



Whitelee Bird Species List

Prior to construction of the Whitelee windfarm various biological surveys were carried out to provide information on the plants and animals of the site. During surveys conducted in 2001 for the Environmental Impact Assessment, a total of 88 bird species were recorded. Of these, 50 were classified as definite breeders within the site and surrounding area, 11 were classified as probable breeders, four were classified as unconfirmed but possible breeders, and 23 were classified as non-breeders.

Additional species have also been added subsequent to the initial surveys bring the total number of birds recorded from the windfarm to 95.

The following list provides information on the bird species recorded along with their current conservation status.

Common Name	Status	Common Name	Status
Great Crested Grebe		Lapwing	*
Cormorant		Dunlin	*
Grey Heron		Jack snipe	**
Mute Swan		Snipe	**
Whooper swan	†‡	Woodcock	**
Greylag goose	**	Whimbrel	‡
Pink-footed Goose	**	Curlew	**
Canada Goose		Redshank	**
Wigeon	**	Common Sandpiper	**
Teal	**	Black-headed Gull	**
Mallard	**	Common Gull	**
Tufted Duck	**	Lesser Black-backed Gull	**
Pochard	**	Yellow-legged Gull	**
Goldeneye	**	Herring Gull	
Red breasted Merganser		Great Black-backed Gull	**
Goosander		Common Tern	†
Hen Harrier	†‡	Woodpigeon	
Sparrowhawk		Collared Dove	
Buzzard		Cuckoo	*
Kestrel	**	Barn Owl	‡
Merlin	†‡	Tawny Owl	
Peregrine	†‡	Short-eared Owl	†
Red Grouse	**	Swift	**
Black Grouse	*	Skylark	*
Pheasant		Sand Martin	**
Moorhen		Swallow	**
Oystercatcher	**	House Martin	**
Ringed Plover	**	Tree Pipit	*
Golden Plover	†	Meadow Pipit	**
Pied Wagtail		Siskin	
Wren		Linnet	
Dunnock	**	Redpoll	



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Robin		Crossbill	†
Whinchat	**	Bullfinch	
Stonechat		Reed Bunting	
Wheatear	**	Jay	
Blackbird		Magpie	
Fieldfare	‡	Jackdaw	
Redwing	‡	Rook	
Song Thrush	*	Carrion Crow	
Mistle Thrush	**	Raven	
Grasshopper Warbler	*	Starling	*
Sedge Warbler		House Sparrow	*
Willow Warbler	**	Chaffinch	
Goldcrest		Brambling	‡
Coal Tit		Greenfinch	
Blue Tit		Goldfinch	
Great Tit		Great Grey Shrike	

† **Annex 1:** Species listed on Annex 1 of EC Directive 79/409/EEC on the Conservation of Wild Birds, requiring the UK Government to take special measures, including the designation of Special Protection Areas, to ensure the survival and reproduction of these species throughout their area of distribution.

‡ Listed in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended.

Red & Amber: The UK's leading non-governmental bird conservation organisations, (RSPB, BirdLife International, The Game Conservancy Trust, British Trust for Ornithology, The Hawk and Owl Trust, The Wildlife Trusts and The National Trust), have agreed the priorities for bird conservation after reviewing the status of all bird species in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man - 1996. The bird species are divided into three sections or lists.

* **Red List species:** All species whose breeding population declined or range contracted by 50% or more, (rapid), over the preceding 25 years (i.e. 1980-1995), and those of global conservation concern. Also birds with a high historical decline from 1800-1995.

** **Amber list species:** All species whose breeding population declined or range contracted by 25 -49%, (moderate), over the preceding 25 years. Or birds with 0.2 - 300 annually breeding pairs taking an average over the previous five years. Or birds for which 50% their breeding or non-breeding population is found at 10 or fewer sites. Or breeding species of which 20% or more of the European population breeds in the UK. Or birds with an unfavourable conservation status in Europe. These birds may progress to rapid decline unless action is taken.

