiki near Methoni. Hope this info is of help to you for European range area

**11th August 2016 (Griffith John Fellows)**

Swaledale, North Yorkshire

On 11th August a male and a female ring ouzel came into my garden and stayed for about half an hour. They visited again briefly a couple of days later. I've lived at this address for 9 years and it's the first time this has happened. I live at Angram at about 1200feet elevation towards the top end of Swaledale. I would be happy to supply photos of the birds taken through my lounge window.

**1st August 2016 (Lyndsay Robertson)**

Balquhidder, Stirlingshire

Saw one Ring Ouzel on Munro called Beinn a Chroin at Inverlochlarig near Balquhidder, Stirlingshire on 01/08/2016.

**July 2016 (Roger Silvester)**

Lingfield, Surrey

I live in Lingfield, Surrey, 51 deg 10 min north, 0 deg 1 min west. About 3 or 4 weeks ago I saw what I thought was a tatty looking blackbird pecking at my lawn. When it looked up I saw the white gorget and realised that it was a male ring ouzel. The next day I saw a female with a smaller gorget picking up a piece of grass. I have seen both over the last few weeks, never together, always scurrying nervously from bush to bush. They never stay long enough for me to grab a camera and they usually fly off in a northwesterly direction. I have no idea where they have set up home.

**21st July 2016 (Huw Heywood)**

River (Afon) Croesor, North Wales

Ring Ouzel spotted on the banks of the River (Afon) Croesor last week either Thursday or Friday 21st or 22nd July 2016. Single bird.

**20th July 2016 (Geoffrey Leonard Care)**

Higham, Kent

At Gads Hill Place, Higham, Kent at about 4pm 20 July 2016. It is on a hill but nevertheless is a very remarkable sighting in this part of the U.K. Viewed at 8-10m distance, feeding on the lawn at the back of the old house.

At first sight I thought it was a female blackbird with a white patch on the shoulder/neck but then saw it had a symmetrical white collar. The tail and beak were subtly different from blackbird.

Long ago I was a member of the RSPB and keep up a casual bird watching interest. Two others in my party saw it & concluded it wasn't a blackbird but were unable to suggest an alternative.

**5th July 2016 (John Wheeler)**

PYG track on Snowdon

Male Ring Ouzel very near the PYG track on Snowdon but we saw it from above coming off a traversing path from half way along Crib Goch. Looking for food under a rock, gave one call.

**3rd July 2016 (Patricia Fiddler)**

River Rhiew, Wales

The arches moat farm marathon

**1st July 2016 (Sheridan Stock)**

Edale, Derbyshire

On the 1 July 2016 I spotted a Ringed Ouzel flying at Fox Holes on Grinde Brook Edale. It then sat on the rocks close to the boulder slope that leads up towards Kinder.

**21st June 2016 (Peter Pearson)**

Kinder reservoir

Time; 2pm; Weather; Sunny with intermittent cloud; Location; Kinder reservoir where the wooden bridge is located at source to reservoir. follow the stream up to the waterfall

with large boulder ( approx 500 yards ). if you face the boulder looking upstream. Turn to your left and there is a fern patch on opposite bank. Both birds were sighted in the fern patch. very clearly distinguished with white on throat and yellow beak. Both flew overhead after 2 mins. then headed in a circle back up the into the fern patch. After walking for 2 hours, returned and they were visible within 10 yards of first sighting.

**June 2016 (Alistair Crowle)**

North Pennines

A pair of Ring Ouzels nesting in a barn in the North Pennines. First brood - 2 young fledged. Second brood - 5 young fledged! [See photos](#)

**20th June 2016 (Steve Cassia)**

Wilington, South Derbyshire

Spotted an unusual bird perched on top of next doors leylandi. Black bird but had white ruff around neck. Checked through binoculars and bird book. Definitely a ringed Ouzel. Flew off after a couple of minutes. I live in Wilington, South Derbyshire.

**16th June 2016 (Dianne Barnes)**

Wasdale, Lake District

Afternoon. Male ring ouzel sighted on the descent path from Scafell Pike, on Brown Tongue, near to Lingmell Gill.

