Species of Birds recorded at Ringswell Common (John Barnett 2022)

Generally everywhere:

Buzzard, Pheasant, Wood Pigeon, Collared Dove, Swift (A), Dunnock (A), Swallow, Robin, Wren, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Carrion Crow, Raven, House Sparrow (R), Starling (R), Song Thrush (R)

South of the Common:

Woodcock-occasionally wintering in the thickest, dampest area

Great Spotted Woodpecker-often heard throughout the year

Grey Wagtail (R)-breeding

Pied Wagtail-probably breeding

House Martin(A)-on migration they can gather in large numbers over the sewage works and feed over the trees (S)

Willow Warbler(A)-present and singing for several weeks during the spring, in both the last two years; could be breeding (S)

Lesser Whitethroat-occasionally nearby, probably passing through (S)

Whitethroat-just across the stream in the other section (S)

Redstart(A)-passing through in migration season (S)

Goldcrest-in ivy

Treecreeper-in ivy

Coal Tit-in ivy

Middle area:

Stock Dove(A)-all year

Tawny Owl-all year

Jay-all year

Green Woodpecker-all year

Blue Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Nuthatch, Treecreeper always present and breeding Marsh Tit(R)-a pair is often around here and is probably breeding; this species is in severe decline Bullfinch(A)-often present and probably breeding; also in decline

North of the Common:

Mistle Thrush(R)-occasional visitor

Chiffchaff -breeding (S)

Blackcap-in denser scrub, normally a pair (S)

Chaffinch-throughout the year

Greenfinch-returning to the area

Goldfinch-common throughout the year

Linnet(R)-occasionally, mainly in winter

Siskin-often in winter, when the scrub was there, rare now

Redwing(R), Fieldfare(R) plus Blackbirds and Song Thrushes that come over from continental Europe arrive by the end of October and feed on the Blackthorn, Bramble, Hawthorn and apples throughout the winter, or else until the supplies are exhausted

- (S) indicates summer visitor, although Chiffchaff sometimes over winter at the sewage works
- (A) indicates amber listed bird
- (R) indicates red listed bird