

Carsington Bird Club

JANUARY 2022 BIRD NOTES



HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Black-tailed Godwit, Red-necked Grebe and Bewick's Swans

The return on the 6th of the Great Northern Diver was welcomed by all, making this 17 consecutive years that we have enjoyed this visitor.

On 23rd WeBS count 26 species were recorded which helped towards an end of month total of 100 species being noted.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 23rd unless dated otherwise. 16 Mute Swan 5th and 12th, 13 Bewick's Swan 14th (12 adults and 1 juvenile), 18 Whooper Swan 22nd, 140 Pink-footed Goose 4th, 350 Greylag 18th, 500 Canada Goose 18th, 49 Barnacle Goose 21st, 3 Shelduck 29th, 1 Shoveler 13th, 15th, 26th and 29th, 227 Wigeon 12th, 4 Pintail 5th, and 7 other dates within the month, 159 Gadwall 12th a record number for this site, 186 Mallard 12th, 554 Teal, 46 Pochard 2nd, 213 Tufted Duck 12th, 13 Goldeneye (5 male and 8 female), 6 Goosander 15th and 24th, 1 Great Northern Diver 6th till month end, 42 Little Grebe, 108 Great Crested Grebe another site record, 2 Red-necked Grebes present all month, 30 Cormorant all month, 2 Little Egret 9th and 26th, 1 Great White Egret 10th, 3 Grey Heron 18th, 20th and 21st, 2 Water Rail, 23 Moorhen, 1195 Coot 5th, 2 Kingfisher 10th.

Raptor sightings included 7 Buzzards 20th, 4 Red Kite 4th, 29th and 31st, 3 Sparrowhawk 13th, 20th and 22nd, 1 Kestrel on 5 occasions, 2 Peregrine 7th and 31st.

Six species of waders through this month with 1034 Lapwing, 4 Oystercatcher 29th, 42 Common Snipe, 2 Redshank reported all month, 1 Black-tailed Godwit 5th to 13th, 3 Curlew 15th, 21st and 22nd.

Maximum Gull numbers were 10000 Black-headed Gulls 14th, 13 Herring Gulls 29th, 2 Yellow-legged Gull 2nd and 24th, 200 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 14th, 2 Great black-backed Gulls 9th, 10th and 27th, 1300 Common Gulls, 1 Caspian Gull 5th, 1 Kittiwake 6th and 7th.

Among other species were 2 Woodcock 1st and 4th it is believed that there could be up to 9 birds in 6 different locations this month, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 15th, 3 Tawny Owl 1st, 1 Skylark present, 6 Meadow Pipit 20th, 3 Grey Wagtails 1st, 3rd and 12th, 20 Blackbird 20th, 50 Fieldfare 4th and 29th, 200 Redwing 3rd, 4 Mistle Thrush 2nd, 5th and 29th, 3 Goldcrest 29th, 6 Willow Tit 10th, 1000 Jackdaw 10th, 11 Tree Sparrow 15th and 22nd, 30 Goldfinch 30th, 4 Greenfinch 26th, 200 Siskin 25th including a single flock of 150 over the Wildlife Centre creek, 12 Lesser Redpoll 21st, 8 Bullfinch 19th.

A high 100 species for January is the best on record compared to 91 in 2019, 97 in 2018, 91 in 2017 (no reports for 2021 due to lockdown).