**16th June 2016 (C Constance)**

Birkscairn Hill, Peebles

Descending from Birkscairn Hill, a black bird flew across the path with a white panel covering its neck. It returned in the opposite direction in song with a younger bird. OS Peebles, Explorer Map 337, NT335265

**16th June 2016 (T Pickard)**

White Edge, Derbyshire

Ring Ouzal seen on White Edge, Peak district, Derbyshire, tonight 16/6/16 @ 7pm

**13th June 2016 (Carol)**

Coelbren, Neath

Seen 9.15 am on my bird table eating soaked insects I live in Coelbren Neath SA109NY I was very surprised to see this visitor had to look up what it was as I live on Brecon Beacons and behind us is open land and Mountains it is a good habitat for them

**11th June 2016 (Matt Stanton)**

Kidderminster, Worcestershire

Seen not far from the centre of Kidderminster, Worcestershire. Seen from building perched in tree about 15 ft away so am absolutely certain.

**10th June 2016 (Karen Hall)**

Exmoor, Somerset

Bossington Hill, near the car park area at the end of Hill Road, Selworthy, Exmoor, Somerset.

**10th June 2016 (Mrs Lorna Lomas)**

Bonsall Moor, Derbyshire

SK261577. Female ring ouzel with wheatears. 8.10am.

**10th June 2016 (Peter Nicholls)**

Flax Bourton - 5 miles south of Bristol.



Seen a male Ring Ouzel at the end of a long lawn just under a field hedge. 7.45pm on a warm evening and still conditions. After hopping about it was disturbed by some horses passing up the adjoining lane.

**9th June 2016 (Iain Wilson)**

Inchnadamph, Sutherland  
NC261178. Pair feeding

**9th June 2016 (John O'Connell-Davidson)**

Snowdon National Park

I am a member of the Dartmoor Ring Ouzel Study and while walking in Snowdon National Park in early June I observed the following Ring Ouzels.

- Male observed singing 4 June 11:30 @ SH 69051 58303 - 605 metres
- Male observed singing 4 June 17:00 @ SH 62147 57947 - 416 metres
- 2 possibly 3 birds calling/singing birds in the mist 7 June 13:20 @ SH 66055 46125 - 420 metres

The grid references were taken from my Garmin Oregon

**6th June 2016 (Ian Bollen)**

Burbage Rocks (Derbyshire peak district)

6 birds, 3 in rocks, 3 feeding on caterpillars in grass/bracken. 1 of the latter had almost white head - unsure if this is newly fledged bird or partial melanotrope ?? Plenty of pictures available !

**5th June 2016 (A.C.Taylor)**

Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire

On a grass verge outside Morrisons in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, Sunday June 5 10am.

**4th June 2016 (Helen Stevens)**

Refuge Bastan, Haute-Pyrenees

1,351 metres above sea- level. Lat. 42.8531 Long 0.20978. Male, perched on singing post, 10 metres from the refuge. In full song. Flew off, then returned to same tree. Refuge just on tree line.

Not at all shy, 10 people milling around after the mountain climb - approx. 6.00 p.m. No sighting in the early morning.

**2nd June 2016 (Mrs Lorna Lomas)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

SK244842 approx. Female ring ouzel feeding on edge.

**31st May 2016 (Tom Bailey)**

Grasmere Common, Lake District

Female Ring Ouzel seen on rocky outcrop between Pike of Carrs and Gibson Knott above Grasmere Common in the Lake District.

**29th May 2016 (Jenny Bramwell)**

South Manchester

Single female ouzel in a pear tree in my garden, inspecting for insects. Stayed 10 minutes. South Manchester, in a suburban but quiet area, 30m from the back of the house. Weather sunny and warm.

I have never seen an ouzel before, but I recognized it immediately and confirmed it. We have many local blackbird families - this was definitely an ouzel. As Snowdonia's ouzels are thriving, I wonder if they are spreading - we're 100 miles east of Snowdon, as the ouzel flies. We enjoy a microclimate with above-average warmth and wind protection.

A special treat for my daughter's birthday today! I'm expecting a partridge in that pear tree for Christmas.

