

## **2022/2023 Sightings**

### **Autumn migration (2023)**

#### **21st November 2023 (Sara P)**

Barnes, London

Singing from a tree close to the pond in Wyatt Drive, Barnes, London SW13 very close to London Wetlands Centre

#### **7th November 2023 (Brian Leslie)**

Langdale Cumbria

in a hawthorn by a path on the from Side Pike to the NT car Park above Blea Tarn in Langdale Cumbria.

#### **7th November 2023 (Judith Day)**

Glyndyfrdwy, Denbighshire

Approx 16.00 on upland between Bryneglwys and Glyndyfrdwy, Denbighshire. A pair of ring ouzels flying together in front of my car along the mountain road. Eventually they settled on a small tree so it was possible to see them clearly.

#### **7th November 2023 (Wayne Tancock)**

Trawden Lancashire

16 28. Ring ouzel see in garden of great hill farm Trawden Lancashire. 7. 11. 23

#### **4th November 2023 (Charles Bennett)**

Aylsham Norfolk

Feeding in my garden Aylsham Norfolk single bird mid afternoon

#### **3rd November 2023 (Rob Hannam)**

Wanlockhead, Dumfries & Galloway

Early morning. Spotted a male Ouzel briefly perching in a tree next to my garden. No idea why it was still around at this time of year

#### **3rd November 2023 (Nicola McCreadie)**

Askrigg, North Yorkshire

Dead. It flew into the living room window.

#### **3rd November 2023 (Andrea H Goddard)**

Monadhliath mountains, Cairngorms

Female ring ouzel alongside the main track dissecting Farr Estate in the Monadhliath mountains, nr Inverness. Bold and showy it was flying between some juniper bushes. Never seen one so late so presume it to be either a late fledgling or nesting adult which has been held back from migrating by the easterly winds and storms we've had of late.

#### **30th October 2023 (Michael Peter Gordon)**

Brighton and Hove, Sussex

I saw a male Ring Ouzel in Hove Park , City of Brighton and Hove , yesterday (Monday 30th October 2023) It alighted on a bird feeder hanging on a tree by the miniature railway .It did not feed . It was only in sight for about 10 seconds then it flew away .

#### **28th October 2023 (Gavin Ratcliff)**

East Preston, West Sussex

There has been a female ring ouzel in my garden on the 28/10/23 and 29/10/23.

I live in East Preston near Littlehampton in West Sussex.

#### **28th October 2023 (Debbie Bailey)**

Cadair Idris, Snowdonia

Male seen near the summit cairn of Cadair Idris in Snowdonia national park.

**23rd October 2023 (Mark Tucker)**

North Somerset!

Female ring ouzel feeding on Rowan tree berries in our front garden.

**15th October 2023 (Victoria Gregory)**

East Chiltington, Sussex

East Chiltington, Sussex BN7 3QS around 10am, seen with binnoculars in the garden

**14th October 2023 (Mary Burman)**

Soussons Forest, Dartmoor

Watched a pair which perched in one tree and then another near me, before flying off out of sight, so I had good views to observe these wonderful birds.

Just on the west side of Soussons Forest, Dartmoor Saturday 14th October 9.30am

**11th October 2023 (Christopher Watson)**

Whitelyne Common, Cumbria

Single bird spotted at Sightly Crag East of Whitelyne Common, Cumbria

**8th October 2023 (Phil Clode)**

Leven, Yorkshire

A male Ring Ouzel has been visiting my mother-in-law's garden in Leven, East Riding of Yorkshire frequently for the last few days. I have taken several photos of it eating berries in a Cotoneaster bush.

**9th September 2023 (Nichola Duncan)**

Kennacraig, Western Scotland

Juvenile female on rocks at Kennacraig ferry terminal . Could not take photo as was driving. Stance like a blackbird but such clear lines and markings on the wings especially.

