

Marton Churchyard – COMPILED Wildlife Audit

Jan 2026

This list covers ALL reported sightings and birdsong identifications in Marton Churchyard, including Count on Nature records since 2021 and our Nature record book since 2008. We hope to spot trends, so, when possible, dates of observations or notes are included!

<i>SMALLER PLANTS</i>	<i>DATES OF OBSERVATIONS/NOTES</i>	<i>Photo</i>
Aconite	Feb 2025	
Alchemilla mollis (Lady's Mantle)	Light green leaf, bright yellow flower spray	
Arum (Lords & Ladies)		
Bedstraw?		
Betony?	See MP's photo of leaves	
Bramble		
Brome?	Reported under mature trees	
Bluebell		
Bugle	Planted near pond (date?)	
Buttercup (Creeping)		
Buttercup (Meadow)		
Celandine	2025 near church door	
(Mouse-eared) Chickweed	Tiny white flower	
Clover, Red		
Clover, White		
Cocks-foot grass		
Comfrey (Russian)	Tall, purple bells, bristly stems	
Cornflower	Identified 2009 in Spring Meadow	
Cow Parsley		
Cranesbill (Meadow)	White/blue/lilac geranium 1m tall	
Cranesbill (Small flowered)	Short, semi-prostrate, Pale lilac geranium	
Creeping thistle		
Crocuses	2025 near 'West' graves	
Crosswort	V. small yellow flower up stem, 4-leaf cross	
Cuckoo pint	Spring Meadow beyond path to Jeans	
Cyclamen	2025 in Spring Meadow	
Daffodils	500 planted in Spring Meadow in 2008	
Daisy	Mowed grass near stone path	
Dandelion		
Deadnettle (Red)	2025	
Deadnettle (White)	White flowers, no stings, mint family!	
Dock (curled)		
Dog roses	Near chickens	
False-oat grass		
Forget me not	May 2009 in Spring Meadow	
Foxgloves	Planted 2009 in Spring Meadow	
Garlic Mustard (Jack-by-the-hedge)	1m, small white flower, nettle leaf, garlic. Hall grave near gate	
Germander Speedwell	(little blue flower)	
Goosegrass (cleaver, sticky grass)		
Golden oat grass	(behind cross)	
Ground-ivy (a deadnettle not ivy)	Violet funnel flower, kidney shape leaf. Base of hedge near gate	
Guelder rose	Near the pond corner?	

Hairy bittercress	Small round leaves in opposite pairs	
? Hawksbeard		
? Hawkweed (Rough)		
? Hawkbit (Rough)	Dandelion-like but much taller near Hall/Bellwood graves	
Hedge Woundwort	Hairy stems, heart leaves, magenta flower	
Herb Bennet (wood avens)	Yellow flowers like strawberries and burrs	
Herb Robert (a geranium)	Small cranesbill pink flowers	
Hogweed	Dug out below mature trees 2025	
Giant Hogweed		
Ivy (Ground)		
Knapweed (Black)		
Knapweed (Common)		
Loosestrife		
Lungwort (Pulmonaria)		
Meadow foxtail	Grass	
Meadow grass (smooth + rough?)		
Meadowsweet		
Meadow vetchling	Yellow, pea family, black seed pods	
Narcissi		
Ox-eye Daisy	Hedge/Car Park	
Pignut	Small, carrot family, white flower (umbels)	
Plantain (Greater)	Straw flower spike, broad oval leaf rosette	
Plantain (Narrow leaf)	Hall and Bellwood graves?	
Plantain (Ribwort)	Used to catapult!	
Poppies	In mown grass near stone path	
Primrose	Seen Spring 2025 One patch near bird feeders	
Purple Loosestrife		
Ragged Robin	Planted in Spring Meadow 2009	
Ragwort		
Red Campion		
Rye grass		
Scabious (Field?)	Lilac pincushion flowers	
Scentless Mayweed	Wild chamomile/daisy-like, feathery leaf	
Sheep sorrel?		
Smooth Sowthistle	Thistle leaf, yellow dandelion-like flower	
Snakes Head Fritillary		
Snowdrop	Planted by Sylvia Turvey 2009	
Sorrel (Common)	Like a coral necklace	
Spear Thistle	Near Bellwoods, ball+ fluffy purple flower	
Spearwort (Lesser)?	Tiny yellow flowers near Bellwood grave?	
Stitchwort (Greater)	White flower under picnic bench 2025	
Stitchwort (Lesser)	Much smaller white flower	
Stinging Nettle		

? Tansy (may have been mayweed)	Yellow button florets, toothed leaf	
Teasel	Planted 2010	
Vetch (Bush, Tufted, Common?)	Pale Purple flowers (pea family)	
Violets	Reported May 2009	
Viper's Bugloss		
Willowherb (Marsh/American?)		
Wood Anemone		
Wych Hazel		
Yarrow	White/pink daisy-like flower, hairy leaf	
Yellow archangel	Near pond – white pattern on leaves and yellow flower	
Yellow iris	Died back in drought 2025	
Yellow rattle	West churchyard	
Yorkshire fog	Grass	

These need checking as the records are a little confusing...

