

WYVER LANE MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2008

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WYVER LANE MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2008

With most birds having failed last year due to the reserve being flooded It's good to report breeding successes this year.

Several broods of Mallard, Coot, and Moorhen have been noted and young of Reed Bunting and Sedge Warbler are now becoming more evident.

Wader species include a single Green Sandpiper on the 2nd and 29th, 4 Common Sandpipers were noted on the 6th with singles on 1st, 9th, 11th, 15th and 30th. A Ringed Plover was a brief visitor on the morning of the 8th. 18 Lapwing on the 8th and then c100 on the 22nd, c150 on the 18th and c300 on the 30th.

Raptors include a Hobby on the 1st, 2nd, 15th and 22nd. There was also a report of 3 in the air together on the 6th. Buzzards were seen on many dates with 2 seen on the 1st, 2 Kestrels also on the 1st.

2 Gadwall on the 6th with singles on the 1st, 8th, 18th and 22nd. 4 Teal on the 8th and 3 on the 9th, 3 Shoveler on the 29th and 30th and 2 on the 27th. 4 'redhead' Goosanders flew North on the 27th. 57 Mallards on the 29th. c 50 Canada Geese on the 22nd with a Barnacle/Greylag goose hybrid. 17 Greylag geese on the 27th and 28th. Three of the seven juvenile Mute Swans still remain though the male has left the site, where the other 4 and the female went to is still a mystery. 39 Black Headed Gulls on the 29th including 7 juveniles. 5 Grey Herons on the 15th.

Other records include undoubtedly the bird of the month, a juvenile Cuckoo took myself and another observer by surprise on the 22nd by landing in the hedge by the hide, it then proceeded to forage in the bushes around the main pool before disappearing over the river. A Little Egret was seen briefly on the 6th. 2 Ravens on the 2nd, 8th and 22nd. There were two reports of Water Rail on the 18th and 24th with the bird possibly being a juvenile.

Kingfisher on the 26th, Little Grebe on the 2nd, 4 Stock Doves on the 22nd, up to 4 Linnets in the meadow to the left of the hide now seem to be an annual post breeding stopping off place, 4 Stock Doves, a pair was noted showing an interest in one of the boxes earlier in the year but it is not known if breeding was successful, 13 Goldfinches including 8 juveniles, a Willow Tit was seen on th 1st (a rare bird for Wyver lane).

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WYVER LANE MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2008

3 Little Egrets flew low North over the reserve on the morning of the 16th. Probably the same 3 birds that was seen flying over Wellington 45 minutes earlier. A high of 40 Greylag Geese on the 9th and 10th.

4 Teal on the 5th increased to 25 by the 29th, 100 Mallard on the 12th, 2 Shoveler on the 29th.

On the 20th, 3 Wildfowl arrived and caused a little bit of a stir, unable to ID the birds several photos were taken and subsequently put out to see if anyone could ID them. At first it was suggested that they were Cape Shelduck (an escape from South Africa) then after several more birders had seen the photos it was suggested that they were hybrids with Australian/Ruddy Shelduck, although it is possible that the females are pure Cape Shelduck. Whatever they're it is worth going down there just to see them and make your own mind up, they were still present at the end of the month. An adult Water Rail was seen on the 9th and 13 Moorhens also on the 9th.

Single Hobbies on the 1st and the 29th, a juvenile male Sparrowhawk landed briefly on the ledge of the hide on the 19th and a female was seen eating Pigeon prey on the lane on the 29th, 2 Buzzards on the 16th.

C300 Lapwings were around the reserve throughout the month, a single Common Sandpiper on the 1st and a single Oystercatcher on the 10th. 42 Black-Headed Gulls on the 16th, 4 Grey Herons on the 29th.

The last record for Swift was 2 on the 9th, a mixture of c600 Swallows and Housemartins was seen on the 27th with good movements of both during the month. A young Sedge Warbler was still being fed on the 16th, 3 Chiff Chaffs on the 9th, 2 Stock Doves on several dates, c40 Goldfinches including many juveniles on the 19th, 2 Linnets on the 9th, Great Spotted Woodpecker on the 16th and Green Woodpecker on the 5th and 16th, Kingfisher on the 5th and 21st,

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WYVER LANE MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2008

Wintering wildfowl slowly return with 2 Wigeon on the 12th and maybe surprisingly only a maximum of 5 by the months end, Shoveler were seen most days with 8 on the 16th, 8 Red head Goosanders came into roost on 11th, 51 Teal on the 2nd, 5 Tufted Ducks on the 14th, a drake Gadwall on the 2nd, 3 escaped Cape Shelduck remained all month.

A single Little Grebe was seen on several dates throughout the month. 3 Grey Herons on the 6th, 14th and 17th, 4 Cormorants on the 11th, 21 Coot on 30th. Unfortunately, one of the three remaining juvenile Mute Swans was found dead on the mainpool on the 9th. 140 Black-Headed Gulls on the 2nd and a Common Gull on the 27th.

Raptors include a Peregrine over the reserve on the 7th, a Hobby on the 9th and an immature through on the 2nd, 6 Buzzards on the 16th, female Sparrowhawk on the 10th, 11th and 27th and a male on the 24th.

The only Wader reported was Lapwing with 130 on the 2nd.

Hirundines moved south in good numbers including 350 Swallows on the 2nd, 200 on the 6th, 70 on the 9th, 60 on the 11th and 9 on the 23rd. 100's of House Martins moved through on the 9th, 28 on 17th, 20 on 24th 5 on 23rd and 4 on 30th. 50 Sand Martins on the 6th. 2 Ravens were heading west on the 11th. 2 Whinchats were seen on the 13th and stayed until the following day. 6 Stock Doves on the 16th, 3 Reed Bunting on the 16th, both Green Woodpeckers and Great Spotted Woodpeckers were seen regularly, 3 Chiff Chaffs and a Willow Warbler on the 11th, a Nuthatch on 4th, a single Linnet on 13th, 4 Goldcrests on 17th, 2 Jays on 9th and 14th and a Kingfisher on the 14th.

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