

Report of Birdwatching Group 2  
Coombs Valley & Westport Lake, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019

The morning was bright and clear with a chill wind. The the trail at Coombs V. was surrounded by bird sound and the trees were just coming into leaf so seeing the birds was still relatively easy. There were several good sightings of Chiff Chaffs and Nuthatches singing but the highlight was a Pied Flycatcher seen by some of us investigating a nest box. Woodpeckers could be heard drumming but none were seen.

A quick visit to Westport Lake on the way home provided the water birds on the day's list.

In all we saw 33 species on the day:

Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Coal Tit	<i>Pariparus ater</i>
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>
Treecreeper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>