

OGSTON MONTHLY REPORTS 2015

JANUARY

January saw a total of 62 species recorded, as follows:-

Barn Owl; Black Headed Gulls; Blackbirds; Blue Tits; Bullfinch; Buzzard; Canada Geese; Carrion Crow; Caspian Gull; Chaffinch; Coal Tit; Common Gull; Coots; Cormorants; Dunnock; Egyptian Geese; Gadwall; Glaucous Gull; Goldcrest; Goldeneye; Goldfinch; Goosander; Great Black Backed Gulls; Great Crested Grebe; Great Spotted Woodpecker; Great Tit; Greenfinch; Grey Heron; Grey Wagtail; Greylag Geese; Herring Gulls; Jackdaw; Lapwings; Lesser Black Backed Gulls; Little Grebe; Long Tailed Tit; Magpies; Mallards; Mediterranean Gull; Moorhens; Mute Swan; Nuthatch; Peregrine; Pheasant; Pied Wagtail; Pochard; Raven; Reed Bunting; Robin; Siskin; Snipe; Song Thrush; Sparrowhawk; Teal; Treecreeper; Tufted Ducks; Willow Tit; Woodcock; Woodpigeon; Wren; Yellow Legged Gull; Yellowhammer.

Highlights of the month :-

01 January : Glaucous Gull seen in roost

02 January : Mediterranean Gull in roost at dusk; Woodcock over Carr Wood at dusk; Peregrine

03 January : Glaucous Gull and Yellow Legged Gull seen in roost; c50 Snipe flushed from West Bank by speedboat; Barn Owl over fields at dusk

05 January : Caspian Gull in roost; 17 Long Tail Tits flew over West Bank car park

06 January : Goldcrest

08 January : Sparrowhawk

09 January : Goldfinch

10 January : Adult and 2nd winter Caspian Gull in roost

12 January : Treecreeper in FCP

14 January : Buzzard over hall

17 January : 2 Siskin in FCP

18 January : Peregrine; Goldcrest

20 January : Song Thrush

22 January : 45+ Snipe; 2 Ravens; Sparrowhawk. At dusk there were huge numbers of gulls in the roost. Minimum 1000+ BHGs, min. 100 LBBGs, min. 100 GBBGs plus many immature gulls unidentified, and who knows what else!

2 Cirl Bunting were reported but this is extremely doubtful – probably Yellowhammers!

23 January : Goosander

24 January : 2 x 1st W. Yellow Legged Gulls & 1 Eucistic Black Headed Gull in roost

25 January : 1 juvenile Iceland Gull; 1x 1st Winter Yellow Legged Gull; Probable Glaucous/Herring Gull hybrid in the roost; 4 Goosanders; 1 Jackdaw

26 January : 7 Long Tailed tits

2 x Egyptian Geese were seen on the 8th & 25th

A Peregrine was spotted on the 2nd, 18th and 2 on the 27th

Herring Gulls were reported on the 5th & 24th