

## 2021/22 Sightings Archive

### Winter sightings (2021/2022)

#### 10th February 2022 (Patricia Ellerker)

Yelverton, Dartmoor

I saw a strange bird hopping along the edge of my garden, just after Christmas...I have seen this bird several times since...the most recent siting being on my garage roof yesterday...it is definitely a Ringed Ouzel...I live in Yelverton. PL20 6BJ, on the very edge of Dartmoor....

#### 9th February 2022 (Martin Lodge)

Warsash, Southampton

A single Ring Ouzel has been a resident here at Warsash Maritime Academy throughout the Autumn 2021 to date. Two were seen in the early Autumn however. My staff and fire-fighter students are treated to it's song each morning. I have still been unable to get a clear photograph of it but will continue to try.

#### 5th February 2022 (Sian Williams)

Lichfield, Staffordshire

A single male ring ouzel spotted in a tree above the hedge just past the Three Tuns pub on Walsall Road, west of Lichfield in Staffordshire, around 11.30am

#### 17th January 2022 (Paul Bolton)

Dogsthorpe, Cambs

Well I wasn't expecting to find one of these this morning. A male Ring Ouzel at the Star Pit, Dogsthorpe, Cambs. Last seen by myself around 11:15 but seen subsequently by others.

[VIDEO clip HERE](#)

#### 14th January 2022 (Dan Evans)

Cardiff, Wales

I have some not great photos of a ring ouzel at Ashgrove fields, Fairwater Rugby Club , Cardiff. Spotted a few days ago and today 14/01/22 also

#### 6th January 2022 (Thomas McGowan)

Dunfermline, Fife

Spotted what I think was a ring ouzel. It was confirmed by pictures on the net. Location was Oakley, Dunfermline, Fife.

#### 5th January 2022 (Alastair Pingram)

Ruthin, North Wales

I was dropping my son off at Llysfasi agricultural college Ruthin this morning 05/01/22 at 08:55

On a fence post was a female Ring Ouzel

#### 12th December 2021 (Ieuan Wyn - Archived sightings of summer breeding birds in Snowdonia)

Bethesda, Gwynedd

2017 - on a holly tree in the garden of Talgarreg, Ffordd Carneddi, Bethesda, Gwynedd LL57 3SG.

2020 - on a rock at the bottom of Cwm Coch, Nant Ffrancon, Bethesda, Gwynedd (between Blaen y Nant and Pentre - post code: LL57 3DQ).

When I was in my teens in the 1960s, accompanying two local fishermen on the Carneddau side of Llyn Ogwen, we saw a ring ouzel springing from rock to rock calling out alarmingly. They referred to it as the Aderyn Llwynog and said that a fox was not far off. That's when I came to know what it's local name was. I had seen it once in the 1950s near Pont Waun above the village of Gerlan on the mountain road towards the Carneddau. I then saw one in 1989 in Cwm Bychan above Beddgelert.

**10th December 2021 (Lee Schofield)**

Lorton, Lake District

A friend spotted this ring ouzel earlier today near Lorton, in the Lakes. Thought it was late enough that you'd be interested.

See photo [HERE](#)

**5th December 2021 (Mary Mackenzie)**

Bonnyrigg near Edinburgh

Bird which matched ring ouzel markings spotted in garden this morning, 5/12/21.

**Autumn migration (2021)****27th November 2021 (Michelle Davies)**

Aberdare

Saw male today at Dare Valley country park, Aberdare

**14th November 2021 (Nick Bell)**

Kinder reservoir Derbyshire

Ring Ouzel spotted close to Kinder reservoir tributary

Precise location SK 05976 88776.

Spotted flitting up the footpath at around 14:30 yesterday - 14/11/2021.

**1st November 2021 (Martin Snowdon)**

Sussex downs

Spotted one single male around 14.30 on 01.11.2021.

It was flying from hedgerow hawthorn trees to grass land on one side and emerging winter wheat on the other.

Very suprised to meet it! Shortly afterwards it flew off with 4 other birds.

