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Bird Report

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1. Report Summary

During 2017 a total of 10 survey visits were made to Blacklands between 6th January 2017 and 10th November 2017.

A total of 38 species were recorded on site. Of the species recorded on site;

- 3 are listed as Species of Principal Importance in England (bullfinch, dunnock and song thrush)
- 4 are Red Listed by the RSPB (fieldfare, mistle thrush, redwing and song thrush)
- 5 are Amber Listed by the RSPB (black-headed gull, bullfinch, dunnock, stock dove and tawny owl)
- 12 are listed as Bromley Biodiversity Action Plan priority species (black-headed gull, bullfinch, dunnock, fieldfare, goldcrest, green woodpecker, mistle thrush, redwing, song thrush, stock dove, swallow and tawny owl)
- 3 are listed as London Biodiversity Action Plan priority species (bullfinch, dunnock and song thrush)
- 2 are listed as Kent Biodiversity Action Plan priority species (bullfinch and song thrush)

Of the 38 species of bird recorded on site 31 were confirmed to have bred or probably/possibly did so. Of these species;

- 3 are listed as Species of Principal Importance in England (bullfinch, dunnock and song thrush)
- 2 are Red Listed by the RSPB (mistle thrush and song thrush)
- 4 are Amber Listed by the RSPB (bullfinch, dunnock, stock dove and tawny owl)
- 8 are listed as Bromley Biodiversity Action Plan priority species (bullfinch, dunnock, goldcrest, green woodpecker, mistle thrush, song thrush, stock dove and tawny owl)
- 3 are listed as London Biodiversity Action Plan priority species (bullfinch, dunnock and song thrush)
- 2 are listed as Kent Biodiversity Action Plan priority species (bullfinch and song thrush)

2. Breeding Evidence Criteria

2.1 Breeding Evidence Criteria Methodology

The BTOs Bird Atlas 2007-2011 breeding evidence criteria methodology was used to inform species breeding status onsite, with all codes for **Possible**, **Probable** and **Confirmed** breeding having to have related to individuals observed in suitable or potentially suitable nesting habitat.

2.2 Breeding Evidence Criteria

2.2.1 Non-Breeding

F – Flying over

M – Species observed but suspected to still be on **M**igration

U – Species observed but suspected to be a s**U**mmerring non-breeder

2.2.2 Possible Breeder

H – Species observed during the breeding season in suitable nesting **H**abitat

S – Singing male present (or breeding calls heard) during the breeding season in suitable breeding habitat

2.2.3 Probable Breeding

P – Pair observed in suitable nesting habitat during the breeding season

T – Permanent **T**erritory presumed through registration of territorial behaviour (song etc.) on at least two different days a week or more apart at the same place or many individuals on one day

D – Courtship and **D**isplay (judged to be in or near potential breeding habitat)

N – Visiting probable **N**est site

A – Agitated behaviour or anxiety calls from adults, suggesting the probable presence of a nest or young nearby

I – Brood patch on an adult examined in the hand, suggesting **I**ncubation

B – Nest **B**uilding or excavation of a nest hole

2.2.4 Confirmed Breeding

DD – **D**istractio**D**isplay or injury feigning

UN – **U**sed **N**est or eggshells found (though it/they must have been occupied or laid within the survey period)

FL – Recently **F**Ledged young

ON – Adults entering or leaving a nest site in circumstances indicating an **O**ccupied **N**est (including high nests or nest holes, the contents of which cannot be seen) or adults seen incubating

FF – Adult seen carrying **F**aecal sacs or **F**ood for young

NE – Nest containing Eggs

NY – Nest with Young seen or heard

3. Conservation Statuses

3.2 Conservation Status Categories

3.2.1 RSPB Status

Species colour coded conservation statuses are defined based on the following criteria, with Red and Amber listed species subject to at least one of the relevant factors below:

Red Status Criteria

- Globally threatened
- Historical population decline in the UK during 1800-1995
- Severe (at least 50%) decline in UK breeding population over the last 25 years, or over a longer-term period (*the entire period used for assessments since the first BoCC review, starting in 1969)
- Severe (at least 50%) contraction in UK breeding range over the last 25 years, *or over a longer-term period

