

Carsington Bird Club



March 2022 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Scaup, Great Northern Diver, Red-necked Grebe, Little Ringed Plover, Ringed Plover, Mediterranean Gull and Blackcap

On 20TH WeBS count 23 species were recorded which helped towards an end of month total of 107 species being noted.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 20th unless dated otherwise. 15 Mute Swan 11th, 14 Whooper Swan (flew West) 7th, 1 Pink-footed Goose 5th, 13th, 20th, 26th and 31st, 45 Greylag Goose 5th, 222 Canada Goose, 44 Barnacle Goose 1st, 8 Shelduck 4th, 2 Shoveler 31st, 38 Wigeon 22nd, 2 Pintail 8th, 22 Gadwall, 68 Mallard, 10 Teal, 3 Mandarin 15th, 2 Pochard 10th, 1 Scaup (female) 11th and 12th, 51 Tufted Duck, 2 Common Scoter 4th and 20th, 13 Goldeneye 4th, 1 Goosander, 1 Great Northern Diver present all month, 22 Little Grebe, 93 Great Crested Grebe 26th, 2 Red-necked Grebes reported most days till month end, 24 Cormorant 11th, 1 Little Egret 7th, 8th, 30th and 31st, 7 Grey Heron 29th, 1 Water Rail 11th and 18th, 14 Moorhen, 130 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 8 dates within the month including on the WeBS count.

Raptor sightings included 1 Osprey 21st, 10 Buzzards 19th, 4 Red Kite 6th, 2 Sparrowhawk on 9 dates within the month, 3 Kestrel 6th, 1 Merlin 29th, 1 Peregrine reported 6 dates within the month.

Eleven species of waders through this month with 12 Oystercatcher 12th, 2 Avocet 5th and a single 25th, 2 Little Ringed Plover on 7 dates within the month, 1 Ringed Plover 12th and 31st, 45 Lapwing 4th, 4 Dunlin 4th, 2 Woodcock 2nd, 1 Jack Snipe 21st, 15 Common Snipe 10th and 21st, 51 Curlew 7th, 8 Redshank reported on the Webs.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 10th, 7000 Black-headed Gull 7th, 102 Herring Gulls 28th, 2 Yellow-legged Gull 30th, 20 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 4th, 4 Great black-backed Gulls 24th, Common Gulls present most of the month.

Among other species were, 9 Great Spotted Woodpecker 29th, 2 Tawny Owl 2nd, 3 Skylark 24th, First Sand Martin 13th with 3 on 30th, 29 Meadow Pipit 31st, 4 Grey Wagtails 22nd and 29th, 44 Pied Wagtail 31st, 41 Dunnock of which 27 were singing 29th, 132 Robin with 101 singing also on 29th, 296 Fieldfare 19th, 350 Redwing 31st, 40 Song Thrush 29th, 14 Mistle Thrush 29th, first Blackcap 22nd, 148 Chiffchaff 29th, 5 Goldcrest 9th, 15 Long-tailed Tit 2nd, 7 Willow Tit 24th with a pair seen excavating a nest hole, 3 Coal Tit 4th, 5th and 15th, 5 Treecreeper 27th and 29th, 5 Jay 29th, 103 Carrion Crow 30th, 7 Raven 5th, 750 Starling 12th, 11 Tree Sparrow 7th, 28 Chaffinch 29th, 38 Goldfinch 29th, 8 Greenfinch 29th, 15 Siskin 5th, 10 Linnet 23rd, 3 Lesser Redpoll 1st, 12th and 22nd, 15 Bullfinch 29th, 9 Reed Bunting also 29th.

A total 107 species for this month compared to 95 in 2020, 100 in 2019, 102 in 2018, 110 in 2017 and 108 in 2016.

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