

# Bedfordshire Red List Of Breeding Birds

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## **Introduction**

Bird conservation organisations have carried out a fourth review (Eaton et. al. 2015) of bird species of conservation concern, updating the last review in 2009. Species were assessed against a set of objective criteria to place each species on one of three lists – green, amber and red – indicating an increasing level of conservation concern.

As a result of the national review, the Records and Research Committee (Bedfordshire Bird Club), has undertaken a review of the county Red List of Breeding Birds (Goodall et. al. 2014).

## **Bedfordshire criteria**

The Bedfordshire criteria fall into two categories; in order of priority.

1. Species that are categorised as ‘Red’ in the national list and which occur regularly in Bedfordshire.
2. Species that are listed as being of principal importance in Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 and which occur regularly in Bedfordshire.

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## **Systematic list**

The sequence of species, English names and scientific nomenclature follows the ‘*British Birds’ List of Birds of the Western Palearctic*.

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**Table 1.** The Bedfordshire Red List of breeding birds.

		National Lists (2015)	NERC Act (2006)
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Red	
Grey Partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	Red	Yes
Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Amber	Yes
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Red	Yes
Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Red	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Amber	Yes
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus argenteus</i>	Red	Yes
Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Red	Yes
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Red	Yes
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Amber	Yes
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	Red	Yes
Marsh Tit	<i>Poecile palustris</i>	Red	Yes
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Green	Yes
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Red	Yes
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Red	Yes
Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Red	Yes
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Red	Yes
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Red	Yes
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Red	
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Red	Yes
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Red	
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Amber	Yes
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Red	Yes
Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Red	Yes
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>	Red	Yes
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Red	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Red	Yes
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Red	Yes
Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	Amber	Yes
Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	Red	Yes
Lesser Redpoll	<i>Acanthis cabaret</i>	Red	Yes
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Red	Yes
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Amber	Yes
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Red	Yes