

## December 2023 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Red-crested Pochard, Egyptian Goose (site record), Woodcock, Caspian Gull, Waxwing, Marsh Tit, Willow Tit.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 17<sup>th</sup>, unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver present from 28<sup>th</sup> till month end this is the 18<sup>th</sup> year 'our' adult has over wintered here at Carsington, 24 Little Grebe, 53 Great Crested Grebe 15<sup>th</sup>, 28 Cormorant, 1 Little Egret 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Grey Heron 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 Mute Swan 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 Whooper Swan 8<sup>th</sup>, 150 Pink-footed Goose 25<sup>th</sup>, 89 Greylag Goose 16<sup>th</sup>, 386 Canada Goose, 35 Barnacle Goose 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 Egyptian Goose 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Mandarin 10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 72 Wigeon, 138 Gadwall, 51 Teal, 232 Mallard, 1 Pintail 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Shoveler 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Red-crested Pochard 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 468 Pochard, 180 Tufted Duck, 21 Goldeneye, 1 Goosander 12<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Water Rail 2<sup>nd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 Moorhen, 1092 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 7 Red Kite 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 Sparrowhawk 16<sup>th</sup>, 8 Buzzards 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 Peregrine 16<sup>th</sup>.

With the water levels very close to 100% it is no surprise that only four species of wader were recorded this month with 75 Lapwing 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 Snipe 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 Woodcock 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Redshank 5<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, With water levels close to 100% full

Maximum Gull numbers were 1400 Black-headed Gull 10<sup>th</sup>, 3250 Common Gull 10<sup>th</sup> (county record) 168 Lesser Black-backed Gull 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Herring Gull 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull on 5 dates this month, 1 Great Black-backed Gull on 18 dates this month.

Along with the other species were 6 Tawny Owl 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker on 7 dates this month, 2 Grey Wagtail 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Waxwing 17<sup>th</sup>, 101 Blackbird 29<sup>th</sup>, 250 Fieldfare 16<sup>th</sup>, 200 Redwing 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 38 Long-tailed Tit 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Willow Tit 29<sup>th</sup>, 400 Jackdaw 24<sup>th</sup>, 70 Rook 30<sup>th</sup>, 12 Raven 25<sup>th</sup>, 500 Starling 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 Tree Sparrow 5<sup>th</sup>, 38 Chaffinch 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Brambling 11<sup>th</sup>, 13 Greenfinch 14<sup>th</sup>, 51 Goldfinch 29<sup>th</sup>, 245 Siskin 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Linnet 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Lesser Redpoll 14<sup>th</sup>, 17 Bullfinch 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Reed Bunting 15<sup>th</sup>.

The total 93 species noted compares to 99 in 2022, 97 in 2021, 94 in 2020, 93 in 2019, 87 in 2018.

## November 2023 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Red-crested Pochard, Shorelark, Rock Pipit, Marsh Tit, Willow Tit, Brambling.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 19<sup>th</sup>, unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26 Little Grebe 28<sup>th</sup>, 55 Great Crested Grebe 28<sup>th</sup>, 40 Cormorant 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Egret on 7 dates this month, 1 Great White Egret 7<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Grey Heron on 7 dates this month, 24 Mute Swan 9<sup>th</sup>, 20 Whooper Swan 24<sup>th</sup>, 830 Pink-footed Goose 11<sup>th</sup>, 265 Greylag Goose 14<sup>th</sup>, 335 Canada Goose 14<sup>th</sup>, 36 Barnacle Goose 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Shelduck 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Mandarin 19<sup>th</sup>, 93 Wigeon 29<sup>th</sup>, 108 Gadwall 29<sup>th</sup>, 172 Teal 29<sup>th</sup>, 180 Mallard 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 Pintail 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 Shoveler 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 Red-crested Pochard 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 365 Pochard 28<sup>th</sup>, 233 Tufted Duck 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Common Scoter 24<sup>th</sup>, 14 Goldeneye 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 Goosander 7<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Water Rail 3<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 11 Moorhen 28<sup>th</sup>, 1144 Coot 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kingfisher 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 Buzzards 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Peregrine 6<sup>th</sup>.

