

## December 2022 BIRD NOTES

### Wishing everyone a Prosperous New Year

#### **HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver returns, Marsh Tit, Tree Sparrow, Brambling, Lesser Redpoll.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 11<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver seen most days after its return on 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 Little Grebe 10<sup>th</sup>, 37 Great Crested Grebe, 24 Cormorant 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Egret noted on 12 occasions, 1 Great White Egret reported from various parts of the reservoir 13 times in total this month, 3 Grey Heron 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 Mute Swan 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 Whooper Swan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 250 Pink-footed Goose 12<sup>th</sup>, 200 Greylag Goose 22<sup>nd</sup>, 374 Canada Goose 3<sup>rd</sup>, 34 Barnacle Goose 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 Shelduck 13<sup>th</sup>, 134 Wigeon, 110 Gadwall 21<sup>st</sup>, 548 Teal, 192 Mallard, 3 Pintail 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 Shoveler, 12 Pochard 16<sup>th</sup>, 64 Tufted Duck 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 Goldeneye 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 Goosander 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Water Rail, 6 Moorhen 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 94 Coot 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Kingfisher 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 7 Red Kite 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Sparrowhawk 4<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 Buzzards 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 Kestrel 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine reported 11 times within the month.

Seven species of waders through this month with 550 Lapwing 25<sup>th</sup>, 39 Dunlin 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11 Snipe 4<sup>th</sup>, 3 Woodcock 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Black-tailed Godwit 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Curlew 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 Redshank 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 6000 Black-headed Gull 8<sup>th</sup>, 2800 Common Gull 8<sup>th</sup>, 250 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 Herring Gull 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 Yellow-legged Gulls 2<sup>nd</sup> (3 adults and 1 first winter), 2 Caspian Gull 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great black-backed Gull reported 14 dates within the month.

Among other species were 1580 Wood Pigeon recorded flying North East 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 Tawny Owl heard calling 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Red-legged Partridge 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker 5<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 75 Meadow Pipit 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Wagtails 21<sup>st</sup>, 177 Fieldfare 3<sup>rd</sup>, 725 Redwing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Chiffchaff 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 8 Goldcrest 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Marsh Tit 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 Willow Tit 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 70 Carrion Crow 5<sup>th</sup>, 15 Raven 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 Tree Sparrow 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Brambling 27<sup>th</sup>, 100 Siskin 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 Lesser Redpoll 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 Bullfinch 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellowhammer present on 25<sup>th</sup>.

The total 98 species noted compares to 97 in 2021, 94 in 2020, 93 in 2019, 87 in 2018, 92 in 2017. This is the second highest total for December only being beaten by 99 in December 2006

## November 2022 BIRD NOTES

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Garganey, Little Stint, Mediterranean Gull, Common Crane (juvenile), Marsh Tit.**

62600 Wood Pigeon were counted flying south between 07:15–10:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup>, a site record and must have been an amazing sight.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 16<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. Mute Swan noted on only 3 dates, 70 Pink-footed Goose 20<sup>th</sup>, 106 Greylag Goose 7<sup>th</sup>, 205 Canada Goose 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Barnacle Goose 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 Shelduck 17<sup>th</sup>, 48 Wigeon 19<sup>th</sup>, 85 Gadwall 21<sup>st</sup>, 175 Teal 21<sup>st</sup>, 152 Mallard 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Pintail 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Garganey 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Shoveler 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 Pochard 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 127 Tufted Duck 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 Goldeneye 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Goosander 4<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 3 Little Grebe 1<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 34 Great Crested Grebe 3<sup>rd</sup>, 22 Cormorant 2<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 Little Egret 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great White Egret reported on 7 dates this month, 5 Grey Heron 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Water Rail reported on 6 occasions, 5 Moorhen 16<sup>th</sup>, 32 Coot 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kingfisher 24<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 6 Red Kite 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 Sparrowhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 Buzzards 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Kestrel 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Peregrine 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Seven species of waders through this month with 4 Golden Plover 30<sup>th</sup>, 300 Lapwing 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Little Stint 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 40 Dunlin 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 Snipe 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Woodcock 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Redshank 19<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Black-headed Gull reported most days, 1000 Common Gull 15<sup>th</sup>, 3000 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 Herring Gull 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 Yellow-legged Gulls 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull reported on 8 occasions within the month, 1 Great black-backed Gull reported 16 dates within the month, 1 Kittiwake 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Among other species were a juvenile Crane 21<sup>st</sup>, only the second Carsington record, 62600 Wood Pigeon 4<sup>th</sup>, with numbers reported in the thousands flying across the reservoir on 6 different dates, 3 Tawny Owl heard calling 3<sup>rd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 Red-legged Partridge 1<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker 6<sup>th</sup>, 33 Skylark 20<sup>th</sup>, 104 Meadow Pipit 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 Grey Wagtails 7<sup>th</sup>, 36 Pied Wagtail 17<sup>th</sup>, 107 Fieldfare 10<sup>th</sup>, 432 Redwing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Chiffchaff 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 Goldcrest 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit noted on 15 dates, 4 Willow Tit 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1000 Jackdaw 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 Raven 18<sup>th</sup>, 400 Starling 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 Tree Sparrow 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Brambling 21<sup>st</sup>, 44 Siskin 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 Lesser Redpoll 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 Bullfinch 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellowhammer 4<sup>th</sup>.