OS Landranger 198. TQ 323 106

**23rd October 2021 (Darren Owen)**

Holwick Scar, Teesdale

1 male, 2 females, at Holwick Scar in Teesdale, County Durham

**22nd October 2021 (David Gilbert)**

Hungerford, Berkshire

I saw a Ring Ouzel at 10:30am this morning (22nd October 2021) at a nature reserve at Hungerford, Berkshire SU33026866. It landed in a bush with berries and two greenfinch, not far from the canal. I had a clear view with my binoculars.

**22nd October 2021 (Mike Smith)**

Newton Stewart, Scotland

Single m Ring Ouzel in Rowan with Redwing flock at DG8 7BL on 22.10.21 at 14:15. Flew off alone towards S

**7th October 2021 (Alison Henry)**

Malvern Hills, Worcs

Yesterday (Oct 7th 2021) my husband took a walk on the Malvern Hills in Worcs (North Hill specifically) and he ran into two experienced birders who reported a number of ring

ouzels (7 I believe) on North Hill in the early morning. I am a birder (live in US) and was disappointed to miss them as they would have been new for me. These birders may already have reported this sighting but I thought I would, just in case they did not. I walked up there this morning but was not successful. Will keep trying.

**4th October 2021 (Susan QUINN)**

Cowden Kent

Watched lone female (poss juvenile) ring ouzel in my garden in Cowden Kent.

It was in a Sorbus tree eating the berries for about 10 mins, at 15.00 hrs.

**20th Septemvber 2021 (Nicole Keshav)**

River Leith, Edinburgh

Dean village, river leith, edinburgh, monday sept. 20, 4:30 pm

**1st Septemvber 2021 (Kim Robinson)**

Pen-y pass Snowdonia

3 Ring Ouzels

**Spring/Summer Breeding (2021)**

**8th August 2021 (Ellie Cronin)**

Dobcross, Lancs

Seen today - landed on a stone by the side of a river in Uppermill/Dobcross on our afternoon country walk

**29th July 2021 (Richard Hyde)**

Howden Edge, Peak District.

Single male spotted on 29th July below Howden Edge (Berristers Tor) in the Peak District. A second bird was spotted which may have been a female.

**18th July 2021 (Gary Cooper)**

Bamford edge Derbyshire

Saw two male ring ouzels bamford edge Derbyshire 7 30 am Sunday 18th July .my first ever sighting fabulous made my day

**15th July 2021 (Christopher Watson)**

River Tees, Cauldron Snout

Single Ring Ouzel on River Tees just below Cauldron Snout where it is joined by the Maize Beck.

**14th July 2021 (Stephen Hussey)**

Old Man of Coniston, Lake District

We spotted a single bird 40ft below us in a gully at Dow Crag, part of the The Old Man of Coniston horseshoe. SD263977

**10th July 2021 (Meg Stark)**

Grassington, N Yorks

Male spotted at Rolling Gate Crag near Grassington SE00148 60266. I think I saw the back of a female nearby, disappearing behind the crag.

**8th July 2021 (David Smith)**

Bamford Edge, Derbyshire.

I came upon what I believe was a female Ring Ouzle on the rocks at Bamford Edge in Derbyshire. 8.7.21.

**2nd July 2021 (Lisa Bruntjen)**

Cairngorms

Seen a female Ring Ouzel on a hike on 02.07.2021 in the Cairngorms, near the Ski Centre.

**28th June 2021 (Nikki Brabant)**

Grisedale Valley, Lake District

We were walking up to Birks from Patterdale and were eating our lunch on the side of the fell. A ring ouzel flew from the Grisedale Valley and landed on the fell side. Pootled about for a few minutes and then flew back out of sight. Absolutely delighted as wanted to see one for a long while

**27th June 2021 (Peter Barrans)**

Crummack Water, Cumbria

Whiteside above Crummack Water, Cumbria

Sighted several times along the ridge between Whiteside summit and Hopegill Head

**21st June 2021 (Christina Juppe)**

West Shropshire

Three ring ouzel fledglings sighted in West Shropshire. We could hear the mother nearby

**20th June 2021 (Rob Hannam)**

Mennock Pass, Lowther Hill, Scotland

Male calling faintly, perching in a tree and heather. Common location - slopes of Moor End, seen 7.30am from B797 Mennock Pass road. NS856099

Chattering on opposite slopes - possible female (?) not seen.

