

## **OGSTON MONTHLY SIGHTINGS REPORT - MAY 2015 (Up to and including 27<sup>th</sup> May, as I am off to Shetland!)**

**The Saturday Morning Bird Walk** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May was led by Paul Beard and attracted 21 members who walked in cold dry conditions from the hide along the West Bank and around the Brackenfield Loop. A commendable total of 59 species were seen by the group as a whole.

### **Highlights of the month :**

An Arctic Tern was spotted on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 4 terned up (sorry!) on the 18<sup>th</sup>. One or two Common Sandpiper were recorded on 4 occasions ; up to 5 Common Terns made regular appearances in the second half of the month ; a Cuckoo was noted in the 21<sup>st</sup> but not clear if it was seen or just heard ; a single Curlew made several appearances during the month ; a “Flavia” wagtail was reported on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> ; a single Gadwall was seen on 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> ; 2 Garden Warblers were reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with one on the 13<sup>th</sup> ; a Hobby caused some excitement on the 6<sup>th</sup> with 2 on the 20<sup>th</sup> ; upto 3 Linnets on odd occasions ; a Lesser Whitethroat was around during the first week ; we had one Jack Snipe on the 7<sup>th</sup> and a Greenshank on the 12<sup>th</sup> ; a rare view of a Mistle Thrush on the 27<sup>th</sup> ; a Redshank was seen on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> ; a Sanderling made a brief visit on the 16<sup>th</sup> ; Sand Martin was reported on the 5<sup>th</sup> \* 18<sup>th</sup> ; 1-3 Sedge Warblers have been singing most of the month ; a few Snipe were seen in the first week but nothing since then ; we had a Sparrowhawk on 4 days in the first half of the month ; one or two Spotted Flycatchers were seen on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> ; a single Turnstone was recorded on the 19<sup>th</sup> ; a Tawny Owl was recorded on the 26<sup>th</sup> and on the 25<sup>th</sup> with chicks ; a Whimbrel was reported on a few occasions but some of these sightings were changed to Curlew ; a Whyte Wagtail was reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ; up to 5 Whitethroats were recorded on 8 days ; Willow Warblers were reported on 8 days ; a Yellow Legged Gull on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**A total of 96 species were recorded up to 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**2015, as follows :-**

Arctic Tern ; Black Headed Gull ; Blackbird ; Blackcap ; Blue Tit ; Bullfinch ; Buzzard ; Canada Geese ; Carrion Crow ; Chaffinch ; Chiffchaff ; Coal Tit ; Common Sandpiper ; Common Tern ; Coot ; Cormorant ; Curlew ; Dunlin ; Dunnock ; “Flavia” Wagtail ; Gadwall ; Garden Warbler ; Goldfinch ; Goosander ; Goshawk ; Great Black Backed Gull ; Great Crested Grebe ; Great Spotted Woodpecker ; Great Tit ; “Greenland” Wheatear ; Greenfinch ; Greenshank ; Grey Heron ; Grey Wagtail ; Greylag Geese ; Herring Gull ; Hobby ; House Martin ; House Sparrow ; Jack Snipe ; Jackdaw ; Jay ; Kestrel ; Kingfisher ; Lapwing ; Lesser Black Backed Gull ; Lesser Whitethroat ; Linnet ; Little Ringed Plover ; Long Tailed Tit ; Magpie ; Mallard ; Mandarin ; Mistle Thrush ; Moorhen ; Mute Swan ; Nuthatch ; Oystercatcher ; Peregrine ; Pheasant ; Pied Wagtail ; Raven ; Redshank ; Reed Buntings ; Reed Warbler ; Ringed Plover ; Robin ; Rooks ; Sand Martin ; Sanderling ; Sedge Warbler ; Shelduck ; Snipe ; Song Thrush ; Sparrowhawk ; Spotted Flycatcher ; Stock Dove ; Swallow ; Swift ; Tawny Owl ; Turnstone ; Tufted Ducks ; Wheatear ; Whimbrel ; Whitethroat ; White Wagtail ; Whitethroat ; Willow Warbler ; Woodpigeon ; Wren ; Yellow Legged Gull ; Yellow Wagtail ; Yellowhammer.

**A total of 130 species have been recorded in 2015 so far.**