

April 2025 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS:

Red-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Common Scoter, Avocet, Black-tailed Godwit, Little Gull, Arctic Tern, Lesser Whitethroat and Pied Flycatcher.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 13th unless dated otherwise. 1 Red-throated Diver last reported on the 7th, 1 Great Northern Diver also reported up to 25th, 6 Little Grebe 12th and 20th, 91 Great Crested Grebe, 22 Cormorant, 3 Little Egret, 1 Great White Egret 21st, 3 Grey Heron 12th, 6 Mute Swan 18th, 24th and 26th, 2 Pink-footed Goose 21st, 29 Greylag Goose, 265 Canada Goose, 2 Barnacle Goose 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th and 20th, 3 Shelduck 27th, 2 Mandarin 7th, 12 Wigeon 8th, 9 Gadwall 7th, 15th and 23rd, 6 Teal 9th, 60 Mallard, 8 Shoveler, 2 Red-crested Pochard reported on 12 occasions, 9 Pochard 11th, 88 Tufted Duck, 3 Common Scoter 26th, 9 Goldeneye 3rd, 1 Goosander 10th and 21st, 9 Moorhen 14th, 211 Coot.

Raptor sightings included 4 Red Kite 4th, 19th and 20th, 4 Sparrowhawk 6th and 11th, 10 Buzzards 3rd, 3 Kestrel 11th, 2 Peregrine 20th,

Thirteen species of waders through this month with 13 Oystercatcher 13th, 2 Avocet 4th, 1 Ringed Plover 15th and 16th, 1 Lapwing 1st, 6th, 15th and 18th, 1 Dunlin 12th, 15th and 16th, 2 Snipe 1st and 8th, 2 Black-tailed Godwit 15th, 1 Whimbrel 13th, 16 Curlew 1st, 3 Redshank 2nd, 5th, 12th and 20th, 1 Greenshank 25th, 2 Common Sandpiper 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th and 23rd.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2 Mediterranean Gull 6th and 7th, 27 Little Gull 4th, 650 Black-headed Gull 5th, 250 Common Gull 1st, 277 Lesser Black-backed Gull 5th, 4 Herring Gull 13th and 15th, 1 Yellow-legged Gull on 6 occasions this month, 1 Great Black-backed Gull 21st, also seen 2 Common Tern 19th, 10 Arctic Terns 19th.

Other species noted were 1 Red-legged Partridge 20th, 1 Barn Owl 2nd, 4th and 13th, 4 Tawny Owl 9th, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 10th, 250 Sand Martin 13th, 30 Swallow 13th, 5 House Martin 13th, 13 Meadow Pipit 10th, 1 Yellow Wagtail 11th and 20th, 4 Grey Wagtail 13th, 164 Wren 26th, 2 Redstart 12th and 15th, 3 Redwing 8th, 14 Sedge Warbler 26th, 3 Reed Warbler 20th, 26th and 27th, 1 Lesser Whitethroat 26th, 9 Garden Warbler 26th, 56 Blackcap 26th, 162 Chiffchaff 11th, 10 Willow Warbler 26th, 9 Goldcrest 20th, 1 Pied Flycatcher on 8 occasions, 3 Willow Tit 10th, 9 Nuthatch 10th, 6 Raven 11th, 15 Chiffchaff 26th, 3 Greenfinch 26th, 1 Siskin 27th, 10 Linnet 11th, 1 Lesser Redpoll 9th, 12 Bullfinch 26th, 1 Hawfinch 20th, 5 Reed Bunting 10th and 11th.

The total 115 species noted compares to 123 in 2024, 119 in 2023, 125 in 2022, 122 in 2021, 99 in 2020.

March 2025 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Red-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Black-necked Grebe, Scaup, Jack Snipe, Sandwich Tern.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 16th unless dated otherwise. 1 Red-throated Diver reported all month, 1 Great Northern Diver also reported all month, 11 Little Grebe, 98 Great Crested Grebe 27th, 2 Black-necked Grebe 5th and 1 reported 8th, 29 Cormorant 29th, 1 Little Egret 7th and 30th, 3 Grey Heron 2nd, 5 Mute Swan 31st, 16 Whooper Swan 9th, 1 Pink-footed Goose 24th, 25th and 26th, 24 Greylag Goose 3rd, 121 Canada Goose, 28 Barnacle Goose 31st, 4 Shelduck 1st, 2 Mandarin 19th and 25th, 25 Wigeon 26th, 16 Gadwall, 8 Teal, 69 Mallard, 7 Pintail 8th, 2 Garganey 22nd and 23rd, 4 Shoveler 19th, and 24th, 1 Red-crested Pochard reported all month, 3 Pochard 18th and 28th, 97 Tufted Duck, 2 Scaup reported on 13 occasions up to 17th, 2 Common Scoter 20th, 30 Goldeneye 18th, 2 Goosander 2nd and 3rd, 1 Water Rail 3rd, 15th and 19th, 14 Moorhen, 274 Coot.

