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### Trip Report - Isle of Sheppey 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011



As we stepped out of the car near the beach at Leysdown on Sea, the cold wind sucked out your breath and made the eyes water: nevertheless fifteen of us gathered and set off on foot for the Swale NNR.

On the Shellness beach small groups of Sanderling and Turnstone huddled together, as for once we had the good fortune to be present at high tide and as we overlooked the spit a couple of thousand Oystercatcher were roosting on the beach waiting for the tide to turn. In a magic moment they rose together and flew towards us giving the sort of fantastic image that burns itself on the retina and cheers the soul. Other waders present in smaller numbers included Grey Plover, Ringed Plover, Dunlin, Knot and a single Purple Sandpiper found by Peter Garner.

We were joined briefly by a group from the Kent Ornithological Society whose leader was the reserve warden and he pointed out a distant Merlin sat on a strategically placed tyre. As we meandered back a small flock of White Fronted Geese were seen grazing in the Leysdown Marshes.

After lunch we headed to Hartley Ferry, but paused a couple of times en-route to take in the birds in the open ground: a flock of fifty Corn Buntings sat in a small bush, Lapwing, Golden Plover and up to six Marsh Harriers. Grove Ferry was less exciting but did give the opportunity to get the book out to confirm the Godwits seen feeding on the mud were definitely Barred. Out on the estuary a single Great Crested Grebe and a Common Seal were the only sightings of note.

As we back tracked to the RSPB raptor watch point at Capel Fleet a Barn Owl was hunting low over the roadside hedge, at one point virtually flying over the bonnet of Richard's car, giving superb views for them. On arrival at the watch point the sun had come out and although the cool breeze made it less than comfortable standing for any length of time on the mound, we were rewarded with Peregrine, female Hen Harrier, Buzzard (unfortunately not Rough Legged) and a surprisingly tame juvenile Kestrel which allowed one club member to approach within feet.

The Barn Owl then entertained as it hunted in the late afternoon sun. We had missed a Short Eared Owl seen before we arrived, but as we got back in the car to leave I don't think anyone present felt the loss, on a very satisfying visit with a total of 51 species seen.

*Richard Billyard*

## Footnote on the Sheppey Trip



Had a great time at this today – despite it being bitterly cold! Thanks to Richard for leading and for all the others attending for their usual good company and patience with my usual ignorance! I've now added Hen Harrier and Merlin to my life list (no I've never seen them before – no Peregrines seen today but I've seen lots of them at the usual urban sites; we saw Marsh Harriers but I'd already ticked them courtesy of a weekend at the Wash Study Centre).

The best bird for me was a beautiful Barn Owl. There was however a most endearing little kestrel that kept hanging around the raptor watch point. I thought you might like this shot of it that I got. I didn't take many more photos because my hands were just too darn cold.

*Sue Hetherington*

*Editor's note:* Sue's Kestrel picture was from so close, I couldn't manage to edit it small enough to get it in without losing some of the detail - apologies. Anyway, seeing new birds is what Field Trips are all about!

### Welcome to new members of the club:

**Mr Paul Slack from Aylesbury**  
**Mr Julian Petley from Uxbridge**  
**Mr Stephen Richards of Wendover**  
**Mr Robert Bowers of Aylesbury**  
**Mr Nigel Green from Wolverton**  
**Mr Peter Barnes from Simpson, Milton Keynes**

The club committee is delighted that you have joined and we are certain that you will benefit from your membership of the BBC. We look forward to meeting you at either the monthly indoor meetings or at one of the frequent field meetings.

I'm pleased to see so many new members this month! And that's without the new Club publicity flyer that Dave Parmenter has just produced. If you're going along to anywhere that would be a good place to hand out or leave a few flyers, let us know and we'll see about supplying some!

*Ed Griffiths*

## **CLUB NEWS - Meetings and Field Trips**

### **Indoor Meeting for March**

*THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2011 @. Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover  
Doors open 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start.*

#### ***THROUGH BIRDS' EYES by Graham Martin***

Graham will be talking to us about bird vision and bird behaviour and the search for a predictable relationship between the two. How does its food look to a Blackbird? A Professor of Ornithology at Birmingham University, Graham has published on how vision influences looking for food in many species, including Cormorants, where in fact he reached a conclusion about their underwater vision which was contrary to expectations. Come along and find out what that was!

### **Field Trips March**

#### **Dorney Lake and Jubilee River**

SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011 Morning Only **08.30** (*local earlier start!*)

*Our first club visit to these close together sites. Dorney consistently produces waders and there has been a small flock of White Fronted Geese in the area.*

Meet: Dorney Lake car park SU921788 at 8:30am

The nearest motorway access is M4, Junction 7

- Exit Junction 7 and go left at end of slip road to A4/Maidenhead
- Pass through one set of traffic lights
- Turn left after 500m at Sainburys roundabout onto B3026, signposted Dorney/Eton
- Pass back over M4 and Jubilee River, entering Dorney village
- Turn right, at left-hand curve, into Court Lane, signposted Dorney Reach and Lake
- Pass Dorney Court
- After 400m enter Dorney Lake site through large double gates straight ahead
- Park in the Arboretum Carpark which is 150m on the right.