The total 99 species noted compares to 100 in 2021, 101 in 2020, 95 in 2019, 93 in 2018, 101 in 2017.

## OCTOBER 2022 BIRD NOTES

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Whooper Swan, Garganey, Red-breasted Merganser, Marsh Harrier, Little Stint, Green Sandpiper and Marsh Tit.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 9<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 25 Mute Swan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 adult Whooper Swan 14<sup>th</sup>, 165 Pink-footed Goose 2<sup>nd</sup>, 150 Greylag Goose 5<sup>th</sup>, 126 Canada Goose 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Barnacle Goose reported 2<sup>nd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Mandarin 31<sup>st</sup> last reported on site back in May, 111 Wigeon 23<sup>rd</sup>, 37 Gadwall 30<sup>th</sup>, 480 Teal 5<sup>th</sup>, 150 Mallard, 9 Pintail 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Garganey 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 20 Shoveler, 10 Pochard 29<sup>th</sup>, 148 Tufted Duck 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Goldeneye 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Red-breasted Merganser 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Goosander 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 33 Little Grebe 5<sup>th</sup>, 45 Great Crested Grebe 5<sup>th</sup>, 46 Cormorant, 3 Little Egret 2<sup>nd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 4 Great White Egret 10<sup>th</sup> and single birds reported 7 times within the month, 11 Grey Heron 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 Moorhen 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 34 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 9 Red Kite 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Harrier 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 8 Buzzards 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 Kestrel 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Merlin 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Hobby 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Peregrine reported on 14 dates within the month.

Ten species of waders through this month with 21 Ringed Plover 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Golden Plover 19<sup>th</sup>, 191 Lapwing 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Stint 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 25 Dunlin 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Jack Snipe 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 Snipe 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Redshank 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Greenshank 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 Green Sandpiper 9<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 3 Mediterranean Gull 27<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Black-headed Gull 7<sup>th</sup>, 26 Common Gull 5<sup>th</sup>, numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gulls seen most days 1 Herring Gull 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 Yellow-legged Gulls 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull 10<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great black-backed Gull reported 27 dates within the month.

1 juvenile Arctic Tern flew across the reservoir 9<sup>th</sup>.

Among other species were 7450 Wood Pigeon 31<sup>st</sup> with large numbers reported flying across the reservoir on 4 different dates. 4 Tawny Owl heard calling 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 Red-legged Partridge found on Stones Island 30<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12 Swallow 1<sup>st</sup>, with the last seen 16<sup>th</sup>, 60 House Martins 3<sup>rd</sup>, 300 Meadow Pipit 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Rock Pipit 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 Grey Wagtails 16<sup>th</sup>, 63 Pied Wagtail 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Stonechat 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 female Wheatear 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 286 Fieldfare 19<sup>th</sup> with 130 on 25<sup>th</sup> and 105 on 31<sup>st</sup>, 29190 Redwing reported 19<sup>th</sup> moving over a 6 hour period, 2 Blackcap 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 Chiffchaff 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit noted on 9 dates, 4 Willow Tit 12<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 Jay 9<sup>th</sup>, 500 Jackdaw 1<sup>st</sup>, 13 Raven 18<sup>th</sup>, 500 Starling 28<sup>th</sup>, 8 Tree Sparrow 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 Brambling 9<sup>th</sup>, 29 Siskin 16<sup>th</sup>, 70 Linnet 31<sup>st</sup>, 9 Lesser Redpoll 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellowhammer 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The total 111 species noted this month is a new record for October (beating the 109 recorded in 2007) and compares to 105 in 2021, 106 in 2020, 103 in 2019, 106 in 2018, 108 in 2017.

