

Carsington Bird Club



BIRD NOTES

August 2026

HIGHLIGHTS: Cattle Egret, Garganey, Osprey, Golden Plover, Knot, Little Stint, Spotted Redshank, Green Sandpiper, Sandwich Tern, Marsh Tit and Cetti's Warbler.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 15th unless dated otherwise. 15 Little Grebe reported 31st, 47 Great Crested Grebe, 54 Cormorant 24th, 2 Cattle Egret 20th, 16 Little Egret 6th, 1 Great White Egret reported most days this month, 12 Grey Heron 12th, 21 Mute Swan 25th, 88 Greylag Goose 29th, 105 Canada Goose, 1 Egyptian Goose 3rd, 13th and 18th, 3 Shelduck 11th, 8 Wigeon 31st, 118 Gadwall, 429 Teal 25th, 354 Mallard, 1 Garganey 26th, 38 Shoveler 31st, 4 Red-crested Pochard 28th, 22 Pochard 25th, 200 Tufted Duck 31st, 1 Common Scoter 7th and 17th, 1 Goldeneye 26th, 1 Goosander 5th, 30 Moorhen, 726 Coot, 2 Kingfisher 2nd and 25th.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 22nd, 1 Marsh Harrier 28th, 4 Sparrowhawk 31st, 10 Buzzard 22nd, 1 Osprey 18th, 21st, 24th, 28th and 31st, 2 Kestrel 2nd, 15th and 18th, 1 Hobby reported on 9 occasions, 2 Peregrine 11th.

Twenty species of waders through this month with 2 Oystercatcher 18th, 4 Little Ringed Plover 11th, 12th, 13th and 26th, 26 Ringed Plover 30th, 1 Golden Plover 15th and 18th, 27 Lapwing 19th, 2 Knot 27th, 2 Sanderling 11th, 2 Little Stint 26th, 11 Dunlin 8th and 28th, 2 Ruff on 7 occasions this month, 22 Snipe 28th, 4 Black-tailed Godwit 22nd, 6 Curlew 21st, 1 Spotted Redshank 23rd, 24th and 31st, 1 Redshank reported on 7 occasions, 5 Greenshank 19th and 25th, 8 Green Sandpiper 28th, 1 Wood Sandpiper reported on numerous dates this month, 8 Common Sandpiper 7th and 26th, 11 Turnstone 27th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 7th and 8th, Black-headed Gull present all month, 2 Common Gull 5th and 6th, 3500 Lesser Black-backed Gull 18th, 1 Herring Gull 12th, 18th, 22nd and 27th, 6 Yellow-legged Gull 6th, 2 Caspian 5th and 17th, 2 Great Black-backed Gull 2nd and 18th, also seen 1 Sandwich Tern 1st, 4 Common Tern 16th, 6 Arctic Tern 6th and 18th.

Other species noted were 1 Little Owl 31st, 1 Tawny Owl 25th and 31st, 4 Swift 4th, 1 Green Woodpecker 3rd and 5th, 5 Great Spotted Woodpecker 17th and 31st, 5 Sand Martin 6th, 8th and 30th, 120 Swallow 7th, 175 House Martin 20th, 2 Meadow Pipit 21st, 3 Yellow Wagtail 26th, 6 Grey Wagtail 7th, 85 Pied Wagtail 17th, 2 Redstart 1st, 1 Wheatear 12th and 16th, 17 Mistle Thrush 3rd, 1 Cetti's Warbler 14th, 15th, 18th, 23rd and 25th, 6 Sedge Warbler 8th, 4 Reed Warbler 15th, 17th and 21st, 1 Lesser Whitethroat 24th, 2 Whitethroat 21st, 3 Garden Warbler 8th, 12 Blackcap 3rd, Chiffchaff present throughout the month, 5 Willow Warbler 28th, 4 Goldcrest 10th, 5 Spotted Flycatcher 10th, 1 Marsh Tit 25th and 27th, 4 Willow Tit 10th, 5 Nuthatch 9th, 5 Treecreeper 10th, 3 Jay 14th, 500 Jackdaw 18th, 100 Rook 18th, 20 Raven 31st, 5 Greenfinch 14th, 115 Goldfinch 20th, 10 Linnet 4th, 5 Bullfinch 6th, 1 Reed Bunting 8th, 11th, 14th, 22nd, 23rd and 28th.

The total 126 species noted compares to 126 in 2025, 107 in 2024, 125 in 2023, 119 in 2022, 107 in 2021.

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