Leader: Kevin Duncan *Telephone contact via Richard Billyard 01844 275441*

#### **RAINHAM MARSHES**

SUNDAY 27th March 2011 All Day **09.30**

*Early migrants and wildfowl. Rainham has turned up a lot of early season rarities in the few years it has been open, including Serin and Penduline Tit. No promises, but...!*

From the M25: Exit M25 at junction 31. At the J31 roundabout take the A1306 west, signposted to RSPB Rainham Marshes. Continue along the A1306 for 1.5 miles. At the traffic lights turn left, signposted Purfleet and RSPB onto New Tank Hill Road flyover. The entrance to the reserve is signposted approximately 300 metres along this road, just after the bottom of the flyover on the right hand side.

There are toilets, a visitor centre, refreshments and shop. Meet in RSPB car park TQ550790 at 9:30am. **Admission charge for non RSPB members** (£2.50, RSPB members free).

Leader: Richard Billyard *Telephone 01844 275441*

## **Calendar Birds – Photographs Wanted!**

Dave Ferguson has come up with the excellent idea of producing a Buckinghamshire Bird Club Calendar for 2012. We'd like to fill it with pictures of birds taken in Bucks, one for each month – with the idea that each photo, if not taken in the month in question, would at least be representative of the season. And we'd like Club members to provide the pictures.

So please get looking for/taking photos. We intend to collect them all by the end of May and have the calendar out in time to raise club funds before Christmas. Anyone sending a photo in would be agreeing to publication in the calendar. News of how/where to send photos in next Bulletin.

*Ed Griffiths*



*Here's the sort of picture we need: Photo of 'adult' male Peregrine taken on County Hall, Aylesbury in early Feb 2011 taken by Ted Wallen (aged 10).*

## Trip Report - Summer Leys – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February

With a poor weather forecast it was no surprise that only four of us met in the car park and headed off to the first hide.



Out on the water half a dozen Goldeneye gathered together and a one of the dapper males was busy doing the head-back courtship display. (*Picture left by Martin Ansley*)

This spring like theme continued with a pair of Great Crested Grebes also in a bout of synchronised head wagging. Out on nearby Rotary island fifty or so Lapwing stood with a single Oystercatcher.

As we worked our way around the five well appointed hides we added to the list a small flock of Golden Plover, Curlew, Shoveller, Pochard, Teal, Widgeon and Little Grebe amongst others. A flying wader was seen by John Barnes and as it disappeared in the distance we were pretty sure it was a Ringed Plover. We nearly missed a male Sparrow Hawk that must have been sitting near us on a pile of logs, but we soon picked it up as it flew across the water to the feeding station opposite.

In one hide a couple of local birders mentioned sighting Bittern that week and that prior to the cold period at Christmas over two thousand Golden Plover had visited the reserve daily and with them a Peregrine - alas we didn't see either on this visit.

The last hide was a treat as it overlooked a well stocked feeding station. As we arrived three Mallard sat on the tables but they left as we sat down. The number of small birds feeding was incredible: mainly Blue/Great Tits but also Long Tailed Tit, Reed Bunting, Goldfinch and best of all at least eight Tree Sparrows. With no windows in the hide and the tables less than twenty feet away it was quite something to see and I wished that I'd had a camera.



*Luckily Martin Ansley did have a camera!*

On the walk back a fine male Bullfinch and a couple of Linnets added to a grand total of 43 species seen. Luckily the promised rain held off until we arrived home and all on the trip agreed Summer Leys is a fine reserve and being only fifty minutes from Aylesbury I see a return visit likely.

***Richard Billyard***

## Bird Report – January 2011

As you will see below over 120 people have provided county records this January, which I am sure is a welcome record. Although it is not possible for all records to appear in this short report, or even in the larger annual report, all records entered on to the website, or sent directly to me, are included in the county database providing a long term picture of the county's bird population. In some years time people will look back with interest at this winter of the Waxwing in Buckinghamshire, with good numbers from Marlow in the south to Milton Keynes in the north.

M A'Court, R R Akam, R D Andrews, G Anderson, M Ansley, T J Ashley, K Austin, S Barlow (SBw), J Baines (JBn), S L Barlow, J A Barnes, A D Bassett, R G Bidy, R Billyard(RBy), J Bowman(JBw), L Bown, M Bragg, S Brooke(StB), L G Bryant, C J Bullock, J Chadbone, M R Chadwick, W L Claydon, D L Cleal, M Cleal, B D Clews, E Coles, L Coles, P Coles, M C Collard, R Collard, D T Cox, J Daisley, K R Deards, W Dennis, F Desmette, R Dixon, K P Duncan, K Earnshaw, J Elkin, L G R Evans, D M Ferguson, S N Fletcher, S Floody, N R Foster, N Foxton, J D Gaches, D Gantzel, T Garner, J W Gearing, R Gent, A M George, N Green, J Hale, M J Hawes, S Hetherington, C Hoggan, B J Hollands, K R Holt, D Horton, B M Hulbert, M S Hunt, R M Jackson, R S Jarratt, A Jones, G Jones, M Jones, R Kirk, L Lambert, T J Lewis, P Lock, P E Lyons, J E Macdonald, A J Macfarlane, Mick McQuaid, I L P Malin, N Marriner, J Mason, D Maunder, P R Moon, D R Morris, R Ness, J Newcombe, T Newing, R J Norris, D Odell, K O'Hagen, W J Parker, D Parmenter, R Pearson, B Richards, S Richards(SRi), D Riddington, S Rodwell(SRd), C Robinson, D M Roe, J E Rose, J Rowley, G Ryder, R Scaife, J C Seabrook, J Sheppard, W A Smith, P Stanford, A J Stevens, P J Stevens, D J Stone, A Stow, P Sutton, J N Sweeney, P R Symonds, C Tarbotton, A Taylor, G N Taylor, T O Taylor, M Tinnelly, P J Tizzard, K I Tubb, M S Wallen, J R Wallington, P Warham, T J Watts, P S Weisner, A D Westwood, D R Wilson, P Woodham, M Wynn.

