

Carsington Bird Club



August 2025 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Black-necked Grebe, Marsh Harrier, Osprey, Grey Plover, Wood Sandpiper, Turnstone, Black Tern, and Tree Pipit.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 10th unless dated otherwise. 26 Little Grebe, 54 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Black-necked Grebe, 55 Cormorant 31st, 30 Little Egret 1st, 2 Great White Egret 22nd, 27th, 28th and 29th, 17 Grey Heron 29th, 24 Mute Swan 13th and 15th, 174 Greylag Goose 25th, 1150 Canada Goose 31st, 5 Barnacle Goose until 10th, 1 Shelduck reported on 14 occasions this month, 5 Wigeon 19th, 82 Gadwall, 169 Teal 26th, 468 Mallard 5th and 10th, 31 Shoveler 31st, 4 Red-crested Pochard 28th and 30th, 32 Pochard 26th, 228 Tufted Duck 28th, 2 Common Scoter 5th, 1 Goldeneye 29th and 30th, 10 Goosander 29th, 17 Moorhen, 977 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 3rd, 25th and 31st.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 17th and 27th, 1 Marsh Harrier 13th and 24th, 2 Sparrowhawk 9th, 17th, 27th and 30th, 10 Buzzard 17th, 2 Osprey 16th and 22nd, 2 Kestrel 2nd, 7th, 9th, 17th, and 26th, 2 Hobby 4th and 16th, 2 Peregrine 6th and 7th.

Eighteen species of waders through this month with 3 Oystercatcher reported on 9 occasions this month, 6 Little Ringed Plover 28th and 29th, 11 Ringed Plover 18th, 1 Grey Plover 13th, 1 Lapwing 2nd, 26th and 27th, 1 Sanderling 13th, 14th and 21st, 11 Dunlin 7th, 5 Ruff 29th, 10 Snipe 28th, 10 Black-tailed Godwit, 20 Whimbrel 26th, 2 Curlew 2nd, 2 Redshank 18th, 3 Greenshank 31st, 2 Green Sandpiper 5th, 8th and 10th, 1 Wood Sandpiper reported from 27th to 31st, 3 Common Sandpiper 8th, 1 Turnstone 6th and 21st.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 9th, 13th, 30th and 31st, 450 Black-headed Gull 19th, 6 Common Gull 19nd, 1500 Lesser Black-backed Gull 19th, 2 Herring Gull 7th, 8 Yellow-legged Gull 9th and 19th, 2 Caspian Gull 7th, 2 Great Black-backed Gull 26th, also seen 1 Sandwich Tern 6th, 2 Common Tern 26th, 1 Arctic Tern 9th, 6 Black Tern 13th.

Other species noted were 1 Tawny Owl 26th, 5 Swift 2nd, 1 Green Woodpecker 11th and 13th, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker 28th, 1 Skylark 15th, 32 Sand Martin 4th, 50 Swallow 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 70 House Martin 24th, 1 Tree Pipit 31st, 2 Meadow Pipit 31st, 7 Yellow Wagtail 22nd and 29th, 4 Grey Wagtail 28th and 31st, 389 Pied Wagtail 29th, 5 Redstart 2nd, 1 Whinchat 27th, 4 Wheatear 22nd, 4 Sedge Warbler 1st, 4 Reed Warbler 17th, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 6th, 2 Whitethroat 6th, 8th and 22nd, 2 Garden Warbler 7th, 8th and 9th, 10 Blackcap 1st, 16 Chiffchaff 24th, 4 Willow Warbler 23rd, 5 Goldcrest 1st, 8 Spotted Flycatcher 5th, 3 Willow Tit 2nd, 5th and 20th, 6 Nuthatch 5th, 8 Jay 30th, 700 Jackdaw 16th, 155 Rook 19th, 5 Raven 24th, 6 Greenfinch 19th, 150 Goldfinch 29th, 7 Siskin 30th, 200 Linnet 3rd, 20 Crossbill 5th, 8 Bullfinch 16th, 1 Reed Bunting seen on 8 occasions.

The total 126 species noted compares to 107 in 2024, 125 in 2023, 119 in 2022, 107 in 2021, 111 in 2020.

Another record breaking Month with 126 the highest number for August since records at Carsington began.

Recorder: Robert Chadwick

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