

# Carsington Bird Club



## August 2024 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS: Cattle Egret, Great White Egret, Red-crested Pochard, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Golden Plover and Sandwich Tern.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 18<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 24 Little Grebe, 63 Great Crested Grebe, 43 Cormorant 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Cattle Egret 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Little Egret 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great White Egret 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 Grey Heron, 40 Mute Swan 15<sup>th</sup>, 100 Greylag Goose 28<sup>th</sup>, 540 Canada Goose 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 Barnacle Goose reported on eighteen occasions, 4 Wigeon 29<sup>th</sup>, 56 Gadwall, 24 Teal 30<sup>th</sup>, 160 Mallard, 2 Shoveler 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Red-crested Pochard 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 76 Pochard 30<sup>th</sup>, 210 Tufted Duck, 1 Common Scoter 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Water Rail 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, 26 Moorhen, 520 Coot 30<sup>th</sup>, 3 Kingfisher 30<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 6 Red Kite 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Harrier 28<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 8<sup>th</sup>, 12 Buzzards 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Osprey 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5 Kestrel 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 Hobby 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine 6<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Eleven species of waders through this month with 2 Oystercatcher 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Ringed Plover 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Golden Plover 29<sup>th</sup>, 30 Lapwing 29<sup>th</sup>, 1 Sanderling 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 Snipe 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 Black-tailed Godwit 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Whimbrel 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Greenshank 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 Green Sandpiper 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 Common Sandpiper 13<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 300 Black-headed Gull 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Gull 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2600 Lesser Black-backed Gull 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 Yellow-legged Gull 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 Caspian Gull 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great Black-backed Gull reported most days this month. Also seen were 3 Sandwich Tern 17<sup>th</sup>, 4 Arctic Tern 18<sup>th</sup>.

Other species noted were 8 Swift 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Skylark 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 15 Sand Martin 5<sup>th</sup>, 500 Swallow 16<sup>th</sup>, 46 House Martin 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Tree Pipit 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow Wagtail 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 Grey Wagtail 31<sup>st</sup>, 100 Pied Wagtail 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 Redstart 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Wheatear 1<sup>st</sup>, 12 Mistle Thrush 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 Sedge Warbler 2<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 Reed Warbler 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 Garden Warbler 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 Blackcap 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 Chiffchaff 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Willow Warbler 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 Spotted Flycatcher 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Willow Tit 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 Jay 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 Raven 6<sup>th</sup>, 60 Goldfinch 30<sup>th</sup>, 120 Linnet 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 Reed Bunting 5<sup>th</sup>.

The total 106 species noted compares to 110 in 2023, 110 in 2022, 95 in 2021, 108 in 2020, 104 in 2019.

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