## September 2022 BIRD NOTES

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Garganey, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-crested Pochard, Avocet, Curlew Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank, Turnstone**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 17<sup>th</sup>, (delayed from the 11<sup>th</sup> due to bad weather) unless dated otherwise. 41 Mute Swan 12<sup>th</sup>, 393 Pink-footed Goose (392 flew overhead within a 10 minute spell in the morning) 16<sup>th</sup>, 297 Greylag Goose 9<sup>th</sup>, 950 Canada Goose 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 Barnacle Goose reported 7 dates within the month, 1 Ruddy Shelduck 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Shelduck 9<sup>th</sup>, 238 Wigeon 24<sup>th</sup>, 83 Gadwall 12<sup>th</sup>, 430 Teal, 260 Mallard, 9 Pintail 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Garganey 2<sup>nd</sup>, 57 Shoveler 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Red-crested Pochard reported 8 different dates within the month 24 Pochard 7<sup>th</sup>, 298 Tufted Duck, 1 Common Scoter 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Red-breasted Merganser 28<sup>th</sup>, 43 Little Grebe, 43 Great Crested Grebe, 47 Cormorant 24<sup>th</sup>, 14 Little Egret 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great White Egret reported 10 occasions within the month, 19 Grey Heron, 9 Moorhen, 860 Coot, 2 Kingfisher 13<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 5 Red Kite 28<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 28<sup>th</sup>, 15 Buzzards 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Osprey 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 Kestrel 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Merlin 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Hobby 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Peregrine 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sixteen species of waders through this month with 1 Oystercatcher 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Avocet 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Little Ringed Plover reported 8 times within the month, 28 Ringed Plover 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Golden Plover 9<sup>th</sup>, 50 Lapwing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Curlew Sandpiper seen from 19<sup>th</sup> through to the 28<sup>th</sup>, 27 Dunlin 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 Ruff 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 Snipe 3<sup>rd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Curlew 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Spotted Redshank 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 Redshank 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Greenshank reported 7 different occasions before the end of month, 1 Common Sandpiper 3<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Turnstone 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Little Gull 27<sup>th</sup>, 1000 Black-headed Gull 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 34 Common Gull 24<sup>th</sup>, 4500 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Herring Gull 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 Yellow-legged Gulls 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great black-backed Gull reported 25 dates within the month.

Among other species were 2 Tawny Owl heard calling 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 9<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 40 Sand Martin 18<sup>th</sup>, 100 Swallow 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 138 House Martins 23<sup>rd</sup>, 121 Meadow Pipit 25<sup>th</sup>, 4 Yellow Wagtail 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 Grey Wagtails 4<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 200 Pied Wagtail 24<sup>th</sup>, 205 Robin 22<sup>nd</sup> (noted on perimeter count), 1 Whinchat 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Stonechat 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 Wheatear 18<sup>th</sup>, first Redwing reported 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Sedge Warbler 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Reed Warbler 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whitethroat 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 8 Blackcap 3<sup>rd</sup>, 49 Chiffchaff 22<sup>nd</sup> (again noted on a perimeter count), 2 Willow Warbler 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Spotted Flycatcher 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 Willow Tit 22<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 Raven 12<sup>th</sup>, 12 Tree Sparrow 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 Siskin 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Lesser Redpoll 29<sup>th</sup>.

A total 120 species for this month compared to 113 in 2021, 119 in 2020, 107 in 2019, 115 in 2018, 117 in 2017.

This is the second best total for September only just beaten by 2011 which produced 124 species.

## August 2022 BIRD NOTES

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Pomarine Skua, Garganey, Sanderling, Spotted Redshank, Osprey, Grasshopper Warbler, Marsh Tit.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 14<sup>th</sup>, unless dated otherwise. 33 Mute Swan reported on 11 dates within the month, 1 Pink-footed Goose 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 139 Greylag Goose 25<sup>th</sup>, 733 Canada Goose 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Barnacle Goose reported 11 dates within the month, 1 Ruddy Shelduck reported 7 times, 1 Shelduck 1<sup>st</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 8 Wigeon 31<sup>st</sup>, 75 Gadwall 29<sup>th</sup>, 143 Teal 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 394 Mallard, 3 Garganey reported on 8 occasions within the month, 17 Shoveler 31<sup>st</sup>, 20 Pochard 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 476 Tufted Duck, 4 Goosander 19<sup>th</sup>, 23 Little Grebe, 74 Great Crested Grebe, 57 Cormorant 13<sup>th</sup>, 20 Little Egret 21<sup>st</sup> second time this month that the site record has been broken, 1 Great White Egret 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, 16 Grey Heron 15<sup>th</sup>, 23 Moorhen, 647 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 8 Red Kite 1<sup>st</sup> with at least a single bird seen 29 dates this month, 2 Sparrowhawk 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 Buzzards 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Osprey 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5 Kestrel 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Merlin photographed over the Dam wall 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Hobby 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Peregrine 29<sup>th</sup>.

