

# Carsington Bird Club



## July 2022 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS: Purple Heron, Marsh Tit, Arctic and Black Tern, Green Sandpiper, Garganey, Ruddy Shelduck.**

**The Juvenile Purple Heron was seen over Stones for around 4 minutes before flying away. This is a first for Carsington Water.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 23<sup>rd</sup>, unless dated otherwise. 31 Mute Swan 31<sup>st</sup>, 300 Greylag Goose 5<sup>th</sup>, 846 Canada Goose 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Barnacle Goose reported most dates within the month, 1 Ruddy Shelduck reported on 13 occasions, 7 Shelduck 10<sup>th</sup>, 34 Gadwall 30<sup>th</sup>, 20 Teal 24<sup>th</sup>, 343 Mallard, 3 Garganey 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 Shoveler on 7 dates, 12 Pochard 21<sup>st</sup>, 346 Tufted Duck, 28 Common Scoter 31<sup>st</sup>, 15 Little Grebe, 81 Great Crested Grebe 30<sup>th</sup>, 36 Cormorant 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 Little Egret 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great White Egret 29<sup>th</sup>, 14 Grey Heron, 1 Purple Heron 28<sup>th</sup>, 26 Moorhen 30<sup>th</sup>, 665 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Raptor sightings included 5 Red Kite 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 Sparrowhawk on 8 different dates this month, 6 Buzzards 20<sup>th</sup> and at least one individual seen most dates, 1 Osprey reported on 27<sup>th</sup>, 5 Kestrel 28<sup>th</sup> but with 2 and 3 birds seen for most of the month, 2 Peregrine 13<sup>th</sup>.

Fifteen species of waders through this month with 12 Oystercatcher 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 Little Ringed Plover 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ringed Plover 9<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 100 Lapwing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Knot 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 Dunlin 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Ruff 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 Snipe 31<sup>st</sup>, 8 Black-tailed Godwit 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 Whimbrel 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Curlew 21<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 13 Redshank 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Green Sandpiper 13<sup>th</sup>, 14 Common Sandpiper 5<sup>th</sup>, 2 Turnstone 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 250 Black-headed Gull 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 Common Gull 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 115 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 12<sup>th</sup> with 92 reported on 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Herring Gulls 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 Yellow-legged Gull 12<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great black-backed Gulls 10<sup>th</sup>.

30 Common Tern 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 Arctic Tern 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 Black Tern 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Among other species were 25 Swift 14<sup>th</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 5<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 3 Skylark 30<sup>th</sup>, 20 Sand Martin 24<sup>th</sup>, 100 Swallow 30<sup>th</sup>, 30 House Martins 30<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow Wagtail 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 Grey Wagtails 13<sup>th</sup>, 150 Pied Wagtail 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 Redstart 9<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 1 Wheatear 30<sup>th</sup>, 8 Sedge Warbler 30<sup>th</sup>, 5 Reed Warbler 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 Lesser Whitethroat 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 Whitethroat 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 Garden Warbler 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 Blackcap 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 13 Chiffchaff 5<sup>th</sup>, 4 Willow Warbler 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 Spotted Flycatcher 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Marsh Tit 5<sup>th</sup> (first since 2013), 7 Willow Tit 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 Tree Sparrow 25<sup>th</sup>.

A total 110 species for this month compared to 95 in 2021, 108 in 2020, 104 in 2019, 107 in 2018, 105 in 2017.

This is the highest total for July since the records started back in 1993