**28th May 2016 (Tony Jackson)**

Cox Tor, Dartmoor

The Ring Ouzel was sighted whilst I was walking my dog on the west side of Cox Tor Dartmoor on the morning of Saturday 28 May. Its white bib clearly visible. It flew off down the slope of the Tor as I approached

**24th May 2016 (David Bradley)**

Lake District

On Haystacks. Close ups of a foraging male for some time. Close to the public footpath as one heads towards the top from the Southeast.

**23rd May 2016 (David Bradley)**

Buttermere, Lake District

Saw a male in a gully on High Snockrigg. The gully is high up, to the right off the public footpath as one descends towards Buttermere.

**20th May 2016 (Sheelagh Halsey)**

Old Danebower Quarry, Derbyshire

A pair of ring ouzels were sighted on 20/05/16 in the old Danebower quarry in Derbyshire (fairly close to the Cat & Fiddle). Grid reference 53.230687, -1.977930.

**21st May 2016 (Peter Roberts)**

White Edge, Derbyshire

Breeding pair seen while walking on White Edge, Derbyshire. The female was collecting nesting material. 21/05/2016

**17th May 2016 (Graham Cole)**

Curbar Edge, Derbyshire

At Curbar Edge, Derbyshire, GRID REF SK262748 on Tuesday 17 May '16. I put a photo of it on flickr today.

**17th May 2016 (Emma Goodyer)**

Ben Ledi, near Callander

Female ring ouzel seen on slopes of Ben Ledi, near Callander. Heard 'chack chack' call, then had good close views of it flying past and up onto nearby rocky slope. Approx 650m altitude.

**16th May 2016 (Heather Braunholtz)**

Glen Coe, Scotland

Single adult heard then seen up in the Lost Valley (Coire Gabhail), Glen Coe. My first ever sighting - magic!

**15th May 2016 (Sarah Waring)**

Elsing, Norfolk

Just spotted a strange bird in our paddock, very black with a white chest. Looked in our RSPB bird book and discovered it was a Ring Ouzel. It stayed for about 1/2 hour, just feeding in the grass and having the occasional rest with its head and tail high. It then took off at great speed! Very pleased to have spotted it. We live between North Tuddenham and Elsing in mid Norfolk.

**10th May 2016 (Nicky Long)**

Wast Water, Lake District

A pair seen on slopes of Whin Rigg above Wast Water, grid square ref NY1402, 10/5/16 at approx. 10.30am

**10th May 2016 (Barrie Dowdeswell)**

Bollihope Moor, Co Durham

Male, seen at daybreak, perched high on dead tree - Bollihope Moor, Co Durham

**9th May 2016 (Bunty Macdonald)**

Carrbridge, Inverness

A bit later this year but never the less, our Ring ouzel returned last night, we knew by the noise he was making in the tree in the garden, I put some berries out for him this morning and here is a [photo](#) of him enjoying them.

**8th May 2016 (John Roberts)**

Carneddau, Wales

Pair sighted 08/05/16 in southern Carneddau at GR SH 695 632 above Ffynnon Llugwy reservoir

**7th May 2016 (Dr. Innes Sim)**

Great news - the **super-ouzel has returned for the 8th consecutive year!** On Friday, he was mate-guarding a colour-ringed female ringed in Glen Clunie in 2015, and they have a nest that I expect to find eggs in next week. We have also seen 2 males fitted with GPS tags in 2015 back holding breeding territories, and there may well be more tagged birds back because we have yet to check them all for colour-rings.

**7th May 2016 (Michael Sterling)**

Buttermere, Lake District

7 May 2016 at 10am. Two thirds of the way up Fleetwith Pike, from Gatesgarth Farm, Buttermere. Heard a pair calling. Then one flew by (showing white bib), High up on the fell, rocky area well away from the "path".

**6th May 2016 (John Hassall)**

Weybourne Norfolk

We spotted 4 birds (in pairs) on the heathland above Weybourne Norfolk and near the coast at nearby Salthouses.

**3rd May 2016 (Christina Gill)**

Ilfracombe, Devon

Ring ouzel foraging in field. Remained in area for some time. Location Ilfracombe, Devon. Ref SS 50825 46830. Photos available.

**2nd May 2016 (Sue Leyland)**

Hunmanby, Scarborough

TA 095781. First seen 19.00 hrs. There in evening, gone by morning.

