

# 2017 Sightings

## Autumn Migration

### **15th November 2017 (Matthew Eade)**

Guadalcanal, Andalusia, Spain

Sighting at Guadalcanal, Andalusia, Spain (38.10957, -5.823036) 15/11/2017

Birds observed were feeding around some olive groves near to the mirador above the town mentioned above.

Three birds in total with at least two being adults.

### **13th November 2017 (Janets Birds)**

Mount Harry, Lewes, Sussex

One Male Ring Ouzel with Redwings and Blackbirds on Mount Harry west of Lewes this morning.

As per Geraint Thomas and posted up by Brian Cox

Downland Site located on the opposite side of the Lewes By Pass to Kingston Hill.

### **13th November 2017 (Geoffrey Page)**

Birmingham, B43 5BA

Have lived here for 35 years and have never seen a Ring Ouzel. This morning saw a small flock of birds in my neighbours garden, feeding on some unpicked pears. They stayed around for about an hour and were making a tic-tac type call.

My first thought blackbirds, but they were more dainty and flight different to a blackbird. I am an RSPB member and checked my book, 99% certain these were Ring Ouzels.

Dark bill colouration and some white around the chest. Put this on file please and let me know if this is unusual as a sighting. Thanks

### **5th November 2017 (J Whitlock)**

Beachy Head, East Sussex

A pair seen today along the sea cliffs at Beach Head in Sussex . Others seen in roughly the same area this spring . Presumably migrating .

### **2nd November 2017 (Philip Ireson)**

Mam Tor, Derbyshire

Very surprised to see ring ouzel at the foot of Mam Tor today 2nd Nov. Great view on hawthorn bush.

### **30th October 2017 (Raymond A Hogg)**

Drongan, Ayrshire

Spotted this bird amongst `winter' thrushes in Drongan, Ayrshire the other day.

**Photo [HERE](#).** Credit R.H.Hogg

### **30th October 2017 (Peter Whitcomb)**

Brighton, Sussex

2 Hollingbury Hillfort, Brighton TQ3207 on 25 Oct

4 ditto ditto ditto on 26 Oct

1 overhead from garden Hollingdean Brighton TQ3206 on 27 Oct

1 called then landed in neighbours hawthorn Hollingdean Brighton TQ3206 on 30 Oct

### **29th October 2017 (James McCulloch)**

Ashdown Forest, East Sussex

One seen in flight near a Yew tree, Old Lodge SWT, Ashdown Forest, East Sussex, TQ461310, 7th October 2017.

One seen in flight during a visible migration count flying low NE over a field directly north of Hedgecourt Lake, Surrey, TQ354405, 25th October 2017.

One seen in flight between Holly bushes east of the car park at Gills Lap, Ashdown Forest, East Sussex, TQ465318, 29th October 2017.

### **27th October 2017 (Christine & John Hamilton)**

Chantry Post, South Downs Way. Sussex

27th October 2017 at approx. 0830. To the west of Chantry Post on the South Downs Way. Grid Ref: TQ086120.

1 male on his own and then 3 female/immature RING OUZELS together foraging in fields.

### **26th October 2017 (MISS DYAN HUMPHREY)**

Gatwick airport

On the afternoon of 26th October 2017 there was a commotion going on in the adjacent field with many birds flying around which were probably crows. There was also a bird call I hadn't heard before and couldn't identify which was a loud 'tac, tac'. The following day I heard the call again and this time it was much closer to me. I could see what looked like a blackbird in a nearby tree so got my binoculars out. The obvious features of the bird was a distinctive grey crescent on its chest and the loud 'tac, tac' sound it made. On investigation it would appear to be a female Ring Ouzel. I have lived in my house for 30 years and have never seen or heard this bird before. I live near Gatwick airport.

### **26th October 2017 (Hilton Dawson)**

Amble Northumberland

Saw a ring ouzel in our front garden with a complete white ring 26th October 2017. We live in Amble Northumberland.

### **25th October 2017 (Bryan Pinchen)**

Worth Matravers, Dorset

Adult female, an almost blink and you miss it view as it perched up on a Whitebeam after heading out of Blackthorn scrub, barely a few seconds after it landed, it saw me then headed off and out of sight. Winspit valley, south of Worth Matravers, Dorset, SY975762.