**Highest counts of birds are shown for given sites, although other records may have been submitted.**

### **Little Grebe**

Highest Count - Jubilee River: 14 1<sup>st</sup> (RDA).

### **Great-crested Grebe**

Highest Counts –  
Calvert Sailing Lake:  
9<sup>th</sup> (WLC), Little  
Marlow GP: 44 31<sup>st</sup>  
(DMF).



### **\*Black-necked Grebe**

Calvert Sailing Lake: 1  
all month (WLC,  
et.al). *Photo taken at  
Calvert courtesy of  
Tim Watts.*

### **Bittern**

Caldecotte Lake: 1 1<sup>st</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (KO'H), Calvert BBOWT Lake: 3 8<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> (TJW), Jubilee River: 1 17<sup>th</sup> (KPD), Thorney CP: 1 9<sup>th</sup> (BJH), Walton BL 1 14<sup>th</sup> (RJN).

### **Little Egret**

Multiple Sightings: Chesham Fishing Lake: 2 11<sup>th</sup> (RN), Chesham Moor: 2 7<sup>th</sup> (DJS), Chess Valley: 5 26<sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Gayhurst Quarry: 3 9<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Linford: 6 27<sup>th</sup> (PRM), Little Marlow GP: 4 31<sup>st</sup> (DH), Manor Farm Quarry: 3 11<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Shardeloes: 2 27<sup>th</sup> (NF), Weston Turville Res: 15 14<sup>th</sup> (DRW), Wing: 2 11<sup>th</sup> (ILPM), Wycombe Marsh: 2 2<sup>nd</sup> (CJB).

### **Mute Swan**

Highest Counts - Caldecotte Lake: 34 16<sup>th</sup> (GNT& TOT), Jubilee River: 25 2<sup>nd</sup> (LGRE), The Rye, High Wycombe: 48 13<sup>th</sup> (JDG).

### **#Whooper Swan**

Gayhurst Quarry: 1 1<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJN, LGRE).

### **Barnacle Goose**

Dorney Lake: 15 8<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> (KPD, DLC, LGRE, ADB), Gallows Bridge Farm: 7 7<sup>th</sup> (MA'C), Gayhurst Quarry: 1 9<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Jubilee River: 15 2<sup>nd</sup> (LGRE).

**#White-fronted Goose** Gallows Bridge Farm: 4 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> (DH,MA'C,KE,TJW, ADW), Jubilee River: 18 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> reducing to 4 until 31<sup>st</sup> (RDA, et.al).  
*Photo taken at Jubilee River courtesy of Jim Rose.*

**Greylag Goose** Highest Count - Jubilee River: 275 2<sup>nd</sup> (JER).



**Canada Goose**  
**Egyptian Goose**

Highest Count – Wotton Lakes: 231 16<sup>th</sup> (BMH).  
 Black Park: 2 20<sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Calvert: 5 15<sup>th</sup> (JS), Eythrope: 2 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> (NRF,ADW), Jubilee River: 9 1<sup>st</sup> (BJH), Langley Park: 5 23<sup>rd</sup> (KPD), Little Marlow GP: 2 22<sup>nd</sup> (DH), Springfield Farm LF: 19 26<sup>th</sup> (DLC), Wexham Park GC: 2 17<sup>th</sup> (MB), Wooburn Green: 2 8<sup>th</sup> (RK),  
*Photo taken at Calvert BBOWT Lake courtesy of John Sheppard.*



