



WALK REPORT

DUNHAM MASSEY BIRD WALK

DUNHAM MASSEY, TRAFFORD, GREATER MANCHESTER

DATE: 10 May 2026 (Sunday)

TIME: Approximately 10:30 AM

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Sunny

HABITAT TYPES: Stately home grounds, ornamental gardens, open grassland, woodland, ponds, deer park

ROUTE SUMMARY

Starting from the National Trust car park, the walk continued around the deer park before returning towards the main house and ornamental gardens. The route passed through open grassland, woodland, landscaped garden areas, and several ponds and water features.

WALK DURATION: Approximately 1 hour 30 minutes

DISTANCE: Approximately 2 miles

DIFFICULTY: Flat throughout and suitable for disabled access

BIRDS IDENTIFIED (17 SPECIES)

1		Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Observed on ponds and water features.
2		Goldcrest <i>Regulus regulus</i>	Heard and briefly observed in woodland.
3		Eurasian Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Seen around ornamental ponds.
4		Eurasian Treecreeper <i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Observed climbing mature tree trunks.
5		Stock Dove <i>Columba oenas</i>	Seen feeding in open grassland.
6		Eurasian Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Singing from woodland edge habitat.
7		Common Chiffchaff <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Frequently heard throughout woodland.
8		Long-tailed Tit <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Moving through tree canopy in small groups.
9		Mistle Thrush <i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Observed in open grassy areas.
10		Great Tit <i>Parus major</i>	Common within woodland and gardens.
11		Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Vocal birds flying between trees.
12		Eurasian Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Heard within dense shrubbery.
13		House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	Observed around buildings and visitor areas.
14		Eurasian Blue Tit <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Active throughout ornamental gardens.
15		Eurasian Jackdaw <i>Corvus monedula</i>	Seen around open lawns and rooflines.
16		Eurasian Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>	Frequently encountered along the route.
17		European Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Commonly observed in wooded sections.



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UPLOADED PHOTOS

Yes



MERLIN BIRD ID SCREENSHOTS INCLUDED

Yes



SPECIES REMOVED FOLLOWING REVIEW

Great Black-backed Gull removed from final checklist following review.



NOTABLE SIGHTINGS

Particularly notable species included Rose-ringed Parakeet, Eurasian Treecreeper, and Goldcrest.



GENERAL WALK NOTES

This walk combined ornamental gardens and historic parkland with areas of mature woodland and open deer pasture, creating a diverse range of habitats for birdlife. The sunny conditions encouraged strong bird activity throughout the morning, particularly around the woodland edges and pond areas.

The deer park and mature trees provided excellent opportunities for observing woodland birds, while the ornamental ponds supported wetland species such as Mallard and Moorhen. The presence of Rose-ringed Parakeets added an unusual and memorable feature to the walk.

The grounds at Dunham Massey provide an accessible and enjoyable birdwatching location, with excellent pathways and varied habitats all within a relatively compact walking route.

CHECKLIST SUMMARY

Total Species Identified: 17

Most Notable Species: Rose-ringed Parakeet, Eurasian Treecreeper, and Goldcrest

Merlin Bird ID Records: Included in report documentation

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