### **25th/26th October 2017 (Janet Wilkes)**

East Sussex-Shooters Bottom, Beachy Head

26th: Eastern End. One Male and One Female Ouzel. Chacking Loudly, Flying around, Feeding on the last remaining Red Berries and posing for photographs. Many Blackbirds also seen but the Ouzels were the stars of the show. A wonderful 4 hours spent at this site. Very light breeze and temperatures of 16-17 degrees

25th At least 4 Ouzels here this morning, chacking, flying around and posing on the tops of berry bushes. 1 Female and 3 first year/Juv birds seen by myself. However another birder had seen 2 males earlier. Ouzels also seen along the coast at Horseshoe Plantation and South Hill Barn, Seaford Head.

### **25th October 2017 (Janets Birds)**

Beachy Head, East Sussex

A very quick visit to Shooters Bottom, Beachy Head this morning. Thick sea mist on the drive up from Eastbourne, could not see a cars length in front of us.

Once down at the Bottom the Mist had cleared but very drizzly conditions. This did not seem to bother the Ouzels.

4+ Ouzels. 1 Female and 3 First Year/Juvenile flying around the scrub. Chacking loudly and posing in the Bushes.

Not very many Berries. 2 Males also seen earlier in Shooters by other birders. Also seen by other birders just along the coast: 2 at Belle Tout and 1 at South Hill Barn, Seaford.

### **24th October 2017 (Joseph Adam Rickards)**

Seaford, East Sussex

This morning at about 8:00 I spotted a male ring ouzel just outside my garden on a tree flying along with blackbirds although I did not check if they were ring ouzels too. It had a pure white stripe just below its throat going all the way across. It was in Seaford, East Sussex (Coxwell Close) on a farm with hedgerows and almost came in my garden.

**23rd October 2017 (Stephen Berry)**

Lewes, East Sussex

I saw one Ring Ouzel on 23rd October. I then e-mailed a couple of local birders, one of whom found two in the same place on the following day. On 28 October, I had clear views of four birds. On 2 November, there was still at least one.

All these sightings were within a couple of hundred yards of each other, near the top of Kingston Hill (Kingston near Lewes, East Sussex). Kingston "cold combes" were mentioned as a favoured stop-off point for Ring Ouzels in one book (sorry - can't remember which) but these are my first local sightings of this species in the 24 years that I have lived here.

**21st October 2017 (Jane Binks)**

Vyner Park, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland

2 were seen at the weekend, probably a pair but only one seen clearly enough to know it was a male, on a grassy meadow in our local park. They appeared to be very confident, only flying up at the last few seconds of our approach, to adjacent undergrowth with blackberries, hogweed and the like, which they then flitted about in.

**18th October 2017 (Martin Eva)**

IVYBRIDGE, Devon

Sighted a male and female Ouzel yesterday, together @ Wotter, nr Ivybridge, Devon.

Watched them from 50 meters with bino's, on holly/hawthorn, in open moorland/rough grazing area, close to chine clay works.

I have spotted them on Snowdon and on the Cairngorms, but never seen them down here. Very exciting.

**17th October 2017 (K Jones)**

Barbican, London

Sitting working at home, right in the middle of the City of London at the Barbican (TQ 32237 81834). 9am, 17/10/17 (the day after storm Ophelia). A female landed on my 1st floor balcony that overlooks the gardens. It stayed long enough for me to identify it - not a bird I've seen here before.

**10th October 2017 (Arthur Norton)**

Blackdown, Sussex

At around midday. Blackdown at around SU 916 305. 3 ring ouzels, 1 male, 1 female, 1 juvenile

**10th October 2017 (Lesley Angell)**

Crosby, Ravensworth Fell

We spotted a male ring ouzel today ( 1300 hours 10 october 2017). ny618 108, on the coast to coas route crosby ravensworth fell

**9th October 2017 (Bryan Pinchen)**

Worth Matravers, Dorset

1st winter male and apparent adult female, trying to feed on sloe berries, Winspit valley to the south of Worth Matravers, Dorset (SY9776), Monday 9th October 2017, around 11.20 BST. Both associating together and largely unable to settle to feed due to being constantly chased by Blackbirds and a Song Thrush.

**7th October 2017 (Mark Williams)**

St. David's Head, Pembrokeshire

Around mid-day, Saturday, October 7th. Female. Feeding on blackberries

**1st October 2017 (Alastair Gray)**

Ashdown Forest, Sussex

Ashdown Forest, Old Lodge SWT,(TQ461310).1st Winter Male feeding in yew tree.(My first sighting this Autumn,2 days earlier then last year)

**18th September 2017 (Lyndsay Robertson)**

Torrison, Wester Ross

Saw 2 Ring Ouzels just below summit of Munro called Maol Chean-dearg in Torrison on 18th September. Also on another Munro in Torrison called Beinn Liath Mhor on 21st September we saw one.