Six species of waders through this month with 1 Oystercatcher reported most days this month, 100 Lapwing 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Dunlin 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 13 Snipe 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Woodcock 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Redshank 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 5000 Black-headed Gull 24<sup>th</sup>, 2800 Common Gull 24<sup>th</sup>, 1000 Lesser Black-backed Gull 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 Herring Gull 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 Yellow-legged Gull 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull on 6 dates this month, 2 Great Black-backed Gull on 6 dates this month.

Along with the other species were 89 Stock Dove 10<sup>th</sup> (site record), 32570 Wood Pigeon 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Barn Owl 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 Tawny Owl 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Short-eared Owl 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 18 Skylark 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Shorelark 29<sup>th</sup> (first since 2003), 1 Rock Pipit 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Grey Wagtail 17<sup>th</sup>, 584 Fieldfare 3<sup>rd</sup>, 300 Redwing 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Chiffchaff 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 15 Long-tailed Tit 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 Willow Tit on 12 dates this month, 50 Rook 5<sup>th</sup>, 22 Raven 6<sup>th</sup>, 1530 Starling 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 Tree Sparrow 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 Brambling 6<sup>th</sup>, 70 Siskin 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 Linnet 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 Lesser Redpoll 12<sup>th</sup>, 6 Common Crossbill 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 Bullfinch 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 Reed Bunting 11<sup>th</sup>.

The total 102 species noted compares to 99 in 2022, 100 in 2021, 101 in 2020, 95 in 2019, 93 in 2018.

This total for November is the second best on record with only 105 in 2009 being higher, November totals above 100 have only been achieved in 6 years in the last 31.

## August 2023 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS: Great White Egret, Spoonbill, Garganey, Red-crested Pochard, Hobby, Green Sandpiper, Marsh Tit..**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 20<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 10 Little Grebe, 36 Great Crested Grebe, 56 Cormorant 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 Little Egret 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great White Egret 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 Grey Heron 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 Spoonbill 4<sup>th</sup>, 28 Mute Swan 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Pink-footed Goose 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 81 Greylag Goose 25<sup>th</sup>, 585 Canada Goose 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 Wigeon 10<sup>th</sup>, 51 Gadwall, 87 Teal, 168 Mallard, 1 Garganey 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 Shoveler 6<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 Red-crested Pochard 21<sup>st</sup> till end of the month, 21 Pochard 31<sup>st</sup>, 180 Tufted Duck, 1 Common Scoter 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 Goosander 28<sup>th</sup>, 13 Moorhen 26<sup>th</sup>, 385 Coot, 3 Kingfisher.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 4<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Harrier 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 Buzzards 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 Osprey 15<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 3 Kestrel 13<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 Hobby 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Peregrine on 12 occasions.

Seventeen species of waders through this month with 10 Oystercatcher 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 Little Ringed Plover 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 Ringed Plover 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Golden Plover 7<sup>th</sup>, 37 Lapwing 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Dunlin 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ruff 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Jack Snipe 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Snipe reported on 5 dates, 1 Black-tailed Godwit 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Whimbrel 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Curlew 2<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 Redshank 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Greenshank 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Green Sandpiper 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 Common Sandpiper 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Turnstone 15<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Gull 7<sup>th</sup>, 400 Black-headed Gull 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 Common Gull 28<sup>th</sup>, 4000 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Herring Gull 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 Yellow-legged Gull 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull reported on 18 dates this month, 1 Great Black-backed Gull 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

5 Common Tern 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 Arctic Tern 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Black Tern 19<sup>th</sup>.