TREES, SHRUBS, HEDGES	DATES OF OBSERVATIONS/NOTES	
Acer (Platanoides)	Near large ash trees north boundary fence	
Ash (2)	North boundary fence	
Blackthorn (Sloe)	Toilet and Car Park Hedge	
Cherry?/Plum?Pear? Prunus!	Tree next to Red Oak (behind Morrell graves)	
Elderflower	Along fence near Parking Bay	
Field Maple?	Acer family, small tree 5-lobed leaf	
Hawthorn	Hedge near gates: pink flowers in June	
Holly	Hedge near gates	
Honeysuckle (Belgian?)	Above gate	
Horse Chestnut	Near picnic table	
Lime (Tilia Platyphyllos)	Corner behind bird feeder	
Privet	Hedge near gate	
Red Oak	id by John Burrow, arborist/Pam Clark thinks Black Oak?	
Rowan	Tree near picnic table?	
Sorbus Discolor/Mountain Ash	Next to horse chestnut towards pond	
Sycamore		
Willow?		
Wych Elm	30m Tree, toothed tapered leaf	
Yew	White flower, red berry, pointed needles behind Bellwood grave	

BIRDS	<i>Latest DATE Recorded seen (or heard only)</i>	BIRDS	<i>Latest DATE Recorded seen (or heard only)</i>
Blackbird	2026	Skylark	2009
Blackcap	2013 (heard 2026)	Song Thrush	(heard 2026)
Black-headed Gulls	2009	Starling	2026 (flying overhead)
Bluetit	2026	Swallow	2009/2025
Barn Owl	2024	Swift	2010/2012
Buzzard	2025	Tawny Owl	(Box 24.1.2008) Heard 2025
Canada Geese	2013	Treecreeper	2025
Carrion Crow	2025	Tree Sparrow	2009/2025 (now rare in UK)
Chaffinch	2026	Woodpigeon	2009/2025
Chiffchaff	2025	Wren	2025 (heard 2026)
Coal Tit	2026	Yellowhammer	2010
Collared Dove	2025		
Crows	2025		
Curlew	(heard 2014)		
Dunnock	2026		
Fieldfare	2013		
Goldcrest	2025		
Goldfinch	2026		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2025		
Great Tit	2026		
Greenfinch	2026		
Greylag Geese	2009		
Hedge Sparrow	2010		
Herring Gull	2009/2025		
Housemartins	2009/2025		
House Sparrow	2026		
Jackdaw	2025		
Jay	2025		
Kestrel	2026		
Little Grebe (St Marys Barn)	(heard 2025)		
Linnet	2009		
Long-tailed Tits	2026		
Magpie	2026		
Meadow Pipit	(heard 2026)		
Mallard	2013		
Mistle Thrush	2011		
Marsh Tit			
Pheasant	2026		
Pigeon (feral)			
Redstart			
Red-legged Partridge	2009		
Redwing	2024 (heard 2026)		
Red Kite	2025		
Robin	2026		
Rooks			

INSECTS	DATES OF OBSERVATIONS/NOTES	Photo
Drinker Moth Caterpillar	Large, brown hairs, black spots, gold speck	
Azure Damselfly		
Large Red Damselfly?		
Southern Hawker Damselfly		
Gatekeeper Butterfly	2025	
Green-veined White	2025	
Meadowbrown butterfly	2025	
Orange tip butterfly	2009	
Peacock	2009	
Red Admiral		
Skipper	2025	
Speckled wood butterfly		
Tortoiseshell (small)		
Wall brown butterfly	2025	
Large White	2025	
Barred Straw Moth	2025	
Chinese Character	2019 Moths survey	
Common Rustic	2019 Moths survey	
Copper Underwing	2019 Moths survey	
Dark Arches	2019 Moths survey	
Dingy Footman	2019 Moths survey/2025	
Flame Shoulder	2019 Moths survey	
Flounced Rustic	2019 Moths survey	
Gold Spot	2019 Moths survey/2025	
Large Yellow Underwing	2019 Moths survey	
Lesser Yellow Underwing	2019 Moths survey	
Lime-speck Pug	2019 Moths survey	
Mother-of-Pearl	2019 Moths survey/2025	
Mouse Moth	2019 Moths survey	
Orange Swift	2019 Moths survey	
Riband Wave	2019 Moths survey	
Setaceous Hebrew Character	2019 Moths survey	
Shuttle-shaped dart	2019 Moths survey	
Silver Ground Carpet Moth	2025	
Silver Y	2025	
Six-spot Burnet	2025	
Smoky Wainscot	2025	
Six-striped Rustic	2019 Moths survey	
Square-spot Rustic	2019 Moths survey	
Straw Dot	2019 Moths survey	
The Magpie	2019 Moths survey	

Bee fly		
Buff-tailed Bumble Bee		
Common carder Bumble Bee		
Gooden's Nomad Bee		
Leafcutter Bee		
Red-tailed Bumble Bee		
Southern Cuckoo Bumble Bee		
Tawny mining bee		
Wasp	Nest above toilet, ground nest near bench.	
White-tailed Bumble Bee		
Cricket		
Grasshopper		
Scarlet variety?	2025 observation by Alan and Janet	

<i>OTHER VISITORS</i>	<i>DATES OF OBSERVATIONS/NOTES</i>	Photo
Ants!	Stone path, nest on graves (near Bellwood)	
Toad		
Frog		
Smooth Newt		
Rat (!)	Bird Feeder/Arisings Pile	
Vole		
Badger	Digging Jean's path (date) and path to carpark (2025?)	
Cat in church!	Jan 2026 (Jean's cat)	