**13th September 2017 (Julian Hoskins)**

Broadhembury, Devon

Just by the old stone bridge over the river Tale.

**10th September 2017 (Janet Wilkes)**

Blackdown, West Sussex

"First Winter Male Ring Ouzel feeding on Rowan Berries. The heavy Rowan crop gobbled up by Blackbirds. Whitebeam have berries on unlike the past two years or so. Ouzels seem to go for these if they have a choice. Hopefully enough berries to hold passing Ouzels."

Recorded by Dave Burges on the Sussex Ornithological Society Web Site.

Interesting comment about the Berries

**Spring/Summer Breeding****31st July 2017 (Alan Hodgson)**

Redcar

Perched on chimney stack on a house in Redcar, mid morning 31 July 2017. Site about 150 metres from beach and about the same from Redcar Racecourse and slightly closer to the local railway line - all providing wildlife corridors into suburban area. At first I thought that it was a blackbird but then noticed the white flashes on the body and on the wings in flight. It didn't stay long enough for photographs.

Grid Ref NZ 610 247

**19th July 2017 (Helen Rafferty)**

Ros Castle, Northumberland

Roughly NU083 248 visible from road south of Ros Castle. Distinctive three note call and light breast bib. Possibly female as plumage brownish. Not an expert birder but got a very good look at it before it flew further up the slope.

**5th July 2017 (Roger Fellows)**

Glen Ey, Aberdeenshire

Male(s). Not sure of territory size. Sightings NO099845 and NO067816 on Wed 5 July

**5th July 2017 (Mark Edward Randle)**

Blaenau Ffestiniog

Male + female. Wed. 5th July. Northern slopes of Moel Dyrnogedd, Blaenau Ffestiniog. Grid ref. 696 497

**30th June 2017 (Elizabeth Mould)**

Culver Edge, Derbyshire

11.15am. Walking along Culver Edge, Derbyshire. Stopped to admire the view when a black bird caught my eye as it flew out of a tree. It started to search for food and as it turned round the white bib made me realise it was a female Ring Ouzel

**26th June 2017 (Chritine Weaver)**

Crabdale Beck, North Yorks

1 male ring ouzel seen foraging and collecting food along Crabdale beck, above the footbridge at sheepwash. it was later joined by a second bird . appeared nervous at are presence , so we left the area seen on June 26 2017.

#### **25th June 2017 (Robbie Hitchcock)**

Gleann Chorainn, Inverchoran

I spotted a pair of Ring Ouzel in Gleann Chorainn near Inverchoran, SW of the village of Contin, around 250490, SE of Loch Beannacharain, in Scotland around 13.00 hrs Sunday 25 June.

#### **22nd June 2017 (Marian Kemp)**

Weardale

Ringed Male, feeding unringed juvenile

Location: Weardale

Grid Reference NY 98892 38790

Right Leg metal, metal Left Leg orange, yellow?

Lower ring colours difficult to discern due to length of grass where they were searching for food.

[Photo HERE](#)

#### **21st June 2017 (John O'Connell-Davidson)**

Lake District

Sightings while walking in the Lake District June 2017

16 June male near Sharp Edge grid reference:- NY 32632 28305

18 June 1 heard calling near Great Gable grid reference:- NY 20979 10279

19 June male and juvenile near Striding Edge grid reference:- NY 34450 14935

20 June 1 heard calling near grid reference:- NY 42888 10354

21 June male near Tarn Crag grid reference:- NY 35204 12304 and 1 also heard calling near Hog Hole grid reference:- NY 36514 12006

#### **20th June 2017 (Marc Stirrup)**

Langdale, Lake District

Pavey Ark, Langdale NY286 079

At least one bird, repeatedly crossing the cliff face below Jack's Rake.

Appeared to be carrying food towards the vicinity of Great Gully

#### **20th June 2017 (Pam Nelson)**

Ladybower reservoir

Heard and saw a ring ouzel collecting worms on the bridleway/footpath below Whinston Lee Tor, to the east of Ladybower reservoir. Grid ref SK197875. Also heard a second above us on the moorland

#### **19th June 2017 (Marc Stirrup)**

Langdale, Lake District

Juvenile female (no discernible crescent). Feeding within a few meters of us.