Along with the other species were 1 Tawney Owl 9<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 35 Swift 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 Sand Martin 6<sup>th</sup>, 500 Swallow 28<sup>th</sup>, 100 House Martin 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Tree Pipit 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Yellow Wagtail 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 Grey Wagtail 25<sup>th</sup>, 150 Pied Wagtail 25<sup>th</sup>, 6 Redstart 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whinchat 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Stonechat 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Wheatear 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 Sedge Warbler 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 Reed Warbler 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 Whitethroat 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Garden Warbler 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 Blackcap 31<sup>st</sup>, 16 Chiffchaff 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 Willow Warbler 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Spotted Flycatcher 4<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 Pied Flycatcher 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 Willow Tit 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 Jay 25<sup>th</sup>, 50 Rook 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 Raven 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 Tree Sparrow 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 Greenfinch 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 100 Goldfinch 13<sup>th</sup>, 8 Siskin 26<sup>th</sup>, 35 Linnets 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 Bullfinch 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Reed Bunting 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The total 125 species noted compares to 119 in 2022, 107 in 2021, 111 in 2020, 112 in 2019, 113 in 2018. This month's total is the highest for August since the records started with 2002 being the next highest with 122 reported.

## July 2023 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Garganey, Marsh Harrier, Osprey, Turnstone, Mediterranean Gull, Willow Tit and Common Crossbill.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 7<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 3 Little Grebe 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 47 Great Crested Grebe 19<sup>th</sup>, 27 Cormorant 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Little Egret 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 Grey Heron 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 33 Mute Swan 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Pink-footed Goose 1<sup>st</sup>, 137 Greylag Goose 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 917 Canada Goose, 1 Wigeon 1<sup>st</sup>, 40 Gadwall, 25 Teal 28<sup>th</sup>, 180 Mallard 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Garganey 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 Shoveler 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 Pochard 23<sup>rd</sup>, 153 Tufted Duck 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 Common Scoter 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 Goosander 10<sup>th</sup>, 24 Moorhen 26<sup>th</sup>, 455 Coot 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kingfisher 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 2 Red Kite 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Harrier 30<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 Buzzards 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Osprey 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Kestrel 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 Hobby on 5 occasions this month, 3 Peregrine 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fourteen species of waders through this month with 13 Oystercatcher 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ringed Plover 16<sup>th</sup>, 35 Lapwing 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Sanderling 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 Dunlin 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 Snipe 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 Black-tailed Godwit 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whimbrel 20<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 8 Curlew 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 Redshank 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Greenshank 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 Common Sandpiper 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 Turnstone 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 17<sup>th</sup>, Black-headed Gull recorded but not counted most days, 7 Common Gull 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1100 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Herring Gull 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Yellow-legged Gull reported on 6 dates this month, 1 Caspian Gull 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Great Black-backed Gull 27<sup>th</sup>.

5 Common Tern 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 Arctic Tern 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Along with the other species were 57 Swift 30<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 27 Sand Martin 18<sup>th</sup>, 30 Swallow 8<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 40 House Martin 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellow Wagtail 3<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 6 Grey Wagtail 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 Redstart 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 Sedge Warbler 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 Reed Warbler 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Lesser Whitethroat 10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whitethroat 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 Garden Warbler 8<sup>th</sup>, Blackcap present on most days, 3 Chiffchaff 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 Willow Warbler 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Spotted Flycatcher 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 8 Willow Tit 7<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 11 Raven 25<sup>th</sup>, 200 Starling 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 Tree Sparrow 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 Greenfinch 2<sup>nd</sup>, 60 Goldfinch 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Siskin 17<sup>th</sup>, 15 Linnets 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Crossbill 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 Bullfinch 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 Reed Bunting 8<sup>th</sup>.

The total 110 species noted compares to 110 in 2022, 95 in 2021, 108 in 2020, 104 in 2019, 107 in 2018.

As can be seen this equals last years total which is the highest Monthly total for June since records began.

## June 2023 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Kingfisher, Peregrine, Black-tailed Godwit Kittiwake Black Tern Spotted Flycatcher Pied Flycatcher and Willow Tit.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 18<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 2 Little Grebe 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 48 Great Crested Grebe, 16 Cormorant 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Egret reported on 9 occasions, 4 Grey Heron 17<sup>th</sup>, 26 Mute Swan 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Pink-footed Goose 8<sup>th</sup>, 247 Greylag Goose 27<sup>th</sup>, 790 Canada Goose, 2 Barnacle Goose reported on 9 dates, 37 Gadwall 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 Teal 15<sup>th</sup>, 91 Mallard, 1 Pochard 11<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 77 Tufted Duck, 1 Common Scoter 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 Moorhen 2<sup>nd</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 125 Coot 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kingfisher 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Sparrowhawk 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 Buzzards 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Twelve species of waders through this month with 10 Oystercatcher 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Ringed Plover 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 45 Lapwing 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 Sanderling 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Dunlin 5<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Snipe 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 Black-tailed Godwit 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whimbrel 2<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 12 Curlew 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 Redshank 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 3 Common Sandpiper 30<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 20 Black-headed Gull 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Gull 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 29 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Herring Gull 8<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow-legged Gull 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kittiwake 13<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