Another male often heard but not seen, farther up the pass. Neighbours report seeing a male near the Beam Engine in Wanlockhead village. Sightings generally very scarce this year.

**19th June 2021 (Margo Fleming)**

Llanfairfechan Conwy

Male seen clearly 19/6 Llanfairfechan Conwy LI33 the old quarry

**15th June 2021 (Peter Rutland)**

Ennerdale, Cumbria.

Walking on the Ennerdale Fells on the ridge that runs by Silver Cove up toward Haycock. Was a pair of Ouzels feeding a chick.

**12th June 2021 (Lee Farmer)**

Mynydd Drws-y-Coed Snowdonia

GR: SH547516 On SE slopes of Mynydd Drws-y-Coed Snowdonia North Wales. Pair of Ring Ouzels.

**7th June 2021 (Pete Curran)**

Scar House, Yorkshire Dales

Two fabulous photos of adult ouzels in te Yorkshire Dales. Photos [HERE](#)

**7th June 2021 (Michael Darke)**

Snowdonia

Snowdonia. 2-3 pairs. 7th June 2021. In the valley leading up from Abergwyngregyn to Llyn Anafon. Morning. Dry, sunny. One pair seen mating at SH699703. 1-2 pairs seen at SH688710 and SH689712 - I believe two pairs but I cannot be certain.

**4th June 2021 (Steven Swift)**

Pavey Ark, Cumbria.

Male and female at the bottom of Jacks Rake, Pavey Ark, Cumbria.

**1st June 2021 (Jolyon Medlock)**

William Clough, Kinder Plateau

A pair of Ring Ouzel half way up William Clough

**29th May 2021 (Archie Blair)**

Knoydart peninsula

Spotted briefly but heard frequently from a gully below the summit of the Munro, Sgurr na Ciche (at height of c 800m) on the Knoydart peninsula, north-west Scotland. Mid-morning, Sat, 29 May 2021. Weather generally clear, light cloud, mist on higher ground.

**28th May 2021 (Jack Turnbull)**

Saddleworth Moor, Lancs

Single ring ouzel seen landing on a rock and flying off next to Chew reservoir on Saddleworth Moor.

Latitude/Longitude (53.51349551611867, -1.9488501548767092)

OS Grid Ref SE033018

OS Easting / Northings (403300, 401800)

**27th May 2021 (Aidy Pilling)**

How, Cumbria

Two birds, a pair seen for 5 mins, on a wall, in flight, and in a tree, on the low slopes of Heartsop above How, Cumbria

**27th May 2021 (Jennifer Reynolds)**

Redmires, Sheffield

Walking on a path over Redmires this morning (27th May 2021) I believe I spotted a single ring ouzel. It was a nice dry morning, very little wind. Lots of curlews nesting and flying about

**24th May 2021 (Emma Price)**

Cleveland Hills, North Yorkshire

2 males sighted on 24/5/21 on grouse-shooting moorland; by the path between Bloworth Crossing and Ingleby Incline, Cleveland Hills, North Yorkshire.. Grid reference NZ6002.

**23rd May 2021 (Sandra McLean)**

Blidworth, Notts

Spotted a ringed ouzel in blidworth , 2-3 weeks ago , flying from a horse paddock area .

Onto a hedge where it perched , (that's when I noticed it's distinctive white bib) and into another horse field , adjacent to a small fenced off woodland on new lane, Blidworth.

**22nd May 2021 (Barbara Collins)**

Curbar Edge, Derbyshire

Yesterday evening on Curbar Edge about 7 30 pm I took several photos

**22nd May 2021 (Martin Stephenson)**

Isles of Scilly

Seen on roof of house on island of Bryher Isles of Scilly 22nd May 2021. Female

**4th May 2021 (Conrad Chamberlain)**

Sittingbourne, Kent

My family and I have spotted a single male Ring Ouzel in Sittingbourne, Kent. It was first sighted on the Saturday 1st May and has been seen on several occasions in a berry bush in a suburban garden near our house up until today (4th May).

