

Bird watching in Arundel

I traveled to Arundel Swanbourne during Easter and saw lots of interesting birds, some traveling in packs, others going solo, some colourful and others pretty plain.

The main birds i saw can be split into 2 categories consisting of

Water:

Arctic terns, Coots, Morehens,
Mute swans, Mallards, Eiders,
Herring gulls

Land:

Robins, pigeons, crows, rooks,
magpies, parakeets

ARCTIC TERN



Carnivore

Is very territorial and migrates the greatest of any species of bird the Arctic tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) migrates the greatest distance of any bird species, breeding north of the Arctic circle and then flying south to the Antarctic for the northern winter and back again, a round trip of approximately 80,467 km (50,000 miles).

They make this journey to spend a second summer in the southern hemisphere so they can use the long daylight hours for feeding. Most terns travel by sea, feeding as they go, but some do take overland routes such as

the Marsh tern which flies over the Sahara. The arctic tern is probably my favourite bird due to its long migration and territorial screechy cry.

ROBIN



In the quiz I came back as a Robin

Eat worms, fruits, seeds and insects

The UK's favourite bird - with its bright red breast it is familiar throughout the year and especially at Christmas! Males and females look identical, and young birds have no red breast and are spotted with golden brown. Robins sing nearly all year round and despite their cute appearance, they are aggressively territorial and are quick to drive away intruders. They will sing at night next to street lights.