

Dartford Ringing Group

Recoveries and Controls 2008

Age when ringed: This is given according to the EURING code. The figures do not represent years. Interpretation is as follows:

- 1 Pullus (nestling or chick).
- 2 Fully-grown, year of hatching unknown.
- 3 Hatched during calendar year of ringing.
- 4 Hatched before calendar year of ringing, exact year unknown.
- 5 Hatched during previous calendar year.
- 6 Hatched before previous calendar year, exact year unknown.
- 7 Definitely hatched two calendar years ago
- 8 Hatched three or more years ago

F = Female, M = Male, J = In juvenile plumage

Condition at recovery:	X	Found dead.
	XF	Found freshly dead or dying.
	XL	Found dead (not recent).
	+	Shot or intentionally killed by man.
	SR	Found sick or injured - released with ring.
	S	Found sick or injured - not known to have been released.
	A	Alive & healthy - fate unknown.
	AC	Alive & healthy - taken into captivity.
	V	Alive & healthy, caught and released, not by a ringer.
	VV	Alive & healthy, ring or colour marks read in the field
	R	Caught & released by a ringer
	RR	Alive & healthy, ring or colour marks read in the field by a ringer
	//	Condition on finding wholly unknown.

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*

W12961	8M	25/06/06	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent
	X	07/04/08	Frog Farm, Twitton, Kent. 51.19N 0.10E 4km.; NNW, 652 days
W12964	6	24/06/07	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent
	X	22/11/07	Lullingstone, Kent. 51.21N 0.10E 8km.; NNW, 151 days
Z43419	8	25/06/06	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent
	X	14/05/08	Castle Farm, Shoreham, Kent. 51.21N 0.11E 8km.; N, 689 days

Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

5188440	3	22/06/97	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent
	+	27/01/08	Marshes north of Deal, Kent. 51.16N 1.23E 84km.; E, 3,871 days
5188482	4	22/06/97	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent
	X	01/01/08	Tonbridge, Kent. 51.11N 0.21E 17km.; ESE, 3,845 days
5209761	4	20/06/99	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent

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	XL	02/01/08	Unknown location, Kent. (51.13N 0.52E) (49km.; ESE, 3,118 days)
5237315	4 +	26/06/05 15/12/06	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent East London, Greater London. 51.30N 0.02E 27km.; NW, 537 days
5243378	4 VV	25/06/06 11/01/08	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent Warnham Mill Pond, Horsham, Sussex. 51.04N 0.20W 44km.; SW, 565 days

Greater Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

5209841	3 VV	18/06/00 29/11/07	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent Mote Park, Maidstone, Kent. 51.16N 0.32E 25km.; E, 2,720 days
5219510	3 VV	16/06/02 26/06/03	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent Orpington, Greater London. 51.22N 0.06E 11km.; NW, 375 days
5231463	4 +	25/06/06 24/01/08	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent Ringmer, Sussex. 50.53N 0.03E 46km.; SSE, 578 days
5237359	4 +	26/06/05 29/01/08	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent Location unknown, Kent. (51.13N 0.52E) (49km.; ESE, 947 days)
5237377	4 +	26/06/05 05/01/08	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent Location unknown, Kent. (51.13N 0.52E) (49km.; ESE, 923 days)
5243350	4 X	25/06/06 08/05/08	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent Headcorn, Ashford, Kent. 51.11N 0.38E 34km.; ESE, 683 days

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*

EN46655	6 R	02/03/86 21/05/01	Longreach Sewage Farm, Dartford, Kent Greind, The Netherlands . 53.15N 5.15E 394km.; ENE, 5,559 days
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A rather late report. This bird was ringed back in the days when the group could catch several hundred gulls during cold winters. A darvic ring LLU was added in 2001 by the Dutch ringer.

Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

V686357	3 R	27/08/07 27/07/08	Hollesley Heath, Suffolk. 52.03N 1.26E Shorne Marshes, Gravesend, Kent 99km.; SW, 335 days
V817271	1 R	06/06/08 27/07/08	Shorne, Gravesend, Kent 51.24N 0.26E Shorne Marshes, Gravesend, Kent 5km.; NW, 51 days

Blackbird *Turdus merula*

CT44862	3J XF	23/05/04 17/02/05	Crossness Sewage Works, Greater London Erith, Greater London. 51.29N 0.07E 3km.; SW, 270 days
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A late report but the finding date has been confirmed.

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CW59149	3M XF	26/12/07 19/03/08	Tandridge, Surrey Tandridge, Surrey. 51.14N 0.02W 0km.; 0, 84 days
CW93715	3F XF	17/09/06 28/03/08	Crossness Sewage Works, Kent Crossness Sewage Works, Kent. 51.30N 0.09E 0km.; 0, 558 days
CW93864	6M XF	22/04/07 02/03/08	Chalk, Kent Gravesend, Kent. 51.26N 0.24E 2km.; 0, 315 days

Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

RT94223	5F R	22/04/07 21/11/07	Chalk, Kent Higham Marshes, Kent 6km.; NE, 213 days
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An inter-site movement.

Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

N182010	3 R R R	09/08/05 06/08/06 03/06/07 10/08/08	Salurua-Betono, Alava, Spain 42.51N 2.40W Crossness Nature Reserve, Greater London Crossness Nature Reserve, Greater London Crossness Nature Reserve, Greater London 985km, NNE, 1,097 days
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Nice to know that our Spanish ringed bird is still nesting with us.

R265247	3 R	14/08/03 27/04/08	Icklesham, Sussex 50.54N 0.40E Shorne Marshes, Gravesend, Kent 63km.; NNW, 1,718 days
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Although a long way from the longevity records for this species, this is a reasonable age for a small passerine.

T408695	4M R	29/05/08 08/06/08	Barnes, Greater London 51.29N 0.15W Shorne Marshes, Gravesend, Kent 46km.; E, 10days
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A rather late movement for an adult bird, especially as it was apparently in breeding condition when ringed at the London Wetland Centre.

V011197	4F R	15/07/07 05/06/08	Brandon Marsh, Warwickshire 52.22N 1.27W Ruxley Gravel Pits, Greater London 152km.; SE, 326 days
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This is another bird that apparently moved its breeding location, which is quite unusual for this species.

V405430	4 R	06/05/07 03/05/08	Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent Queen Mary Reservoir, Surrey 51.25N 0.29W 49km.; WNW, 363 days
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Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*

BC96227	3 R	09/08/07 10/05/08	Villeton, Lot-et-Garonne, France 44.21N 0.16E Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent 771km.; N, 275 days
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This is our first Garden Warbler control. We have had two recoveries, in Spain and Morocco.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*

R921606	3F R	31/08/04 27/04/08	Worplesdon, Surrey 51.16N 0.37W Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, Sevenoaks, Kent 56km.; E, 1,335 days
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Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

V758512	3	30/10/07	Higham Marshes, Kent
	VV	26/02/08	Coulaines, Le Mans, Sarthe, France
	VV	09/03/08	Coulaines, Le Mans, Sarthe, France 48.01N 0.12E 382km.; S, 131 days

Whilst many British bred Goldfinches remain near to their breeding area, a number do migrate south to winter in France and Spain. This is our fourth Goldfinch recovery in France and is a remarkable sighting record, made on two separate occasions at a feeder in the suburbs of Le Mans.

Siskin *Carduelis spinus*

V550496	6M	24/02/08	Tandridge, Surrey
	X	26/09/08	Hanstedt, Hamburg, Germany 53.15N 10.00E 719km.; ENE, 215 days

This is our first recovery in Germany for this species.

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