**3rd May 2021 (Ian Murray)**

Wasdale, Cumbria

Spotted a pair when walking down from Skafell Pike on 30th April. Above Wasdale on Goat Crag.

**2nd May 2021 (Andrew Harriss)**

Lopham Fen, Norfolk

Late afternoon. One male ring ouzel feeding at edge of arable field at Low Common, South Lopham, Norfolk. A feeding flock of 500+ fieldfares was also spread out across the same field. The field adjoins the northern boundary of Redgrave and Lopham Fen NNR

**2nd May 2021 (David Hussey)**

Princes Risborough Bucks

Grangelands nature reserve Cadsdean Princes Risborough Bucks. 5pm. Two males one female

**2nd May 2021 (Nick Clarke)**

Hatfield Forest

On open heathland near Bush End church. Was in a flock with 3 other birds but 1 was clearly seen.

**2nd May 2021 (Kirsty von Malaise)**

Rhyd Ddu, Snowdonia

Ring ouzel seen off the Watkin path ( from the end of the link path from Rhyd Ddu)

**1st May 2021 (H Lythe)**

Beverley, East Yorkshire

A pair ring ouzel (one female and one male) been in our garden for 3 days. We are just outside Beverley in East Yorkshire

**Early Arrivals 2021**

**26th April 2021 (David Kidd)**

Buxton, Derbyshire

Single male seen on evening of 26th April, Combs Moss at Buxton, Derbyshire (Moorland/heather). Never seen one before!

**26th April 2021 (Victoria Gilmour)**

Bamford Edge, Peak District

Sighted on Bamford Edge Peak District on open moorland with heather and rocky outcrops

**26th April 2021 (Roger Priest)**

Holmfirth Yorkshire

2 Ring Ouzel sighted near Digley Reservoir in the Holme Valley above Holmfirth Yorkshire. 26 April 2021 3.00pm

**25th April 2021 (Jessica Worlock)**

Pembrokeshire

Preseli Hills, Pembrokeshire. SN090323. En route to Foel Cwmcerwyn, above Rosebush village. 25/04/2021. Good view, definite sighting.

**24th April 2021 (Ben Keayes)**

Langdale, Cumbria

Pavey Arc - Langdale - Cumbria. Saw two ring ouzels (male and female) flying, calling and landing on the middle of the crag. As walkers started climbing Jake's Rake (ie towards where they had been) - both flew off to the west (Stickle Pike).

**24th April 2021 (Anne Greenidge)**

Chelsfield, Kent

Spotted a male ring ouzel around 9am on Friday, 24 April, in our field, a south facing open space in Chelsfield, Kent, outskirts of Orpington. It was feeding, and was observed for at least 10 minutes.

**24th April 2021 (Stephen Keauffling)**

Dinas Island, West Wales

On the coastal path on Dinas Island West Wales 9.30am

SN00996 41081

East:200995 North:241080

**24th April 2021 (Stephen D Humphris)**

Wasdale, Cumbria

2, possibly 3 individuals all seen in same location around Piers Gill on Lingmell Fell, Wasdale, Cumbria. Very certain identification.

Grid reference: NY 213 082.

**21st April 2021 (Brian Murie)**

East Kilbride

Pair on rooftop in East Kilbride (750foot higher and 9 miles south of Glasgow ) on 21/4/2021 8.30pm

**20th April 2021 (Angus Macrae)**

Upper Glenshee, Highlands

Male seen in upper glenshee, several times over 3 hour period.

Female seen in upper glenshee,

Both April 20 2021, between 1500 and 1800

**20th April 2021 (Barbara Evans)**

Hastings

Lone male. In tree beside the railway embankment behind Quarry Road, Hastings, TN34 3SE. Unringed.