Fifteen species of waders through this month with 2 Oystercatcher reported on 9 dates, 9 Little Ringed Plover including 2 chicks 19<sup>th</sup>, 22 Ringed Plover 29<sup>th</sup>, 55 Lapwing 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Sanderling 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 Dunlin 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 Snipe 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 Black-tailed Godwit 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Curlew 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Spotted Redshank 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 8 Redshank 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 Greenshank 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 Green Sandpiper 11<sup>th</sup>, 8 Common Sandpiper 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 Turnstone 18<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 2<sup>nd</sup>, Black-headed Gull present all month, 3 Common Gull 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4538 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Herring Gull 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Yellow-legged Gulls 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great black-backed Gull reported 19 dates within the month.

1 Pomarine Skua 2<sup>nd</sup>, Second bird to be reported at Carsington (1993), 5 Common Tern 18<sup>th</sup>, 22 Arctic Tern (mostly juveniles) 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 Black Tern 25<sup>th</sup>.

Among other species were 1 Tawny Owl 9<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 Swift 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 Great Spotted Woodpecker 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 Sand Martin 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 150 Swallow 22<sup>nd</sup>, 75 House Martins 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Tree Pipit 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 Yellow Wagtail 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Grey Wagtails 20<sup>th</sup>, 150 Pied Wagtail 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 Redstart 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 Wheatear 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Juvenile Grasshopper Warbler 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 Sedge Warbler 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 Reed Warbler 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 Lesser Whitethroat 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 Whitethroat 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 Garden Warbler 7<sup>th</sup>, 32 Blackcap 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 Chiffchaff 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 Willow Warbler 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 Spotted Flycatcher 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit 1<sup>st</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 Willow Tit 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 Tree Sparrow 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 200 Goldfinch 25<sup>th</sup>, 100 Linnet 6<sup>th</sup>.

A total 119 species for this month is the highest count for August in 11 years and the joint second highest for the month since records began.

Previous years 107 in 2021, 111 in 2020, 112 in 2019, 113 in 2018, 114 in 2017.

**July 2022 BIRD NOTES**

**HIGHLIGHTS: Purple Heron, Marsh Tit, Arctic and Black Tern, Green Sandpiper, Garganey, Ruddy Shelduck.**

**The Juvenile Purple Heron was seen over Stones for around 4 minutes before flying away. This is a first for Carsington Water.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 23<sup>rd</sup>, unless dated otherwise. 31 Mute Swan 31<sup>st</sup>, 300 Greylag Goose 5<sup>th</sup>, 846 Canada Goose 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Barnacle Goose reported most dates within the month, 1 Ruddy Shelduck reported on 13 occasions, 7 Shelduck 10<sup>th</sup>, 34 Gadwall 30<sup>th</sup>, 20 Teal 24<sup>th</sup>, 343 Mallard, 3 Garganey 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 Shoveler on 7 dates, 12 Pochard 21<sup>st</sup>, 346 Tufted Duck, 28 Common Scoter 31<sup>st</sup>, 15 Little Grebe, 81 Great Crested Grebe 30<sup>th</sup>, 36 Cormorant 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 Little Egret 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great White Egret 29<sup>th</sup>, 14 Grey Heron, 1 Purple Heron 28<sup>th</sup>, 26 Moorhen 30<sup>th</sup>, 665 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 5 Red Kite 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Sparrowhawk on 8 different dates this month, 6 Buzzards 20<sup>th</sup> and at least one individual seen most dates, 1 Osprey reported on 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 Kestrel 28<sup>th</sup> but with 2 and 3 birds seen for most of the month, 2 Peregrine 13<sup>th</sup>.

Fifteen species of waders through this month with 12 Oystercatcher 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 Little Ringed Plover 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ringed Plover 9<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 100 Lapwing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Knot 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 Dunlin 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ruff 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 Snipe 31<sup>st</sup>, 8 Black-tailed Godwit 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 Whimbrel 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Curlew 21<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 13 Redshank 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Green Sandpiper 13<sup>th</sup>, 14 Common Sandpiper 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Turnstone 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 250 Black-headed Gull 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 Common Gull 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 115 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 12<sup>th</sup> with 92 reported on 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Herring Gulls 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 Yellow-legged Gull 12<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great black-backed Gulls 10<sup>th</sup>.

30 Common Tern 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 Arctic Tern 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 Black Tern 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Among other species were 25 Swift 14<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 5<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 3 Skylark 30<sup>th</sup>, 20 Sand Martin 24<sup>th</sup>, 100 Swallow 30<sup>th</sup>, 30 House Martins 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow Wagtail 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 Grey Wagtails 13<sup>th</sup>, 150 Pied Wagtail 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 Redstart 9<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 Wheatear 30<sup>th</sup>, 8 Sedge Warbler 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 Reed Warbler 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 Lesser Whitethroat 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whitethroat 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 Garden Warbler 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 Blackcap 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 13 Chiffchaff 5<sup>th</sup>, 4 Willow Warbler 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 Spotted Flycatcher 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Marsh Tit 5<sup>th</sup> (first since 2013), 7 Willow Tit 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 Tree Sparrow 25<sup>th</sup>.