**Spring/Summer breeding 2023****5th August 2023 (Lyndsay Robertson)**

Glencoe Scotland

Spotted on the summit of a Munro called Sgor na h-Ulaidh on 05/08/23 which we climbed from Glen Etive, near Glencoe. Managed to get a picture as it was only about 20/30 feet away from us.

Also saw a pair near the summit of Binnein Beag, a Munro in the Mamores range near Kinlochleven on 30/08/23.

**18th July 2023 (Edward Ronnie)**

Ballymote, Co Sligo Ireland

Seen by the Old Mill in Ballymote, Co Sligo Ireland. As I walk near there regularly will try for a picture

**12th July 2023 (Jennie Gavin)**

Loch Turret, Perth & Kinross

Perched on a rock alongside Loch Turret. Grid ref 56.4192174-3.9130945.

Seen in a similar place on previous years.

**10th July 2023 (Chris Puddephatt)**

Quinag, Northern Scotland

Male, female and "several" (two, maybe three) fledglings seen and photographed from a mountain path on Quinag, Northern Scotland.

Location is the junction of several footpaths with frequent walkers passing through or eating lunch.

I've seen birds here for at least 5 consecutive years.

Two photos of juvenile birds approaching adult plumage [HERE](#)

**9th July 2023 (Paula Olde-Wolbers)**

Isle of Skye

Ring Ouzel sighting location - Keppoch, Strathaird, Isle of Skye, Highland.

Grid ref: NG5618 and NG5619.

Two male and one female Ring Ouzels seen.

**1st July 2023 (Denis McCardell)**

Antrim Castle Park, NI

Sighted today, Sat July 1st at around 3pm. I was in Antrim Castle Park. In Antrim

**25th June 2023 (Tom Supple)**

Frankley Reservoir, West Midlands

In a field adjacent to Frankley Reservoir, West Midlands Grid Ref Latitude: 52° 25' 14.48" N Longitude: - 1° 59' 54.56" W. The Ouzel was mostly foraging along the field hedgerow. We also saw ground feeding Wheatears on the same day.

**24th June 2023 (Martin Ledigo)**

Buttermere, Lake District

Male seen near the peak of Fleetwith pike, Buttermere. Carrying food in beak and foraging on the ground

**22nd June 2023 (Andy Mackervoy)**

Moscar Moor, Peak District

Around midday. Female in Jarvis Clough, Moscar Moor GR.SK216862. Landed in tree 20m from me. Got good sighting with binoculars, and she gave the distinctive 'trim phone' call. While I tried to get my camera out of my rucksac she flew directly over my head and disappeared east towards Stange End.

**11th June 2023 (Thomas Riley)**

Torridon, Scotland

three birds observed on Beinn Alligin in Torridon

**9th June 2023 (Thomas Riley)**

Torridon, Scotland

Much singing in the area around Liathach in Torridon

**11th June 2023 (Christine Bows)**

Windermere, Lake District

I saw one in Windermere, Lake District on 11.06.2023 at 2200hrs. Flying low up and down along a small beck.

**5th June 2023 (Kim Phillips)**

Rosedale, N York Moors

GR 726 996. Group of 3 or 4 in flight, calling, heading up North Gill.

**4th June 2023 (Stephen Hudson)**

Trough of Bowland, Lancashire

Saw an Ouzel on Foundary Hill in the Trough of Bowland at 6.30 am.

**30th May 2023 (Charles Pink)**

Swaledale Yorkshire Dales

7 separate Ring Ouzel seen in Swaledale Yorkshire Dales . This included a pair with a single youngster which they seemed to be teaching to feed. Watched for a good half an hour.

**29th May 2023 (Ben Anderson)**

Pavey Ark, Great Langdale

A pair of ring ousals on Pavey Ark today, 29th May. Clearly feeding young, which appear (I saw one) to have fledged.