5 Common Tern 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 11 Arctic Tern 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 Black Tern 1<sup>st</sup>.

Along with the other species were 1 Tawny Owl 29<sup>th</sup>, 50 Swift 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 Great Spotted Woodpecker 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 Sand Martin 4<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 Swallow 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 20 House Martin 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 Grey Wagtails 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 21 Pied Wagtail 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Redstart 7<sup>th</sup>, 16 Sedge Warbler 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 Reed Warbler 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Lesser Whitethroat 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whitethroat 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 Garden Warbler 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Blackcap 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 Chiffchaff 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 Willow Warbler 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Spotted Flycatcher 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Pied Flycatcher 1<sup>st</sup>, 14 Willow Tit 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 Jay 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 Raven 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Tree Sparrow 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Greenfinch 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Siskin 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 Linnet 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 Bullfinch 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 Reed Bunting 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The total 102 species noted compares to 95 in 2022, 99 in 2021, 101 in 2020, 94 in 2019, 91 in 2018.

This is the highest monthly total for June since 1993 when the records began, with 2020 and 2023 the only years with June's totals exceeding 100 species noted.

May 2023 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Osprey, Bar-tailed Godwit, Wood Sandpiper, Turnstone, Cuckoo, Spotted Flycatcher and Pied Flycatcher.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 21<sup>st</sup> unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver reported every day until it was last seen on 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Grebe 21<sup>st</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 47 Great Crested Grebe, 17 Cormorant 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Little Egret 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Grey Heron reported on 8 dates this month, 6 Mute Swan 1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 38 Greylag Goose, 182 Canada Goose, 4 Barnacle Goose 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Shelduck 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Mandarin 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Wigeon 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 17 Gadwall, 2 Teal 30<sup>th</sup>, 51 Mallard, 2 Shoveler 24<sup>th</sup>, 52 Tufted Duck 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Goldeneye 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Goosander 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 Moorhen 7<sup>th</sup>, 23 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 20<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 2 Red Kite reported on 6 dates this month, 1 Sparrowhawk on 11 dates, 14 Buzzards 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Osprey 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with a possible 2 on 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel reported on 7 dates, 1 Hobby 4<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sixteen species of waders through this month with 13 Oystercatcher 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Avocet 9<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 Ringed Plover 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Grey Plover 4<sup>th</sup>, 3 Lapwing 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Sanderling 12<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 Dunlin 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Snipe 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit 11 dates this month, 5 Whimbrel 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Curlew 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 Redshank 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Greenshank 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 Wood Sandpiper 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Sandpiper 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Turnstone 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Little Gull 19<sup>th</sup>, 250 Black-headed Gull 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Common Gull 19<sup>th</sup>, 74 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great black-backed Gull 19<sup>th</sup>.

18 Common Tern 31<sup>st</sup>, 6 Arctic Tern 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 Black Tern 31<sup>st</sup>.

Along with the other species were 1 Cuckoo 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Tawny Owl 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 50 Swift 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker reported on 6 dates this month, 100 Sand Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 100 Swallow 13<sup>th</sup>, 50 House Martin 13<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 Yellow Wagtail 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 Grey Wagtails 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 123 Wren 20<sup>th</sup> (from a perimeter count), 104 Robin 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 Redstart 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Cetti's Warbler 29<sup>th</sup>, 14 Sedge Warbler 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 Reed Warbler 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whitethroat 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 22 Garden Warbler 20<sup>th</sup>, 60 Blackcap 20<sup>th</sup>, 72 Chiffchaff 20<sup>th</sup>, 26 Willow Warbler 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 Spotted Flycatcher 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 Pied Flycatcher 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 Willow Tit 26<sup>th</sup>, 150 Jackdaw 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 Raven 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Tree Sparrow 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 Greenfinch 20<sup>th</sup>, 27 Lesser Redpoll 4<sup>th</sup>, 15 Bullfinch 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 Reed Bunting 20<sup>th</sup>,

The total 115 species noted compares to 113 in 2022, 111 in 2021, 87 in 2020, 108 in 2019, 104 in 2018.

