

Ogston monthly report – December

Species recorded – December = 81 Running
total for 2014 = 163

Mild weather continued through December until the last week which was much colder. Heavy snow fell on Boxing Day which persisted to the end of the year. Just one flock of Pink-footed geese flew through this month. Other wildfowl of interest included a Scaup and a Common Scoter. A male Peregrine was seen twice, on both occasions hunting successfully. A Water Rail was seen on just one date. A Jack Snipe showed well on 12th and a Woodcock was seen on 3rd.

The gull roost often held large numbers, but not much of interest apart from occasional Caspian and Yellow-legged Gulls. A Lesser Spotted Woodpecker was seen on 14th, the only one of the year and a Chiffchaff was seen on 17th, a particularly mild day.

Pink-footed Goose 59 flew W at 12:00 hrs on 13th.

Greylag Goose Maximum count of 41 on 31st.

Canada Goose Maximum count of 96 on 31st.

Wigeon Small numbers intermittently through the month with a maximum count of eight on 2nd,

Gadwall One from 18th- 24th and seven on 31st.

Teal Good numbers present most days with a maximum count of 112 on 7th.

Pochard One on 3rd, one on 8th, one on 16th and five on 30th.

Scaup A first-winter drake on 18th.

Common Scoter A female on 1st.

Goldeneye Small numbers were present on most days, the maximum count being of five on 1st.

Goosander One on 6th and one on 7th.

Peregrine An adult male killed a Moorhen on 9th and what was presumably the same male killed a Teal on 20th.

Water Rail One on 4th was the only record.

Lapwing Counts of 194 on 6th, c250 on 7th, 252 on 8th and 270 on 10th.

Jack Snipe One showing well from the Members Hide on 12th.

Snipe Maximum count of 30 on 26th.

Woodcock One on the roadside verge by Carr Wood at dusk on 3rd.

Yellow-legged Gull A 1stW in the roost on 1st, two adults on 3rd, 1 ad on 4th - 6th, 1stW on 7th, two in roost on 8th, one on 9th, one on 12th.

Caspian Gull A 1stW on 3rd, a 2ndW on 5th, a different 1stW on 12th/13th and again on 18th.

Great Black-backed Gull At least 830 in the roost on 21st.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker One at the southern end of the West Bank, opposite the Fishermans car park on 14th.

Chiffchaff One on the West Bank on 17th.

Fieldfare Maximum count of 58 on 16th.

Redwing Highest count of C70 on 21st.

Siskin Maximum of 15 on 16th.

Escapes

Yellow-billed Teal Present again on 6th and 8th.