Amber Status Criteria

- Species with unfavourable conservation status in Europe (SPEC = Species of European Conservation Concern)
- Historical population decline during 1800-1995, but recovering: population size has more than doubled over the last 25 years
- Moderate (25-49%) in UK breeding population over the last 25 years, *or over a longer-term period
- Moderate (25-49%) contraction of UK breeding range over the last 25 years, *or over a longer-term period
- Moderate (25-49%) decline in UK non-breeding population over the last 25 years, *or over a longer-term period
- Rare breeder; 1-300 breeding pairs in the UK
- Rare non-breeder; less than 900 individuals
- Localised; at least 50% of the UK breeding or non-breeding population is present in 10 or fewer sites, though does not apply to rare breeders or non-breeders
- Internationally important; at least 20% of the European breeding or non-breeding population is present in the UK (NW European and East Atlantic Flyway populations are used for non-breeding wildfowl and waders respectively)

Green Status Criteria

- Species that occur regularly in the UK but do not qualify in any of the Red or Amber conservation status criteria

Introduced

- This is not a conservation status category, but applies to species that have escaped from captivity and bred in the wild or have been deliberately released into the wild.

These species are not native to the UK and as such have no specific conservation status here

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3.2.2 SPI England

Species of Principal Importance in England as defined in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) as per the 2007 revision.

UK BAP priority species are those that have been identified as being the most threatened and requiring conservation action under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (JNCC, 2016). The original lists of UK BAP priority habitats and species were created between 1995 and 1999, and were subsequently updated in 2007 (JNCC, 2016). Following the review the number of priority species increased from less than 600 to 1,150 and the number of priority habitats increased from 49 to 65 (JNCC, 2016).

As a result of new drivers and requirements, the 'UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework', published in 2012, has succeeded the UK BAP. Despite these changes the UK BAP lists of priority species and habitats remain important and valuable reference sources (JNCC, 2016).

3.2.3 Bromley BAP

Species listed as priority bird species in Bromley in the Bromley Biodiversity Plan 2015-2020 (LBB & BBP, 2015).

3.2.4 London BAP

Species listed as priority bird species in London by the London Biodiversity Partnership (GiGL, 2017).

3.2.5 Kent BAP

Species listed as priority bird species in Kent by the Kent Biodiversity Partnership (KBP, 2017).

4. Survey Results

4.1 Survey Details

All survey data relates to surveys conducted on site monthly throughout 2017. Details of individual survey visits are displayed in appendices 1-10 in Chapter 6.

4.2. Species Accounts

4.2.1 Blackbird *Turdus merula*

Resident breeder, autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
35	34	12	14	23	31
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	1	-	20	-

4.2.2 Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

Spring/summer migrant breeder and passage migrant with an increasing wintering population. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	4	17	9	11
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.3 Black-Headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Resident breeder autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Non-Breeding
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Amber		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	0	2	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.4 Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Abundant breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
32	30	24	14	27	21
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	31	-	15	-

4.2.5 Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

Resident breeder. Thought to be a relatively scarce and highly localised breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley, though further targeted survey effort is required to provide an accurate reflection of its distribution and abundance locally.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Amber	✓	✓	✓	✓

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
6	2	0	3	2	6
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	6	-	2	-

4.2.6 Carrion Crow *Corvus corone*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Probable
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
18	18	14	6	3	9
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	7	-	2	-

4.2.7 Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Resident breeder, autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Probable
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
9	5	8	9	10	7
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	5	-	2	-

4.2.8 Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*

Spring/summer migrant breeder and passage migrant with an increasing wintering population. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	10	12	11	9
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	5	-	0	-

4.2.9 Coal Tit *Periparus ater*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Thought to be a common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat. Sightings increase significantly during the winter months as a result of an increase in birds visiting garden bird feeders.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	4	0	6	7	8
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	11	-	7	-

4.2.10 Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

Resident breeder, autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Scare and localised but increasing breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Possible
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	1	0	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.11 Common Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

Resident breeder with numbers increasing during the autumn as a result of captive bred birds being released for shoots. Thought to be a common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat, especially in semi-rural and rural areas where shoots occur.

Breeding Status	Non-Breeding
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Not Assessed				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	2	1	0	1	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.12 Dunnock *Prunella modularis*

Resident breeder. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Probable
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Amber	✓	✓	✓	

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	1	1	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.13 Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*

Autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Common and widespread non-breeding autumn/winter migrant within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Non-Breeding
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Red		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
6	3	0	0	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.14 Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*

Resident breeder, autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat, though likely under-recorded.

