

Carsington Bird Club



January 2024 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Whooper Swan, Red-crested Pochard, Woodcock, Caspian Gull, Chiffchaff, Lesser Redpoll.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 14th, unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver present all month, 23 Little Grebe, 69 Great Crested Grebe 10th, 25 Cormorant 19th, 1 Little Egret 16th and 24th, 3 Grey Heron, 2 Mute Swan on 19 dates this month, 10 Whooper Swan 10th, 125 Pink-footed Goose 4th, 240 Greylag Goose 21st, 360 Canada Goose 16th, 40 Barnacle Goose 16th, 4 Shelduck 28th, 1 Mandarin 13th, 14th and 30th, 71 Wigeon 19th, 25 Gadwall 20th, 29 Teal, 211 Mallard, 3 Pintail 19th and 21st, 5 Shoveler 18th, 1 Red-crested Pochard reported on 16 dates, 461 Pochard 10th, 124 Tufted Duck, 25 Goldeneye, 7 Goosander 5th, 1 Water Rail 3rd and 6th, 8 Moorhen, 771 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 3rd, 4th and 30th.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite 4th and 9th, 5 Sparrowhawk 21st, 7 Buzzards 12th and 13th, 2 Kestrel 11th, 22nd and 27th, 1 Peregrine 4th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 26th.

Seven species of waders through this month with 3 Oystercatcher 31st, 110 Lapwing 21st, 1 Dunlin 7th, 2 Snipe 17th, 2 Woodcock 7th and 24th, 4 Curlew 16th, 17th and 18th, 2 Redshank 19th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1200 Black-headed Gull 20th, 2200 Common Gull 25th, 450 Lesser Black-backed Gull 2nd, 3 Herring Gull 22nd and 24th, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 2nd, 11th and 20th, 1 Caspian Gull on 5 dates, 7 Great Black-backed Gull 30th.

Along with the other species were 1 Barn Owl 12th, 14th, 21st, 27th and 30th, 6 Tawny Owl 7th, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker on 9 dates this month, 20 Meadow Pipit 17th, 1 Chiffchaff 3rd, 2 Grey Wagtail 12th, 13th and 27th, 1 Stonechat 16th, 100 Fieldfare 27th, 60 Redwing 16th, 1 Marsh Tit report on 10 dates this month, 4 Willow Tit 16th, 600 Jackdaw 5th, 80 Rook 20th, 5 Raven 11th, 230 Starling 22nd, 3 Tree Sparrow 8th, 1 Brambling 19th, 25 Goldfinch 12th, 65 Siskin 2nd, 2 Linnet 6th, 2 Lesser Redpoll 3rd, 4th, 10th and 27th, 7 Bullfinch 10th, 8 Reed Bunting 6th.

The total 98 species noted compares to 98 in 2023, 97 in 2022, 86 in 2021, 94 in 2020, 91 in 2019.