**2nd May 2016 (Alun Lewis)**

Narberth Pembrokeshire

Single male on a bush at the Blackpool mill leat canaston bridge Narberth Pembrokeshire. I've got a short video clip taken on the phone

**2nd May 2016 (Paul Fieldhouse)**

Hunstanton Norfolk

Next to Old Hunstanton golf course

**1st May 2016 (Nicola Currie)**

Somersham Suffolk

Male. Derrick Hill between Offton and Somersham Suffolk. Grid Reference TM072498 Right Leg ring colours. Left Leg ring colours. Very distinctive call.

**1st May 2016 (Amyra Treffry)**

Totley Moor, Sheffield

20/04/16 two male ring ouzels, Totley Moor (photographed) thought I saw a female but not for long enough to photograph. Grid reference SK284799.

28/04/16: two males and one female. Near Totley rifle range. Grid ref: SK293798

1/05/16: photographed one male. Near Totley rifle range. Grid ref: SK293797

**1st May 2016 (Andrew Ward)**

Marsden West Yorkshire

I have never seen one before but definite sighting of a Ring Ouzel this morning 1st May 2016 ( later identified in our Birds of Britain and Europe book ) sat on a rock ( the bird not me ) on the higher reaches of the River Colne between Higher Hey and Eastergate near Marsden West Yorkshire . Sadly no camera . I could get into this twitching lark !

**Early arrivals****30th April 2016 (Dave Munn)**

Clee Hill, Shropshire

April 30th 2016- @12:30 pm Location Clee Hill, Shropshire Grid Ref SO 59140 77955. Photos if required for confirmation.

**30th April 2016 (Patricia Goff)**

Berwick upon tweed

I have never seen a ring ouzel before but at 6am today a male ring ouzel flew into the window. I put the bird in a box and after about an hour it flew off. I have photo if required. My postcode is TD15 2NF Berwick upon tweed

**29th April 2016 (Sarah Clough)**

Shenavall Bothy, Scottish Highlands

One female (I think, definitely ring ouzel anyway from neckband and call) possibly others around, yesterday afternoon (29/4/16) Shenavall bothy, NH066810.

**28th April 2016 (Ian Cottrell)**

Winchester, Hants

Old Winchester Hill Fort

**27th April 2016 (Mrs Lorna Lomas)**

Bonsall Moor, Derbyshire

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**27th April 2016 (Gerald Davies)**

Malvern Hills, Worcestershire

A number of individuals, possibly 6 including two rather vocal males. In small Valley on SE side of North Hill, Malvern Hills, Worcestershire. Between 11:00 and 12:30 Wednesday 27 April 2016.

**26th April 2016 (Chris Vincent)**

Whitby, North Yorkshire

10 am 26/4/16 at Stoupe cross caravan park Whitby, North Yorkshire. Feeding on ground between caravans close to field and within 200 yards of sea. Weather stormy with strong winds and blustery showers

**25th April 2016 (Julie Garlick)**

Fishguard, Pembrokeshire

Pair seen on coastal slopes near Fishguard, Pembrokeshire SM942 403

**24th April 2016 (Steve Austin)**

Knocking Hoe, Bedfordshire

Male and female Ring Ouzel at Knocking Hoe NNR Bedfordshire 24/04/2016 with three Wheatear.

**23rd April 2016 (Dr John Lander)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

At least 7 (seven) Ring Ouzels on Stanage Edge on Saturday 23 April. We were visiting from Cornwall and were thrilled to see five and then two more fly in to the vertical cliff just to the left of the path up from the plantation car park. A truly thrilling sight for us!

**23rd April 2016 (Jackie Carson)**

Loch Coire nan Crogachan, Scottish Highlands

On Sgurr Mhic Bharraigh above Loch Coire nan Crogachan at NG919168. Saturday 23rd April in morning. One bird, heard call then caught a flash as it flew off once disturbed.

**23rd April 2016 (Jeremy Holtom)**

Dunkery Beacon, Exmoor

Seen while walking the Cutcombe to Brockwell section of the Coleridge Way below Dunkery Beacon on Exmoor on Saturday 23rd April at 1400, we were lucky enough to see a flock of 20 + Ringed Ouzels at Dunkery Errish SS 910410 males and females feeding and moving short distances when disturbed by walkers. A number of witnesses present to confirm and some photos were taken.

