Carsington Bird Club

BIRD NOTES

October 2026

HIGHLIGHTS:
Spoonbill, Whooper Swan, Scaup, Garganey, Grey Plover Merlin, Curlew Sandpiper, Marsh Tit and Brambling.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 11th unless dated otherwise. 17 Little Grebe reported, 33 Great Crested Grebe, 48 Cormorant 9th, 8 Little Egret 9th, 4 Great White Egret 3rd, 8 Grey Heron 1st, 1 Spoonbill 1st and 2nd, 19 Mute Swan 14th, 13 Whooper Swan 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 195 Pink-footed Goose 18th, 75 Greylag Goose 9th, 276 Canada Goose 14th, 16 Barnacle Goose 15th and 16th, 6 Egyptian Goose 23rd, 1 Shelduck 22nd, 1 Mandarin 13th, 203 Wigeon 26th, 186 Gadwall 26th, 1763 Teal, 316 Mallard, 31 Pintail 15th, 2 Garganey reported on 13 occasions this month, 36 Shoveler 13th, 9 Red-crested Pochard 14th and 23rd, 193 Pochard 26th, 195 Tufted Duck 26th, 2 Scaup 29th and 31st, 1 Common Scoter 9th, 2 Goldeneye 20th and 29th, 2 Goosander 4th, 8 Moorhen 6th, 1014 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 14th.

Raptor sightings included 6 Red Kite 2nd, 3 Sparrowhawk 6th, 4 Buzzard 2nd and 28th, 2 Kestrel 14th and 28th, 1 Merlin 10th and 23rd, 1 Peregrine 11th, 18th, 19th, 23rd and 31st.

Eleven species of waders through this month with 13 Ringed Plover 11th, 2 Grey Plover 11th, 60 Lapwing 18th, 1 Curlew Sandpiper 3rd, 8 Dunlin 1st and 2nd, 3 Ruff reported on 7 occasions, 1 Jack Snipe 11th, 12 Snipe 15th, 2 Black-tailed Godwit reported on most dates this month, 1 Greenshank 1st, 4 Common Sandpiper 1st.

Maximum Gull numbers were 3 Mediterranean Gull 1st, 25th and 27th, Black-headed Gull present all month, 150 Common Gull 14th, 500 Lesser Black-backed Gull 31st, 2 Herring Gull 19th, 8 Yellow-legged Gull 13th and 14th, 2 Caspian 2nd and 14th, 1 Great Black-backed Gull reported on 12 dates this month.

Other species noted were 28500 Wood Pigeon 17th, 5 Tawny Owl 8th, 6 Great Spotted Woodpecker 4th, 24 Skylark 28th, 4 Swallow 1st, 40 Meadow Pipit 25th, 1 Rock Pipit 12th, 3 Grey Wagtail 2nd, 4th, 8th, 11th and 16th, 30 Pied Wagtail 3rd, 4 Stonechat 5th and 6th, 72 Fieldfare 30th, 2065 Redwing 18th, 2 Blackcap 1st and 2nd , 13 Chiffchaff 2nd, 5 Goldcrest 4th, 1 Marsh Tit 13th, 1 Willow Tit 8th and 9th, 9 Jay 1st, 41 Rook 1st, 30 Raven 8th, 510 Starling 18th, 32 Chaffinch 28th, 1 Brambling 30th, 5 Greenfinch 17th, 70 Goldfinch 14th, 14 Siskin 5th, 60 Linnet 3rd and 18th, 2 Redpoll 28th, 3 Bullfinch 4th, 2 Yellow Hammer 28th, 5 Reed Bunting 14th.

The total 110 species noted compares to 114 in 2025, 101 in 2024, 105 in 2023, 111 in 2022, 105 in 2021.

Recorder: Rob Chadwick