**25th May 2023 (David Sykes)**

Moel Cyngorion, Llanberis

On May 25th on the slopes of Moel Cyngorion overlooking Llanberis and adjacent to Snowdon.

About 20 metres away, beak full of worms.

**25th May 2023 (Clive Turner)**

Mickleden, Cumbria

Male spotted flying and on rocks on the Southern elevation of Black Crag, approaching Stake Pass (Mickleden, Cumbria) 25th May 2023.

**24th May 2023 (Peter Wilson)**

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**24th May 2023 (Deborah Redmond)**

Keswick, Cumbria

Two (probably a pair) spotted on a hike up to Lonscale Fell, near Keswick, Cumbria, 24/05/2023 at 09:55.

We have a nice photo of the more gregarious one, the other fluttered away. The Ring Ouzel we photographed was feeding from the earth in the pathway. It was very Blackbird like in manner.

Using OS mapping app - NY 27931 26907

East: 327930 North: 526906

**23rd May 2023 (Mary Decelis)**

Langdale Valley, Lake District

Male sighted on 23/05/23 on slopes below Pavey Ark in the Langdale valley. Approximate grid reference NY28612 07900.

**21st May 2023 (Andrew Moxey)**

Loch Cluanie, NW Highlands

Sunday May 21st, on Sgurr Nan Conbhairean, above Loch Cluanie. Seen on rocks and heard calling.

**20th May 2023 (Meg Stark)**

Gunnerside Gill, Swaledale

Male Ring Ouzel at Gunnerside Gill, Swaledale NY 93803 02013, flew downhill on left bank of beck, then upstream.

**19th May 2023 (Antony Pooles)**

Cutthroat Bridge, Peak District

A female food gathering near the bridge

**19th May 2023 (Antony Pooles)**

Derwent Edge, Peak District

A female food gathering below Whinstone Lee tor with a male singing from the tor and visiting a possible nest site in the rocks

**17th May 2023 (Thomas Riley)**

Glen Affick, Scotland

Ring Ouzel observed and heard calling on the slopes of Sgurr Nan Ceathreamhnan in Glen Affric NW Scotland

**17th May 2023 (Lizzie Freeman)**

Dartmoor

Saw a male ring ouzel today (17/5/23) on Dartmoor, on the rocks just below Black tor. Grid reference OL28 566,895.

**16th May 2023 (Gilian Goaten)**

Honister, Lake District

Half a mile up the foot path from Honister to Dale Head on 16th May 2023. One male ring ouzel.

**12th May 2023 (Alistair Moulstone)**

Cairngorms

Spotted a male and female near the bottom end of the Cairngorms funicular railway on the 12th May 2023. I have photos that I took and posted in Facebook Groups.

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**11th May 2023 (Catherine Collins)**

Ladybank, Fife

Female Ring Ouzel on top of a garden birch tree in Ladybank, Fife (Grid Ref NO304101) on 11.05.23 at 9.30am. Sat for c.15 minutes in morning sunshine. Identified by thrush-like size, slim build, colour & scale-like feather patterns, beak with yellow streak, pale neck band and 'head pointing up' stance.

**7th May 2023 (Rachel Nimmo)**

Meall Doire Faid, NW Highlands Scotland

Single male ring ouzel spotted 7/5/23

Grid ref approx NH 223 796, on the slope of Meall Doire Faid. Initially close to the stalker's path then it flew up the slope and was running along the ground between the rocks.

**1st May 2023 (Jim Weaver)**

Stanage, Derbys

Broken Buttreass at Stanage (near The Causeway). Grid ref: SK 23345 84928. I was climbing there today (1/5/23) and saw a Ring Ouzel feeding in the area just before 6pm. It didn't give a warning call so I assume no nest but it remained in the area for 5 mins or so.

