

Carsington Bird Club



BIRD NOTES

January 2026

HIGHLIGHTS:

Great Northern Diver, White-fronted Goose, Goosander, Golden Plover, Little Owl, Firecrest and Brambling.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 17th unless dated otherwise. 1 Great Northern Diver 1st and 2nd, 8 Little Grebe 6th, 26 Great Crested Grebe 28th, 21 Cormorant, 1 Great White Egret 1st, 4th and 20th, 1 Little Egret 5th, 3 Grey Heron 2nd, 2 Mute Swan 5th, 12th and 16th, 1 Pink-footed Goose 5th and 10th, 2 White-fronted Goose 5th, 200 Greylag Goose 5th, 320 Canada Goose 1st, 36 Barnacle Goose 10th, 3 Egyptian Goose, 2 Shelduck 24th, 25th and 26th, 112 Wigeon, 123 Gadwall, 936 Teal, 461 Mallard, 1 Pintail reported on 9 occasions, 2 Shoveler 6th, 114 Pochard 28th, 40 Tufted Duck 6th, 14 Goldeneye 28th, 5 Goosander 13th, 1 Water Rail 24th, 4 Moorhen 17th and 25th, 145 Coot.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite 7th, 2 Sparrowhawk 20th, 5 Buzzard 20th, 2 Kestrel 7th, 1 Peregrine reported on 7 occasions.

Nine species of waders through this month with 5 Oystercatcher 28th, 20 Golden Plover 16th, 51 Lapwing 6th, 1 Snipe reported on 6 occasions, 2 Woodcock 15th, 1 Black-tailed Godwit 19th, 3 Curlew 5th and 6th, 1 Redshank reported 10 occasions this month, 1 Common Sandpiper also reported 7 occasions.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2000 Black-headed Gull, 2000 Common Gull, 400 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 4 Herring Gull 5th, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 1st and 23rd, 1 Caspian Gull 21st, 1 Great Black-backed Gull reported on 6 occasions.

Other species noted were 1 Little Owl 5th, 3 Tawny Owl 15th, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 28th, 1 Skylark 12th and 14th, 17 Meadow Pipit 6th, 1 Grey Wagtail 2nd, 2 Pied Wagtail 5th, 190 Fieldfare 16th, 6 Song Thrush 16th, 330 Redwing 16th, 4 Goldcrest 3rd, 2 Firecrest 3rd, 22 Long-tailed Tit 28th, 3 Willow Tit 1st, 3 Nuthatch 2nd, 3rd and 14th, 3 Treecreepers 16th, 30 Rook 3rd, 5 Raven 20th, 1000 Starling 24th, 30 House Sparrow 19th, 10 Chaffinch 20th, 1 Brambling 13th, 10 Greenfinch 10th, 40 Siskin 23rd, 60 Linnet 20th, 4 Redpoll 13th, 4 Crossbill 14th, 4 Bullfinch 1st, 3rd, 6th and 12th, 4 Reed Bunting 14th.

The total 97 species noted compares to 93 in 2025, 98 in 2024, 98 in 2023, 97 in 2022, 86 in 2021.

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