

Carsington Bird Club



BIRD NOTES

September 2026

HIGHLIGHTS: Pectoral Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Black-necked Grebe, Garganey, Grey Plover, Knot, Spotted Redshank.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 12th unless dated otherwise. 18 Little Grebe reported, 32 Great Crested Grebe, 1 Black-necked Grebe 2nd, 28 Cormorant, 1 Cattle Egret 15th, 7 Little Egret 30th, 3 Great White Egret 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 8 Grey Heron 9th and 10th, 23 Mute Swan, 171 Greylag Goose 10th, 566 Canada Goose 10th, 1 Shelduck 11th, 62 Wigeon 27th, 202 Gadwall 27th, 897 Teal, 523 Mallard, 11 Pintail 27th and 29th, 1 Garganey reported on most dates this month, 45 Shoveler 28th, 7 Red-crested Pochard 30th, 50 Pochard 19th, 221 Tufted Duck, 1 Goldeneye, 1 Goosander 20th, 9 Moorhen, 839 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 3rd, 20th and 22nd.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 9th, 3 Sparrowhawk 18th, 7 Buzzard 30th, 1 Osprey 4th and 10th, 2 Kestrel reported on 6 occasions, 2 Hobby 6th, 1 Peregrine 17th, 19th and 28th.

Nineteen species of waders through this month with 42 Ringed Plover 4th, 1 Grey Plover 29th and 30th, 20 Lapwing 1st, 3 Knot 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2 Little Stint 4th, 7th and 8th, 2 Pectoral Sandpiper reported between the 10th and the 20th, (a new bird for Carsington), 1 Curlew Sandpiper on 6 occasions, 14 Dunlin 25th, 3 Ruff on 6 occasions this month, 16 Snipe 2nd, 2 Black-tailed Godwit reported on 7 occasions, 1 Curlew 1st, 7th, 8th, 9th and 25th, 1 Spotted Redshank 20th, 25 Redshank 30th, 3 Greenshank 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th, 1 Green Sandpiper 1st and 4th, 1 Wood Sandpiper 5th and 11th, 5 Common Sandpiper 30th, 2 Turnstone 22nd.

Maximum Gull numbers were 1 Mediterranean Gull 30th, Black-headed Gull present all month, 7 Common Gull 20th, 200 Lesser Black-backed Gull 30th, 4 Herring Gull 19th, 8 Yellow-legged Gull 29th, 2 Caspian 2nd, 2 Great Black-backed Gull 2nd, 20th and 23rd.

Other species noted were 7 Tawny Owl 27th, 1 Green Woodpecker 30th, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker 20th, 5 Skylark 26th, 4 Sand Martin 10th, 120 Swallow 9th, 70 House Martin 9th, 690 Meadow Pipit 20th, 1 Yellow Wagtail 2nd, 4th, 10th and 20th, 5 Grey Wagtail 10th, 150 Pied Wagtail 3rd, 1 Redstart 20th, 2 Whinchat 2nd, 2 Stonechat 20th, 2 Wheatear 14th and 22nd, 7 Mistle Thrush 19th, 1 Reed Warbler 6th, 1 Lesser Whitethroat 1st, 1 Whitethroat 1st, 7th and 8th, 9 Blackcap 1st, 26 Chiffchaff 7th, 4 Goldcrest 6th, 1 Spotted Flycatcher 9th, 1 Marsh Tit 4th, 11th, 19th, 25th and 30th, 2 Willow Tit 2nd and 21st, 4 Nuthatch 6th, 6 Jay 10th and 21st, 1200 Jackdaw 21st, 95 Rook 6th, 21 Raven 10th, 45 Greenfinch 27th, 100 Goldfinch 1st, 2 Siskin 27th, 40 Linnet 30th, 1 Yellow Hammer 20th, 2 Reed Bunting 18th and 25th.

The total 119 species noted compares to 127 in 2025, 117 in 2024, 111 in 2023, 119 in 2022, 113 in 2021.

Recorder: Rob Chadwick