Long Scar, Langdale NY273 036

#### **18th June 2017 (Keith Hudson)**

Harter Fell, Cumbria

Top end of Hardknott forest on Harter Fell Cumbria. Approx 400m south of summit. Just one bird. No evidence of partner, nets , chicks etc. Sunday June 18th. 2017

**16th June 2017 (Adam McCormack)**

Glen Quaich, Tayside

Between Amulree and Kenmore. 16 June @ 13:15 - think there may have been both M & F there.

**16th June 2017 (Thomas Riley)**

Blencathra, Lake District

Female bird flying away calling near Scales Tarn just below Blencathra mountain.

**16th June 2017 (Ben Freeman)**

Clachnaben, Aberdeenshire

Pair of Ring Ouzels and at least two fledglings at the summit of Clachnaben in Aberdeenshire. NO615864. 16th June 2017, 7am. Male not ringed, didn't get a clear look at the female.

**15th June 2017 (Thomas Riley)**

Helvellyn, Lake District

15/06/2017 Saw a pair close together not far from Helvellyn Youth Hostel in the Lake District.

Also on 16/06/2017 Female bird flying away calling near Scales Tarn just below Blencathra mountain.

**14th June 2017 (Elizabeth Carrivick)**

Bowfell, Lake District

A pair of ring ouzel spotted on a crag to the North of the summit of Bowfell in the Lake District 14/06/2017

**13th June 2017 (Jennie Gavin)**

Glen Turret, Perthshire

13/6/17 male spotted in Glen Turret, grid ref. 56.420374, - 3.913773.

Heard calling and reply call also heard.

**12th June 2017 (Ruth Cresswell)**

Stanage Edge, Peak District

Definite sighting of a pair of ringed Ouzels at Stanage Edge, Peak District.

**12th June 2017 (Carol Hogg)**

Isle of Skye

Ringouzels spotted on the Isle of Skye at 'The Storr'

Also 2 x Ring ouzel spotted on 10/6/17 at 'The Storr' (Corre Faoin) on the Isle Skye @ approx 1100 hrs.

**12th June 2017 (Teresa Hughes)**

Grisedale Tarn, Lake District

12 June 2017 heard calling off falcon crag/tarn crag (southeast side of Dolly Wagon Pike) approx grid ref NY350126. Heard from path up to Grisedale Tarn (Grisedale Beck) both in morning (approx 12:00) and afternoon (15:30)

**10th June 2017 (John Gavaghan)**

Porthmadog

Saturday 10th June 2017 at midday. in the grounds of of Criccieth Castle near Porthmadog.

**4th June 2017 (Malcolm Oxlade)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

1 male on 26 March at 996 183, Little on valley, NW of Sheffield.

2 adults and 3+ juvs at same place, 4 May

2 adults and 2+ juvs at 855 220, near Stanage Edge, W of Sheffield on 4 Jun

**4th June 2017 (Alison Bull)**

Glastonbury, Somerset

Seen near the Tor in Glastonbury, Somerset UK this morning 4-6-2017 spotted by my son Elmo Bull who is 8 and a keen birdwatcher who looked it up in the book he had in his bag to confirm the sighting!

**1st June 2017 (Marc Stirrup)**

Llanberis, Gwynedd

Two birds sighted together in disused slate quarries directly above Dinorwic power station.

**1st June 2017 (Ian Cole)**

Bollihope, County Durham

Female ring ouzel spotted near Bollihope in County Durham. Silver and yellow rings on left leg and yellow and orange on her right.

UPDATE on colour ring: It's an unsexed chick (too small to sex by feather colour), brood size 4, ringed by Grinder in Clunie on 30/5/16. Not seen back in Clunie this year, but then our re-sighting effort was lower than normal.

1 legged male along with female foraging near Bollihope. 5 pairs spotted in the area altogether on 31st May 2017.

Photographs [HERE](#)

**31st May 2017 (Carolyn Howe)**

Arkengarthdale, N Yorks

Saw a male ring ouzel in great Punchard Gill Arkengarthdale N Yorks on 31.05.2017 about midday

**28th May 2017 (Sheila Pankhurst)**

Hart Crag/Dove Crag, Cumbria

Late evening. Two birds calling at 21.15 to 21.35. One fleetingly glimpsed just below summit of Hart Crag NY372110. The other not seen but from the direction of the (fainter and more distant) call probably on the craggy northern slopes below the summit of Fairfield. Wonderful!

**21st May 2017 (Jane Sharp)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

One male ring ouzel sighted at Stanage Edge (SK 2339 8485) on 21st May at 11:40.

