



WALK REPORT

HURSTWOOD RESERVOIR WORSTHORNE, BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE

DATE: 8 May 2026

TIME: 7:30 PM

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Overcast with light rain/spitting at the beginning of the walk, clearing shortly after commencement.

HABITAT TYPES: Woodland, dense woodland, reservoir

ROUTE SUMMARY

Beginning at the Hurstwood Reservoir car park, the walk followed woodland paths up towards the reservoir before continuing on a circular route around the reservoir in an anti-clockwise direction.

WALK DURATION: Approximately 1 hour

DISTANCE: Just over 2 miles

DIFFICULTY: Easy underfoot and largely flat throughout

BIRDS IDENTIFIED (14 SPECIES)

1		Coal Tit <i>Periparus ater</i>	Active within dense conifer woodland.
2		Ring-necked Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Observed near woodland edge.
3		Willow Warbler <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Frequently heard throughout woodland.
4		Eurasian Blackbird <i>Turdus merula</i>	Common along woodland paths.
5		Eurasian Wren <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Heard singing within dense undergrowth.
6		Common Chaffinch <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Seen feeding in woodland canopy.
7		European Robin <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Frequently observed along the route.
8		Goldcrest <i>Regulus regulus</i>	Heard and briefly observed in conifers.
9		Eurasian Blackcap <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Singing from dense woodland cover.
10		Great Tit <i>Parus major</i>	Active within mixed woodland habitat.
11		Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Heard singing during quieter sections.
12		European Goldfinch <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Observed flying over open sections near reservoir.
13		Eurasian Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Seen near the reservoir edge.
14		Common Sandpiper <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Observed along the reservoir shoreline.



Hurstwood Reservoir, Worsthorne



UPLOADED PHOTOS

Yes



MERLIN BIRD ID SCREENSHOTS INCLUDED

Yes



NOTABLE SIGHTINGS

Notable species recorded during the walk included Goldcrest and Common Sandpiper.



GENERAL WALK NOTES

Despite a damp and overcast start, conditions improved shortly after setting off, making for a pleasant evening walk around the reservoir.

The dense woodland surrounding the water created a sheltered atmosphere with excellent opportunities for hearing and observing woodland bird species throughout the route.

The varied habitat around Hurstwood Reservoir supported a good mixture of woodland and waterside species, with birds such as Goldcrest, Common Sandpiper, and Eurasian Oystercatcher adding particular interest to the evening survey.



CHECKLIST SUMMARY

Total Species Identified: 14

Most Notable Species:
Goldcrest, Common Sandpiper
and Eurasian Oystercatcher

Species Removed After Review:
Sedge Warbler and Bank Swallow
were excluded from the final checklist.

Merlin Bird ID Records:
Included in report documentation.

