



# Family Ski Bird List



The list below, is based on observations over the last 10 years in our resorts. There are several birds which you would expect to see in all resorts that have only been seen in one or two. There are also several such as Firecrest, Long Eared Owl and Little Owl which have not been seen yet and are expected.

There are also intriguing possible records of rarer birds such as Eagle Owl and Hazel Grouse that need to be confirmed, and examples of birds that have only been seen once or twice such as Black Woodpecker, Goshawk and Black Grouse - so there is

more work to do to complete the list and we would love to hear from you if you can contribute - or would just like to tell us about a wildlife experience you have enjoyed while skiing with your family.

	ARDENT	LES COCHES	REBERTY	Notes
Sparrowhawk	Y			
Goshawk	Y			
Buzzard	Y	Y	Y	Cleaner brighter red, white and black than UK bird
Golden Eagle	Y	Y	Y	Often behind Chavache ridge in Ardent and in the air in all resorts
Peregrine			Y	
Merlin	Y	Y	Y	
Kestrel	Y	Y	Y	
Hazel Grouse	?			Probable on Chavache ridge
Ptarmigan	Y	Y	Y	
Black Grouse	Y			In wooded slopes above Lindarets
Curlew*			Y	
Collared Dove	Y	Y		
Cuckoo*	Y			
Eagle Owl	?			Possible on road near Lac de Montriond
Tawny Owl	Y	Y		
Swift*	Y			
Alpine Swift*	Y			
Black Woodpecker	Y			In woods by Cascade d'Ardent
Greater Spotted Woodpecker	Y	Y		
Skylark*			Y	
Swallow*	Y	Y	Y	
Crag Martin	Y	Y	Y	
Meadow Pipit*	Y	Y	Y	
Water Pipit*	Y	Y	Y	
White Wagtail*	Y	Y	Y	
Grey Wagtail*	Y	Y	Y	
Duncock*	Y	Y		
Alpine Accentor	Y	Y	Y	
Blackcap*	Y	Y		
Chiffchaff*	Y	Y		
Willow Warbler*	Y			
Goldcrest	Y	Y		
Stonechat*	Y		Y	
Whinchat*			Y	
Blue Rock Thrush*	Y		Y	

(\* = always/usually seen from spring)

Wheatear*	Y	Y	Y	
Black Redstart*	Y	Y	Y	Sings on chalet roofs from late March like a rustling crisp packet
Robin*	Y	Y		
Blackbird*	Y	Y	Y	
Ring Ouzel*	Y		Y	
Fieldfare	Y			
Redwing	Y	Y		
Mistle Thrush	Y	Y	Y	
Song Thrush*	Y	Y		
Coal Tit	Y	Y		
Great Tit	Y	Y	Y	
Long Tailed Tit	Y	Y	Y	
Blue Tit	Y	Y	Y	
Willow Tit				
Marsh Tit	Y			
Crested Tit	Y	Y	Y	
Nuthatch*	Y	Y		
Treecreeper*	Y			
Wren*	Y	Y		
Dipper	Y			Ardent Stream
Brambling	Y			
Chaffinch	Y	Y	Y	
Siskin	Y	Y	Y	Often large winter flocks in the forest
Greenfinch		Y		
Redpoll	Y	Y	Y	Often feeding in flocks in birch trees
Goldfinch				
Citril Finch	Y			
Crossbill	Y	Y		
House Sparrow	Y	Y	Y	
Snow Finch	Y	Y	Y	Often around restaurants at high altitude
Jay	Y	Y	Y	
Nutcracker	Y	Y	Y	Brown bird almost same size as a Jay with white rump very visible when flying
Alpine Chough	Y	Y	Y	Flocks around cliffs and high villages eg. Avoriaz
Raven	Y	Y	Y	



Snow Finches are often seen around high mountain restaurants



The Merlin is the smallest bird of prey you will see in the Alps - smaller and more dashing than a Kestrel.



Black Redstarts are common singing on chalet roofs in Spring



The Alpine Accentor is a high-Alpine and more colourful relative of the Dunnock (Hedge Sparrow)



Black Grouse displaying in the snow in early Spring