

Carsington Bird Club



March 2025 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Red-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Black-necked Grebe, Scaup, Jack Snipe, Sandwich Tern.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 16th unless dated otherwise. 1 Red-throated Diver reported all month, 1 Great Northern Diver also reported all month, 11 Little Grebe, 98 Great Crested Grebe 27th, 2 Black-necked Grebe 5th and 1 reported 8th, 29 Cormorant 29th, 1 Little Egret 7th and 30th, 3 Grey Heron 2nd, 5 Mute Swan 31st, 16 Whooper Swan 9th, 1 Pink-footed Goose 24th, 25th and 26th, 24 Greylag Goose 3rd, 121 Canada Goose, 28 Barnacle Goose 31st, 4 Shelduck 1st, 2 Mandarin 19th and 25th, 25 Wigeon 26th, 16 Gadwall, 8 Teal, 69 Mallard, 7 Pintail 8th, 2 Garganey 22nd and 23rd, 4 Shoveler 19th, and 24th, 1 Red-crested Pochard reported all month, 3 Pochard 18th and 28th, 97 Tufted Duck, 2 Scaup reported on 13 occasions up to 17th, 2 Common Scoter 20th, 30 Goldeneye 18th, 2 Goosander 2nd and 3rd, 1 Water Rail 3rd, 15th and 19th, 14 Moorhen, 274 Coot.

Raptor sightings included 5 Red Kite 14th, 3 Sparrowhawk 20th, 15 Buzzards 20th, 3 Kestrel 11th, 2 Peregrine 3rd.

Ten species of waders through this month with 14 Oystercatcher 3rd, 15th and 17th, 3 Avocet 18th, 1 Little Ringed Plover 23rd, 2 Lapwing 20th, 1 Dunlin 24th, 1 Jack Snipe 28th, 15 Snipe 28th and 29th, 1 Woodcock 3rd and 11th, 18 Curlew 10th, 5 Redshank 14th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 3 Mediterranean 12th, 500 Black-headed Gull 21st and 25th, 2500 Common Gull 12th, 234 Lesser Black-backed Gull 15th, 40 Herring Gull 21st, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 11th, 1 Caspian Gull 2nd and 4th, 1 Great Black-backed Gull 7th, 17th and 25th, 2 Kittiwake 24th, also seen 1 Sandwich Tern 22nd.

Other species noted were 1 Red-legged Partridge 18th, 1 Barn Owl 4th, 2 Tawny Owl 15th, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker 31st, 4 Skylark 8th, 12 Sand Martin 28th, 5 Swallow 24th, 30 Meadow Pipit 25th, 1 Rock Pipit 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 3 Grey Wagtail 10th and 27th, 152 Robin 31st, 1 Wheatear 20th, 2 Fieldfare 19th, 40 Redwing 10th and 18th, 10 Mistle Thrush 31st, 10 Blackcap 31st, 135 Chiffchaff 31st, 1 Willow Warbler 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 9 Goldcrest 18th, 6 Willow Tit 18th, 13 Coal Tit 31st, 77 Blue Tit 31st, 20 Rook 15th, 6 Raven 14th and 15th, 400 Starling 15th, 1 Brambling 25th, 3 Greenfinch 18th and 31st, 12 Siskin 13th, 7 Linnet 21st, 1 Lesser Redpoll on 10 occasions, 8 Bullfinch 31st, 13 Reed Bunting 19th.

The total 112 species noted compares to 110 in 2024, 102 in 2023, 106 in 2022, 102 in 2021, 95 in 2020.

Recorder: Robert Chadwick

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