A total 110 species for this month compared to 95 in 2021, 108 in 2020, 104 in 2019, 107 in 2018, 105 in 2017. This is the highest total for July since the records started back in 1993

## June 2022 BIRD NOTES

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Spotted Flycatcher, Ruddy Shelduck, Red-crested Pochard and Osprey.**

The Breeding season is now in full swing with busy adults and fledged young seen both on the water and in the woods around the reservoir.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 20<sup>th</sup>, unless dated otherwise. 24 Mute Swan 26<sup>th</sup>, 290 Greylag Goose 24<sup>th</sup>, 1187 Canada Goose, 4 Barnacle Goose 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ruddy Shelduck reported on 5 dates, 47 Gadwall 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 Teal 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 136 Mallard, 1 Shoveler 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Red-crested Pochard (Drake) reported on 16 Dates within the Month, 4 Pochard 14<sup>th</sup>, 123 Tufted Duck, 6 Little Grebe 24<sup>th</sup>, 60 Great Crested Grebe 10<sup>th</sup>, 25 Cormorant 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Egret reported on 9 dates, 11 Grey Heron, 11 Moorhen, 308 Coot, 2 Kingfisher 12<sup>th</sup> reported with young.

Raptor sightings included a single Red Kite noted on 8 dates, 1 Sparrowhawk 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 Buzzards 26<sup>th</sup> and 5 noted 3 times, 1 Osprey reported in a hide diary 18<sup>th</sup> above Hall Wood, 1 Kestrel 6 occasions, 1 Hobby 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine 14<sup>th</sup> reported by the Wildlife Centre Volunteers.

Nine species of waders through this month with 14 Oystercatcher 25<sup>th</sup>, 4 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Ringed Plover 4<sup>th</sup>, 55 Lapwing 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 Sanderlings 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Dunlin reported on 7 dates, 2 Curlew 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 Redshank 4<sup>th</sup>, 3 Common Sandpiper 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 630 Black-headed Gull 16<sup>th</sup>, 20 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 Herring Gulls 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great black-backed Gulls 4<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Two reports of single birds this month for Common Tern 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Among other species were, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 Tawny Owl 11<sup>th</sup>, 30 Swift 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Skylark 16<sup>th</sup>, 230 Sand Martin 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 Swallow 22<sup>nd</sup>, 26 House Martins 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 Grey Wagtails 25<sup>th</sup>, 32 Pied Wagtail 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 Redstart 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 Sedge Warbler 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 Reed Warbler 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Whitethroat 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 Garden Warbler 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 Blackcap 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 Chiffchaff 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 Willow Warbler 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 Spotted Flycatcher 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 Willow Tit 6<sup>th</sup>,

A total 94 species for this month compared to 99 in 2021, 101 in 2020, 94 in 2019, 91 in 2018, 97 in 2017.

## May 2022 BIRD NOTES

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Red-necked Grebe, Osprey, Green Sandpiper, Redstart, Spotted Flycatcher and Pied Flycatcher.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 14<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 11 Mute Swan, 1 Pink-footed Goose reported on 7 dates within the first half of the month, 24 Greylag Goose, 153 Canada Goose, 13 Barnacle Goose 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 Shelduck 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Mandarin 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 Wigeon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17 Gadwall 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 Teal 5<sup>th</sup>, 65 Mallard, 4 Pochard 1<sup>st</sup>, 60 Tufted Duck, 2 Goldeneye 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 Goosander 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Great Northern Diver departed as expected early in the month (last seen on 6<sup>th</sup>), 6 Little Grebe, 81 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Red-necked Grebes reported up till 4<sup>th</sup> and then a single bird till the 12<sup>th</sup>, when this individual also departed, 21 Cormorant 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 Little Egret reported on 10 occasions within the month, 5 Grey Heron 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 14 Moorhen, 74 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 18<sup>th</sup>. Brood numbers included 13 Greylag, 10 Canada, 12 Mallard, 1 Moorhen, 5 Coot. Mute Swans also noted sitting on nests

Raptor sightings included 2 Red Kite on 7 dates, 2 Sparrowhawk 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 8 Buzzards 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Osprey 4<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, a single Hobby 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thirteen species of waders through this month with 8 Oystercatcher on 6 different dates, 6 Ringed Plover 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Lapwing 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Sanderling 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 Dunlin 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Snipe 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 Black-tailed Godwit 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 Whimbrel 3<sup>rd</sup>, Single Curlew noted on 9 occasions, 6 Redshank 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Green Sandpiper 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Common Sandpiper 5<sup>th</sup>, 4 Turnstone 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull on 9 different dates, Black-headed Gull present all month, 3 Common Gulls 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Herring Gulls 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, a single Great black-backed Gull seen on 12 occasions.