**Early Arrivals 2023****29th April 2023 (Mike Vickers)**

Burbage Edge, Derbys

Date 29/04/23 Female Location. Burbage Edge, Derbys Grid Reference SK 266822 Right Leg ring silver metal. Left Leg ring Red over yellow. Other comments : She was with an un-ringed male. They were being disturbed by climbers in the immediate vicinity. A National Park should surely restrict climbing in the breeding season on sites where these declining species nest !

**27th April 2023 (Jay Taylor)**

Stanage, Peak District

Definitely 1, possibly 2 (of what looked like ring ouzels) flying around at Stanage plantation early Thursday morning, in the DIY buttreass area.

**26th April 2023 (Adam Brennan)**

Coniston Old Man. Lake District

Spotted around 4 or 5 along the route from Levers Water in the cliffs of Brim Fell, Coniston Old Man. Easting 328043, Northing 498741. On the 26th April 2023. Took a photo of one clear to identify and two in flight. Can provide.

**24th April 2023 (Bridget Hodgkinson)**

Malvern Hills, Herefordshire/Worcestershire

At least 10 on North Hill, of the Malvern Hills this morning. They were seen yesterday there too.

**21st April 2023 (Robert Dawson)**

Murton Pike, North Pennines

Male on lower slope of Murton Pike, North Pennines, Cumbria (NY7322) today.

**20th April 2023 (Peter Freeman)**

Dartmoor

I saw, and photographed, a Ring Ouzel on Dartmoor. Thursday 20/4/23, perched high on an oak.

**18th April 2023 (Lesley Burrow)**

Llyn Eigiau, Snowdonia

Tuesday 18/04/2023 at 10.30 am. Above the footpath by Llyn Eigiau Snowdonia

Grid reference SH72308 64511

Single bird seen perched on rock about 20 metres away. Typical song heard and identified through binoculars with typical white throat markings. No ring seen on leg.

**17th April 2023 (Annette McGuigan)**

Meall Beag, Nevis Range, Scotlamd

Spotted today (17/04/23) while walking to the Meall Beag Viewpoint (2066ft). Have picture.

**17th April 2023 (Robert Dawson)**

Cumbria, North Pennines

4 individuals feeding together on south slope of Flagdaw, Knock, Cumbria in North Pennines (NY6928) on 17/4/23. Quite distant but at least 2 males.

**15th April 2023 (A J Gifford)**

Sheringham, Norfolk

Saw one bird this afternoon, Saturday 15th April on top of bushes on the edge of sandy cliffs between Sheringham and Weybourne, north Norfolk, as we walked along the sandy coastal path

**15th April 2023 (A Thelwall)**

Newbury, Berkshire

Seen in Conifer Crest, Wash Common, Newbury, Berkshire at approx 18.30 this evening. Thought it was just a blackbird at first but my daughter commented on the white. Sadly didn't get a photo as it flew off.

**14th April 2023 (Chris Puddephatt)**

Beinn an Eoin, Ullapool.

One male in northern Scotland today

On the very top of a mountain called Beinn an Eoin, (at 619m), which is west of Ullapool.

GR 10535 06447

I have a photo of it; poor quality due to zoom & crop, but fine for identification

**14th April 2023 (David Jordan)**

Langadale, Lake District

2 male Ring Ouzels seen at two separate locations around Stickle Tarn area, Langadale on Friday 14th April.

**10th April 2023 (Danny Harris)**

Woodhurst, Cambs

Spotted in the field behind our house in Woodhurst, Cambs. PE28 3BN.

We did manage a video taken via the iPhone through binoculars

**9th April 2023 (Robert Hannam)**

Menck Pass, Wanlockhead, Scotland

B797 Menck Pass road. NS 8676110. Male on slopes of Middle Moor. First sighting of 2023.

**8th April 2023 (Thomas Riley)**

Bamford Edge, Peak District

Male Ring Ouzel on Bamford Edge in the Peak District on 08/04/2023

**5th April 2023 (Antony Pooles)**

Derwent Edge, Peak District

3 (2 males) on Derwent Edge (early am) near Whinstone Lee Tor with possibly the same 2 males having a territorial dispute later above Ladybower Wood.

