



## Breeding Birds of Conservation Concern in Shropshire

This Red and Amber list of *Breeding Birds of Conservation Concern in Shropshire* has been adopted by Shropshire Ornithological Society. It is based on local data and observations collected over the last 35 years, culminating in the publication of *The Birds of Shropshire* by Liverpool University Press in 2019. The approach largely follows that used to produce the national lists published in *Birds of Conservation Concern 4* in 2015. The County and national lists are complementary, and both will be used to determine local conservation priorities.

Three main criteria have been used to select the species listed:

1. Disappearance from large parts of the County (from more than 50% of the survey squares they occupied in 1985-90 to qualify for the Red list, and from more than 25% for the Amber list)
2. Big reductions in the County population (by more than 50% to qualify for the Red list, and 25% for the Amber list, over the same period)
3. The population is vulnerable because it only breeds at a few sites.

A detailed explanation of the criteria, how they have been applied, and supporting references, can be found in a paper in the *Shropshire Bird Report 2019*. The lists will be reviewed regularly. Although only breeding species have been considered so far, non-breeding species will be addressed shortly.

The lists highlight those native species that are under greatest threat in the County. They will steer SOS's conservation efforts and encourage other organisations to adopt the same conservation priorities.

### The County Red and Amber Lists

Red List	Amber List
Chaffinch	Black-headed Gull
Common Sandpiper	Corn Bunting
Cuckoo	Dipper
Curlew	Garden Warbler
Grasshopper Warbler	Great Crested Grebe
Greenfinch	Green Woodpecker
Grey Partridge	Grey Wagtail
Kestrel	Marsh Tit
Kingfisher	Meadow Pipit
Lapwing	Mistle Thrush
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Moorhen
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Sand Martin
Long-eared Owl	Shoveler
Merlin	Sparrowhawk
Nightjar	Treecreeper
Pied Flycatcher	Yellow Wagtail
Pochard	Yellowhammer
Snipe	
Spotted Flycatcher	
Starling	
Swift	
Tawny Owl	
Teal	
Tree Pipit	
Tree Sparrow	
Turtle Dove	
Wheatear	
Whinchat	
Willow Tit	
Willow Warbler	
Wood Warbler	
Woodcock	

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