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The Redwing

The **Redwing** (*Turdus iliacus*)

The **redwing** is commonly encountered as a **winter bird** around Childwall Golf Club and is the UK's smallest thrush. You will see them in flocks feeding on the fairways and in the trees around the golf course feeding on berries.

Its pale, creamy stripe above the eye and orange-red flank patches make it distinctive.

They roam across the UK's countryside, feeding in fields and hedgerows, rarely visiting gardens, except in the coldest weather when snow covers the fields.

Only a few pairs nest in the UK.

What they eat:

Berries and worms.

Measurements:

Length:

21cm

Wingspan:

33-35cm

Population:

UK breeding:

13 pairs

UK wintering:

8.6 million birds

Pale, creamy stripe above the eye

Red underwing and flanks



Redwing - a small thrush often seen around CGC in Winter



Very distinct red underwing when flying