Maximum Counts	Wigeon	Gadwall	Teal	Mallard
Broughton, Aylesbury:	6 10 <sup>th</sup> (StB)	6 5 <sup>th</sup> (StB)	48 30 <sup>th</sup> (StB)	88 8 <sup>th</sup> (StB)
Burnham Beeches				28 24 <sup>th</sup> (JDG)
Caldecotte Lake	32 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)	5 2 <sup>nd</sup> (JWG)		57 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)
Calvert	11 25 <sup>th</sup> (WLC)	6 10 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)		
Chearsley			4 2 <sup>nd</sup> (PC)	
Chesham Fishing Lake		2 20 <sup>th</sup> 9 (LGRE)		28 1 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)
Chess Valley			4 1 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)	
College Lake	650 2 <sup>nd</sup> (NM)	1 2 <sup>nd</sup> (NM)	25 2 <sup>nd</sup> (NM)	
Deep Mill Lane Pond				30 10 <sup>th</sup> (DJS)
Dorney Lake	73 22 <sup>nd</sup> (KPD)	59 31 <sup>st</sup> (KPD)	46 8 <sup>th</sup> (KPD)	
Eythrope	10 2 <sup>nd</sup> (NRF)			
Foxcote Res	738 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)		255 18 <sup>th</sup> (PJT)	
Fulmer Lake	40 21 <sup>st</sup> (CR)	14 30 <sup>th</sup> (CR)	4 21 <sup>st</sup> (CR)	
Gallows Bridge Farm	736 9 <sup>th</sup> (MA'C)	14 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM)	540 9 <sup>th</sup> (MA'C)	
Great Water		17 1 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)		12 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)
Heath Bridge	156 20 <sup>th</sup> (JWG)	5 20 <sup>th</sup> (JWG)		54 20 <sup>th</sup> (JWG)
High Wycombe, Rye				170 13 <sup>th</sup> (JDG)
Hillesden		10 24 <sup>th</sup> (PJT)		
Jubilee River	9 2 <sup>nd</sup> (LGRE)	8 2 <sup>nd</sup> (JER)		
Little Marlow GP	139 1 <sup>st</sup> (AJS)	19 16 <sup>th</sup> (AJS)	233 16 <sup>th</sup> (AJS)	
Nether Winchendon			10 30 <sup>th</sup> (ADW)	
Mount Farm		11 6 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)		9 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)
Shardeloes		12 8 <sup>th</sup> (DTC)	2 8 <sup>th</sup> (DTC)	28 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)
Stowe		4 16 <sup>th</sup> (MSH)		
Weston Turville		20 30 <sup>th</sup> (DRW)	1 7 <sup>th</sup> (DRW)	21 9 <sup>th</sup> (PS)
Willen Lakes:	20 31 <sup>st</sup> (Ella)	22 31 <sup>st</sup> (Ella)		
Wotton Lakes	44 21 <sup>st</sup> (JWG)	26 21 <sup>st</sup> (JWG)	89 7 <sup>th</sup> (FD)	350 7 <sup>th</sup> (FD)
Wycombe Marsh			4 10 <sup>th</sup> (CJB)	

Maximum Counts	Shoveler	Pochard	Tufted Duck	Goldeneye
Broughton, Aylesbury:	5 5 <sup>th</sup> (StB)	5 5 <sup>th</sup> (NM)	1 all month (StB)	
Caldecotte Lake			139 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)	2 6 <sup>th</sup> (KO'H)
Calvert		11 17 <sup>th</sup> (NM)	66 10 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)	1 25 <sup>th</sup> (WLC,TJW)
Chesham Fishing Lake	1 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE,RN)	8 1 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> (LGRE)	23 18 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)	
College Lake		55 2 <sup>nd</sup> (NM)	39 20 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)	
Deep Mill Lane Pond		1 2 <sup>nd</sup> (MCC)	15 2 <sup>nd</sup> (MCC)	
Dorney Lake	11 12 <sup>th</sup> (DLC)	2 8 <sup>th</sup> (KPD)	134 8 <sup>th</sup> (KPD)	2 6 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> (KPD)
Eythrope	2 2 <sup>nd</sup> (NRF)			
Foxcote Res		23 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)		17 16 <sup>th</sup> (WLC)
Fulmer Lake	4 1 <sup>st</sup> (CR)	10 21 <sup>st</sup> (CR)	32 30 <sup>th</sup> (CR)	
Gallows Bridge Farm	1 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM)			
Great Water		7 1 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)	12 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)	
High Wycombe, Rye			34 13 <sup>th</sup> (JDG)	
Jubilee River		30 2 <sup>nd</sup> (JER)	250 2 <sup>nd</sup> (JER)	2 3 <sup>rd</sup> (WS)
Little Marlow GP	3 28 <sup>th</sup> (SLB)	157 16 <sup>th</sup> (AJS)	302 16 <sup>th</sup> (AJS)	
Little Missenden			2 10 <sup>th</sup> (DJS)	
Mount Farm		16 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)	57 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)	
Shardeloes		7 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE,PS)	18 25 <sup>th</sup> (PS)	
Stoke Park		3 16 <sup>th</sup> (BDC)		
Stowe		2 22 <sup>nd</sup> (MSH)	20 16 <sup>th</sup> (MSH)	
Taplow GP		3 21 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)	17 21 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)	
Tilehouse Lakes			12 21 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)	
Wendover Canal			1 2 <sup>nd</sup> (PS)	
Weston Turville	1 23 <sup>rd</sup> (JRW,SR)	7 9 <sup>th</sup> (DRW)	9 16 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> (DRW,SR)	
Willen Lakes		1 31 <sup>st</sup> (Ella)		15 14 <sup>th</sup> (PRM)
Wotton Lakes	43 21 <sup>st</sup> (JWG)	66 21 <sup>st</sup> (JWG)	35 16 <sup>th</sup> (BMH)	

### Shelduck

Dorney Lake: 4 22<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> (KPD,DLC), Little Marlow GP: 4 26<sup>th</sup> (ADB), Wotton Lakes: 3 20<sup>th</sup> (FD).

### Mandarin

Back Wood: 1 24<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Burnham Beeches: 25 2<sup>nd</sup> (LGRE), Caldecotte Lake: 1 4<sup>th</sup> (RS), Shardeloes: 4 12<sup>th</sup> (PS), Wendover Canal: 2 16<sup>th</sup> (SRi).

### Pintail

Calvert: 8 15<sup>th</sup> (KE,TJW), Foxcote Reservoir: 8 16<sup>th</sup> (WLC), Gallows Bridge Farm: 1 9<sup>th</sup> (MA'C), Heath Bridge: 6 20<sup>th</sup> (JWG).

### Red-Crested Pochard

Caldecotte Lake: 2 9<sup>th</sup> (KO'H), College Lake: 5 2<sup>nd</sup> (NM).

### Smew

College Lake: 3 20<sup>th</sup> (LGRE).

