

Carsington Bird Club



September 2025 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Manx Shearwater, Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Garganey, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Tree Pipit and Rock Pipit.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 7th unless dated otherwise. 29 Little Grebe, 36 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Manx Shearwater 11th, 64 Cormorant, 1 Cattle Egret reported from the 15th to the end of the month, 23 Little Egret 28th, 1 Great White Egret reported most days this month, 14 Grey Heron 18th, 2 Glossy Ibis 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, 22 Mute Swan 6th, 93 Pink-footed Goose 21st, 115 Greylag Goose 20th, 760 Canada Goose 6th, 37 Barnacle Goose 16th, 3 Shelduck 8th, 42 Wigeon 29th, 63 Gadwall 4th, 774 Teal 17th this is a site record, 380 Mallard, 16 Pintail 29th, 1 Garganey 6th and 28th, 40 Shoveler, 4 Red-crested Pochard 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th, 84 Pochard, 236 Tufted Duck, 3 Common Scoter 25th, 10 Goosander 14th, 1 Water Rail 29th, 4 Moorhen on 5 occasions, 1343 Coot, 1 Kingfisher reported on 6 occasions.

Raptor sightings included 5 Red Kite 12th and 19th, 4 Sparrowhawk 21st, 10 Buzzard 21st, 1 Osprey reported on 6 occasions, 2 Kestrel on 5 occasions, 1 Hobby 16th, 2 Peregrine 12th.

Eighteen species of waders through this month with 1 Oystercatcher reported on 12 occasions this month, 1 Avocet 23rd, 4 Little Ringed Plover on 5 occasions, 18 Ringed Plover 14th, 15th and 16th, 8 Lapwing 8nd, 26th, 1 Little Stint 21st and 22nd, 1 Curlew Sandpiper 10th, 6 Dunlin 20th and 23rd, 7 Ruff 2nd, 3 Snipe 1st, 2nd, 29th and 30th, 1 Black-tailed Godwit reported on 13 occasions, 7 Curlew 7th, 1 Spotted Redshank 6th and 7th, 1 Redshank 8th, 3 Greenshank 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 10th, 1 Green Sandpiper 11th, 1 Wood Sandpiper 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th, 6 Common Sandpiper 8th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2000 Black-headed Gull 30th, 75 Common Gull 30th, 5250 Lesser Black-backed Gull 16th, 1 Herring Gull 1st, 12th and 17th, 5 Yellow-legged Gull 9th, 2 Caspian Gull 1st, 2 Great Black-backed Gull 3rd, 12th, 14th, 15th and 16th, also seen 3 Common Tern 9th, 2 Arctic Tern 10th, 1 Black Tern 29th.

Other species noted were 1 Tawny Owl 6th and 22nd, 1 Green Woodpecker 22nd, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker 21st, 29 Skylark 22nd, 20 Sand Martin 1st, 200 Swallow 4th, 100 House Martin 5th, 1 Tree Pipit 4th, 227 Meadow Pipit 18th, 1 Rock Pipit 30th, 3 Yellow Wagtail 1st and 4th, 6 Grey Wagtail 18th, 371 Pied Wagtail 4th, 1 Redstart 2nd, 1 Whinchat 15th and 23rd, 4 Stonechat 29th, 1 Wheatear 12th, 22nd and 29th, 2 Redwing 29th, 1 Reed Warbler 2nd and 5th, 2 Lesser Whitethroat 5th, 1 Whitethroat 2nd and 7th, 10 Blackcap 2nd, 19 Chiffchaff 2nd, 1 Willow Warbler 3rd, 6 Goldcrest 2nd and 14th, 3 Willow Tit 4th, 4 Nuthatch 21st, 4 Treecreepers 14th, 9 Jay 6th, 1000 Jackdaw 27th, 6 Raven 8th, 6 Greenfinch 7th, 48 Siskin 19th, 60 Linnet 30th, 10 Lesser Redpoll 30th, 4 Crossbill 27th, 3 Bullfinch on 4 occasions, 5 Reed Bunting 29th.

The total 127 species noted compares to 117 in 2024, 111 in 2023, 119 in 2022, 113 in 2021, 107 in 2020.

This is the new highest total for September with 2011 (124 species reported) being the next highest.

Recorder: Robert Chadwick

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