

Carsington Bird Club



July 2024 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Black-necked Grebe, Scaup, Honey Buzzard, Osprey, Knot, Black-tailed Godwit, Grasshopper Warbler.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 21st unless dated otherwise. 8 Little Grebe 28th, 67 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Black-necked Grebe 2nd, 31 Cormorant 13th, 2 Little Egret 11th, 1 Great White Egret 17th, 4 Grey Heron 31st, 26 Mute Swan 27th, 90 Greylag Goose 10th, 450 Canada Goose 10th, 3 Barnacle Goose reported on six occasions, 56 Gadwall 6th, 3 Teal 17th and 22nd, 120 Mallard, 3 Shoveler 15th, 19 Pochard 31st, 179 Tufted Duck, 1 Scaup 17th, 3 Common Scoter 17th, 2 Goosander 23rd, 14 Moorhen 16th, 179 Coot, 1 Kingfisher reported on seven occasions this month.

Raptor sightings included 1 Honey Buzzard 15th and 27th (last reported September 2011), 4 Red Kite 28th, 2 Sparrowhawk 30th, 8 Buzzards 28th and 30th, 1 Osprey 8th, 4 Kestrel 31st, 1 Hobby 7th, 2 Peregrine 21st and 30th.

Twelve species of waders through this month with 14 Oystercatcher 13th and 19th, 20 Lapwing 22nd, 2 Knot 11th, 1 Sanderling 23rd, 1 Dunlin 22nd, 4 Black-tailed Godwit 8th, 2 Whimbrel 22nd, 6 Curlew 2nd, 6 Redshank 16th, 7 Common Sandpiper 22nd, 1 Turnstone 25th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 11th, 300 Black-headed Gull 30th, 5 Common Gull 30th, 1500 Lesser Black-backed Gull 19th, 1 Herring Gull 14th and 22nd, 2 Yellow-legged Gull reported on six occasions this month, 1 Caspian Gull also reported on Eleven dates this month, 1 Great Black-backed Gull 7th, 19th and 22nd, Also seen were 2 Common Tern 6th, 9th, 24th and 30th, 3 Arctic Tern 14th.

Other species noted were 1 Tawny Owl 30th, 20 Swift 26th, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker 28th, 3 Skylark 17th and 18th, 10 Sand Martin 27th, 50 Swallow 29th, 20 House Martin 26th and 27th, 1 Yellow Wagtail 30th, 3 Grey Wagtail 14th, 80 Pied Wagtail 25th, 2 Redstart 28th, 1 Whinchat 27th, 1 Wheater 12th, 12 Mistle Thrush 24th, 1 Grasshopper Warbler 20th, 3 Sedge Warbler 5th, 5 Reed Warbler 21st, 1 Lesser Whitethroat 18th, 23rd and 28th, 3 Garden Warbler 4th, 5th, 17th and 19th, 4 Blackcap 10th, 10 Chiffchaff 10th, 2 Willow Warbler reported on six occasions, 6 Spotted Flycatcher 25th, 20 Long-tailed Tit 3rd, 3 Willow Tit 26th, 5 Jay 27th, 30 Carrion Crow 10th, 5 Raven 27th, 6 Greenfinch 24th, 1 Siskin 17th, 35 Linnet 22nd, 4 Bullfinch 31st, 7 Reed Bunting 19th.

The total 109 species noted compares to 110 in 2023, 110 in 2022, 95 in 2021, 108 in 2020, 104 in 2019.

Recorder: Robert Chadwick