### Goosander

Broughton, Aylesbury: 3 22<sup>nd</sup> (StB), Caldecotte Lake: 4 30<sup>th</sup> (KO'H), Calvert 1 16<sup>th</sup> (WLC), Chesham Fishing Lake: 1 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> (LGRE,DJS,KA), Emberton: 14 12<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Foxcote Reservoir: 8 18<sup>th</sup> (PJT), Little Marlow GP: 1 9<sup>th</sup> (KRH), Lodge



Lake, MK: 1 3<sup>rd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> (DO,PRM), Stowe: 23 16<sup>th</sup> (MSH), Taplow: 2 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (RDA,DLC), Weston Turville Res: 2 8<sup>th</sup> (SR), Willen Lakes: 2 14<sup>th</sup> (PRM), Wotton Lakes: 17 11<sup>th</sup> (FD). *Photo taken at Caldecotte Lakes courtesy of Mike Wallen.*

<b>#Hen Harrier</b>	Fleet Marston: 1 female 4 <sup>th</sup> (EC), Waddesdon: 1 female 13 <sup>th</sup> (EC), Waddesdon: 1 male 18 <sup>th</sup> (EC), Waddesdon Manor: 1 female 10 <sup>th</sup> (EC).
<b>#Goshawk</b>	Broughton, Aylesbury: 1 6 <sup>th</sup> (GJ).
<b>#Merlin</b>	Gallows Bridge Farm: 9 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> (TJW).
<b>Peregrine</b>	Aylesbury Central: 2 26 <sup>th</sup> (MSW), Back Wood: 1 24 <sup>th</sup> (RJN), Coobe Hill: 1 9 <sup>th</sup> (RBy), Gallows Bridge Farm: 2 several dates (KE,TJW,LGRE,ADW), Little Marlow GP: 1 23 <sup>rd</sup> (AJS), Nether Winchendon: 1 30 <sup>th</sup> (ADW), Walter's Ash: 1 10 <sup>th</sup> (SNF), Wotton Lakes: 1 7 <sup>th</sup> (FD).
<b>Grey Partridge</b>	Atwood: 2 29 <sup>th</sup> (RJN), Broughton Grounds: 2 25 <sup>th</sup> (RJN), Ford: 2 27 <sup>th</sup> (JWG), Hardmead: 4 28 <sup>th</sup> (RJN), Lower Pollicott: 8 2 <sup>nd</sup> (ADW).
<b>Water Rail</b>	Broughton, Aylesbury: 1 24 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> (StB), Caldecotte Lake: 1 11 <sup>th</sup> (KO'H), Calvert: 1 19 <sup>th</sup> (RS), Jubilee River: 1 several dates (JER,ADB,KPD), Little Marlow GP: 4 1 <sup>st</sup> (AJS), Shardeloes: 1 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Walton BL: 2 4 <sup>th</sup> (PRM), Weston Turville Res: 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> (PS,SRi), Willen Lakes: 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> (RJN), Wotton Lakes: 3 7 <sup>th</sup> (FD).
<b>Coot</b>	Highest Count – 214 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT).
<b>Oystercatcher</b>	Rowsham: 1 over 19 <sup>th</sup> (MSW).
<b>Golden Plover</b>	Highest Counts – Cuddington: 260 10 <sup>th</sup> (JWG), Gallows Bridge Farm: 327 20 <sup>th</sup> (MA'C).
<b>Lapwing</b>	Highest Counts - Gallows Bridge Farm: 2088 20 <sup>th</sup> (MA'C), Little Marlow GP: 776 16 <sup>th</sup> (AJS).
<b>Dunlin</b>	College Lake: 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> (NM), Gallows Bridge Farm: 4 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM), Jubilee River: 1 29 <sup>th</sup> (KPD,BJH).
<b>Ruff</b>	Gallows Bridge Farm: 2 8 <sup>th</sup> (MA'C).
<b>Jack Snipe</b>	Gallows Bridge Farm: 1 20 <sup>th</sup> (MA'C).
<b>Snipe</b>	Highest Count – Gallows Bridge Farm: 23 23 <sup>rd</sup> (MA'C).
<b>Woodcock</b>	Dancersend: 2 30 <sup>th</sup> (MJ), Stowe: 1 8 <sup>th</sup> (PJT), Wing: 1 19 <sup>th</sup> (ILPM).
<b>Black-tailed Godwit</b>	Caldecotte Lake: 1 6 <sup>th</sup> (KO'H), Gallows Bridge Farm: 1 7 <sup>th</sup> (MA'C).
<b>Curlew</b>	Lodge Hill: 1 3 <sup>rd</sup> (PS).
<b>Redshank</b>	Willen Lakes: 1 16 <sup>th</sup> (RJN).
<b>Green Sandpiper</b>	Dorney Lake: 1 12 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> (DLC,KPD), Manor Farm Quarry: 1 11 <sup>th</sup> (RJN), Weston Turville Res: 2 15 <sup>th</sup> (SRi).
<b>Mediterranean Gull</b>	Calvert: 1 29 <sup>th</sup> (WLC), Little Marlow GP: 1 15 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> (AJS,DH).
<b>Yellow-legged Gull</b>	Calvert: 17 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Little Marlow GP: 1 26 <sup>th</sup> (ADB).
<b>Caspian Gull</b>	Calvert: 5 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE).
<b>#Iceland Gull</b>	Calvert: 1 21 <sup>st</sup> (TJW), Little Marlow GP: 1 31 <sup>st</sup> (MM,DH). <i>Photo taken at LMGP courtesy of Mick McQuaid.</i>
<b>Great Black-backed Gull</b>	Caldecotte Lake: 91 2 <sup>nd</sup> (JWG), Calvert: 522 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Gallows Bridge Farm: 8 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM), Hedgerley: 53 2 <sup>nd</sup> (LGRE), Little Marlow GP: 95 16 <sup>th</sup> (AJS), Springfield Farm LF: 8 10 <sup>th</sup> (DLC).



