

Carsington Bird Club



May 2024 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Red-throated Diver, Hobby, Ruff, Spotted Flycatcher, Pied Flycatcher, and Yellow Wagtail.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 12th unless dated otherwise. 1 Red-throated Diver stayed overnight 4th to 5th this is the first seen here since 2 were reported in October 2018, 4 Little Grebe 4th and 8th, 48 Great Crested Grebe, 20 Cormorant 8th, 27th and 30th, 8 Little Egret 7th, 4 Grey Heron 6th and 12th, 9 Mute Swan 15th and 31st, 66 Greylag Goose 31^s, 139 Canada Goose, 3 Barnacle Goose 18th and 23rd, 3 Shelduck 24th, 2 Mandarin 4th, 19 Gadwall, 63 Mallard, 2 Shoveler 1st and 2nd, 1 Red-crested Pochard reported on 13 dates, 4 Pochard 9th and 11th, 47 Tufted Duck, 3 Goosander 17th, 6 Moorhen 7th, 53 Coot.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite 4th, 13th and 27th, 4 Sparrowhawk 11th, 10 Buzzards 11th, 3 Kestrel 6th and 27th, 2 Hobby 11th, 1 Peregrine 31st.

Eleven species of waders through this month with 10 Oystercatcher 7th and 18th, 1 Ringed Plover 10th, 3 Lapwing 6th, 3 Dunlin 4th and 23rd, 1 Ruff 11th, 3 Whimbrel 4th, 2 Curlew 10th, 3 Redshank 2nd and 18th, 3 Common Sandpiper 4th and 6th, 3 Turnstone 24th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2 Little Gull 14th, Black-headed Gull present in numbers all month, 1 Common Gull 17th, 25 Lesser Black-backed Gull 27th, 1 Great Black-backed Gull 2nd, 1 Kittiwake 4th.

2 Common Tern 10th and 26th, 13 Arctic Tern 14th, 11 Black Tern 11th,

Along with the other species were 30 Swift 29th, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 18th and 28th, 2 Skylark reported on 5 occasions, 300 Sand Martin 4th, 100 Swallow 4th, 100 House Martin 24th, 1 Yellow Wagtail 1st, 2 Grey Wagtail 5th, 7th and 24th, 7 Pied Wagtail 8th, 6 Redstart 18th, 5 Mistle Thrush 1st, 14 Sedge Warbler 9th, 4 Reed Warbler 4th, 12th, 18th and 21st, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 6th, 2 Whitethroat 9th, 18 Garden Warbler 9th, Blackcap present all month, Chiffchaff present all month, 5 Willow Warbler 9th, 3 Spotted Flycatcher 28th, 2 Pied Flycatcher 28th, 10 Willow Tit 29th, 7 Treecreeper 12th, 4 Jay 18th, 8 Raven 13th and 17th, 2 Tree Sparrow 2nd, Siskin reported on 25th, 3 Linnet 29th, 3 Lesser Redpoll 2nd, 4 Bullfinch 9th, 5 Reed Bunting 21st,

The total 105 species noted compares to 115 in 2023, 113 in 2022, 111 in 2021, 87 in 2020, 108 in 2019.

Recorder: Robert Chadwick