

# Carsington Bird Club



## BIRD NOTES

February 2026

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Bitten, Goldeneye, Woodcock, Common Sandpiper, Mediterranean Gull, Kittiwake, Grey Partridge, and Barn Owl**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 21<sup>st</sup> unless dated otherwise. 6 Little Grebe, 24 Great Crested Grebe, 12 Cormorant 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Great White Egret 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Grey Heron 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Bitten 17<sup>th</sup> (this is the first recorded at Carsington), 120 Pink-footed Goose 12<sup>th</sup>, 29 Greylag Goose 12<sup>th</sup>, 224 Canada Goose, 36 Barnacle Goose 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Shelduck 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 20 Wigeon 1<sup>st</sup>, 44 Gadwall, 187 Teal, 226 Mallard, 8 Pintail 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Shoveler 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 104 Pochard 9<sup>th</sup>, 28 Tufted Duck 26<sup>th</sup>, 13 Goldeneye 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 Goosander 8<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 Moorhen 26<sup>th</sup>, 112 Coot 6<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kingfisher 27<sup>th</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Sparrowhawk 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 Buzzard 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kestrel 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Peregrine 16<sup>th</sup>.

Seven species of waders through this month with 20 Oystercatcher 28<sup>th</sup>, 115 Lapwing 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 Snipe 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Woodcock 17<sup>th</sup>, 16 Curlew 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Redshank reported 12 occasions this month, 1 Common Sandpiper also reported 12 occasions.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, Black-headed Gull reported in good numbers all month, Common Gull also reported all month, 285 Lesser Black-backed Gull 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Herring Gull 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great Black-backed Gull reported on 7 occasions 1 Kittiwake 16<sup>th</sup>.

Other species noted were 1 Grey Partridge 19<sup>th</sup> This was the first reported here since 2011, 1 Barn Owl 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Tawny Owl 1<sup>st</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 Skylark 12<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Meadow Pipit 11<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Wagtail 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Pied Wagtail 26<sup>th</sup>, A Perimeter count was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> with the following results 81 Wren, 66 Dunnock, 201 Robin, 80 Blackbird, 50 Song Thrush, 7 Mistle Thrush, 3 Chiffchaff, 14 Coal Tit, 202 Blue Tit, 73 Great Tit, 6 Treecreeper, 173 Starling, 27 Chaffinch, 25 Linnet, 8 Bullfinch, 1 Fieldfare 1<sup>st</sup>, 100 Redwing 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 Goldcrest 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 Willow Tit 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 Nuthatch 14<sup>th</sup>, 500 Jackdaw 19<sup>th</sup>, 125 Rook 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 Raven 12<sup>th</sup>, 6 Greenfinch 17<sup>th</sup>, 13 Siskin 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 Redpoll 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 Crossbill 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 Reed Bunting 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

The total 89 species noted compares to 96 in 2025, 98 in 2024, 93 in 2023, 92 in 2022, 90 in 2021.

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