**22nd April 2016 (Mel Wilkinson)**

Horton in Ribblesdale, Yorkshire Dales

Two pairs sighted around Hull Pot, near Horton in Ribblesdale, Yorkshire Dales.

One pair I think were nesting behind a tree, in banking on edge of Hull Pot.

Much display posturing by one of the other males close by.

**21st April 2016 (John Butcher)**

City of Portsmouth

First sighted 21/4/2016. Has stayed and is feeding on Mahonia berries in our back garden. Grid Reference: SZ 64531 99500

Click [here](#) to see two photos of this bird.

**21st April 2016 (David Glover)**

Westward Ho!

21.4.16 11am. 2 miles west of Westward Ho! on the SWcoastal path. Grid ref. 408275. Single bird.

**21st April 2016 (Christopher Leonard Rossiter-Dickenson)**

Faversham, Kent

Two Ring Ouzel seen feeding on a grass field at 7.45 viewed through binoculars at 60 metres so id was positive location was Throwley near Faversham Kent

**21st April 2016 (Marcus Pell)**

Holt, Norfolk

06:20 at Edgefield, near Holt, Norfolk. Was looking across a field and saw something a bit unusual! Noticed immediately the white neck band, did not know about the pale wing feathers, but saw they were paler. After consulting the RSPB birdguide this confirmed it. Knew they were an upland bird but when on RSPB site, I saw they passage through the East Coast, so happy chappy!!!

**20th April 2016 (Jackie Carson)**

Meall Tairneachan, Perthshire

Just below summit of Meall Tairneachan at NN806544. Singing loudly. Flying between prominent rocky positions once disturbed. Date: Wednesday April 20th in the afternoon.

**20th April 2016 (Barry Pummell)**

Dereham, Norfolk

Briefly at TG046147 on the 20th April on stubble field at 8.00am, flew eastwards.

**20th April 2016 (David Taylor)**

Cnicht, Wales

Single bird seen briefly about 3/4 mile NE of the tiny Gwynedd village of Croesor, on the slopes of Cnicht (the matterhorn of Wales). SH 637 455 Wed 20thApril 2016.

**20th April 2016 (Paul Mitchell)**

Padbury, Bucks

Male ring ouzel sighted in field behind my house today in Padbury, Bucks. He was feeding the ground

**20th April 2016 (Sue Buckingham)**

Bradnor Hill Common, Kington

Bradnor Hill Common, Kington HR5 3RE- just below quarry below golf club in bracken

**19th April 2016 (Paul Fisher)**

Manifold valley, Peak District

Wetton mill, Manifold valley. 3 x males sighted 12/4/16, 1x male and female on 19/4/16.

**19th April 2016 (Rob Hannam)**

Mennoch Pass Dumfries & Galloway

I have heard reports of at least four males here now, and two possible pairs.

Think I saw a pair on 11/4, flying across the Mennoch Pass road. Sightings this month in Glen Clach, and first definite pair while I was near the top of the scree-covered hill called Auchengruith Crag on the map - this morning (19/4). (All near the grid ref in my previous post).

Also a male this morning flying across the road almost at the top of the pass, near Wanlockhead.

**19th April 2016 (Angie Jones)**

Heol Senni, Brecon Beacons

A pair of males heard before being spotted up at the disused quarry on the mountain above Heol Senni in the Brecon Beacons - grid reference SN 914222

**18th April 2016 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

3 Male Ouzels at Old Lodge NR,Ashdown Forest,East Sussex 18/04/16-TQ359309

**17th April 2016 (Ellie Stones)**

Barking, Ipswich

Seen on Sunday the 17th April 2016 at roughly 6:30 pm in a field. Seen in Barking, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8HJ

**17th April 2016 (Mark Palmer)**

Worth, West Sussex

Seen on its own in a field in Worth, West Sussex, in the early evening, believed to be feeding on the ground. 17 April 2016. TQ322364

**16th April 2016 (Arne D. Swithenbank)**

Staffordshire/Derbyshire border

Staffordshire Moorlands, Derbyshire border at Knotbury 6+ birds present 16th April and put to flight 17th April by passing walkers a confirmed flock of 14 - see similar numbers, similar dates, same place in 2012.

