

Carsington Bird Club



June 2024 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Pochard and Shoveler successfully bred this season, Common Scoter, Hobby, Kittiwake, Sandwich Tern, Little Tern, Black Tern, Spotted Flycatcher and Pied Flycatcher.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 9th unless dated otherwise. 10 Little Grebe 30th, 50 Great Crested Grebe 30th, 20 Cormorant 26th, 1 Little Egret 19th, 4 Grey Heron 3rd, 23 Mute Swan 19th, 2 Pink-footed Goose 3rd and 6th, 290 Greylag Goose 24th, 1088 Canada Goose 24th, 22 Barnacle Goose 28th, 1 Wigeon 21st, 61 Gadwall 28th, 4 Teal 18th and 27th, 66 Mallard, 4 Shoveler 14th (female with 3 young, first ever breeding record) 8 Pochard 27th, 106 Tufted Duck 30th, 2 Common Scoter 20th, 9 Moorhen 30th, 195 Coot 24th 1 Kingfisher 16th, 17th and 25th.

Raptor sightings included 2 Red Kite reported on 8 occasions this month, 2 Sparrowhawk 19th, 5 Buzzards 28th and 30th, 2 Kestrel 20th, 28th and 30th, 1 Hobby 7th, 13th and 24th, 1 Peregrine 7th and 15th.

Six species of waders through this month with 14 Oystercatcher 3rd, 15 Lapwing 26th, 2 Curlew 4th and 7th, 4 Redshank 14th, 5 Common Sandpiper 29th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 100 Black-headed Gull 25th, 18 Lesser Black-backed Gull 4th, 2 Herring Gull 25th, 1 Kittiwake 28th. Also seen were 1 Sandwich Tern 24th, 2 Common Tern 21st, 2 Little Tern 4th, 1 Black Tern 19th.

Other species noted were 1 Tawny Owl 8th and 9th, 19 Swift 30th, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 5th, 4 Skylark 29th, 2 Sand Martin 9th, 15 Swallow 19th, 14 House Martin 5th, 4 Grey Wagtail 17th, 10 Pied Wagtail 4th, 7th and 15th, 3 Redstart 5th, 3 Mistle Thrush 3rd, 6 Sedge Warbler 6th, 18th and 19th, 4 Reed Warbler 9th, 17th, 20th and 22nd, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 30th, 1 Whitethroat 15th and 30th, 3 Garden Warbler 7th, 20th, 25th and 30th, 4 Blackcap 24th, 14 Chiffchaff 7th, 2 Willow Warbler 6th, 1 Spotted Flycatcher 1st and 5th, 1 Pied Flycatcher 1st, 22 Long-tailed Tit 14th, 6 Willow Tit 6th, 5 Jay 18th, 5 Raven 15th, 100 Starling 29th, 1 Tree Sparrow 5th and 9th, 4 Greenfinch 30th, 1 Siskin 17th, 5 Linnet 7th, 2 Bullfinch 6th and 9th, 3 Reed Bunting 3rd, 9th, 19th, 20th and 22nd.

The total 96 species noted compares to 102 in 2023, 95 in 2022, 99 in 2021, 101 in 2020, 94 in 2019.