Terns continued to pass through with 3 Common Tern 15<sup>th</sup>, c20 Arctic Tern 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 10 on the following day.

Among other species were 2 Red-legged Partridge 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Tawny Owl 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 35 Swift 12<sup>th</sup>, 300 Sand Martin 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 100 Swallow also 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 80 House Martins 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow Wagtail 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Grey Wagtails present on 8 dates, 5 Pied Wagtail 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 Redstart 15<sup>th</sup>, 11 Sedge Warbler 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 Reed Warbler 14<sup>th</sup> with 4 singing, 42 Blackcap 11<sup>th</sup>, 14 Garden Warbler 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Lesser Whitethroat around the wildlife Centre Creek on 8 occasions, 2 Whitethroat 31<sup>st</sup>, 6 Goldcrest singing 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 Treecreeper either with young or carrying food 23<sup>rd</sup>, 53 Chiffchaff 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 Willow Warbler 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 Spotted Flycatcher 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 Pied Flycatcher 19<sup>th</sup>, 3 Willow tit 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 Tree Sparrow 30<sup>th</sup> also seen carrying food on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Perimeter count conducted on 11<sup>th</sup>.

A total 111 species for this month compared to 111 in 2021, 87 in 2020, 108 in 2019, 104 in 2018.



## April 2022 BIRD NOTES

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**Great Northern Diver, Red-necked Grebe, Osprey, Black-tailed Godwit, Whimbrel, Sand Martin and Grasshopper Warbler**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 16<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 12 Mute Swan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 30 Whooper Swan (flew West 08:30) 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Pink-footed Goose 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 45 Greylag Goose, 135 Canada Goose, 11 Barnacle Goose 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 Shelduck 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Mandarin 30<sup>th</sup>, 12 Wigeon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 27 Gadwall, 63 Mallard, 9 Teal 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Shoveler 10<sup>th</sup>, 66 Tufted Duck, 1 Common Scoter 27<sup>th</sup>, 8 Goldeneye 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 Goosander 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Great Northern Diver present all month, 13 Little Grebe, 82 Great Crested Grebe 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Red-necked Grebes reported most days till month end, 26 Cormorant 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 Little Egret 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great White Egret 10<sup>th</sup>, 8 Grey Heron, 10 Moorhen, 78 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 Buzzards 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Osprey 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine reported 6 dates within the month.

Thirteen species of waders through this month with 13 Oystercatcher 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 Little Ringed Plover 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ringed Plover reported on 11 dates within the month 2 Lapwing 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Dunlin 12<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 Ruff 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 Common Snipe 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Black-tailed Godwit 1<sup>st</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Whimbrel flying North on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Curlew 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 Redshank 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Greenshank 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Sandpiper 28<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull on 9 different dates, 9 Little Gull 11<sup>th</sup>, 1000 Black-headed Gull 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 Common Gull 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 80 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 17<sup>th</sup>, 30 Herring Gulls 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 Caspian Gull 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 Great black-backed Gulls 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and a single Kittiwake 3<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Terns have started to pass through with 2 Sandwich Terns 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 Common Tern 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Arctic Tern 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Black Tern 14<sup>th</sup>.

Among other species were, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker reported on 10 dates, 3 Tawny Owl 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 Swift 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Skylark 27<sup>th</sup>, 200 Sand Martin 13<sup>th</sup> and 100 reported on 5 different dates, 50 Swallow 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 House Martins 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 444 Meadow Pipit 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow Wagtail 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Wagtails 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 15 Pied Wagtail 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 Redstart 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> with males singing at various locations around the reservoir, 3 Wheatear (2 male 1 female ) 13<sup>th</sup>, 104 Blackbird with 42 singing 29<sup>th</sup>, 37 Song Thrush with 25 singing 29<sup>th</sup>, 32 redwing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12 Mistle Thrush 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Grasshopper Warbler 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 Sedge Warbler 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Reed Warbler 26<sup>th</sup> one in WLC creek and one from Hopton reedbed, 5 Lesser Whitethroat all singing 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whitethroat 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 Garden Warbler 29<sup>th</sup>, 85 Blackcap 29<sup>th</sup>, 90 Chiffchaff 29<sup>th</sup>, 22 Willow Warbler 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 Pied Flycatcher 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 willow tit 30<sup>th</sup>.

Perimeter count conducted on 29<sup>th</sup>.

A total 117 species for this month compared to 99 in 2020, 118 in 2019, 117 in 2018, 124 in 2017.