**16th April 2016 (Rebecca Cole)**

Burley Moor, West Yorks

Just spotted two ring ouzels on The slopes of Burley Moor. Just south west of Burley Woodhead. Not seen them up there before but heard last year that we used to have quite a few.

**13th April 2016 (Tim Chamberlain)**

Todmorden, Lancs

Flock of 21 flew in to SD 91283 21511 in about 3 parties and spent two hours feeding on fields and edge of moor. A helicopter flew over and 18 flew off across valley. Some came back. Not sure if more arrived. Was a real treat and made up for the lack of curlews which is what I was surveying for! Did not get complete make up of flock but at least 6m and 3f. None of these 9 were colour ringed.

**12th April 2016 (Elizabeth Bentley)**

Ilkley Moor, West Yorkshire

Saw a pair on 12.4.16 and pair at same location on 15.4.16. Ilkley moor, West Yorkshire. Old quarry site. Grid ref. SE139457

**12th April 2016 (Richard Downing)**

Hollesley, Suffolk

One Ring Ouzel sighted sitting happily on garden fence overlooking recently ploughed farmland 0930hrs Tues 12 April in Hollesley, Suffolk. Stayed for ten minutes before flying off its travels.

**11th April 2016 (Gavin Taylor)**

Barrow, Bury St Edmunds

1 male has been sighted in a sheep paddock in Barrow, Bury St Edmunds IP29 5AJ since Saturday 9th April. It was sighted again today, Monday 11th April by myself and my father.

Ordnance survey Grid Ref: TL 76246 63530

**11th April 2016 (Timothy Lee)**

Combe Gibbet, Berkshire

I saw one male myself yesterday (11/04/2016), a group of birdwatchers I saw there had seen 4 (mixed sex) earlier. and they tell me they saw 44 at this spot last year. Apparently they come at the same time every year on passage. This ridge is the highest point in south-east England, they are located the other side of the ridge in sheltered sheep-cropped 'common' grassland with the odd blackthorn/hawthorn-type tree. This location is 'Combe Gibbet'; other points of the sheltered parts of the ridge which carry historical records include 'Greenham Common', 'Walbury Hill' and 'Beacon Hill (Highclere)' (very close to the location for Downton Abbey).

The location I saw mine is 51.359438, -1.485220 (converts to TR 42732 68029).

Website for Combe Gibbet, Walbury Hill and Greenham Common: <http://www.berksbirds.co.uk/birdnews.asp>

Website for Beacon Hill: <http://www.goingbirding.co.uk/hants/birdnews.asp>

#### **10th April 2016 (Helen Cudworth)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

Yesterday at Stanage edge Derbyshire, a lone male making a call of chupp chupp chupp., then a pause then the call again. Didn't hear a responding call.

#### **10th April 2016 (Brian Baker)**

West Marden, Sussex

Whilst sitting in the lounge after Sunday lunch reading the Sunday papers I spotted an unusual bird on the front lawn. The bird was like a slightly more streamlined blackbird and a little taller and longer with a white bib. Two misle thrushes were showing concern. I knew straight away what it was but had not seen one since 1958 on our farm at Bosham. (Sx) so I was thrilled to see another one in West Marden Sx after 48 years. The Ring Ouzel looked in rude health and was a handsome specimen.

#### **10th April 2016 (Shaun Woodcock)**

Cherhill Down, Wiltshire

Two female Ring Ouzel at National Trust Cherhill Down, Wiltshire on 10 April 16 at 11:00.

#### **7th April 2016 (Chris Petts)**

Paris suburb, France

There is a pair of ring ouzel nesting about 8 feet from my bedroom window in an old dense ivy covering an abandoned building. I am in the suburbs of Paris, bu here seems to be no French group interested in ouzels, in fact they dont even have a real name for ring ouzels. I have some not bad photos if that interests you.

Update from Chris on 25th April: I have not seen them for 4 or 5 days now. Before that I saw them gathering nest materials [I Keep chickens, and they were helping themselves to hay and straw, as well as the waterer] and feeding and drinking pretty much every time I was in the garden. The suspected nest site - where they returned with the straw and sticks, was right outside my bedroom window in very dense mature ivy on the roof of an abandoned out building. I fear they have been "moved on" by our resident thug blackbirds, who chase off song thrushes from this site every year.