**20th April 2021 (Joseph W)**

Islington, London

Seen a single Ring Ouzel in Islington, London, 20/04/20 16:30.

**19th April 2021 (A P Widdowson)**

Cleveland Way, Scarborough

I also had to other people mention (after I had watched the RO sing at the above location) they independently reported sightings in Filey.

**18th April 2021 (John Harris)**

Great Orme, Llandudno

Sighted with binoculars 18 April 2021 at approx. 8.45am on the upper west side of the Great Orme, Llandudno. Approx SH755837

**17th April 2021 (Richard Gallagher)**

Bilbao Spain

14 individuals 17th April 2021. 7 km south of Bilbao Spain at an altitude of 900 m. Mountain called Ganekogorta.

**17th April 2021 (Stephen Hussey)**

Tintagel, North Cornwall

Trevalga Cliff, nr Tintagel, North Cornwall. SX074903.

Single bird foraging in short turf with lots of ant hills nr South West Coast Path.

**16th April 2021 (Martin Lodge)**

Warsash, Hampshire

At Warsash Maritime Academy, Newtown Road, Warsash, SO31 9ZL. One male seen singing and being answered by another in the distance.

**16th April 2021 (Mike Headon)**

Tonbridge Kent

Have just seen a Ring Ouzel in Tonbridge Kent. My first reaction was that it was a Blackbird with some white bits (we have a few in the area) but I stopped and watched and it's markings were a clearly defined white chest section, not like the random flashes and markings some of the Blackbirds have.

**13th April 2021 (Nic Wilson)**

Pegsdon Hill, Bedfordshire

2 males & 1 female feeding in valley bottom at Pegsdon Hill, Bedfordshire. 2pm-2.30pm 13. 04.2021. Grid Reference: TL 12094 29771

**12th April 2021 (Donna Jones)**

Stanhope, Couty Durham

1 male and 2 females, feeding on short grass on fellside edge.

Grid ref: 993416 Stanhope, velvet path walk

**11th April 2021 (Ian Feltham)**

Orpington, Kent

Sighted this afternoon 11th April 2021 in Orpington greater London. Managed to take a couple of snaps



**11th April 2021 (Andrew Holman)**

Potterspury, Towcester

Seen in my garden and confirmed with 10x50 binoculars on 9-4-2021 @10:30 am in an Acacia tree.

Location 52° 4'48.44"N 0°53'25.37"W

**11th April 2021 (Clare Cunningham)**

Frodsham, Cheshire

Single bird observed foraging in ploughed field for 30 minutes or so before flying off to sit in fence/hedgerow in adjacent field. Didn't appear to be colour-ringed

**10th April 2021 (Mr G Gibson)**

Jarrow, Tyne and Wear

Female spotted in local park distinct band across chest seemed to be scouting around stayed for a few minutes then took off .

Location spring well park jarrow Tyne and Wear

**9th April 2021 (Ian Bradley)**

Roughton Gill, Lake District

Single bird spotted Roughton Gill in flight low above the flatter areas amongst the old mine tips and workings. NY301345 ~1300 April 09, 2021.

**9th April 2021 (Mr Crook Bryan)**

Bergerac, France

Yes I'm in France, south of Bergerac, have been for over 30 years, being an avid bird watcher for all of my life this march I'm very surprised to have a pair of Ring Ouzels nesting in our garden and now raising four young.

Couldn't believe it to start with, have tried to get a photo but they are always too quick.

**8th April 2021 (Michael John Summerson Liley)**

Romsley, Hants

1 adult male near to St Kenelm's Church Romsley - just outside the boundary of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's Penorchard nature reserve. Grid reference: SO94308100.

Observed feeding on semi-improved horse-grazed grassland just in front of a blackthorn hedge. Well marked individual with strong white bib and silvery sheen showing well on primaries. I only had a binocular view from c150 metres with swarovski 8x42s. I could not distinguish any leg rings. At least 2 other observers, 1 with a scope. Bird observed between approx 1.30 and 2.15 pm. Reported on Bird Guides. Apparently there have been sightings in this locality since 30th March - up to 3 birds together

**5th April 2021 (Steve Chalmers)**

Hayling Island, Hants

Date 2021-04-05 Male Location. Tournurbury Farm, Hayling Island Grid Reference SZ 73632 99923 Right Leg ring colours. Mid Blue only colour seen Left Leg ring colours.