April 2023 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Merlin, Black-tailed Godwit, Little Gull, Spotted Flycatcher, Pied Flycatcher, Common Crossbill.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 23<sup>rd</sup> unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver reported most days till the end of the month, 1 Little Grebe 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 57 Great Crested Grebe 4<sup>th</sup>, 21 Cormorant 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Egret 12<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 8 Grey Heron 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 Mute Swan 4<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 23 Whooper Swan 19<sup>th</sup>, 36 Greylag Goose 4<sup>th</sup>, 240 Canada Goose 4<sup>th</sup>, 32 Barnacle Goose 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 Shelduck 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Mandarin 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4 Wigeon 8<sup>th</sup>, 23 Gadwall 4<sup>th</sup>, 19 Teal 26<sup>th</sup>, 104 Mallard 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 Shoveler 24<sup>th</sup>, 43 Tufted Duck 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Common Scoter 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8 Goldeneye 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 Goosander 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 Moorhen 4<sup>th</sup>, 31 Coot 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 Buzzards 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 6<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 Merlin 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Peregrine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thirteen species of waders through this month with 16 Oystercatcher 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ringed Plover 7<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 Lapwing 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Sanderling 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Dunlin 5<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Snipe 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Black-tailed Godwit 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 Bar-tailed Godwit 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Whimbrel 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Curlew seen on 5 dates within the month, 6 Redshank 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Greenshank 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 Common Sandpiper 27<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 11 Little Gull 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000 Black-headed Gull 5<sup>th</sup>, 13 Common Gull 17<sup>th</sup>, 50 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 8<sup>th</sup>, 27 Herring Gull 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great Black-backed Gull reported on 6 dates.

Terns have started to move through with 3 Common Tern 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Arctic Tern 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5 Black Tern 27<sup>th</sup>.

Along with the other species were 1 Barn Owl 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Tawny Owl 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 Swift 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker 4<sup>th</sup>, 400 Sand Martin 25<sup>th</sup>, 50 Swallow 13<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 50 House Martin 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow Wagtail 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Wagtails 16<sup>th</sup>, 118 Wren 8<sup>th</sup> (from a perimeter count), 141 Robin 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 Redstart 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Wheatear 30<sup>th</sup>, 150 Fieldfare 6<sup>th</sup>, 20 Sedge Warbler 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Reed Warbler 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whitethroat 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 Garden Warbler 28<sup>th</sup>, 51 Blackcap 28<sup>th</sup>, 158 Chiffchaff 8<sup>th</sup>, 37 Willow Warbler 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Spotted Flycatcher 28<sup>th</sup> (earliest ever here), 3 Pied Flycatcher 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Willow Tit 5<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 13 Raven 24<sup>th</sup>, 200 Starling 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Tree Sparrow 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 16 Lesser Redpoll 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Common Crossbill 19<sup>th</sup>, 23 Bullfinch 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellowhammer 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 Reed Bunting 8<sup>th</sup>.

The total of 119 species noted compares to 125 in 2022, 122 in 2021, 99 in 2020, 118 in 2019, 117 in 2018.