Breeding Status	Probable
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
9	19	5	6	4	5
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	2	-	5	-

4.2.15 Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Possible
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2	5	0	4	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	4	-	0	-

4.2.16 Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
3	3	4	2	3	4
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	1	-

4.2.17 Great Tit *Parus major*

Resident breeder and passage migrant in small numbers. Abundant breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
31	25	18	18	21	22
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	16	-	10	-

4.2.18 Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis*

Resident breeder with occasional autumn dispersal. Widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1	0	2	1	1	1
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	1	-

4.2.19 Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*

Resident breeder, autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Widespread but declining breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Possible
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	0	0	0	2
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.20 Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
14	20	35	18	14	6
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	12	-	7	-

4.2.21 Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Occasionally irruptive. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2	3	3	2	3	3
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	3	-	2	-

4.2.22 Long-Tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*

Resident breeder. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
15	9	7	4	8	6
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	8	-	9	-

4.2.23 Magpie *Pica pica*

Resident breeder. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Probable
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
10	1	0	2	3	4
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	6	-	2	-

4.2.24 Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*

Resident breeder. Widespread but declining breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Possible
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Red		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	1	1	1	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.25 Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*

Resident breeder. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
5	5	4	2	4	5
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	2	-	1	-

4.2.26 Pied Wagtail *Montacilla alba*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Non-Breeding
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	1	-	0	-

4.2.27 Red-Legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa*

Resident breeder. Thought to be a widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat, especially in semi-rural and rural areas where shoots occur.

Breeding Status	Non-Breeding
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Not Assessed				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	0	0	4	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.28 Redwing *Turdus iliacus*

Autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Common and widespread non-breeding autumn/winter migrant within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Non-Breeding
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Red		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
3	6	0	0	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	5	-

4.2.29 Ring-Necked Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*

Resident breeder. Abundant and increasing breeding species in the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Not Assessed				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
76	40	32	5	17	19
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	33	-	11	-

4.2.30 Robin *Erithacus rubecula*

Resident breeder, autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Abundant breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
11	16	11	18	13	12
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	15	-	8	-

4.2.31 Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

Resident breeder, autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Common and widespread but declining breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Red	✓	✓	✓	✓

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2	4	5	4	8	5
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	1	-

4.2.32 Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

Resident breeder, autumn/winter migrant and passage migrant. Thought to be a common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley, though further targeted survey effort is required to provide an accurate reflection of its distribution and abundance locally.

Breeding Status	Possible
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1	1	1	0	0	1
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.33 Stock Dove *Columba oenas*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Thought to be a common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat, though further targeted survey effort is required to provide an accurate reflection of the species distribution and abundance locally.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Amber		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	1	4	2	1
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	12	-	0	-

4.2.34 Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Spring/summer migrant breeder and passage migrant. Thought to be a scarce and localised breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat, though further targeted survey effort is required to provide and accurate reflection of the species distribution and abundance locally.

Breeding Status	Non-Breeding
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	0	0	3	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.35 Tawny Owl *Strix aluco*

Resident breeder. Thought to be a common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat, though further targeted survey effort is required to provide an accurate reflection of the species distribution and abundance locally.

Breeding Status	Probable
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Amber		✓		

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0	0	0	3	0	0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	0	-	0	-

4.2.36 Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*

Resident breeder. Common and widespread breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley in areas of suitable habitat.

Breeding Status	Probable
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
5	2	0	4	3	7
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	1	-	0	-

4.2.37 Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus*

Resident breeder and passage migrant. Abundant breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
86	21	47	11	16	18
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	36	-	12	-

4.2.38 Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Resident breeder. Abundant breeding species within the London Borough of Bromley.

Breeding Status	Confirmed
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RSPB Status	SPI England	Bromley BAP	London BAP	Kent BAP
Green				

Peak Monthly Count					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
10	2	19	17	16	16
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
-	-	11	-	8	-

5. Discussion and Conclusions

5.1 Evaluation

During the 10 surveys undertaken at Blacklands throughout 2017 a total of 38 different species of bird were recorded on site. Of the 38 different species of bird recorded on site 31 were confirmed to have bred or probably/possibly did so.

Fuller (1980) describes a method for assessing the ornithological interest of sites, whereby the importance is defined by the assemblage of breeding species present. Table 6.1 provides a summary of the geographical valuation criteria identified by Fuller. For the purposes of this assessment, Fuller's geographical levels have been adapted, so that Fuller's "local" importance is assumed to correspond to District importance as described in CIEEM's Guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment (CIEEM, 2006). Since the publication of the evaluation criteria in 1980, declines have been observed in many bird populations, and for this reason it is therefore judged appropriate to recalibrate the categories slightly to reflect this change.

