

Carsington Bird Club



February 2025 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Red-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Black-necked Grebe, Ring-necked Duck, Scaup, Lesser Scaup.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 16th unless dated otherwise. 1 Red-throated Diver reported all month, 1 Great Northern Diver also reported all month, 25 Little Grebe, 85 Great Crested Grebe, Black-necked Grebe 24th, 36 Cormorant, 1 Little Egret 15th, 16th, 24th and 25th, 1 Great White Egret 1st, 6th, 19th and 27th, 3 Grey Heron 25th, 4 Mute Swan on 11 occasions this month, 5 Whooper Swan 6th, 700 Pink-footed Goose 6th, 88 Greylag Goose, 207 Canada Goose, 33 Barnacle Goose 5th, 11th, 13th, 20th, and 21st, 1 Shelduck 4th and 6th, 20 Wigeon 6th, 23 Gadwall 22nd, 14 Teal 6th, 116 Mallard 16th, 4 Pintail 1st, 6 Shoveler 11th, 615 Pochard 10th, 1 Ring-necked Duck reported all month, 158 Tufted Duck, 2 Scaup reported on 19 occasions this month, 1 Lesser Scaup reported up to the 25th, 32 Goldeneye 4th, 5 Goosander 5th, 1 Water Rail reported on 6 occasions, 10 Moorhen, 570 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 21st, 25th, 26th and 28th.

Raptor sightings included 8 Red Kite 6th, 2 Sparrowhawk 2nd, 19th, 25th and 26th, 20 Buzzards 25th, 3 Kestrel 2nd, 1 Peregrine 2nd, 5th, 14th, 16th and 25th.

Six species of waders through this month with 14 Oystercatcher 19th, 21 Lapwing 18th, 25 Snipe 21st, 5 Woodcock 24th, 16 Curlew 27th, 1 Redshank on six occasions.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2 Mediterranean 14th, 16th and 17th, 6000 Black-headed Gull 16th, 4000 Common Gull 16th, 800 Lesser Black-backed Gull 6th, 50 Herring Gull 16th, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 14th and 28th, 1 Caspian Gull 7th and 14th, 1 Great Black-backed Gull reported on 9 occasions this month.

Other species noted were 1 Barn Owl 1st, 3rd and 5th, 1 Tawny Owl 9th, 6 Great Spotted Woodpecker 27th, 8 Skylark 25th, 5 Meadow Pipit 23rd, 2 Grey Wagtail 24th and 27th, 49 Wren 27th, 40 Dunnock 27th, 122 Robin 27th, 54 Blackbird 27th, 34 Song Thrush 27th, 40 Redwing 22nd, 9 Mistle Thrush 22nd and 27th, 2 Chiffchaff 28th, 10 Goldcrest 27th, 43 Long-tailed Tit 27th, 5 Willow Tit 19th and 22nd, 149 Blue Tit 27th, 27 Rook 19th, 37 Raven 18th, 250 Starling 14th, 8 Greenfinch 27th, 30 Siskin 12th, 1 Linnet 19th and 25th, 2 Lesser Redpoll 12th and 22nd, 8 Bullfinch 27th, 38 Reed Bunting 19th and 27th.

The total 96 species noted compares to 98 in 2024, 93 in 2023, 92 in 2022, 90 in 2021, 93 in 2020.