Maximum Counts	Black-headed Gull	Common Gull	Lesser B B Gull	Herring Gull
Ashendon	6 2 <sup>nd</sup> (ADW)	2 2 <sup>nd</sup> (ADW)	54 2 <sup>nd</sup> (ADW)	2 2 <sup>nd</sup> (ADW)
Brill	100 8 <sup>th</sup> (BMH)	80 18 <sup>th</sup> (BMH)	300 8 <sup>th</sup> (BMH)	1 11 <sup>th</sup> (StB)
Broughton, Aylesbury:	300 16 <sup>th</sup> (StB)	5 29 <sup>th</sup> (StB)	10 24 <sup>th</sup> (StB)	
Caldecotte Lake	546 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)	19 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)		21 2 <sup>nd</sup> (JWG)
Calvert	2000 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)	20 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)	4611 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)	2172 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)
Chartridge		7 4 <sup>th</sup> (DJS)		
Chesham STW	184 1 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)			
Foxcote Res	1328 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)	93 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE)		
Gallows Bridge Farm:	425 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM)	3 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM)	315 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM)	15 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM)
Great Water	68 1 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)	1 1 <sup>st</sup> (LGRE)		
Halton Airfield		2 22 <sup>nd</sup> (SRi)		1 22 <sup>nd</sup> (SRi)
Hedgerley			73 2 <sup>nd</sup> (LGRE)	
High Wycombe The Rye	245 5 <sup>th</sup> (AT)			
Hughenden Park		10 4 <sup>th</sup> (DTC)		
Liscombe Park	220 8 <sup>th</sup> (PEL)	8 8 <sup>th</sup> (PEL)		
Little Marlow GP		500 15 <sup>th</sup> (AJS)		
Lodge Hill		16 3 <sup>rd</sup> (PS)		
Monks Risborough			16 8 <sup>th</sup> (PS)	
Mount Farm	52 16 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT)			
Prestwood	38 25 <sup>th</sup> (RBy)			
Shardeloes	130 25 <sup>th</sup> (PS)	21 25 <sup>th</sup> (PS)		2 12 <sup>th</sup> (PS)
Taplow		150 10 <sup>th</sup> (DLC)		
Wendover		2 23 <sup>rd</sup> (SRi)	3 15 <sup>th</sup> (SRi)	
Weston Turville	307 16 <sup>th</sup> (DSW)	7 16 <sup>th</sup> (DSW)		
Wotton Lakes	16 21 <sup>st</sup> (JWG)	62 21 <sup>st</sup> (JWG)	41 16 <sup>th</sup> (BMH)	
Wycombe Marsh	206 3 <sup>rd</sup> (CJB)		4 3 <sup>rd</sup> (CJB)	

**Ring-necked Parakeet** Beaconsfield: 4 30<sup>th</sup> (SRi), Chess Valley: 1 26<sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Dorney: 3 21<sup>st</sup> (SNF), Jubilee River: 21 10<sup>th</sup> (KRH), Latimer Park: 2 29<sup>th</sup> (RN), Little Marlow GP: 19 13<sup>th</sup> (KRH), Stoke Park: 1 16<sup>th</sup> (BDC).

**Barn Owl** Aston Clinton: 1 16<sup>th</sup> (MSW), Charndon: 1 20<sup>th</sup> (JWG), Gallows Bridge Farm: 1 22<sup>nd</sup> (ADW), Hampden Bottom: 1 8<sup>th</sup> (RDA), Hardmead: 1 27<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Jubilee River: 1 29<sup>th</sup> (KPD), Linford: 1 3<sup>rd</sup> (RJN), Little Hampden: 1 15<sup>th</sup> (PS), Newport Pagnell: 1 16<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Stowe: 1 all month (PJT), Whitchurch: 1 19<sup>th</sup> (MSW).

**Little Owl** Ashwood: 1 28<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Broughton, Aylesbury: 1 all month (StB), Forty Green: 1 2<sup>nd</sup> (PJS), Grange Farm, Widmer End: (DTC), Hardmead: 1 11<sup>th</sup> (RJN), Kimblewick: 1 13<sup>th</sup> (RBy), Liscombe Park: 1 16<sup>th</sup> (PEL), Marlow: 1 30<sup>th</sup> (GA), Wotton Lakes: 1 1th (FD).

**Tawny Owl** Dancersend: 1 30<sup>th</sup> (MJ), Hazlemere: 1 1<sup>st</sup> (RDA), High Wycombe: 2 5<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (RK), Beaconsfield: 1 27<sup>th</sup> (RMJ), Lee Common: 3 8<sup>th</sup> (DJS), Little Chalfont: 2 1<sup>st</sup> (LGRE), Little Marlow GP: 1 13<sup>th</sup> (KRH), Long Crendon: 1 20<sup>th</sup> (ADW), Marlow Bottom: 1 1<sup>st</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Penn Wood: 2 23<sup>rd</sup> (KRH), Prestwood: 1 12<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (RBy), Rowsham: 2 1<sup>st</sup> (MSW), Stowe: 1 25<sup>th</sup> (PJT), Wendover: 1 14<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (SRi, JM).

