

# Carsington Bird Club



## October 2025 BIRD NOTES

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**Firecrest, Mealy Redpoll, Little Owl, Gannet, Knot, Little Stint, Mediterranean Gull, Whooper Swan.**

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 12<sup>th</sup> unless dated otherwise. 17 Little Grebe 1<sup>st</sup>, 38 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Gannet 15<sup>th</sup>, 46 Cormorant 16<sup>th</sup>, 4 Little Egret 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 Great White Egret 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 Grey Heron 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 Mute Swan 7<sup>th</sup>, 32 Whooper Swan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 455 Pink-footed Goose 23<sup>rd</sup>, 195 Greylag Goose, 240 Canada Goose, 1 Shelduck 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 68 Wigeon 5<sup>th</sup>, 33 Gadwall 20<sup>th</sup>, 450 Teal 1<sup>st</sup>, 143 Mallard, 5 Pintail 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 Shoveler 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Red-crested Pochard 3<sup>rd</sup>, 43 Pochard 31<sup>st</sup>, 110 Tufted Duck, 22 Common Scoter 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Goldeneye 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Goosander 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 Water Rail on 5 occasions this month, 6 Moorhen on 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 Coot 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Kingfisher reported on 4 occasions.

Raptor sightings included 14 Red Kite 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Marsh Harrier 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Sparrowhawk 6<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 4 Buzzard 5<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 Kestrel on 6<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 Peregrine 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Fifteen species of waders through this month with 1 Oystercatcher reported on 17 occasions this month, 2 Little Ringed Plover 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 Ringed Plover 8<sup>th</sup>, 16 Golden Plover 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Grey Plover on 6 occasions, 51 Lapwing 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1 Knot 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Stint 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 Dunlin 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 Snipe 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 Black-tailed Godwit reported daily from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 Curlew 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 Redshank 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 Green Sandpiper 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 Common Sandpiper 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2 Mediterranean Gull 18<sup>th</sup>, 4000 Black-headed Gull 25<sup>th</sup>, 600 Common Gull 18<sup>th</sup>, 5000 Lesser Black-backed Gull 16<sup>th</sup>, 4 Herring Gull 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 Yellow-legged Gull 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Caspian Gull 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 Great Black-backed Gull 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, also seen 1 Common Tern 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Other species noted were 4600 Wood Pigeon 25<sup>th</sup>, 1 Little Owl 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 Tawny Owl 14<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 37 Skylark 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 Swallow 15<sup>th</sup>, 100 Meadow Pipit 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 Rock Pipit 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 3 Grey Wagtail 12<sup>th</sup>, 50 Pied Wagtail 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 Stonechat 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 Wheatear reported on 10 dates this month, 170 Fieldfare 19<sup>th</sup>, 739 Redwing 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 Cetti's Warbler on 7 occasions, 1 Blackcap also reported on 6 dates this month, 6 Chiffchaff 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 30 Goldcrest 31<sup>st</sup> (recorded from a perimeter count), 1 Firecrest 31<sup>st</sup>, 40 Long-tailed Tit 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 Willow Tit 6<sup>th</sup>, 46 Great Tit 31<sup>st</sup>, 12 Nuthatch 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 Treecreepers 31<sup>st</sup>, 850 Jackdaw 15<sup>th</sup>, 48 Rook 31<sup>st</sup>, 65 Carrion Crow 15<sup>th</sup>, 21 Raven 11<sup>th</sup>, 483 Starling 19<sup>th</sup>, 59 Chaffinch 24<sup>th</sup>, 2 Brambling 26<sup>th</sup>, 13 Greenfinch 31<sup>st</sup>, 97 Goldfinch 31<sup>st</sup>, 169 Siskin 31<sup>st</sup>, 30 Linnet 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 6 Redpoll 31<sup>st</sup>, 16 Lesser Redpoll 7<sup>th</sup>, 12 Crossbill 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 17 Bullfinch 31<sup>st</sup>, 16 Reed Bunting 26<sup>th</sup>.

The total 115 species noted compares to 101 in 2024, 105 in 2023, 111 in 2022, 105 in 2021, 106 in 2020. Another record breaking count for Carsington with 2022 being the next best year with 111 reported.

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