## March 2023 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Black-necked Grebe, record Skylark numbers, Sand Martin, Swallow, Stonechat, Wheatear, Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 12<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver reported most days till the end of the month, 4 Little Grebe 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 40 Great Crested Grebe 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 Black-necked Grebe 8<sup>th</sup> 6 in summer plumage and 2 in winter plumage a record number for Derbyshire, 15 Cormorant 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 Little Egret 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Grey Heron 7<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Mute Swan 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 20 Greylag Goose 7<sup>th</sup>, 200 Canada Goose 7<sup>th</sup>, 20 Barnacle Goose 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 Shelduck 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 Mandarin 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 100 Wigeon 12<sup>th</sup>, 56 Gadwall, 210 Teal, 145 Mallard, 6 Pintail 13<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Shoveler 7<sup>th</sup>, 26 Tufted Duck, 1 Common Scoter 16<sup>th</sup> (immature male), 12 Goldeneye, 2 Goosander 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 Moorhen, 126 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 12<sup>th</sup>, 18 Buzzards 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 Peregrine 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ten species of waders through this month with 12 Oystercatcher 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Ringed Plover 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 Golden Plover 17<sup>th</sup>, 78 Lapwing 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 Dunlin 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Jack Snipe 15<sup>th</sup>, 11 Snipe 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Woodcock 5<sup>th</sup>, 43 Curlew 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 Redshank 29<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2 Mediterranean Gull 22<sup>nd</sup>, Black-headed Gull present all month but not in significant numbers, Common Gull also present this month, 130 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 5<sup>th</sup>, 17 Herring Gull 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great black-backed Gull 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kittiwake 13<sup>th</sup> seen off Stones Island for around 15 minutes before departing.

Along with the other species were 966 Wood Pigeon 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Barn Owl 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> seen in the Sheepwash/Tail Bay area early in the morning, 2 Tawny Owl 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 130 Skylark 12<sup>th</sup>, 40 Sand Martin 30<sup>th</sup>, 40 Swallow 30<sup>th</sup>, 65 Meadow Pipit 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 Grey Wagtails 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Stonechat 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 3 Wheatear 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 44 Fieldfare 16<sup>th</sup>, 100 Redwing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 13 Chiffchaff 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Willow Warbler 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit reported on 7 dates this month, 6 Willow Tit 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 Raven 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 200 Starling 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 Tree Sparrow 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 Greenfinch 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 Siskin 8<sup>th</sup>, 50 Linnet 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 Lesser Redpoll 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 Bullfinch 15<sup>th</sup>, 8 Reed Bunting 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The total 102 species noted compares to 106 in 2022, 102 in 2021, 95 in 2020, 100 in 2019, 102 in 2018.



## February 2023 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Whooper Swan, Water Rail, Jack Snipe and Marsh Tit.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 12<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver reported most days till the end of the month, 8 Little Grebe, 24 Great Crested Grebe 27<sup>th</sup>, 19 Cormorant 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Little Egret 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 Grey Heron 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 Mute Swan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 14 Whooper Swan 27<sup>th</sup> only on site for the single date first group of 4 adults and 6 juveniles left at 08:08 and the remaining 4 left at 08:25, 151 Pink-footed Goose 27<sup>th</sup>, 35 Greylag Goose 1<sup>st</sup>, 260 Canada Goose 27<sup>th</sup>, 35 Barnacle Goose 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 Shelduck 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Mandarin 20<sup>th</sup>, 161 Wigeon 27<sup>th</sup>, 84 Gadwall 12<sup>th</sup>, 733 Teal 6<sup>th</sup>, 277 Mallard 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Pintail 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Shoveler 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Pochard reported on 7 dates this month, 25 Tufted Duck 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 Common Scoter (drake) 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 Goldeneye 12<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 Goosander 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Water Rail 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 Moorhen 22<sup>nd</sup>, 135 Coot 27<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 Sparrowhawk 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 Buzzards 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine reported on 11 dates.