## March 2022 BIRD NOTES

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Scaup, Great Northern Diver, Red-necked Grebe, Little Ringed Plover, Ringed Plover, Mediterranean Gull and Blackcap**

On 20<sup>TH</sup> WeBS count 23 species were recorded which helped towards an end of month total of 107 species being noted.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 20<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 15 Mute Swan 11<sup>th</sup>, 14 Whooper Swan (flew West) 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Pink-footed Goose 5<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 45 Greylag Goose 5<sup>th</sup>, 222 Canada Goose, 44 Barnacle Goose 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 Shelduck 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 Shoveler 31<sup>st</sup>, 38 Wigeon 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Pintail 8<sup>th</sup>, 22 Gadwall, 68 Mallard, 10 Teal, 3 Mandarin 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 Pochard 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Scaup (female) 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 51 Tufted Duck, 2 Common Scoter 4<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 13 Goldeneye 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Goosander, 1 Great Northern Diver present all month, 22 Little Grebe, 93 Great Crested Grebe 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 Red-necked Grebes reported most days till month end, 24 Cormorant 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Egret 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 Grey Heron 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Water Rail 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 14 Moorhen, 130 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 8 dates within the month including on the WeBS count.

Raptor sightings included 1 Osprey 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 Buzzards 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 Red Kite 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Sparrowhawk on 9 dates within the month, 3 Kestrel 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Merlin 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine reported 6 dates within the month.

Eleven species of waders through this month with 12 Oystercatcher 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Avocet 5<sup>th</sup> and a single 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Little Ringed Plover on 7 dates within the month, 1 Ringed Plover 12<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 45 Lapwing 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 Dunlin 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 Woodcock 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Jack Snipe 21<sup>st</sup>, 15 Common Snipe 10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 51 Curlew 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 Redshank reported on the Webs.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 10<sup>th</sup>, 7000 Black-headed Gull 7<sup>th</sup>, 102 Herring Gulls 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow-legged Gull 30<sup>th</sup>, 20 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 Great black-backed Gulls 24<sup>th</sup>, Common Gulls present most of the month.

Among other species were, 9 Great Spotted Woodpecker 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Tawny Owl 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Skylark 24<sup>th</sup>, First Sand Martin 13<sup>th</sup> with 3 on 30<sup>th</sup>, 29 Meadow Pipit 31<sup>st</sup>, 4 Grey Wagtails 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 44 Pied Wagtail 31<sup>st</sup>, 41 Dunnock of which 27 were singing 29<sup>th</sup>, 132 Robin with 101 singing also on 29<sup>th</sup>, 296 Fieldfare 19<sup>th</sup>, 350 Redwing 31<sup>st</sup>, 40 Song Thrush 29<sup>th</sup>, 14 Mistle Thrush 29<sup>th</sup>, first Blackcap 22<sup>nd</sup>, 148 Chiffchaff 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Goldcrest 9<sup>th</sup>, 15 Long-tailed Tit 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 Willow Tit 24<sup>th</sup> with a pair seen excavating a nest hole, 3 Coal Tit 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 Treecreeper 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Jay 29<sup>th</sup>, 103 Carrion Crow 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 Raven 5<sup>th</sup>, 750 Starling 12<sup>th</sup>, 11 Tree Sparrow 7<sup>th</sup>, 28 Chaffinch 29<sup>th</sup>, 38 Goldfinch 29<sup>th</sup>, 8 Greenfinch 29<sup>th</sup>, 15 Siskin 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 Linnet 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Lesser Redpoll 1<sup>st</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 15 Bullfinch 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 Reed Bunting also 29<sup>th</sup>.

A total 107 species for this month compared to 95 in 2020, 100 in 2019, 102 in 2018, 110 in 2017 and 108 in 2016.

## **FEBRUARY 2022 BIRD NOTES**

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Red-necked Grebe, Mediterranean Gull and Turnstone**

On 26<sup>TH</sup> WeBS count 27 species were recorded which helped towards an end of month total of 93 species being noted.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 26<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 13 Mute Swan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 170 Pink-footed Goose flew Northwest 10<sup>th</sup>, 41 Greylag Goose 11<sup>th</sup>, 133 Canada Goose, 45 Barnacle Goose 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 Shelduck 3<sup>rd</sup>, 50 Wigeon, 6 Pintail 6<sup>th</sup>, 148 Gadwall 7<sup>th</sup>, 157 Mallard, 205 Teal 7<sup>th</sup>, 21 Pochard 7<sup>th</sup>, 86 Tufted Duck 7<sup>th</sup>, 16 Goldeneye 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Goosander 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great Northern Diver present all month, 31 Little Grebe 7<sup>th</sup>, 65 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Red-necked Grebes reported most days till month end, 20 Cormorant 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Little Egret 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Heron 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Water Rail 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 19 Moorhen 7<sup>th</sup>, 714 Coot 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kingfisher 7 dates within the month including on the WeBS count.

