

Carsington Bird Club



BIRD NOTES

July 2026

HIGHLIGHTS: Red-crested Pochard, Goldeneye, Common Scoter, Marsh Harrier, Avocet, Turnstone, Caspian Gull, and Green Woodpecker.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 18th unless dated otherwise. 12 Little Grebe reported 26th, 55 Great Crested Grebe, 30 Cormorant, 15 Little Egret 29th, 1 Great White Egret 3rd, 9 Grey Heron 23rd, 20 Mute Swan 25th and 29th, 136 Greylag Goose, 819 Canada Goose, 2 Egyptian Goose 5th, 12th and 14th, 108 Gadwall 13th, 25 Teal 17th, 260 Mallard, 2 Shoveler 22nd, 2 Red-crested Pochard (males in eclipse) 30th, 16 Pochard 23rd, 134 Tufted Duck, 3 Common Scoter 9th, 1 Goldeneye 10th, 3 Goosander 25th, 21 Moorhen 28th, 481 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 18th and 25th.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite 21st, 1 Marsh Harrier 26th and 27th, 2 Sparrowhawk 31st, 6 Buzzard 14th and 25th, 1 Kestrel reported on 10 occasions this month, 1 Hobby 13th, 1 Peregrine 20th and 27th.

Twelve species of waders through this month with 7 Oystercatcher 8th, 1 Avocet 30th, 3 Little Ringed Plover 30th, 22 Lapwing 31st, 6 Dunlin 26th, 1 Snipe 21st, 8 Black-tailed Godwit 6th, 1 Whimbrel 13th and 22nd, 3 Curlew 5th, 6 Redshank 17th and 18th, 6 Common Sandpiper 24th and 28th, 1 Turnstone 31st.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2 Mediterranean Gull 13th, 85 Black-headed Gull 20th, 2 Common Gull 18th, 23rd and 26th, 200 Lesser Black-backed Gull 14th, 1 Herring Gull 3rd, 22nd, 26th and 27th, 5 Yellow-legged Gull 21st, 3 Caspian 22nd, 1 Great Black-backed Gull on 7 occasions, also seen 5 Common Tern 22nd and 24th.

Other species noted were 1 Tawny Owl 15th and 23rd, 226 Swift 15th, 1 Green Woodpecker 20th and 29th, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 10th and 18th, 1 Skylark 16th and 25th, 30 Sand Martin 21st, 150 Swallow 25th, 45 House Martin 30th, 1 Yellow Wagtail 19th, 24th and 29th, 5 Grey Wagtail 19th, 60 Pied Wagtail 30th, 1 Redstart 30th, 16 Mistle Thrush 28th, 10 Sedge Warbler 25th, 5 Reed Warbler 24th, 1 Whitethroat 8th, 20th, 27th and 28th, 6 Garden Warbler 21st, 11 Blackcap 24th, 8 Chiffchaff 16th, 2 Willow Warbler 31st, 5 Goldcrest 23rd, 1 Spotted Flycatcher 29th, 2 Willow Tit reported on 5 occasions 6 Nuthatch 10th, 3 Treecreeper 10th, 14th and 21st, 4 Jay 8th and 15th, 28 Rook 28th, 6 Raven 13th, 17th, 19th and 30th, 7 Chaffinch 18th, 6 Greenfinch 27th, 50 Goldfinch 27th, 80 Linnet 18th, 6 Bullfinch 15th, 4 Reed Bunting 15th and 23rd.

The total 104 species noted compares to 112 in 2025, 108 in 2024, 110 in 2023, 110 in 2022, 95 in 2021.

Recorder: Rob Chadwick