Raptor sightings included 5 Red Kite 14th, 3 Sparrowhawk 20th, 15 Buzzards 20th, 3 Kestrel 11th, 2 Peregrine 3rd.

Ten species of waders through this month with 14 Oystercatcher 3rd, 15th and 17th, 3 Avocet 18th, 1 Little Ringed Plover 23rd, 2 Lapwing 20th, 1 Dunlin 24th, 1 Jack Snipe 28th, 15 Snipe 28th and 29th, 1 Woodcock 3rd and 11th, 18 Curlew 10th, 5 Redshank 14th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 3 Mediterranean 12th, 500 Black-headed Gull 21st and 25th, 2500 Common Gull 12th, 234 Lesser Black-backed Gull 15th, 40 Herring Gull 21st, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 11th, 1 Caspian Gull 2nd and 4th, 1 Great Black-backed Gull 7th, 17th and 25th, 2 Kittiwake 24th, also seen 1 Sandwich Tern 22nd.

Other species noted were 1 Red-legged Partridge 18th, 1 Barn Owl 4th, 2 Tawny Owl 15th, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker 31st, 4 Skylark 8th, 12 Sand Martin 28th, 5 Swallow 24th, 30 Meadow Pipit 25th, 1 Rock Pipit 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 3 Grey Wagtail 10th and 27th, 152 Robin 31st, 1 Wheatear 20th, 2 Fieldfare 19th, 40 Redwing 10th and 18th, 10 Mistle Thrush 31st, 10 Blackcap 31st, 135 Chiffchaff 31st, 1 Willow Warbler 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 9 Goldcrest 18th, 6 Willow Tit 18th, 13 Coal Tit 31st, 77 Blue Tit 31st, 20 Rook 15th, 6 Raven 14th and 15th, 400 Starling 15th, 1 Brambling 25th, 3 Greenfinch 18th and 31st, 12 Siskin 13th, 7 Linnet 21st, 1 Lesser Redpoll on 10 occasions, 8 Bullfinch 31st, 13 Reed Bunting 19th.

The total 112 species noted compares to 110 in 2024, 102 in 2023, 106 in 2022, 102 in 2021, 95 in 2020.

February 2025 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Red-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Black-necked Grebe, Ring-necked Duck, Scaup, Lesser Scaup.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 16th unless dated otherwise. 1 Red-throated Diver reported all month, 1 Great Northern Diver also reported all month, 25 Little Grebe, 85 Great Crested Grebe, Black-necked Grebe 24th, 36 Cormorant, 1 Little Egret 15th, 16th, 24th and 25th, 1 Great White Egret 1st, 6th, 19th and 27th, 3 Grey Heron 25th, 4 Mute Swan on 11 occasions this month, 5 Whooper Swan 6th, 700 Pink-footed Goose 6th, 88 Greylag Goose, 207 Canada Goose, 33 Barnacle Goose 5th, 11th, 13th, 20th, and 21st, 1 Shelduck 4th and 6th, 20 Wigeon 6th, 23 Gadwall 22nd, 14 Teal 6th, 116 Mallard 16th, 4 Pintail 1st, 6 Shoveler 11th, 615 Pochard 10th, 1 Ring-necked Duck reported all month, 158 Tufted Duck, 2 Scaup reported on 19 occasions this month, 1 Lesser Scaup reported up to the 25th, 32 Goldeneye 4th, 5 Goosander 5th, 1 Water Rail reported on 6 occasions, 10 Moorhen, 570 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 21st, 25th, 26th and 28th.

Raptor sightings included 8 Red Kite 6th, 2 Sparrowhawk 2nd, 19th, 25th and 26th, 20 Buzzards 25th, 3 Kestrel 2nd, 1 Peregrine 2nd, 5th, 14th, 16th and 25th.

Six species of waders through this month with 14 Oystercatcher 19th, 21 Lapwing 18th, 25 Snipe 21st, 5 Woodcock 24th, 16 Curlew 27th, 1 Redshank on six occasions.

Maximum Gull numbers were 2 Mediterranean 14th, 16th and 17th, 6000 Black-headed Gull 16th, 4000 Common Gull 16th, 800 Lesser Black-backed Gull 6th, 50 Herring Gull 16th, 1 Yellow-legged Gull 14th and 28th, 1 Caspian Gull 7th and 14th, 1 Great Black-backed Gull reported on 9 occasions this month.

