

Keinton Mandeville Bird Records

Species	Location	Sightings Date	Specific Date	Total Number	Circa Count	Status	Sex/Pair	Notes
Mallard <i>platyrhynchos</i> <i>Anas</i>	Mill Stream	All year		2		Common resident breeder	Pair	6 x fledged, 4 x survived
	Kingweston	All year		2			Pair	4 fledged
Red-legged Partridge <i>Alectoris rufa</i>	Combe Hill	All year		6		Resident breeder		Released to shoot. 3 x adults frequented gardens during summer months.
	Kingweston	All year		2			Pair	No evidence of breeding
Grey Partridge <i>Perdix perdix</i>	Combe Hill	Feb - Apr		4		Scarce		First sighting for 3 years in new sown cereal. Possible release.
Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Throughout	All year		12		Common resident breeder		Post shoot count includes 4 x males
Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Orchard pond	All year		2		Scarce	Pair	Adults very frequent visitors to very small pond throughout year but possibly breed elsewhere.
Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Overflights	All year			25	Fairly common		North/south flights to and from Brue valley
Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Overflights	All year			5	Infrequent		North/south flights to and from Brue valley
Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	All surrounding fields	All year			6	Fairly common		Regular garden fishpond visitor. Wet and newly ploughed fields. Possibly breed at Shield Wood.
Sparrowhawk <i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Luns Hill Wood	All year		2		Common resident breeder	Pair	Co-exists with Buzzard and Kestrel. Nests in conifers. Farmland hunter.
Buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i>	East KM	All year		2			Pair	As above. Male and female are village hunters
	Luns Hill Wood	All year		2		Common resident breeder	Pair	Raised only 1 young successfully. For all pairs, territories radiate away from high ground of village.
Kestrel <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	SW KM	All year		2			Pair	Suspect 2 x hatched but only one young survived.
	NE KM	All year		2			Pair	One juvenile seen with adults in mid summer
	Luns Hill Wood	All year		2		Common resident breeder	Pair	Female tends to favour KM quarry for hunting.
	West Lydford Wood	All year	02-Jul-07	2			Pair	Both adults hunt south of wood and east side of KM. Two juveniles seen during summer.

Merlin <i>Falco columbarius</i>	SE KM	Winter months	15 Feb 07 2 Mar 07	1		Scarce and does not breed locally	Seen occasionally hunting low over fields during winter months
Hobby <i>Falco subbuteo</i>	SE KM and Luns Hill Wood		2/3/4 Jun 6 Jul 23 Aug	2		Scarce migrant breeder	Birds seen mating on first occasion and thereafter hunting between wood and marshy fields. No young identified but adult birds seen in late Aug
Peregrine <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Overflights	All year		6		Uncommon and does not breed locally	Over flights at altitude (>300ft). Best indicator of presence continues to be domestic poultry and wildfowl.
Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Mill Stream	All year		4		Common resident breeder	4 juveniles seen throughout summer
Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	NE KM	Winter months	03-Jan 28-Jan 21-Dec	60 45 35		Scarce winter visitor	Passing flight stopping briefly in flooded field With Lapwing
Lapwing <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Kingweston NE KM	Winter months	19-Nov 21-Dec 28-Dec	25 20 15		Scarce winter visitor	With Golden Plover
Common Snipe <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	NE KM	Winter months	12-Nov	4		Scarce visitor	Feeding in wet new-sown field at dawn
Woodcock <i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	West Lydford Wood	Winter months	10-Mar 08-Nov	1 1		Scarce breeder	On both occasions a single bird disturbed at dusk
Curlew <i>Numenius arquata</i>	Kingweston Fields Overflight	Winter months	03-Jan 12-Feb	2 1		Scarce visitor	In open grassland at dawn. Calling in flight
Black-headed Gull <i>Larus ridibundus</i>	In all larger bare fields	All year			20 - 30	Common visitor but does not breed	Locally, numbers of visiting B-h G have been overtaken by Lesser Black-backed Gulls
Lesser Black-backed Gull <i>Larus fuscus</i>	Kingweston West Lydford and SE KM fields	Oct - Mar			30 - 40	Common visitor but does not breed	Grouped regularly with Herring Gulls but this year has been the gull feeding in greatest numbers on undisturbed fields.
Herring Gull <i>Larus argentatus</i>	As above	Oct - Mar			20 - 30	As above	As above
Great Black-backed Gull <i>Larus marinus</i>	As above	Oct - Mar		1		Scarce visitor	Occasionally single juvenile gulls are seen with Lesser Black-backed Gulls
Stock Dove <i>Columba oenas</i>	Overflight and Kingweston	All year			2 to 15	Fairly common and may breed locally	No occupation of woods has been observed but feeding flocks of up to 15 birds on open fields.

Woodpigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i>	All across tetrad	All year				40	Common prolific breeder	Up to 20 pairs	Although mainly in pairs across the village and in neighbouring fields, feeding flocks up to 150 birds
Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	All across tetrad	All year			30	Common prolific breeder	10 - 15 pairs	Rarely seen in other than pairs. Favoured prey of female Sparrowhawk.	
Cuckoo <i>Cuculus canorus</i>	West side KM	Summer visitor	24-May	1		Scarce passage migrant		Heard. Favour low fields towards Kingweston rather than higher ground to east of village	
	West side KM		03-Jun	1				Heard	
	Village Hall		25-Jul	1				Seen	
Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba</i>	North side KM	All year	23-Apr	1		Scarce breeder		Hunting fields below Combe Hill	
	NW KM		05-May	1				Hunting fields towards Barton	
	Blind Lane		Aug - Sep	1				Probable juvenile hunting lane and adjacent fields	
Little Owl <i>Athene noctua</i>	Blind Lane	All year		4		Regular scarce breeder	2 pairs	1 pair with one fully fledged young	
	Cottons Lane			2			1 pair	One fully fledged young	
	Village Hall			1				Possible pair no young seen	
	Barton Road			1				Only one bird ever seen but resident.	
	South side KM	All year		2		Regular scarce breeder	Pair	Hunts around railway line. Young displaced to village trees and elsewhere during autumn	
Swift <i>Apus apus</i>	South side Castle Street	Apr - Aug	2 May 1st appearance	2		Common migrant breeder	Pair	Successfully hatched 8 young. Departed by 12 Aug	
Kingfisher <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Village ponds east side KM	All year		1		Regular visitor but breeds on R Brue		Feeds in garden ponds when River Brue in spate.	
Green Woodpecker <i>Picus viridis</i>	All across tetrad	All year		6		Common breeder	3 x pairs	Slightly less successful breeding than previous years as fewer young seen during winter.	
Great Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos major</i>	All across tetrad	All year		4		Common breeder	2 x pairs	Nest in larger older trees. Joined by other birds from local woods. Regular birdtable feeder.	
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	Not seen or heard this year							Regularly confused with GSW and reported as such but not seen nor drumming heard this year in traditional nest sites.	
S Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Fields to SW and NE of village	All year			15 - 20	Common breeder		Nests in variety of crops but more successful in spring cereal. Numbers decreased last year	

	Overflights	Apr - Oct	4 Apr first arrival	2 to 20	Common visitor but breeds elsewhere	Usually first hirundine of year. Particularly arrives with House Martins.
Sand Martin <i>Riparia riparia</i>						
Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Widespread across village	Apr - Nov	18 Apr first arrival	30 - 40	Common breeder	Last passage migrant seen on 19 Nov. Other late migrants passing village in 2s and 3s in Oct.
House Martin <i>Delichon urbica</i>	Widespread across village	Apr - Sep	8 Apr first arrival	40 - 50	Common breeder	Most common hirundine with good breeding successes this year.
Grey Wagtail	Sewage Works	All year	2		Scarce breeder	Nearby a further pair breed on West Lydford weir
<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Combe Hill Farm		2		Pair	Feed in Mill Stream
Pied Wagtail <i>Motacilla yarellii</i>	Widespread on short cut grass	All year	8		Fairly common breeder	No sub race alba have been identified on passage
Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Across complete tetrad	All year		30 - 40 in tetrad	Abundant common breeder	Very successful breeder suited to stone walls and dense ivy in gardens and elsewhere..
Dunnock <i>Prunella modularis</i>	Across complete tetrad	All year		40 - 50 in tetrad	Abundant common breeder	Suited to local dense hedges and copses
Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Across complete tetrad	All year		40 - 50 in tetrad	Abundant common breeder	Supplemented by migrant visitors. Noted exodus from garden to fields during autumn
Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>	Across complete tetrad	All year		30 -40 in tetrad	Abundant common breeder	Numbers double during winter with northern birds.
Fieldfare <i>Turdus pilaris</i>	All orchards and open fields	Winter months		1 - 120	Abundant visitor	Largest groups of up to 120 birds seen with Redwing, feeding in open fields
Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Across complete tetrad	All year		16 - 20	Fairly common breeder	Approx 4 or 5 birds per sq km. Prefer vegetation with vantage /singing posts
Redwing <i>Turdus iliacus</i>	All orchards and open fields	Winter months		1 to 60	Abundant visitor	Late (Dec) arrival in 2006. Single birds or flocks, sometimes with Fieldfares and Starlings
Mistle Thrush <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Orchards and mature trees	All year	6		Scarce breeder	Breeds successfully but numbers remain low. Juveniles remain close to adults until early spring.
Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Copses and dense thickets	Summer visitor		7 to 9	Fairly common breeding migrant	No birds overwintered (05/06) in area for first time.
Garden Warbler <i>Sylvia borin</i>	Gardens and hedged treelines	Summer visitor		3 to 4	Scarce breeding migrant	Not a consistent visitor and appears at different locations each year.
Whitethroat <i>Sylvia communis</i>	Field hedgerows SW & NE KM	Summer visitor		15 - 20	Fairly common breeding migrant	Regular visitor and appears to breed well.
Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	All across tetrad	Summer visitor		20 - 35	Abundant breeding migrant	Common in gardens and hedgerows with trees. Feeding flocks. Two birds overwintered (05/06)

Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Hedgerows and dense cover	Summer visitor				2 to 4	Scarce breeding migrant	Only one pair known to breed. Numbers decreased considerably over last 2 years.
Goldcrest <i>Regulus regulus</i>	All across tetrad	All year				20 to 30	Common breeder	Favours large evergreen trees although moves throughout area. Often feeds with Blue Tits.
Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Gardens and woodlines	Summer visitor				8 to 10	Uncommon breeder	Favours clematis and wisteria in gardens and edges of woods/orchards.
Long-tailed Tit <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	All across tetrad	All year				10 to 12	Fairly common breeder	Flock sizes swell post fledging. Very mobile bird covering large feeding territories. Prefers trees.
Marsh Tit <i>Parus palustris</i>	West Lydford Wood	All year		4			Scarce breeder	Second year of reporting. Movement outside wood is rare.
Coal Tit <i>Parus ater</i>	All across tetrad	All year				6 to 8	Uncommon breeder	Favour evergreens but regular visitor to garden feeders.
Blue Tit <i>Parus caeruleus</i>	All across tetrad	All year				Poss up to 120	Abundant common breeder	Particularly good breeding year and large numbers remain by winter. Estimate may be conservative.
Great Tit <i>Parus major</i>	All across tetrad	All year				Poss up to 100	Abundant common breeder	Similar success to Blue Tits
Nuthatch <i>Sitta europaea</i>	Woodland and tree corridors	All year				2 to 4	Scarce breeder	Birds noted when moving down corridors between woods. Very infrequently during summer
Treecreeper <i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Woodland and tree corridors	All year				4 to 8	Scarce breeder	Restrict themselves to larger woods but occasionally seen on tree corridors.
Jay <i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Luns Hill Wood W Lydford Wood	All year		2			Very scarce breeder	Very rarely seen although pair in West Lydford Wood and seen on sorties in Babcarry Lane.
Magpie <i>Pica pica</i>	All across tetrad	All year				8 to 10	Common breeder	Increasingly more successful breeding and moved into village. Still very wary birds.
Jackdaw <i>Corvus monedula</i>	Older rooftops and old orchards	All year				Up to 60	Very common breeder	Further increase in numbers since last year. Small families of up to 10 often join larger feeding groups.
Rook <i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Combe Hill and Common Lane	All year		24 20			Very common breeder	Culled regularly but numbers remain fairly constant indicating that new birds may join depleted colonies
Carrion Crow <i>Corvus corone</i>	All across tetrad	All year				16 to 20	Common breeder	Do not always use same nest as previous year. Juveniles often remain with adults until late winter
Raven <i>Corvus corax</i>	NE KM	All year		2			Scarce but regular non breeding visitor	Pair often seen at dawn feeding on farm manure/waste or later in day, flying across village.

Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	All across tetrad	All year			60 to 70	Abundant breeder	Approx 8 separate colonies, usually with House Sparrows. Local birds resist joining Westhay dawn and dusk flocks (50 - 500 birds) transiting village.
House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	All across tetrad	All year			120 to 140	Abundant breeder	Approx 10 - 12 colonies particularly on stables and sites of old stables. Nos appear to remain stable
Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Hedges all across tetrad	All year			80 to 100	Abundant breeder	Supplemented by northern birds in winter. Favours mature hedges and nests anywhere.
Brambling <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	All across tetrad	Winter visitor			1 to 30	Scarce visitor	Single or in flocks, prefers to remain on farmland but occasionally joins Chaffinches in the village.
Greenfinch <i>Carduelis chloris</i>	All across tetrad	All year			120 to 140	Abundant breeder	Possibly most common bird of the tetrad favouring field hedges and gardens equally.
Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	All across tetrad	All year			40 to 50	Common breeder	Flocks number up to 20 birds (Village Hall, Quarry, Combe Hill). Regular sorties to garden feeders.
Linnet <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	All surrounding fields	All year			30 to 40	Common breeder	Flocks of 8 to 12 birds in fields, mostly working down hedgerows.
Bullfinch <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	All larger orchards	All year			10 to 12	Fairly common regular breeder	Approx one pair to each larger mature orchard but also feeds in scrub.
Yellowhammer <i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	All surrounding fields	All year			20 to 30	Common breeder	Rarely flocks unless family group. Feeds close to hedgerows in most surrounding fields.
Reed Bunting <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Mill Stream	All year		4		Scarce breeder	Breed along Mill Stream in Willow towards West Lydford. Limited suitable habitat along R Brue.