None seen Other comments Bird was strongly backlit; coming off the ground into a low tree I could scope it at about 250m - possibly a metal ring on the left leg. Did not notice a second ring on the right leg.

**4th April 2021 (Margaret Aldred)**

Wetheringsett Stowmarket

4 april 2021 16.45 pm in garden wetheringsett Stowmarket ip14 5pu also to day 5th april 15.30

**4th April 2021 (Tim Pears)**

Newhey, Rochdale

3 males seen in Piethorne Valley Newhey, Rochdale on pasture. 4/4/21@ 6.30pm.

**1st April 2021 (Rob Hannam)**

Mennock Pass, Lowther Hills

Two males seen from B797 Mennock Pass road, early morning.

One near the mouth of Glen Clach - often the first place they are seen - singing faintly in a tree. NS855101

The second on the slopes of Middle Moor, flying low over the heather. NS 871113.

**30th March 2021 (Alan and Jenny)**

Wingham, Kent

I live in Wingham in Kent and today 30/03/2021, at 1700 I had a female Ring Ouzel having a very vigorous bathe in my bird bath.

A wonderful sighting.

**22nd March 2021 (Philip David Arnold)**

Todber, Dorset

A single male seen foraging on local open space at Hambledon Close in Todber, Dorset DT10 on Monday 22.3.2021

for approx 15 minutes between 8.15am and 8.30am.

**22nd March 2021 (Rhion Pritchard)**

Anafon Valley, Carneddau

Two singing Males in the Anafon Valley, Carneddau, SH681712.

**20th March 2021 (Emma Meekings)**

Chilworth, Surrey

A male ring ouzel feeding on the lawn near a group of male blackbirds in Chilworth, Surrey, GU4 8ND near Guildford! 20/3/2021

**7th March 2021 (John Dobbs)**

Sirior Bach, Conway

Post code LI228PN in the woods on Sirior Bach caravan park on the retreat eating berries

**Winter sightings** (2020/2021)**28th February 2021 (Jacqui Davies)**

Montgomery, Wales

On 28th February 2021, two of us saw a previously unknown bird which we subsequently identified as a mâle ring ouzel. We were only 20 yards away and saw it take off from a small tree to land in another some 20 yards beyond. We are near Montgomery in the Welsh March close to a nature reserve run by the Montgomery Wildlife trust. The white crescent was clearly shown.

We had heard a fluting call about 10 days before. Now realise it was the ring ouzel !

**14th February 2021 (Berwyn Clarke)**

Long Thurlow, Suffolk

Single bird in garden yesterday ( Long Thurlow Suffolk). Stayed around 1.5 minutes - breast band looked scaly and more beige than white ( Possible female?). Larger than resident blackbirds, more size of our local fieldfare population.

**16th January 2021 (Lisbeth Dring)**

Roslisyton, Nr Burton On Trent

Heard what sounded like a regular mistle thrush and was surprised to see a blackbird with a white chest. Later identified as a Ring Ouzel. Eating Rowan berries and fighting off mistle thrush and blackbird. Thrilled to have seen one.

**16th January 2021 (Robin Rostron)**

Northumberland

Seen a male in my garden several times in the last few days. I live in north Northumberland near the coast

**1st January 2021 (David Gilbert)**

Bishopstone, Wiltshire

Sighted today at 11:30am on 1st January 2021

Male Ring Ouzel. At Bishopstone on side of a hill in a gully

Coords: SU249826

The bird was on the grass path ahead of us. White crescent on chest clearly visible.

I am a member of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

**13th December 2020 (David Daniels)**

Wisborough Green, West Sussex

Sighted in Wisborough Green, West Sussex RH14 0DQ on Sunday December 13th at 14.40 - single bird only