

# Carsington Bird Club



## BIRD NOTES

March 2026

**HIGHLIGHTS: Black-necked Grebe, Egyptian Goose, Black-tailed Godwit, Bar-tailed Godwit, Kittiwake and Sandwich Tern.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 22<sup>nd</sup> unless dated otherwise. 5 Little Grebe 23<sup>rd</sup>, 42 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Black-necked Grebe 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 Cormorant 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Little Egret 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great White Egret 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 Grey Heron 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 Mute Swan, 1 Pink-footed Goose 3<sup>rd</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 37 Greylag Goose, 189 Canada Goose, 33 Barnacle Goose 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 Egyptian Goose 24<sup>th</sup>, 4 Shelduck 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 Mandarin 18<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 70 Wigeon 8<sup>th</sup>, 20 Gadwall, 23 Teal 11<sup>th</sup>, 121 Mallard, 1 Pintail 28<sup>th</sup>, 5 Shoveler 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Red-crested Pochard 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 Pochard 22<sup>nd</sup>, 45 Tufted Duck, 11 Common Scoter 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 Goldeneye 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 Goosander 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 Moorhen, 23 Coot.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 Sparrowhawk 28<sup>th</sup>, 12 Buzzard 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Peregrine 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Nine species of waders through this month with 17 Oystercatcher 31<sup>st</sup>, 4 Little Ringed Plover 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 Lapwing 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 Snipe 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Black-tailed Godwit 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 Curlew 12<sup>th</sup>, 4 Redshank 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Common Sandpiper 20<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2 Mediterranean 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Little Gull 25<sup>th</sup>, 5000 Black-headed Gull 13<sup>th</sup>, Common Gull reported all month, 160 Lesser Black-backed Gull 14<sup>th</sup>, 15 Herring Gull 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 Yellow-legged Gull 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Caspian Gull 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Great Black-backed Gull 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 Kittiwake 7<sup>th</sup>, also seen 1 Sandwich Tern 30<sup>th</sup>.

Other species noted were 1 Barn Owl 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 Tawny Owl 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 Green Woodpecker 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker 20<sup>th</sup>, 3 Skylark 5<sup>th</sup>, 8 Sand Martin 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 Swallow 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 House Martin 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 Meadow Pipit 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Grey Wagtail 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 12 Pied Wagtail 19<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 70 Fieldfare 28<sup>th</sup>, 40 Redwing 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 Mistle Thrush 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 Jay 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 Raven 19<sup>th</sup>, 70 Starling 13<sup>th</sup>, 13 Chaffinch 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 Greenfinch 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 Goldcrest 19<sup>th</sup>, 40 Siskin 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 Linnet 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 Redpoll 19<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Crossbill 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 Bullfinch, 5 Reed Bunting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 Willow Tit 26<sup>th</sup>. A Perimeter count was conducted on 31<sup>st</sup> with the following results 124 Wren, 50 Dunnock, 177 Robin, 82 Blackbird, 32 Song Thrush, 3 Blackcap, 112 Chiffchaff, 15 Coal Tit, 135 Blue Tit, 65 Great Tit, 12 Nuthatch, 8 Treecreeper and 29 Goldfinch.

The total 106 species noted compares to 112 in 2025, 110 in 2024, 102 in 2023, 106 in 2022, 102 in 2021.

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