Click [HERE](#) for two exceptional photos of the birds.

#### **7th April 2016 (Paul Rutland)**

Gravesend, Kent

Single Ouzel ground feeding in Kent grassy field DA13 9HH in presence of blackbirds and partridge at distance of 30 yards for about 10 mins. 7/4/2016

#### **6th April 2016 (Anne Roberts)**

Minchinhampton Common, Gloucestershire

6 April 2016 at 9:45 a.m. on the grass verge near the top of the "W" road between Nailsworth and Minchinhampton Common, Gloucestershire. Male ring ouzel identified by very well defined white collar.

#### **4th April 2016 (Mr J W Hope)**

Maidstone, Kent

Saw the bird in the garden for well over 1 hr. I live in Maidstone Kent and have never seen one before, had to identify it on this site with the help of the photos I took.

#### **3rd April 2016 (FRANCOIS SEITE)**

Montagne Saint-Michel, Brittany, France

Male. Montagne Saint-Michel, Saint-Rivoal, Finistère, BRITTANY, FRANCE (3°56'44.15" W , 48°21'1.23" N)

Right Leg ring colours : White, Metal. Left Leg ring colors : Dark Green, Yellow. Other comments : pics if wanted.



**3rd April 2016 (Mrs Lynne Rand)**

Swaffham Prior, Cambridge

Female Ring Ouzel in private garden in Swaffham Prior, Cambridge between 4th-13th April. Fed on apples, close up photo available.

**3rd April 2016 (Timothy Allen)**

Millstone Edge, Derbyshire

Ring Ouzel sighting 3rd April, Millstone Edge, Peak District, Derbyshire

**3rd April 2016 (Selina Kerr)**

Gussage All Saints, Dorset

In paddocks. One male. BH21 5HB. Midday.

**2nd April 2016 (Graham Beeley)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

I walked along the top of Stanage Edge in Derbyshire on 2nd April from Stamage Plantation to Stanage End and back along the base of the cliffs and had nine sightings comprising at least seven individuals.

**2nd April 2016 (Gareth Evans)**

Hove Sussex

In suburban garden, uphill part of Hove, circa 100m above sea level. Solitary.

**1st April 2016 (Vinney Pallett)**

Weston Heath, Shropshire

One male. Currently in my paddocks.

**31st March 2016 (Patrick Sturman)**

Ilkley, Yorks

Male disturbed from perch on dry stone wall while i was fell running on langbar moor near Ilkley. Relatively low on the moor. Possibly flew off to join a second bird in shallow gully with single tree but not certain. Date 31 march

**31st March 2016 (John Bimson)**

Dylife and Machynlleth, Powys, Wales

Male ring ouzel seen 31st March 2016 at grid ref SN836958, near the mountain road between Dylife and Machynlleth. When I first saw it, at about 10.30 am, the ring ouzel was on a fence at the far side of a small gravel quarry. I was driving and could only stop briefly, but I returned to the area on foot at 3.00 pm and the bird was still in the same spot searching the grass below the fence for food. It was quite confiding and I had very good views. No sign of it when I returned on 1st April.

**31st March 2016 (Debra Baillie)**

Ballater, Aberdeenshire

Seen on the 31/03/16, walking up a path to Broad Cairn, Loch Muick Reserve, Near Ballater, Aberdeenshire. Good sighting didn't seem as wary as when i have seen before, some photos from my mobile.

**29th March 2016 (Rob Hannam)**

Mennock Pass, Scotland

Two males. 29th-31st March 2016. MennockPass. NS853012

**28th March 2016 (Gillian Maguire)**

Charente France

Spotted in LESSAC 16500 Charente France.

**26th March 2016 (Nigel Hakin)**

Oxenhope West Yorks

Flew into top of copper beech tree 0730 today saturday 26 march in garden.approx 2 mins .good view binocs from bedroom window approx 15 yards.definite male white bib.first in garden in 35 years.