**20th May 2017 (David Bangs)**

River Arun, West Sussex

20/05/17. Waltham Brooks Common, by the River Arun, West Sussex, map ref. TQ 025 158

A male Ring Ouzel flew across the dry canal side path towards the pond Sallow fringe. Good long close view. No doubt about it. Both partner and I saw it well. Why is it here now and not back in some lonely Snowdon cwm? Also Cuckoo to west of railway, 4 Stonechats inc 2 males, lots of Whitethroats, 3 Swifts, small Swallow flock (and House Martins?), Cetti's Warblers of course, and 4 Shelduck.

**18th May 2017 (Mark Sullivan)**

Glen Clunie

A pair of Ring Ouzels breeding near the Glen Callater car park at Auchallater. This [PHOTO](#) taken by Mark shows the adult male with his rings clearly visible. There was at least one newly fledged chick near the burn.

*Update from Innes Sim:*

This bird was ringed as a chick by Stewart White in Glen Esk in 2015, so is a really interesting and useful sighting. We have a few (2 or 3?) birds ringed in Glen Esk seen previously in Glen Clunie, but this is the first one for several years, probably because not so many ouzels have been ringed there in recent years. Many thanks for reporting it, and keep your eyes peeled for any further colour-ringed ouzels!

### **13th May 2017 (Julie Clay)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

I actually recorded the bird singing at Stanage Edge Thursday 18th May 2017, I have video footage of a Ring Ouzel perched on this same craggy edge from 2011 (windy conditions but a clear sighting). So exciting to see.

### **13th May 2017 (Carole Leach)**

Swaledale, N Yorks

On 13/5/17 Swaledale. 2 ring ouzels, male and female. Male calling. South Bank of East Grain feeding Swinner Gill. Approx 913012.

### **13th May 2017 (Richard Casebow)**

Winklebury, Basingstoke, Hampshire

Male Ring Ouzel in my garden in Winklebury, Basingstoke, Hampshire on the 13th and 14th May

### **13th May 2017 (Mick Watson)**

Higger Tor Derbyshire

Male ring ouzel spotted on 13/05/17 at burbage near to Higger tor Derbyshire.

53°20'03.5"N 1°36'53.5"W

### **13th May 2017 (Thomas Riley)**

Burbage Moor, Peak District

Male Ring Ouzel on gritstone outcrop on Burbage Moor, Peak District. Probable female nearby.

### **12th May 2017 (Renny Henderson)**

Lorscale Fell

Two birds, east side of Lorscale Fell. Off the Cumbrian Way footpath, in a ravine on 12.5.17, c3pm

### **9th May 2017 (Jenny Rookes)**

Glencoyne, Lake District

We saw a pair of Ring Ouzels about 3 p.m. in Glencoyne, just below Brown Hills

### **8th May 2017 (Caroline Powell)**

Burgess Hill West Sussex

I first saw and identified it last year. A female regularly and then another joined it. I know that it is highly unusual for a sighting in my neck of the woods Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 8QH a town about 10 miles inland from Brighton . I have just spotted one again today 08.05.17

Thought you'd like to know !

### **8th May 2017 (Robert Swainston)**

Stixwould, Lincolnshire

In the garden, on lawn, chased by two blackbirds eventually, site is remote cottage by river Witham, Stixwould, Lincolnshire.



**6th May 2017 (Dean Broad)**

Langdale Fell, Lake District

Flying, landing and calling on the slopes of Langdale Fell, near to Stake Gill, 6th May 2017.

**6th May 2017 (Rob Hannam)**

Wanlockhead village, Dumfries & Galloway

6/5/17 Wanlockhead village D&G. A male calling from a tall conifer near my house. (Same time and place as 2 years ago.)

**2nd May 2017 (Bernadette Olley)**

Great Yarmouth

Gorleston near Great Yarmouth 1st and 2nd May in my back garden. On film with my wildlife camera.

**2nd May 2017 (Andy Lawton)**

Red Lodge, Suffolk

Single bird (thought to be male) sighted in arable fields near Red Lodge just off the A11 in Suffolk.

**1st May 2017 (Andrew Fowler)**

Whittlesey RSPB reserve

Never seen one round here, but I've had a male ring ouzel in my garden for 3 days now. I live in wide open fenland about a mile from Whittlesey rspb reserve

1st May was the first time I saw it

**1st May 2017 (Julie Dix)**

Uffingham, Oxfordshire

Ring Ouzel spotted on fence post at the bottom of Dragon Hill below the Uffingham chalk horse on Monday 1st May 2017 around 11:15 am. Stayed a short while then fly off around the hill

**Early arrivals****29th April 2017 (Ross Ward)**

Crouch End, North London

Ring Ouzel seen today in Crouch End, North London. About 1pm, 29 April 2017.