**Short-eared Owl** Wingrave: 1 28<sup>th</sup> (ILPM).

**Kingfisher** Multiple Sighting - Little Marlow GP: 3 16<sup>th</sup> (AJS).

**Lesser S. Woodpecker** Broughton, Aylesbury: 1 5<sup>th</sup> (NM), Hedgerley: 1 23<sup>rd</sup> (DRM).

**Skylark** Highest Count – Great Kimble: 100 29<sup>th</sup> (RBy), Lodge Hill: 90 3<sup>rd</sup> (PS).

**Meadow Pipit** Broughton, Aylesbury: 2 8<sup>th</sup> (StB), Dorney Lake: 8 12<sup>th</sup> (DLC), Gallows Bridge Farm: 23 20<sup>th</sup> (MA' C).

**#Water Pipit** Dorney Lake: 1 10<sup>th</sup> (KPD).

**Pied Wagtail** Highest Counts - Beaconsfield: 200 at roost 26<sup>th</sup> (JNS), Princes Risborough: 76 at roost 15<sup>th</sup> (RBy).

## Waxwing

Amersham: 16 3<sup>rd</sup> (DP,MCC), Aylesbury, Central: 52 27<sup>th</sup> (MSW), Aylesbury, Fairford Leys: 52 28<sup>th</sup> (MSW), Aylesbury, North: 9 31<sup>st</sup> (WLC), Aylesbury, Griffin Lane area: 82 2<sup>nd</sup> (MSW), Aylesbury, Walton: 25 1<sup>st</sup> (MSW), Aylesbury, Bedgrove: 40 25<sup>th</sup> (WLC), Bierton: 1 10<sup>th</sup> (JE), Bletchley: 200 9<sup>th</sup> (TJA), Burnham: 24 12<sup>th</sup> (DLC), Chalfont St Peter: 11 26<sup>th</sup> (JNS0, Chesham: 82 1<sup>st</sup> (LGRE), Dinton: 10 1<sup>st</sup> (NRF), Downley, HW: 11 6<sup>th</sup> (WLC), Farnham Common: 1 24<sup>th</sup> (WLC), Flackwell Heath: 7 20<sup>th</sup> (Ann), Great Missenden: 1 31<sup>st</sup> (PS), High Wycombe: 52 5<sup>th</sup> (DP), Lacey Green: 33 21<sup>st</sup> (MCC), Little Chalfont: 18 25<sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Marlow: 88 28<sup>th</sup> (ADB), Meadle: 3 13<sup>th</sup> (NRF), Milton Keynes, Central: 200+ 18<sup>th</sup> (PRM), Milton Keynes, Grange farm: 27 5<sup>th</sup> (PRM), Milton Keynes, Great Holm: 6 3<sup>rd</sup> (DO), Milton Keynes: Kingston: 100 30<sup>th</sup> (JEM), Milton Keynes, Old Farm Park: 18 21<sup>st</sup> (TG), Milton Keynes, Oldbrook: 26 1<sup>st</sup> (PRM), Milton Keynes, Two Mile Ash: 40 4<sup>th</sup> (RG), Monks Risborough: 10 30<sup>th</sup> (MW), Newport Pagnell: 20 4<sup>th</sup> (BR), Rowsham: 32 2<sup>nd</sup> (MSW), Shardeloes: 28 26<sup>th</sup> (LGRE), The Rye: 52 5<sup>th</sup> (AT), Walters Ash: 12 31<sup>st</sup> (SNF), Wendover: 1 3<sup>rd</sup> (SRi), Widmer End: 15 5<sup>th</sup> (DP), Wing: 2 21<sup>st</sup> (MSW). *Many excellent photographs have been taken of Waxwing and a great number are posted on the Bucks Bird Club website. This close up photo was taken at Fairford Leys courtesy*



*of Mike Wallen clearly showing the slightly hooked bill.*

## Fieldfare

Highest Counts - Buckingham: 250 3<sup>rd</sup> (MSH), Charndon: 260 29<sup>th</sup> (JWG), Dinton: 450 27<sup>th</sup> (JWG), Ivinghoe Aston: 325 29<sup>th</sup> (RDA), Rowsham: 300 8<sup>th</sup> (MSW), Weston Turville: 320 7<sup>th</sup> (MCC), Willen Lakes: 1500 20<sup>th</sup> (FD).

## Redwing

Highest Count – Chenies 140 4<sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Hughenden Park: 144 25<sup>th</sup> (DTC), Liscombe Park: 212 3<sup>rd</sup> (PEL), Rowsham: 180 19<sup>th</sup> (MSW), Waddesdon: 140 10<sup>th</sup> (LGRE).

## Cetti's Warbler

Calvert: 1 29<sup>th</sup> (WLC).

## Blackcap

Multiple Sightings – Burnham: 3 17<sup>th</sup> (DLC), Chalfont St Peter: 2 2<sup>nd</sup> (GR), High Wycombe: 3 24<sup>th</sup> (DTC), Holtspur: 2 30<sup>th</sup> (SLB), Marlow Bottom: 31<sup>st</sup> (ADB), Princes Risborough: 4 30<sup>th</sup> (DP), Totteridge, HW: 3 27<sup>th</sup> (DP).