Level of Importance	Number of Breeding Species	
	Fuller (1980)	Adapted Criteria
Local	25-49 Species	<25
District	-	25-49
County	50-69	50-69
Regional	70-84	70-84
National	85+	85+

Table 5.1: Breeding Bird Assemblage Evaluation Criteria

The total of 31 confirmed or probable/possible breeding species recorded on site indicates the site is of district value in terms of its breeding bird interest based on the adapted criteria.

5.2 Notable Species Accounts

Bullfinch were recorded on site throughout the year, with confirmed breeding noted in the north eastern part of the site adjacent to High Elms Golf Course during the May survey visit where an adult male bird was seen carrying food to a suspected nest site. This was followed by observation of two birds displaying juvenile plumage in the same area during the June survey indicating a successful nesting attempt was made in the area.

Green woodpecker were recorded on site throughout the year, with confirmed breeding noted during the June survey visit. An adult bird was seen visiting an active nest cavity which was located in a small copse in the north eastern part of the site adjacent to High Elms Golf Course.

Greenfinch were recorded on site during the June survey, with two birds seen briefly within bramble scrub in the north eastern part of the site before flying north towards High Elms Golf Course.

Mistle thrush were recorded on site during the February, March and April survey visits, where single birds were recorded on each occasion. A single male bird was heard singing in the northern part of the site during the March and April survey visits.

Song thrush were recorded on site throughout the year, with confirmed breeding noted during the April and May survey visits. A bird was seen on a nest within snowberry and bramble scrub located in the southern part of the site adjacent to Cuckoo Lodge during the May survey visit, with birds recorded carrying food to suspected nest sites during both the April and May survey visits. A peak count of six male birds were heard singing during the May survey visit.

Stock dove were recorded on site throughout the year, with confirmed breeding noted during the April survey visit. Two birds were recorded entering and exiting a suspected tawny owl nest box located in the eastern part of the site adjacent to the conservation field.

Swallow were recorded on site during the May survey visit, with three birds seen foraging over the conservation field.

Tawny owl were recorded on site during a nocturnal survey visit in April, with two male birds heard responding to a single calling female in the western part of the site.

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7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – 6/1/17 Survey Details

Date	6/1/17	Time	10.30-11.45
Temperature (°c)	5	Cloud Cover (%)	100
Wind (Beaufort)	F1	Precipitation	Nil-Light
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		31	
Blue Tit		32	
Bullfinch		6	
Carrion Crow		7	
Chaffinch		9	
Fieldfare		6	
Goldcrest		3	
Goldfinch		2	
Great Tit		17	
Green Woodpecker		1	
Jackdaw		14	
Jay		2	
Long-Tailed Tit		7	
Magpie		10	
Nuthatch		5	
Redwing		3	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		45	
Robin		11	
Song Thrush		1	
Woodpigeon		58	
Wren		10	

7.2 Appendix 2 – 19/1/17 Survey Details

Date	19/1/17	Time	15.15-16.25
Temperature (°c)	5	Cloud Cover (%)	0
Wind (Beaufort)	F0	Precipitation	Nil
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		35	
Blue Tit		24	
Bullfinch		4	
Carrion Crow		18	
Chaffinch		8	
Fieldfare		3	
Goldcrest		9	
Great Spotted Woodpecker		3	
Great Tit		31	
Jay		2	
Long-Tailed Tit		15	
Magpie		5	
Nuthatch		3	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		76	
Robin		8	
Song Thrush		2	
Sparrowhawk		1	
Treecreeper		5	
Woodpigeon		86	
Wren		6	

7.3 Appendix 3 – 4/2/17 Survey Details

Date	4/2/17	Time	09.10-10.10
Temperature (°c)	6	Cloud Cover (%)	100
Wind (Beaufort)	F0	Precipitation	Nil-Light
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		34	
Blue Tit		30	
Bullfinch		2	
Carrion Crow		18	
Chaffinch		5	
Coal Tit		4	
Common Pheasant		2	
Fieldfare		3	
Goldcrest		19	
Goldfinch		5	
Great Spotted Woodpecker		3	
Great Tit		25	
Jackdaw		20	
Jay		3	
Long-Tailed Tit		9	
Magpie		1	
Mistle Thrush		1	
Nuthatch		5	
Redwing		6	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		40	
Robin		16	
Song Thrush		4	
Sparrowhawk		1	
Treecreeper		2	
Woodpigeon		21	
Wren		2	