Map reference: 51.574900, -0.129822

Area is a local nature reserve (Parkland Walk). No photo I'm afraid, but I had a clear view through my binoculars for about a minute.

**28th April 2017 (Ian Cooper)**

Snarestone Leicestershire

Pair resident at Snarestone Leicestershire DE12 7DD

**27th April 2017 (Emily Holmes)**

Glen Clunie

27 April 2017, 6am. Male bird

Glen Clunie Grid Reference NO149868

Right Leg ring colours. Orange at top, blue at bottom

Left Leg ring colours. Yellow at top, metal ring at bottom.

The bird was dead at the road side, metal ring number is LJ21703.

**UPDATE:** This bird was ringed as a male chick from a brood of 4 in Glen Clunie on 30/5/2016. Mum was a chick ringed in Clunie on 23/5/2015, and dad was also ringed as a chick in Clunie on 20/5/2014, and was one of the GPS tagged birds that returned in 2016 but which couldn't be caught.

**26th April 2017 (Paul Ackerman)**

Keswick Cumbria

26/4/17 sighted at Buttermere be Keswick Cumbria.

**26th April 2017 (JOHN MUNDAY)**

Harley Valley, New Radnor

Whilst walking in the Harley Valley area of New Radnor Powys this morning 26/04/2017 together with my wife we saw a blackbird like bird sitting on a stone in the stream cleaning its self. This bird had a very bright white breast. I have also seen a pair of the same sort of birds flying over my nearby garden in the past couple of weeks. We have lived in this area for the past 13 years and never seen these birds before. Grid ref. OSGB 20161 60697. On checking my books and now your website I have identified the birds as Ring Ouzels. It's great

**25th April 2017 (Christine Finch)**

Burbage, Leicestershire

I have seen this bird 2 days running now. I have looked and ooked and convinced its a Ring Ouzel. In my garden in Burbage, Leicestershire. wow how unusual is that. I will keep looking daily now. 24th and 25th April, 2017

**25th April 2017 (Bob Baker)**

Braemar

25th April 2017 1345. Braemar - east bank of Clunie water by the footbridge north of the golf club. 2 seen feeding.

**25th April 2017 (Jean Goodfellow)**

Strathdon, Aberdeenshire

2 male 2 female feeding on meal worms at backdoor. Snow on the ground.  
One male coming every morning since.

**24th April 2017 (Sophie Hawkrige)**

Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire

Single male ring ouzel spent the day feeding in the garden at TF214609 on 23/4/2017

**24th April 2017 (Mark McManus)**

Coldwaltham, West Sussex

A male Ring Ouzel seen this afternoon from 17.00 to 18.40 feeding in field used by sheep, goats and numerous rabbits. Just to east of railway line in Coldwaltham, West Sussex. Grid ref TQ026163. The bird was not ringed. I can provide record pictures if required. The bird was feeding on the grazed turf and may stay overnight. Amazingly about 200 metres from houses and I had just returned from a week's holiday in Exmoor!

**24th April 2017 (David MacMillan)**

Barnes, West London

Singing male in garden in Barnes for last 12 days. Feeding on large lawn. Adjacent to NE corner of wetland centre. Can be heard but not seen from towpath. Will send photo separately.

**23rd April 2017 (Mrs Ann Burnett)**

Upwood village, Cambridgeshire

Rough meadow between Lady's Wood, nature reserve and Upwood village, Cambridgeshire. Couldn't see a ring.

**23rd April 2017 (Kevin Mahon)**

Stanage Edge, Derbyshire

Saw a pair of ring ouzels at the Southern end of Stanage Edge not far away from the Cowper stone. Then as we walked down the Dukes Drive we saw a male and female ring ouzel perched just below the rocks on Burbage Edge. The male caught our eye initially as he called out from a tree below the edge.

**23rd April 2017 (Rob Hannam)**

Mennock Pass, Dumfries & Galloway

Sightings pretty scarce so far, but I did see the first pair of the year today (23/4/17) on the slopes near NS868102.

21st & 22nd April 2017 (Brian Scragg)

Maldon Essex

April 21st and 22nd. One ring ouzel in garden at Woodham Mortimer, near Maldon Essex

**21st April 2017 (Ken Huchinson)**

Swaledale, North Yorkshire

Old Gang Beck. NY984001. Male singing.