Other species noted were 1 Barn Owl 1st, 3rd and 5th, 1 Tawny Owl 9th, 6 Great Spotted Woodpecker 27th, 8 Skylark 25th, 5 Meadow Pipit 23rd, 2 Grey Wagtail 24th and 27th, 49 Wren 27th, 40 Dunnock 27th, 122 Robin 27th, 54 Blackbird 27th, 34 Song Thrush 27th, 40 Redwing 22nd, 9 Mistle Thrush 22nd and 27th, 2 Chiffchaff 28th, 10 Goldcrest 27th, 43 Long-tailed Tit 27th, 5 Willow Tit 19th and 22nd, 149 Blue Tit 27th, 27 Rook 19th, 37 Raven 18th, 250 Starling 14th, 8 Greenfinch 27th, 30 Siskin 12th, 1 Linnet 19th and 25th, 2 Lesser Redpoll 12th and 22nd, 8 Bullfinch 27th, 38 Reed Bunting 19th and 27th.

The total 96 species noted compares to 98 in 2024, 93 in 2023, 92 in 2022, 90 in 2021, 93 in 2020.

January 2025 BIRD NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS: Red-throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Ring-necked Duck, Scaup, Woodcock, Barn Owl, Willow Tit.

Water bird maxima were from the WeBS count on 13th unless dated otherwise. 1 Red-throated Diver reported all month, 1 Great Northern Diver also reported all month, 28 Little Grebe, 74 Great Crested Grebe 22nd, 33 Cormorant, 1 Great White Egret 3rd, 22nd and 30th, 2 Grey Heron 11th and 16th, 4 Mute Swan 10th and 13th, 49 Whooper Swan 11th, 130 Pink-footed Goose, 350 Greylag Goose 14th, 310 Canada Goose 10th, 34 Barnacle Goose 5th, 2 Shelduck 14th, 68 Wigeon 17th, 77 Gadwall, 56 Teal 11th, 107 Mallard 22nd, 7 Shoveler 11th, 967 Pochard 22nd, 1 Ring-necked Duck 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, 364 Tufted Duck 22nd, 2 Scaup reported on 22 occasions this month, 23 Goldeneye, 3 Goosander 31st, 1 Water Rail 2nd, 3rd, 16th and 27th, 11 Moorhen 14th and 19th, 1394 Coot, 1 Kingfisher 3rd, 9th, 11th and 27th.

Raptor sightings included 3 Red Kite recorded on 6 occasions, 3 Sparrowhawk 25th, 7 Buzzards 25th, 2 Kestrel 6th and 22nd, 1 Peregrine on 7 occasions.

Five species of waders through this month with 2 Oystercatcher 18th and 19th, 104 Lapwing 14th, 11 Snipe 7th, 2 Woodcock 13th, 2 Curlew 22nd, 1 Redshank 5th.

Maximum Gull numbers were 3200 Black-headed Gull 19th, 1800 Common Gull 25th, 330 Lesser Black-backed Gull 29th, 9 Herring Gull 13th, 2 Yellow-legged Gull 19th, 1 Caspian Gull 19th, 1 Great Black-backed Gull reported on 10 occasions this month.

Other species noted were 1 Barn Owl 17th, 1 Tawny Owl 3rd, 14th, 15th, 20th and 26th, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker 15th, 6 Skylark 15th, 18 Meadow Pipit 15th, 1 Grey Wagtail 2nd, 7th and 22nd, 39 Wren 15th, 34 Dunnock 15th, 85 Robin 15th, 98 Blackbird 15th, 97 Fieldfare 16th, 55 Redwing 30th, 3 Mistle Thrush 7th, 1 Chiffchaff 15th, 8 Goldcrest 15th, 18 Long-tailed Tit 15th, 4 Willow Tit 5th and 15th, 19 Coal Tit 15th, 68 Great Tit 15th, 7 Nuthatch 15th, 7 Treecreeper 15th, 300 Jackdaw 29th, 60 Rook 29th, 4 Raven 2nd, 16th and 29th, 500 Starling 22nd, 8 Greenfinch 15th, 40 Siskin 1st, 5 Lesser Redpoll 1st, 4 Bullfinch 7th, 8th, 13th, 15th and 29th, 10 Reed Bunting 20th.

The total 93 species noted compares to 98 in 2024, 98 in 2023, 97 in 2022, 86 in 2021, 94 in 2020.