7.4 Appendix 4 – 30/3/17 Survey Details

Date	30/3/17	Time	09.45-11.10
Temperature (°c)	16	Cloud Cover (%)	25-75
Wind (Beaufort)	F0-F1	Precipitation	Nil
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		12	
Blackcap		4	
Blue Tit		24	
Carrion Crow		14	
Chaffinch		8	
Chiffchaff		10	
Common Buzzard		1	
Common Pheasant		1	
Dunnock		1	
Goldcrest		5	
Great Spotted Woodpecker		4	
Great Tit		18	
Green Woodpecker		2	
Jackdaw		35	
Jay		3	
Long-Tailed Tit		7	
Mistle Thrush		1	
Nuthatch		4	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		32	
Robin		11	
Song Thrush		5	
Sparrowhawk		1	
Stock Dove		1	
Woodpigeon		47	
Wren		19	
Notes			
Additional species sighted include; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2 Peacock Butterflies- 2 Brimstone Butterflies- 1 Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly- 6 Grey Squirrels			

7.5 Appendix 5 – 10/4/17 Survey Details

Date	10/4/17	Time	08.00-09.40
Temperature (°c)	10	Cloud Cover (%)	0
Wind (Beaufort)	F1	Precipitation	Nil
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		9	
Blackcap		17	
Blue Tit		13	
Bullfinch		3	
Carrion Crow		6	
Chaffinch		9	
Chiffchaff		12	
Coal Tit		6	
Dunnock		1	
Goldcrest		6	
Goldfinch		4	
Great Spotted Woodpecker		2	
Great Tit		18	
Green Woodpecker		1	
Jackdaw		18	
Jay		1	
Long-Tailed Tit		4	
Magpie		1	
Mistle Thrush		1	
Nuthatch		1	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		24	
Robin		19	
Song Thrush		4	
Stock Dove		4	
Treecreeper		2	
Woodpigeon		20	
Wren		17	
Notes			
Additional species sighted include; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2 Speckled Wood Butterflies- 1 Comma Butterfly- 4 Grey Squirrels			

- Cowslip
- Primrose
- Dogs Mercury
- Bluebell
- Wood Anemone

7.6 Appendix 6 – 13/4/17 Survey Details

Date	13/4/17	Time	19.45-22.20
Temperature (°c)	8	Cloud Cover (%)	50
Wind (Beaufort)	F1	Precipitation	Nil
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Nocturnal Survey
Species		Total	
Tawny Owl		3 (2 ♂ heard responding to 1 ♀ call)	
Notes			
Additional species sighted include; - 4 Badgers			

7.7 Appendix 7 – 20/5/17 Survey Details

Date	20/5/17	Time	06.45-08.05
Temperature (°c)	13	Cloud Cover (%)	10
Wind (Beaufort)	F1	Precipitation	Nil
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		23	
Blackcap		9	
Blue Tit		27	
Bullfinch		2	
Carrion Crow		3	
Chaffinch		10	
Chiffchaff		11	
Coal Tit		7	
Common Pheasant		1	
Goldcrest		4	
Great Spotted Woodpecker		3	
Great Tit		21	
Green Woodpecker		1	
Jackdaw		14	
Jay		3	
Long-Tailed Tit		8	
Magpie		3	
Nuthatch		4	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		17	
Robin		13	
Song Thrush		8	
Stock Dove		2	
Swallow		3	
Treecreeper		3	
Woodpigeon		16	
Wren		16	
Notes			
Additional species sighted include; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2 Roe Deer- 3 Grey Squirrels- 3 Speckled Wood Butterflies			

7.8 Appendix 8 – 21/6/17 Survey Details

Date	21/6/17	Time	05.30-07.05
Temperature (°c)	16	Cloud Cover (%)	25
Wind (Beaufort)	F1	Precipitation	Nil
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		31	
Blackcap		11	
Blue Tit		21	
Bullfinch		6	
Carrion Crow		9	
Chaffinch		7	
Chiffchaff		9	
Coal Tit		8	
Greenfinch		2	
Goldcrest		5	
Great Spotted Woodpecker		4	
Great Tit		22	
Green Woodpecker		1	
Jackdaw		6	
Jay		3	
Long-Tailed Tit		6	
Magpie		4	
Nuthatch		5	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		19	
Robin		12	
Song Thrush		5	
Stock Dove		1	
Sparrowhawk		1♀	
Treecreeper		7	
Woodpigeon		18	
Wren		16	
Notes			
Additional species sighted include; <div><div>- 1 Weasel</div><div>- 1 Grey Squirrel</div><div>- 95 Ringlet Butterflies</div><div>- 37 Meadow Brown Butterflies</div></div>			