Eight species of waders through this month with 12 Oystercatcher 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 150 Lapwing 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 Dunlin 10<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Jack Snipe 6<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 Snipe 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Woodcock 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15 Curlew 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 Redshank 12<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were Black-headed Gull present all month but not in significant numbers, Common Gull also present this month, 500 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 5<sup>th</sup>, 20 Herring Gull 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow-legged Gull 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great black-backed Gull 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Perimeter counts were conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> along with the other species were 1 Tawny Owl heard calling 3<sup>rd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Red-legged Partridge 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 Great Spotted Woodpecker 7<sup>th</sup> with 4 drumming, 8 Skylark 15<sup>th</sup>, 40 Meadow Pipit 7<sup>th</sup>, 4 Grey Wagtails 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 54 Wren 28<sup>th</sup>, 156 Robin 28<sup>th</sup>, 93 Blackbird also 28<sup>th</sup>, 70 Redwing 28<sup>th</sup>, 33 Long-tailed Tit 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit reported on 9 dates this month, 8 Willow Tit 7<sup>th</sup>, 15 Coal Tit 7<sup>th</sup>, 175 Blue Tit 28<sup>th</sup>, 86 Great Tit 7<sup>th</sup>, 14 Treecreeper 28<sup>th</sup>, 40 Magpie 28<sup>th</sup>, 1000 Jackdaw 10<sup>th</sup>, 18 Raven 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8 Tree Sparrow 16<sup>th</sup>, 38 Chaffinch 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 Greenfinch 28<sup>th</sup>, 75 Siskin 6<sup>th</sup>, 80 Linnet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 Lesser Redpoll 2<sup>nd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 24 Bullfinch 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 Reed Bunting 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The total 93 species noted compares to 92 in 2022, 90 in 2021, 93 in 2020, 92 in 2019, 87 in 2018.

This is the joint second highest total for February only beaten by 96 way back in 2004.

January 2023 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Crossbill, Lesser Redpoll, Marsh Tit, Jack Snipe.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 22<sup>nd</sup> unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver reported most days till the end of the month, 5 Little Grebe, 32 Great Crested Grebe 1<sup>st</sup>, 24 Cormorant 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Egret 4<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great White Egret 5<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Grey Heron noted on 15 dates this month, 2 Mute Swan 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 36 Whooper Swan 18<sup>th</sup>, all adults with various totals up to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1410 Pink-footed Goose 27<sup>th</sup>, 175 Greylag Goose 24<sup>th</sup>, 351 Canada Goose 26<sup>th</sup>, 31 Barnacle Goose 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 6 Shelduck 23<sup>rd</sup>, 80 Wigeon 1<sup>st</sup>, 113 Gadwall, 536 Teal, 274 Mallard, 1 Pintail 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 Shoveler 9<sup>th</sup>, 13 Pochard, 51 Tufted Duck 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 Goldeneye, 9 Goosander 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Water Rail 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 Moorhen, 98 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 8<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 8 Red Kite 30<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 28<sup>th</sup>, 7 Buzzards 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Peregrine 8<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Eight species of waders through this month with 2 Oystercatcher 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 350 Lapwing 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Dunlin 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, Jack Snipe 25<sup>th</sup>, 13 Snipe 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 Woodcock 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 Curlew 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 Redshank 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were Black-headed Gull present all month but not in significant numbers 500 Common Gull 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 400 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 04<sup>th</sup>, 8 Herring Gull 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Caspian Gull 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great black-backed Gull reported 19 dates within the month.

A Perimeter count was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> along with the other species were 420 Wood Pigeon 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Barn Owl 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 Tawny Owl heard calling 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 Red-legged Partridge report in the Stones Island area on 10 occasions, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 5<sup>th</sup> and heard Drumming 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 40 Meadow Pipit 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 Grey Wagtails 8<sup>th</sup>, 44 Wren 5<sup>th</sup>, 91 Robin 5<sup>th</sup>, 110 Blackbird also 5<sup>th</sup>, 16 Fieldfare 18<sup>th</sup>, 150 Redwing 8<sup>th</sup>, 43 Long-tailed Tit 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Tit reported on 16 dates this month, 6 Willow Tit 8<sup>th</sup>, 123 Blue Tit 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 Jay 5<sup>th</sup>, 250 Jackdaw 5<sup>th</sup>, 24 Raven 30<sup>th</sup>, 8 Tree Sparrow 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 Greenfinch 2<sup>nd</sup>, 80 Goldfinch 5<sup>th</sup>, 76 Siskin 5<sup>th</sup>, 100 Linnet 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 24 Lesser Redpoll 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Crossbill 15<sup>th</sup> and 1 reported 16<sup>th</sup>, 11 Bullfinch 5<sup>th</sup>.

The total 97 species noted compares to 97 in 2022, 86 in 2021, 94 in 2020, 91 in 2019, 97 in 2018.