

# Carsington Bird Club



## May 2022 BIRD NOTES

**HIGHLIGHTS: Great Northern Diver, Red-necked Grebe, Osprey, Green Sandpiper, Redstart, Spotted Flycatcher and Pied Flycatcher.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 14<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 11 Mute Swan, 1 Pink-footed Goose reported on 7 dates within the first half of the month, 24 Greylag Goose, 153 Canada Goose, 13 Barnacle Goose 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 Shelduck 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Mandarin 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 Wigeon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17 Gadwall 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 Teal 5<sup>th</sup>, 65 Mallard, 4 Pochard 1<sup>st</sup>, 60 Tufted Duck, 2 Goldeneye 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 Goosander 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Great Northern Diver departed as expected early in the month (last seen on 6<sup>th</sup>), 6 Little Grebe, 81 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Red-necked Grebes reported up till 4<sup>th</sup> and then a single bird till the 12<sup>th</sup>, when this individual also departed, 21 Cormorant 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 Little Egret reported on 10 occasions within the month, 5 Grey Heron 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 14 Moorhen, 74 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 18<sup>th</sup>. Brood numbers included 13 Greylag, 10 Canada, 12 Mallard, 1 Moorhen, 5 Coot. Mute Swans also noted sitting on nests

Raptor sightings included 2 Red Kite on 7 dates, 2 Sparrowhawk 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 8 Buzzards 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Osprey 4<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, a single Hobby 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 Peregrine 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thirteen species of waders through this month with 8 Oystercatcher on 6 different dates, 6 Ringed Plover 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 Lapwing 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 Sanderling 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 Dunlin 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 Common Snipe 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 Black-tailed Godwit 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 Whimbrel 3<sup>rd</sup>, Single Curlew noted on 9 occasions, 6 Redshank 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Green Sandpiper 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 Common Sandpiper 5<sup>th</sup>, 4 Turnstone 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull on 9 different dates, Black-headed Gull present all month, 3 Common Gulls 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 Lesser Black-backed Gulls 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 Herring Gulls 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, a single Great black-backed Gull seen on 12 occasions.

Terns continued to pass through with 3 Common Tern 15<sup>th</sup>, c20 Arctic Tern 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 10 on the following day.

Among other species were 2 Red-legged Partridge 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Tawny Owl 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 35 Swift 12<sup>th</sup>, 300 Sand Martin 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 100 Swallow also 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 80 House Martins 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Yellow Wagtail 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 Grey Wagtails present on 8 dates, 5 Pied Wagtail 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 Redstart 15<sup>th</sup>, 11 Sedge Warbler 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 Reed Warbler 14<sup>th</sup> with 4 singing, 42 Blackcap 11<sup>th</sup>, 14 Garden Warbler 11<sup>th</sup>, 1 Lesser Whitethroat around the wildlife Centre Creek on 8 occasions, 2 Whitethroat 31<sup>st</sup>, 6 Goldcrest singing 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 Treecreeper either with young or carrying food 23<sup>rd</sup>, 53 Chiffchaff 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 Willow Warbler 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 Spotted Flycatcher 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 Pied Flycatcher 19<sup>th</sup>, 3 Willow tit 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 Tree Sparrow 30<sup>th</sup> also seen carrying food on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Perimeter count conducted on 11<sup>th</sup>.

A total 111 species for this month compared to 111 in 2021, 87 in 2020, 108 in 2019, 104 in 2018.