Raptor sightings included 10 Buzzards 7<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 Red Kite 3<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Kestrel 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Merlin 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine reported 7 dates within the month.

Seven species of waders through this month with 12 Oystercatcher 23<sup>rd</sup>, 650 Lapwing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 Dunlin 25<sup>th</sup> and a single bird reported 16<sup>th</sup>, 52 Common Snipe 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Turnstone 15<sup>th</sup>, 38 Curlew 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 Redshank reported on the Webs.

Maximum Gull numbers were 21 Herring Gulls 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 2<sup>nd</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 300 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 Great black-backed Gulls 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Common Gulls 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kittiwake 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 adult Mediterranean Gull in summer plumage 21<sup>st</sup>.

Among other species were 3 Woodcock 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 Tawny Owl 12<sup>th</sup>, 12 Skylark 22<sup>nd</sup>, 30 Meadow Pipit 11<sup>th</sup> in Tail Bay below the dam wall, 4 Grey Wagtails 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 Pied Wagtail 6<sup>th</sup>, 370 Redwing 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 Song Thrush, 6 Mistle Thrush 4 Goldcrest 21<sup>st</sup>, 15 Long-tailed Tit 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Willow Tit 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 Coal Tit 5<sup>th</sup>, 4 Treecreeper, 3 Jay 14<sup>th</sup>, 70 Rook 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 Raven 8<sup>th</sup>, 200 Starling 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 Tree Sparrow 10<sup>th</sup>, 30 Goldfinch 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 Greenfinch 26<sup>th</sup>, 107 Siskin 5<sup>th</sup>, 3 Linnet 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Lesser Redpoll 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 Bullfinch 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

A total 93 species for this month compared to 93 in 2020, 92 in 2019, 87 in 2018 (no Birdnotes for 2021).

## JANUARY 2022 BIRD NOTES

### HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Black-tailed Godwit, Red-necked Grebe and Bewick's Swans

The return on the 6<sup>th</sup> of the Great Northern Diver was welcomed by all, making this 17 consecutive years that we have enjoyed this visitor.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> WeBS count 26 species were recorded which helped towards an end of month total of 100 species being noted.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 23<sup>rd</sup> unless dated otherwise. 16 Mute Swan 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 13 Bewick's Swan 14<sup>th</sup> (12 adults and 1 juvenile), 18 Whooper Swan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 140 Pink-footed Goose 4<sup>th</sup>, 350 Greylag 18<sup>th</sup>, 500 Canada Goose 18<sup>th</sup>, 49 Barnacle Goose 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Shelduck 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Shoveler 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 227 Wigeon 12<sup>th</sup>, 4 Pintail 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7 other dates within the month, 159 Gadwall 12<sup>th</sup> a record number for this site, 186 Mallard 12<sup>th</sup>, 554 Teal, 46 Pochard 2<sup>nd</sup>, 213 Tufted Duck 12<sup>th</sup>, 13 Goldeneye (5 male and 8 female), 6 Goosander 15<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great Northern Diver 6<sup>th</sup> till month end, 42 Little Grebe, 108 Great Crested Grebe another site record, 2 Red-necked Grebes present all month, 30 Cormorant all month, 2 Little Egret 9<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great White Egret 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Heron 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 Water Rail, 23 Moorhen, 1195 Coot 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kingfisher 10<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 7 Buzzards 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 Red Kite 4<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Kestrel on 5 occasions, 2 Peregrine 7<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Six species of waders through this month with 1034 Lapwing, 4 Oystercatcher 29<sup>th</sup>, 42 Common Snipe, 2 Redshank reported all month, 1 Black-tailed Godwit 5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 Curlew 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 10000 Black-headed Gulls 14<sup>th</sup>, 13 Herring Gulls 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow-legged Gull 2<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 200 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great black-backed Gulls 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 1300 Common Gulls, 1 Caspian Gull 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kittiwake 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Among other species were 2 Woodcock 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> it is believed that there could be up to 9 birds in 6 different locations this month, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 Tawny Owl 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Skylark present, 6 Meadow Pipit 20<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Wagtails 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 20 Blackbird 20<sup>th</sup>, 50 Fieldfare 4<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 200 Redwing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Mistle Thrush 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 Goldcrest 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 Willow Tit 10<sup>th</sup>, 1000 Jackdaw 10<sup>th</sup>, 11 Tree Sparrow 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 30 Goldfinch 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 Greenfinch 26<sup>th</sup>, 200 Siskin 25<sup>th</sup> including a single flock of 150 over the Wildlife Centre creek, 12 Lesser Redpoll 21<sup>st</sup>, 8 Bullfinch 19<sup>th</sup>.

A high 100 species for January is the best on record compared to 91 in 2019, 97 in 2018, 91 in 2017 (no reports for 2021 due to lockdown).

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