

Carsington Bird Club



FEBRUARY 2022 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Red-necked Grebe, Mediterranean Gull and Turnstone

On 26TH WeBS count 27 species were recorded which helped towards an end of month total of 93 species being noted.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 26th unless dated otherwise. 13 Mute Swan 23rd, 170 Pink-footed Goose flew Northwest 10th, 41 Greylag Goose 11th, 133 Canada Goose, 45 Barnacle Goose 9th, 2 Shelduck 3rd, 50 Wigeon, 6 Pintail 6th, 148 Gadwall 7th, 157 Mallard, 205 Teal 7th, 21 Pochard 7th, 86 Tufted Duck 7th, 16 Goldeneye 16th, 2 Goosander 3rd and 15th, 1 Great Northern Diver present all month, 31 Little Grebe 7th, 65 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Red-necked Grebes reported most days till month end, 20 Cormorant 7th and 12th, 2 Little Egret 6th, 3 Grey Heron 21st, 1 Water Rail 4th, 7th, 15th and 26th, 19 Moorhen 7th, 714 Coot 7th, 1 Kingfisher 7 dates within the month including on the WeBS count.

Raptor sightings included 10 Buzzards 7th and 26th, 5 Red Kite 3rd and 26th, 3 Sparrowhawk 8th and 22nd, 2 Kestrel 7th, 1 Merlin 4th and 6th, 1 Peregrine reported 7 dates within the month.

Seven species of waders through this month with 12 Oystercatcher 23rd, 650 Lapwing 3rd, 5 Dunlin 25th and a single bird reported 16th, 52 Common Snipe 11th, 1 Turnstone 15th, 38 Curlew 27th, 5 Redshank reported on the Webs.

Maximum Gull numbers were 21 Herring Gulls 21st, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 2nd, 22nd and 24th, 300 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 21st, 2 Great black-backed Gulls 8th, 2000 Common Gulls 1st, 1 Caspian Gull 6th, 1 Kittiwake 23rd, 1 adult Mediterranean Gull in summer plumage 21st.

Among other species were 3 Woodcock 12th, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 27th, 4 Tawny Owl 12th, 12 Skylark 22nd, 30 Meadow Pipit 11th in Tail Bay below the dam wall, 4 Grey Wagtails 26th, 6 Pied Wagtail 6th, 370 Redwing 14th, 10 Song Thrush, 6 Mistle Thrush 4 Goldcrest 21st, 15 Long-tailed Tit 2nd, 5 Willow Tit 15th, 4 Coal Tit 5th, 4 Treecreeper, 3 Jay 14th, 70 Rook 1st, 8 Raven 8th, 200 Starling 23rd, 10 Tree Sparrow 10th, 30 Goldfinch 5th and 8th, 5 Greenfinch 26th, 107 Siskin 5th, 3 Linnet 22nd, 5 Lesser Redpoll 9th, 5 Bullfinch 1st, 10th and 28th.

A total 93 species for this month compared to 93 in 2020, 92 in 2019, 87 in 2018 (no Birdnotes for 2021).