

<b>Birds in La Brenne area 20 to 24 June 2007</b>	
Great Crested Grebe	Common
Little Grebe	Pairs seen at several lakes
Black-necked Grebe	30 at Etang de l'Hardouine, including several families
Cormorant	More than a dozen nests at Etang Masse
Night Heron	Several singles, seen particularly well at Sentier du Blizon
Cattle Egret	Common in pastures
Little Egret	Common
Grey Heron	Common
Purple Heron	Common, especially at La Cherine
Great Egret	Fairly common; 10 at lake by D21 near Meziere-en-Brenne
Mute Swan	Fairly common
Greylag Goose	A few feral birds at several lakes
Canada Goose	20 at Etang Foucault
Mallard	Common
Gadwall	1 at Etang Foucault
Garganey	Female at a pond along D21 just east of Meziere-en-Brenne
Pochard	Very common; more than 200 at several lakes
Red-crested Pochard	Etang de la Gabriere: female with 6 ducklings
Tufted Duck	Fairly common, with several families seen
Black Kite	Common
Red Kite	2 at Sentier du Blizon
Marsh Harrier	1 at Etang Renard
Montagu's Harrier	A pair over farmland south-east of Azay-Le-Ferron
Goshawk	1 over D21 / D 14b junction
Buzzard	Common
Honey Buzzard	Several singles. One wing-clapping over Auberge de la Gabriere
Short-toed Eagle	One flushed from trees just south of Paulnay, then seen on the ground
Kestrel	A few singles
Hobby	Single at Chateauroux. Not seen in La Brenne
Pheasant	Fairly common
Red-legged Partridge	A few birds seen or heard
Coot	Very common
Water Rail	One heard at Sentier du Blizon
Lapwing	Groups sometimes numbering > 100 birds seen regularly

Wood Sandpiper	One on a pool along D21 near Bellebouche
Green Sandpiper	Three on a roadside pool near Linge
Black-winged Stilt	Etang de la Gabriere 4; Etang Foucault 4
Black-headed Gull	Very common
Common Tern	Nesting on gravel islands on the Loire in Tours. Not seen in La Brenne
Whiskered Tern	Very common
Woodpigeon	Very common
Collared Dove	Common
Turtle Dove	Common; singing birds regularly heard
Kingfisher	2 at Sentier du Blizon
Bee-eater	30+ near nesting colony at Neons-sur-Creuse
Hoopoe	3 singles seen along roadside
Swift	Very common around villages; abundant in Tours
Cuckoo	A few singles seen or heard
Green Woodpecker	A few singles
Great Spotted Woodpecker	A few singles
Black Woodpecker	One heard in Foret de Chateauroux. Not seen in La Brenne
Sky Lark	Fairly common
Wood Lark	A male in song flight at Neons-sur-Creuse
Sand Martin	A few seen, but the least common hirundine
House Martin	Very common
Swallow	Very common
Yellow Wagtail	A few singles or pairs seen
Grey Wagtail	Several on the riverside at Tournan St Martin
White Wagtail	Common
Tree Pipit	Several singing males heard or seen
Wren	Common in woodland
Duncock	Fairly common
Robin	A few in gardens or woodland
Black Redstart	Common near farm buildings and in villages; several in centre of Tours
Stonechat	Common
Blackbird	Common
Mistle Thrush	A few singles
Song Thrush	A few singing in woodland
Nightingale	Singing birds at La Cherine and Etang Masse
Reed Warbler	Singing males at many lakes

Sedge Warbler	1 at La Cherine
Blackcap	Very common
Garden Warbler	Several singing birds heard and seen
Whitethroat	Common
Chiffchaff	Common
Melodious Warbler	Common
Western Bonelli's Warbler	Common in Foret de Lancosme
Zitting Cisticola	Several singing birds at La Cherine, but not heard elsewhere
Savi's Warbler	Etang de l'Hardouine: 1 or 2 singing males
Grasshopper Warbler	One singing in scrub near the car park at Etang Masse
Cetti's Warbler	Birds heard at many locations in suitable habitat, and a couple seen
Firecrest	One singing in gardens behind hotel at Tournon St Martin
Goldcrest	A couple seen in Foret de Lancosme
Golden Oriole	Birds either heard or seen flying over fairly regularly, usually near poplars
Spotted Flycatcher	Family group in Tournon St Martin
Long-tailed Tit	In Foret de Chateauroux only. Not seen in La Brenne
Blue Tit	Common
Great Tit	Common
Marsh Tit	Fairly common in Foret de Lancosme and Foret de Chateauroux
Nuthatch	Common in Foret de Lancosme and Foret de Chateauroux
Short-toed Treecreeper	Seen in Foret de Lancosme and Foret de Chateauroux
Red-backed Shrike	Common
Jay	Fairly common
Magpie	Fairly common
Jackdaw	Fairly common
Carrion Crow	Common
Rook	A few seen in fields with Carrion Crows
Starling	Common
House Sparrow	Common
Greenfinch	Common
Goldfinch	Fairly common
Chaffinch	Very common
Serir	Fairly common
Linnet	Fairly common
Chirl Bunting	Common
Yellowhammer	A few singles

Corn Bunting	Fairly common in suitable habitat
Total 107 spp.	