



# Spring Birding at Rosamund

Community Garden, Guildford

Spring is arriving at our 19-acre haven! From rare visitors to our returning favourites, here's a look at the busy bird life around Rosamund and Pewley.

## 1 Winter Highlights & The Redpoll Hotspot

### WINTER HOTSPOT



### The Redpoll

Rosamund became a **major winter hub** for Redpolls! Look for small, streaky finches with a vivid red cap and pink chest.

▮ TOP OF THE ALDER TREES · BEST: EARLY MORNINGS

### RESIDENT UPDATE



### The Barn Owl

Last year's resident young Barn Owl has **moved on to find a mate**. A natural and joyful milestone — we wish it well on its journey!

### OTHER WINTER VISITORS



Redwing



Fieldfare



Siskin



Firecrest ★  
now breeding locally

## 2 Rare Sightings & A "Mini-Twitch"

INTRODUCED SPECIES



### Red-legged Partridge

The "funky" introduced species. Often found sleeping under the Rosamund benches!

NATIVE · VERY RARE



### Grey Partridge

Our very rare native species. Two spotted near Burgess Way — triggering a local birding stir!

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### Birders Descended on Burgess Way!

The Grey Partridge sighting caused a local "mini-twitch" — with over ten birders travelling from across Guildford to catch a glimpse of our rare native residents.

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years



### Yellowhammer Returns!

Spotted for the **first time in a decade** — a wonderful sign that our wildlife-friendly, chemical-free gardening methods are truly paying off.

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## The Harbingers of Spring

### Wheatear — Our First Summer Visitor

Arriving all the way from **Northern Africa**, Wheatears are always our very first summer visitors. Spotted running along the short grass of the main meadow.

North Africa



Mediterranean crossing



Rosamund!

FIRST SUMMER VISITOR



### Wheatear

Watch for their distinctive **white rump** flashing as they dash across the short grass of the main meadow. A small but unmistakable traveller from Northern Africa.

MAIN MEADOW · SHORT GRASS AREAS

FLEETING VISIT



## The Brambling

A striking "*northern Chaffinch*" stopped briefly at Rosamund before heading East to breed. We usually only see one a year — this was a real treat!

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## What to Look & Listen For Next

As birds display their best plumage to attract mates, keep your **eyes and ears open** for these seasonal highlights around Rosamund and Pewley Down...



### Swallows

Breeding along Burgess Way. Watch for their acrobatic aerial displays and long, forked tails.



### House Martins

Nesting at the back of Rosamund. Look for their distinctive white rump in flight.



### Greenfinches

Listen for their distinct, nasal wheeze from the tree canopy — a long-drawn "dzweee" call.



### Woodpeckers

Listen for Great Spotted Woodpeckers "**drumming**" and Green Woodpeckers "**yaffling**" — two iconic sounds of a Surrey spring.



### Warblers

**Chiffchaffs** are already calling! And **Blackcaps** are singing beautifully near the greenhouse — a sure sign spring has truly arrived.

Come down and see for yourself!

Open to visitors during group volunteer times

Tue & Sun · 14:30 – 16:30

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