

WYVER LANE MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2013

Highlights include: Little Egret, Spotted Crake, Greenshank, Whinchat, Wood Warbler and Spotted Flycatcher.

Maximum counts for August include: 4 Little Grebes on 8th, 3 Cormorants on 6th, a Little Egret on 8th with 2 on 24th, 5 Grey Herons on 27th, 102 Greylag Geese on 15th, 181 Canada Geese on 23rd, a Mandarin on several dates, 13 Gadwall on 4th, 6th, 15th and 24th, Teal slowly increased from single figures earlier in the month to 59 on 24th, 76 Mallards on 15th, 3 Shoveler on 24th, 26th and 27th, 3 Tufted Ducks on 15th and 3 Goosanders on 24th.

Raptors include a Red Kite on 29th, 2 Sparrowhawks on 15th, 5 Buzzards on 9th and 20th, 2 Kestrels on 26th, 2 Hobbies on 24th, and a Peregrine on several dates.

On the evening of 29th a juvenile Spotted Crake was found walking around the edge of the main pool. This is a new species for Wyver and over the next few days it was enjoyed by many admirers. A Water Rail on 8th, 17 Moorhens on 9th, 24 Coots on 13th, an Oystercatcher on 4th, 172 Lapwings on 24th, 3 Snipe on 20th, a Whimbrel over on 24th was only the second record for Wyver, a Redshank on 24th, a Greenshank on 9th and 27th and a Common Sandpiper on 24th.

250 Black-headed Gulls on 17th, 12 Lesser Black-backed Gulls on 26th, 3 Stock Doves on 6th, a Kingfisher on 8th and 26th, 30 Sand Martins on 8th, 150 Swallows on 20th, 80 House Martins on 17th, 10 Wrens on 15th, 12 Robins on 15th, 2 Redstarts on 13th, 15th and 31st, a Whinchat on 6th and 3 from 29th, a Sedge Warbler on 26th, 3 Whitethroats on 26th and 27th, 4 Blackcaps on 26th, a Wood Warbler with tit flock on 8th, 11 Chiffchaffs on 13th, 4 Willow Warblers on 13th, a family of 4 Spotted Flycatchers from 9th, 17 Long-tailed Tits on 8th, a Willow Tit on 26th, 3 Coal Tits on 13th, 12 Blue Tits on 13th, 6 Great Tits on 15th, 2 Nuthatches on 15th, 2 Treecreepers on 15th, 3 Jays on 6th, 3 Ravens on 7th, 2 Bullfinches on 15th and 26th and 4 Reed Buntings on 15th.

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