Also a male and female above Moscar House Farm feeding near the brook that runs down to Cutthroat Bridge (both birds unringed) - late am

**2nd April 2023 (Tom Brunt)**

Penyghent, North Yorkshire

Male seen at (and occasionally in) Hull Pot, Penyghent (grid reference 823745). Flying, singing loudly (vey impressive with the acoustics of the pot hole) and perching in a tree on the rim of the pot.

**1st April 2023 (Marc Stirrup)**

Buttermere, Lake District

NY204143 Fleetwith Edge, Buttermere. Male bird heard calling, then observed from path, on rocky rib at ~550m on Warnscale (South) side of ridge.

**Winter sightings (2022/2023)**

**22nd February 2023 (Paul St Pierre)**

North Devon coast

Single adult Ouzel seen on North Devon coast.

**30th January 2023 (Stephanie Cornwell)**

Pen y Fan, Brecon Beacons

Single male, on lower slope of Pen y Fan on 30th January 2023, approx grid ref SO0224

**18th January 2023 (Denise Churchill)**

Gotherington, Gloucestershire

Seen in my garden at about 4pm, sitting on the grass but it's white neck bar was clear and it's body shape was different to a blackbird. It's behaviour was different too.

The garden is in Gotherington, Gloucestershire (GL52) bordering on fields and hills. An unusual sighting at this time of year and in this location.

**9th January 2023 (Georgs Hall/Martin George)**

North Shropshire

A Ring Ouzel is currently over wintering in North Shropshire. See [THESE](#) superb photos taken by Geoff Hall of the bird feeding on meal worms.

**22nd December 2022 (Edwin Smyth)**

Connemara, County Galway

Ring Ouzel living in my back garden. I first noticed him a month ago but I see him on a daily basis since then.

Location: Camus, Connemara, County Galway..

**21st December 2022 (Peter Todd)**

Petworth West Sussex

Saw a lone ring ouzel in Old Coulsdon Surrey, by Purely John Fisher rugby club, at 15.30 on 21st December! Never seen one before.

**17th December 2022 (Gill Felus)**

Petworth West Sussex

Female bird feeding on ground with several Blackbirds, Redwing, Fieldfare, Thrush and with other smaller garden birds on my feeders.

I live in a small cottage in Petworth. Close to The Shimmings Valley and Petworth Park and with farmland close by. The garden is a mixture of flower beds with lawn and surrounded on 2 sides by bushes And an old wall on the other side with picket fencing on part. My neighbour has various tall bushes and trees bordering my garden .where some of my feeders are placed.

I also put out various foods for the birds on the ground particularly in this cold weather including:- Sunflower hearts, apples, pears, cooked potatoes, meal worms, hard boiled eggs, granary bread and occasional cake.

I have seen Ring Ouzels before which is why I could identify this female although I was surprised to see her. The garden was particularly busy at about 12 to 2 pm today with various, presumably, migrating visitors which delighted me, of course.

Unfortunately I was unable to take a photo of her. It was interesting to see all those different species appearing today. I knew there was a Fieldfare about but I certainly wasn't aware of the Ring Ouzel before today.

I will continue to put out food for the ground feeders as necessary and hope that at least some of the visitors return especially if we have some more cold weather.

Good luck with the survey. I will be interested to learn of the results.

**13th-15th December 2022 (Robert Mcleod)**

Drumnadrochit, Scotland

Female ring ouzel seen on days 13 to 15 Dec in Drumnadrochit, Scotland.

Had a few trips out to see this as Ive never seen one here at this time of year before.

**14th December 2022 (Sonia Butler)**

Poole, Dorset

The ring ouzel arrived in our garden this morning and has been around all day eating apples, he is still here now. I have a picture but my i pad is old and doesnt take good pictures