- 2 Marbled White Butterflies
- 2 Gatekeeper Butterflies
- Pyramidal Orchid

7.9 Appendix 9 – 26/9/17 Survey Details

Date	26/9/17	Time	07.00-08.15
Temperature (°c)	15	Cloud Cover (%)	100
Wind (Beaufort)	F0	Precipitation	Nil
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		1	
Blue Tit		31	
Bullfinch		6	
Carrion Crow		7	
Chaffinch		5	
Chiffchaff		5	
Coal Tit		11	
Goldcrest		2	
Goldfinch		4	
Great Tit		16	
Jackdaw		12	
Jay		3	
Long-Tailed Tit		8	
Magpie		6	
Nuthatch		2	
Pied Wagtail		1	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		33	
Robin		15	
Stock Dove		12	
Treecreeper		1	
Woodpigeon		36	
Wren		11	
Notes			
Additional species sighted include; - 16 Grey Squirrel - 1 Common Shrew (Dead)			

Date	10/11/17	Time	10.00-11.15
Temperature (°c)	10	Cloud Cover (%)	75
Wind (Beaufort)	F1	Precipitation	Nil
Surveyor	Jamie Fletcher	Survey Type	Walkover Survey
Species		Total	
Blackbird		20	
Blue Tit		15	
Bullfinch		2	
Carrion Crow		2	
Chaffinch		2	
Coal Tit		7	
Goldcrest		5	
Great Spotted Woodpecker		1	
Great Tit		10	
Green Woodpecker		1	
Jackdaw		7	
Jay		2	
Long-Tailed Tit		9	
Magpie		2	
Nuthatch		1	
Redwing		5	
Ring-Necked Parakeet		11	
Robin		8	
Song Thrush		1	
Woodpigeon		12	
Wren		8	
Notes			
Additional species sighted include; - 14 Grey Squirrel			

7.11 Appendix 11 - Bromley BAP Priority Bird Species

*All data correct upon creation of the below table on 21/1/17.

Species	RSPB Status	SPI England	London BAP	Kent BAP
Barn Owl	Green			
Bearded Tit	Green			
Bittern	Amber	✓	✓	
Black-Headed Gull	Amber			
Brambling	Green			
Bullfinch	Amber	✓	✓	✓
Cetti's Warbler	Green			
Common Gull	Amber			
Common Whitethroat	Green			
Corn Bunting	Red	✓	✓	✓
Cormorant	Green			
Cuckoo	Red	✓	✓	
Duncock	Amber	✓	✓	
Fieldfare	Red			
Firecrest	Green			
Gadwall	Amber			
Goldcrest	Green			
Green Woodpecker	Green			
Grey Heron	Green			
Greylag Goose	Amber			
Grey Wagtail	Red			
Herring Gull	Red	✓	✓	
Hobby	Green			
House Martin	Amber			
House Sparrow	Red	✓	✓	
Kestrel	Amber			
Kingfisher	Amber			
Lapwing	Red	✓	✓	
Lesser Black-Backed Gull	Amber			
Lesser Redpoll	Red	✓	✓	
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Red	✓	✓	
Lesser Whitethroat	Green			
Linnet	Red	✓	✓	✓
Little Egret	Green			
Little Grebe	Green			
Mallard	Amber			
Marsh Tit	Red	✓	✓	
Meadow Pipit	Amber			
Mistle Thrush	Red			
Mute Swan	Amber			
Nightingale	Red			
Pochard	Red			
Reed Bunting	Amber	✓	✓	✓
Redwing	Red			
Rook	Green			
Sand Martin	Green		✓	
Shoveler	Amber			

Skylark	Red	✓	✓	✓
Song Thrush	Red	✓	✓	✓
Spotted Flycatcher	Red	✓	✓	✓
Starling	Red	✓	✓	
Stock Dove	Amber			
Stonechat	Green			
Swallow	Green			
Swift	Amber			
Tawny Owl	Amber			
Teal	Amber			
Tree Pipit	Red	✓	✓	
Tufted Duck	Green			
Turtle Dove	Red	✓	✓	✓
Water Rail	Green			
Willow Warbler	Amber			
Woodcock	Red			
Yellowhammer	Red	✓	✓	