**23rd March 2016 (Steven Cole)**

Liverpool

Male came into garden on 23/03/2016 at 10:45am in Old Swan, Liverpool (grid ref: SJ 39176 90629).

Foraged for a few moments before flying away.

**22nd March 2016 (Flo Gordon)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

Lone Ring Ouzel flying low and fast over Stanage Edge, Derbyshire early this morning

**21st March 2016 (Tricia Gibson)**

Exmoor Somerset

Ring Ouzel spotted on Goosemoor Common, Dunkery Commons, Exmoor Somerset yesterday, only have a very poor image of it was too far away and I was only using a macro lens, but it does confirm that it was a ring ouzel!

**21st March 2016 (Shaun Woodcock)**

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

One male Ring Ouzel. Time 11:00. Date 21 Mar 16. Location: on golf course adjacent to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Morgan's Hill reserve.

**18th March 2016 (Tad Stone)**

Purton -Slimbridge side of the River Severn

Sighted 3pm Friday 18th March 2016 at Purton -Slimbridge side of the River Severn

**10th March 2016 (Andrew Shaw)**

Cwm Nantcol near Llanbedr Wales

Male Ring Ouzel feeding on upland pasture only 20 or so yards away and very confiding. Close to Hendre-waelod SH626262 in Cwm Nantcol near Llanbedr Wales. 08.50am on 10/03/2016

**8th March 2016 (Elaine Butterworth)**

Saddleworth Oldham

The top reservoir at Dovestones Reservoirs Greenfield near Saddleworth Oldham on 8 March 2016. It was in the bracken at the side of the reservoir.

**Winter sightings (2015/2016)**

### **November 2015 - February 2016 (Chris Tyas)**

St Osyth Essex

An over wintering Ring Ouzel [photographed](#) near St Osyth in Essex

### **10th January 2016 (Jacquie Carn)**

Bristol

I have seen a female Ring Ouzel in our garden in Bristol twice this week - between 10/01/16 and 17/01/16. Sat in apple tree for several minutes close to the house. Also at the top of the garden on the grass and into flower bed.

### **1st January 2016 (Shaun Mckierna)**

Newcastle Airport

This sighting was observed on the Newcastle Airport road whilst in a pull in. This bird had same character as a blackbird, it was in a tree, & was brown in colour with a noticeable white throat. It was viewed for at least 10 - 15 minutes dropping to & from branches

### **25th December 2015 (Brian Garrity)**

Armthorpe, Doncaster

Ring Ouzel seen in a garden in Armthorpe, Doncaster, at about 11.30am on the 25 December 2015

### **23rd December 2015 (Peter Wells)**

Lode Norfolk

The Ring Ouzel appeared in our garden each day between 23rd and 27th December. (As well as on 4th; 12th and 19th of December) We have not seen it since 27th. I guess it then moved on. I have just had some correspondence with James Anderson who is involved with monitoring Ouzels in the Durham Dales. I am attaching for you a couple of very poor [photos](#) I took with a compact camera through the window, but hopefully enough to give an idea of the bird. James Anderson deduced from these that it is 'a bird of the year and quite possibly a male.'

### **17th December 2015 (Hilary Smith)**

Babbacombe Downs, Torquay

I saw the bird sitting in a tree on the Babbacombe Downs, Torquay mid morning 17/12/2015. It attracted my attention as initially it looked more like a starling than a blackbird and I'd never seen a starling in this area. A closer look showed it to be more thrush like, with paler feathers on the throat. Having looked at your website I believe it was a female ring ouzel, despite the cliff top /urban location. I noticed that there are ring ouzel on Dartmoor and Dartmoor is visible from this part of Torquay, so I guess it is possible.

### **4th December 2015 (Andrew Tidley)**

Steyning, West Sussex

Seen 10:00am Friday December 4th, Steyning, West Sussex. A single bird seen flying between two hedgerows

### **4th December 2015 (Roger Tyler)**

Bromsgrove, Warwicks

Single Ring Ouzel sighted in Perryfields Road, north Bromsgrove on the morning of 4th December 2015. Feeding on hawthorn among small flock of Redwings

### **21st November 2015 (Katy Alderton)**

Dartmoor

We had a single Ring Ouzel in our garden on the edge of Dartmoor this morning (21 November) feeding on our apples.