Hard Level Gill. NY965012. Male singing. (Continuation of Old Gang Beck)

**21st April 2017 (Alice Tyacke)**

Malpas, Cheshire

1330 on grass paddock near Lower Wyche. Took some poor quality photos but definitely a ring ouzel

**20th April 2017 (Elaine Owen)**

Stanage Edge, Hathersage

20th April 2017, 15:15 at Stanage Edge, Hathersage 1 male Ring Ouzel.

**19th April 2017 (Dr Paul Silverston)**

Newmarket, Suffolk

I have what appears to be a ring ouzel resident in the garden, near Newmarket. I thought that it was a white-throated blackbird variant but it definitely has a white upper breast band + silver wing bands and its call is not that of a blackbird. I haven't seen a ring ouzel in this area for over 50 years, though

**18th April 2017 (Ian Robert Davenport)**

Stanage Edge, Hathersage

I was at Stanage Edge, Hathersage, on 18th April 2017, when I heard the distinctive loud 'tack, tack, tack' call of the ring ouzel and this drew our attention straight to the bird. We could identify it easily without binoculars as its magnificent bib was brilliant white. It was perched on top of the rocky edge, which made it stand out clearly. However, we looked through the binoculars for confirmation. It's brilliant white bib was very impressive and the sighting made our day. It was a magnificent specimen.

**16th April 2017 (Nigel Russel)**

Newport Pagnell

Viewed for 15 minutes. Back garden - field. First one I've ever seen. Really pleased.

**16th April 2017 (Jason Hollidge)**

Hemblington, Norfolk

Have seen a pair this morning Sunday 16th in my garden at Hemblington ,Norfolk. NR13 4EB.

**15th April 2017 (Kevin Brooker)**

Co Offaly, Ireland

Tullamore, co Offaly, Ireland. Solo bird picking underneath a hedge at the rear of a factory

**13th April 2017 (Nick and Alison Blinston)**

Cracken Edge

08:50 3 female and 6 male SK033833 - Throstle Bank, Cracken Edge

09:10 1 male - SK035835

10:10 3 female and 11 male - SK038844

**13th April 2017 (Ron Baynes)**

Derwent Edge

Saw four Ring Ouzels feeding on grassy path between Derwent Reservoir and Derwent Edge 13th April 2017 SK18493 89262

**12th April 2017 (Chris Miles)**

Penmachno, Conwy, North Wales

Male Ring Ouzel seen in garden ash tree in the tops at Penmachno at 0945 on 12 April 2017. Possibly attracted by other feeding garden birds, i.e. Starlings feeding on fat balls. Flew away with group of starlings.

**12th April 2017 (Estelle Sandford)**

Litton, Radstock

In my garden, thought it was a leucistic blackbird, but when i posted photos I was advised to report it here and to local bird groups. Have 3 photos of it if you like - BA3 4PL is the postcode, spotted 12/4/17 around 7:40am.

**11th April 2017 (Chris Lang)**

Near Mildenhall, Suffolk

Three birds seen in grass paddock near small water course.

**10th April 2017 (Janet Wilkes)**

Lade, Kent

A pair of Ring Ouzels(rare here in Spring) flushed from cover, chucked away high and fast behind the mirrors as per Paul Trodd's Blog. N.B. Lade is a coastal area with Shingle just east of Dungeness.

**10th April 2017 (Janet Wilkes)**

Brighton, West Sussex

Ring Ouzel this morning near Saddlescombe Farm, north of Brighton. Seen by Steve Gilbert as per Sussex Ornithological Society Website. Chalk Downland inland from the coast.

**10th April 2017 (Jane Alexander)**

Baslow Edge, Derbyshire

Spotted Ring Ouzel on Baslow Edge, Derbyshire today - 10/04/17

**9th April 2017 (Janet Cale)**

Coniston Fells, Lake District

Saw a Ring Ouzel feeding on grassland below rocks in Lake District 5 April on return from mountain. Grid ref Coniston fells SD 291 989. Heard it travelling up singing and 'tcuk' alarm call. Grid ref High Fell SD 283993.

**8th April 2017 (Nicky Long)**

Newlands Valley, Cumbria

Male bird sighted midday 8/4/17 below Blea Crag, above Scope Beck near reservoir, Newlands Valley, Cumbria grid ref 214178. our third sighting of an Ouzel since moving to Cumbria four and a half years ago!

5th April 2017 (Duncan McLean)

Stanage, Derbyshire

(SK2509,8301) Single male ring ouzel at southern end of Stanage, Derbyshire on rocks below trig point. About 100m WNW of the trig point along the edge is a rock where ouzels's habitually sit but not seen one there so far this year.

