

# Carsington Bird Club



## April 2024 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS: Slavonian Grebe, Red-Breasted Merganser, Bar-tailed Godwit, Black-tailed Godwit, Marsh Harrier, Yellow Wagtail and Pied Flycatcher.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 6<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver last reported on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Little Grebe 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 60 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Slavonian Grebe 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 19 Cormorant 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Little Egret 9<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 Grey Heron 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 Mute Swan 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 38 Greylag Goose, 179 Canada Goose, 35 Barnacle Goose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Shelduck 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Mandarin 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Wigeon 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15 Gadwall 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 Teal 18<sup>th</sup>, 77 Mallard, 2 Shoveler reported on 5 occasions this month, 1 Red-crested Pochard reported on 6 dates, 6 Pochard 9<sup>th</sup>, 67 Tufted Duck, 2 Common Scoter 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 Goldeneye 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Red-breasted Merganser 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 Goosander 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Water Rail 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 Moorhen 1<sup>st</sup>, 60 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 11<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Harrier 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Sparrowhawk 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 12 Buzzards 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Osprey 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel on 5 occasions this month, 1 Hobby 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 Peregrine 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Eleven species of waders through this month with 15 Oystercatcher 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Lapwing 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 Dunlin 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Snipe 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 Black-tailed Godwit 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 Bar-tailed Godwit 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Whimbrel 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 Curlew 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16 Redshank 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Common Sandpiper 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull reported on 7 occasions this month, 2 Little Gull 6<sup>th</sup>, 65 Black-headed Gull 11<sup>th</sup>, 80 Common Gull 11<sup>th</sup>, 112 Lesser Black-backed Gull 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 Herring Gull 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Black-backed Gull 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 Kittiwake 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2 Sandwich Tern 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Tern 15<sup>th</sup>, 17 Arctic Tern 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Black Tern 30<sup>th</sup>.

Along with the other species were 2 Red-legged Partridge 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 Tawny Owl 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 Swift 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 Skylark 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 500 Sand Martin 19<sup>th</sup>, 500 Swallow 28<sup>th</sup>, 30 House Martin 28<sup>th</sup>, 23 Meadow Pipit 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Yellow Wagtail 8<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Wagtail 2<sup>nd</sup>, 122 Robin 29<sup>th</sup> (perimeter count), 6 Redstart 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 Wheatear 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 103 Blackbird 29<sup>th</sup>, 31 Song Thrush 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Grasshopper Warbler 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 Sedge Warbler 30<sup>th</sup>, 3 Reed Warbler 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Whitethroat 27<sup>th</sup>, 11 Garden Warbler 29<sup>th</sup>, 65 Blackcap 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 Chiffchaff 5<sup>th</sup>, 17 Willow Warbler 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Pied Flycatcher 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 Willow Tit 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 126 Blue Tit 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 Jay 29<sup>th</sup>, 5 Raven 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Tree Sparrow 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Brambling 8<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 16 Siskin 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 Linnet 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 Lesser Redpoll 27<sup>th</sup>, 13 Bullfinch 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 Reed Bunting 20<sup>th</sup>.

The total 123 species noted compares to 119 in 2023, 125 in 2022, 122 in 2021, 99 in 2020, 118 in 2019.

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