

OGSTON MONTHLY SIGHTINGS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2015

The Monthly Bird walk on the 7th, led by Nigel Cater attracted 18 members. A total of 55 species were seen, highlights included a number of Herons being mobbed by a Buzzard, Goosanders, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk ; Great Spotted and Green Woodpeckers, Treecreeper and Yellowhammer.

Highlights:

01 February: Adult Iceland Goose in roost; 1 x 1st winter Caspian type hybrid in roost; Peregrine attacked Coot by public hide. Collared Dove; Goldcrest; Kingfisher

02 February: 2 Long Tailed Tits; Song Thrush; Sparrowhawk

03 February: Kingfisher

04 February: 1 Pochard

06 February: Iceland Gull in roost; 2 Raven; 6 Whooper Swans

07 February: 2 Goosanders; Green Woodpecker; Jay; Yellowhammer

08 February: 48 Great Crested Grebe counted; c130 Pink Footed Geese flew high over, heading NW; 2 Buzzards; 3 Goldeneye; 1 Goosander

09 February: 2 Shelduck

10 February: 1st W Yellow Legged Gull; 4 Pochard

11 February: 1st W Yellow Legged Gull

12 February: Pochard

14 February: Goldcrest

15 & 16 February: Mistle Thrush

17 February: First Oystercatchers (3) of the year, rising to 4 on the 28th

18 February: 2 Raven

20 February: Adult Yellow Legged Gull & Adult Iceland Gull in roost; Collared Dove

23 February: Adult Iceland Gull in roost

25 February: Juvenile female Goshawk attacking Collared Doves in spruce plantation at N. end of lake: Curlew; Goldcrest; Kingfisher; c70 Redwings. Also Weasel.

27 February: Shelduck;

28 February: Short Tailed Vole under feeders.

A Sparrowhawk was seen on the 2nd, 13th, 15th, 16th, 19th

A Treecreeper was seen on the 1st, 12th, 14th & 27th

Highest daily counts this month :-

Black Headed Gulls: c450 on 16th (Note there are many more Gulls in the roost at dusk but without a specific count we have no better record.)

Canada Geese: c65 on the 2nd.

Cormorants: 62 on the 10th

Great Crested Grebes: 56 on the 11th

Grey Herons: 20+ on the 25th

Greylag Geese: 56 on the 3rd.

Lapwing: c173 on the 16th

Pink Footed Geese (flying over) c130

February saw a total of 72 species recorded, as follows:-

Black Headed Gulls; Blackbirds; Blue Tits; Bullfinch; Buzzard; Canada Geese;

Carrion Crow; Caspian Gull; Chaffinch; Coal Tit; Collared Dove; Common Gull; Coots; Cormorants; Curlew; Dunnock; Gadwall; Goldcrest; Goldeneye; Goldfinch; Goosander; Goshawk; Great Black Backed Gull; Great Crested Grebe; Great Spotted Woodpecker; Great Tit; Green Woodpecker; Greenfinch; Grey Heron; Grey Wagtail; Greylag Geese; Herring Gull; Iceland Gull; Jackdaw; Jay; Kestrel; Kingfisher; Lapwing; Lesser Black Backed Gull; Little Grebe; Long Tailed Tits; Magpie; Mallard; Mistle Thrush; Moorhen; Mute Swan; Nuthatch; Oystercatcher; Peregrine; Pheasant; Pied Wagtail; Pink Footed Geese; Pochard; Raven; Redwing; Reed Bunting; Robin; Rook; Shelduck; Siskin; Snipe; Song Thrush; Sparrowhawk; Teal; Treecreeper; Tufted Duck; Whooper Swans; Wigeon; Woodpigeon; Wren; Yellow Legged Gull; Yellowhammer.

72 species to date 23.02.15

Year total to date: 78 species