**4th April 2017 (Albert Element)**

Stanhope Weardale

Canada Bottoms, Stanhope Weardale, 04 April 2017

**2nd April 2017 (Neal Hunt)**

Long Man, Wilmington, East Sussex

A pair of Ring Ouzels in blackthorn bush above the Long Man of Wilmington, East Sussex on 2nd April 2017

**2nd April 2017 (Rhion Pritchard)**

Aber Falls, Gwynedd

Singing male near Aber Falls, Gwynedd. SH667702

**2nd April 2017 (Ken Sherlock)**

Buttertubs Pass, North Yorkshire

Single male. Buttertubs Pass. OL30 Grid Ref 868950 Approx

**31st March 2017 (Ken Sherlock)**

Swaldale North Yorkshire

Pair of Ring Ouzel. Swaledale OL30 Grid Ref 903988

**30th March 2017 (Arnaud Barras - University of Bern)**

Switzerland

We started ringing already today (normally only from mid-April on). We caught 7 birds today, including 3 recaptures (2 from 2015, 1 from 2016). We also made visual recoveries of 4 birds of last year, including one with the GPS on its back! So we hope to catch it in the next few days... Click [HERE](#) for a picture of a male captured today.

**29th March 2017 (Heather Bowering)**

Poole, Dorset

Dear Hay Lane car park area, Poole Dorset. Male

**25th March 2017 (Stuart Darbyshire)**

RSPB Marshside (Nr Southport)

A female migrant "colour ringed" Ring Ouzel. Click [HERE](#) for a superb photograph taken by Stuart.

Innes Sim reports: This female was ringed as an adult (i.e. hatched in 2013 or earlier) female in Glen Clunie on 28 May 2015. Her BTO ring number is LH34436. She had an early-season breeding attempt in 2015, and reared 4 chicks. We did not record her making a 2nd breeding attempt in 2015. She returned to breed at the same territory in 2016, but her early-season brood was predated on 20 May. However, she re-nested at the same territory in that year and reared 4 chicks to fledging on 20 June.

**26th March 2017 (Meg Stark)**

Gunnerside Gill, Swaledale

On Sunday 26th March, 11.50 a.m. one male Ring Ouzel

**25th March 2017 (Bunty Macdonald)**

Carr-Bridge, Badenoch & Strathspey

This is the 4th year the Ring Ouzel has returned to our garden in Carr-Bridge, Badenoch & Strathspey.

He arrived yesterday afternoon, and happy to be scoffing the blueberries I put out for him.

**25th March 2017 (Robert Hannam)**

Mennock Pass, Dumfries & Galloway

25/3/17. Brief sighting of four Ring Ouzels, all males I think, at the same spot as the last two years : foot of Glen Clach / Mennock Pass, Dumfries & Galloway.

**24th March 2017 (Brian Sweet)**

Weymouth, Dorset

In my bird feeder 24th March late afternoon Dorset DT4 9QS. I managed to get a fuzzy image.

**24th March 2017 (Chloe Twiston Davies)**

Gripp, Campan, Southern France

Seen in field behind our house in Southern France; Gripp, Campan 65710

It seems to have lost it's tail feathers but can still fly. I spotted it on the ground eating, then it flew into a tree when I approached it. I wanted to make sure it could fly and wasn't injured.

It's snowing heavily now. I'm guessing it's dropped out of a migrating flock :O(

**22nd March 2017 (Ken Hutchinson)**

Rosedale, Yorkshire

Male ring ouzel seen today, 22nd, in Rosedale. First arrival.

**7th March 2017 (Sussex Ornithological Society)**

West Sussex

"A Male Ring Ouzel in flight over A27 Shoreham By Pass about half way between the Holmbush Shopping Centre and the River Adur at 14.15hours. Seen from the car, it flew over the carriageway in front of the car at close range, so no doubt about ID"

The A27 By Pass is close to the Sea and Chalk Downland.

The 10 year average arrival date in Sussex is 31st March

Reported by Paul James

**7th March 2017 (Bill Severs)**

Stanage, Derbyshire

There has been a sighting in the last few days by a member of Sheffield Bird Study Group. Redmires reservoirs

I am 90% certain I had 2 males flying over Stanage this morning, only 90% i.e. Through Shape, flight pattern and colour but too far for certain.

Not a sound from either so I've not recorded it plus the fact I didn't have my Binoculars with me.

**Winter sightings (2016/2017)**

**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?

Date of sighting: 7/01/17

Grid reference: 740288

**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.