## Goldcrest

Highest Count – Penn Wood: 10 27<sup>th</sup> (KRH).

## Firecrest

Aston Clinton: 1 18<sup>th</sup> (StB), Hogback Wood, Beaconsfield: 3 16<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> (DP,WS,LGRE), Monkton Wood: 1 1<sup>st</sup> (SRd). Wendover: 1 26<sup>th</sup> (JM).

## Coal Tit

Highest Counts – Dipple Wood 10 26<sup>th</sup> (DLC), Hogback Wood, Beaconsfield: 11 21<sup>st</sup> (LGRE).

## #Willow Tit

Wotton Lakes: 1 11<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (FD).

<b>Marsh Tit</b>	Chartridge: 1 4 <sup>th</sup> (DJS), Chess Valley: 1 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Coombe Hill: 1 15 <sup>th</sup> (RBy), Dancersend: 2 30 <sup>th</sup> (MJ), Gayhurst Quarry: 2 9 <sup>th</sup> (RJN), Lee Common: 2 17 <sup>th</sup> (DJS), Lodge Hill: 3 30 <sup>th</sup> (WLC), Marlow Bottom: 2 1 <sup>st</sup> (ADB), Prestwood: 4 25 <sup>th</sup> (RBy), Rushbeds Wood: 2 9 <sup>th</sup> (PC), St Leonard's: 2 3 <sup>rd</sup> (SRd), Stokenchurch: 1 all month (MRC), Stowe: 1 1 <sup>st</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> (MSH,PJT). Wendover: 2 20 <sup>th</sup> (GNT,TOT), Wendover Woods: 1 30 <sup>th</sup> (JM), Weston Turville Res: 1 25 <sup>th</sup> (SRi), Wotton Lakes: 1 20 <sup>th</sup> (FD).
<b>Raven</b>	Calvert: 1 17 <sup>th</sup> (NM), Charndon: 1 20 <sup>th</sup> (JWG), Dorton: 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> (ADW), Foxcote Reservoir: 2 18 <sup>th</sup> (PJT), Gallows Bridge Farm: 2 15 <sup>th</sup> (ADW), Gawcott: 4 24 <sup>th</sup> (PW), Halton: 1 26 <sup>th</sup> (JM), Hyde Lane: 2 30 <sup>th</sup> (PJT), Kimblewick: 2 20 <sup>th</sup> (RBy), Liscombe Park: 1 23 <sup>rd</sup> (PEL), Marlow: 1 28 <sup>th</sup> (AJS), Marlow Bottom: 2 13 <sup>th</sup> (ADB), Marsh: 2 6 <sup>th</sup> (RBy), Penn Wood: 1 28 <sup>th</sup> (KRH), Prestwood: 1 25 <sup>th</sup> (MCC), Quarryhall: 2 23 <sup>rd</sup> (RJN), Rushbeds Wood: 1 9 <sup>th</sup> (PC), Stowe: 1 10 <sup>th</sup> (PJT), Upper Winchendon: 1 9 <sup>th</sup> (ADW), Wendover Canal: 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> (PS), Woodham: 2 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Wotton Lakes: 2 21 <sup>st</sup> (JWG,FD).
<b>Starling</b>	Highest Counts – Aylesbury Central: 800 at roost (MSW), Gallows Bridge Farm: 550 10 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE).
<b>Tree Sparrow</b>	Gallows Bridge Farm: 18 15 <sup>th</sup> (NM), Hardmead: 1 all month (RJN), Quarryhall: 2 30 <sup>th</sup> (RJN).
<b>Brambling</b>	Highest Counts – Heath Wood: 21 19 <sup>th</sup> (RP), Hunt's Wood: 22 9 <sup>th</sup> (DJS), Penn Wood: 20 17 <sup>th</sup> (KRH).
<b>Greenfinch</b>	Highest Count – Penn Wood: 300 17 <sup>th</sup> (KRH),
<b>Goldfinch</b>	Highest Count - Dinton: 73 at roost 8 <sup>th</sup> (NRF).
<b>Siskin</b>	Highest Counts - Chesham Fishing Lake: 83 26 <sup>th</sup> (LGRE), Wexham Park GC: 90 20 <sup>th</sup> (MB).
<b>Lesser Redpoll</b>	Highest Count – Penn Wood: 90 11 <sup>th</sup> (KRH).
<b>Mealy Redpoll</b>	Beaconsfield: 1 12 <sup>th</sup> (WS).
<b>#Hawfinch</b>	Penn Wood: 1 1 <sup>st</sup> (JER).
<b>Corn Bunting</b>	Haddenham: 2 10 <sup>th</sup> (NM), Ivinghoe Ashton: 126 29 <sup>th</sup> (RDA), Beaconsfield: 1 12 <sup>th</sup> (WS).

**Records of species not on the British List and presumably escaped or released birds.**

<b>Ferruginous Duck</b>	Jubilee River: 1 8 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> (KPD,MSW)
<b>Todd's Canada Goose</b>	Olney Mill 1 26 <sup>th</sup> (RJN).

**Abbreviations Used** :- \* - Field Notes or Photo Provided. # - Field Notes or Photo Required.  
STW - Sewage Treatment Works. GP - Gravel Pit. CP - Country Park. LF – Landfill Site.

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