

OBC 'sensitive species' list

Due to their sensitivity or current status the reporting of certain species is restricted in terms of publication.

As such any species which are contained in the list below and which are reported within the Ogston Bird Club recording area will not necessarily be reported on the Club's website, Whatsapp group and/or Facebook pages.

They will still be recorded in the Club's database and shared with the Derbyshire Ornithological Society and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, so please continue to report all sightings to the club's Recording Secretary. If a member has a query about the status of any sighting, please contact the Recording Secretary prior to publicising on the club's social media platforms.

The list below is not exhaustive – for example it may be prudent to restrict the publication of other species not listed below if it is felt that reporting a particular sighting may result in pressure from visitors (e.g. a rarity).

The list below was updated during July 2024 and October 2025 and has been developed in conjunction with both Derbyshire Ornithological Society and Nottinghamshire Birdwatchers. Its next review is due in October 2026.

It should be read in conjunction with the club's Bird reporting policy.

**** The species below should not be reported on the club's social media platforms if they meet any of the criteria in the comments section. If you are unsure whether to publicise or not, please contact the Recording Secretary first. ****

	Species	Comments
1	Barn Owl	Breeding sites at all times of the year
2	Bittern	Spring-time, 'booming' males
3	Black-necked Grebe	March to July
4	Black Redstart	April to August
5	Corncrake	Singing birds
6	Corn Bunting	Any Summer birds, especially if singing
7	Crossbill	Schedule 1 so discretion needed
8	Dartford Warbler	April to August
9	Fieldfare	If showing any signs of breeding
10	Firecrest	Singing birds April to August, even in deciduous areas
11	Garganey	Spring and Summer records
12	Goshawk	During breeding season – February to end of July
13	Great White Egret	If showing any signs of breeding
14	Hawfinch	April to August in woodland, churchyards or similar
15	Hen Harrier	All year

16	Hobby	Any breeding activity
17	Honey Buzzard	If showing any signs of breeding, especially displaying
18	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	If showing signs of breeding e.g. drumming, April to July
19	Little Egret	In heronries
20	Little Owl	During breeding season – March to August
21	Little Ringed Plover	Breeding activity – mating, nest building, incubation etc.
22	Long-eared Owl	Breeding sites, all year round
23	Marsh Harrier	If showing any signs of breeding
24	Mediterranean Gull	If in pairs alongside Black-headed Gull colonies
25	Merlin	Any breeding activity
26	Nightjar	Any singing birds
27	Osprey	If showing any signs of breeding
28	Oystercatcher	Breeding activity – mating, nest building, incubation etc.
29	Peregrine	Any breeding activity
30	Pintail	Spring and Summer records
31	Quail	Caution required during the breeding season
32	Redwing	If showing any signs of breeding
33	Red Kite	If showing signs of breeding, e.g. stick carrying
34	Ringed Plover	Breeding activity – mating, nest building, incubation etc.
35	Ring Ouzel	Care required to avoid excessive attention
36	Ruddy Duck	All year
37	Short-eared Owl	Breeding sites at all times of the year
38	Spotted Flycatcher	During breeding season – March to August
39	Turtle Dove	Any summer birds, especially singing
40	Twite	Avoid sharing precise locations
41	Woodlark	Any March to August
42	Wood Warbler	Care required to avoid excessive attention

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