

## Potteric Carr Bird Highlights

- The **Iceland gull** (2nd CY in age) was again in the Huxter Well Marsh gull roost most evenings and a **Glaucous gull** (also 2CY) was found in the roost on 27th, when 70 **Great black-backed gull** were counted. The single wintering **Whooper swan** was still present at the month end. A New Year bird count resulted in 71 species being seen on 1st.



*Iceland gull on 8th January © Steve Furber and Bittern on 20th © Nidge Nilsen*

- A **Bearded tit** was in the Huxter Well Marsh reedbeds on 30th. At least one **Marsh tit** regularly visited the Willow Pool feeding station and two or more **Willow tit** were also seen feeding there.



*Marsh tit on 11th January © Allen Holmes and Cetti's warbler on 8th © Steve Furber*

- There were 2 **Egyptian geese** on 14th and 80 **Pink-footed geese** flew over on 5th. **Teal** numbers peaked at 450 on 21st and 62 **Shoveler** on 21st, with 70+ **Wigeon** on 14th. A pair of **Great crested grebe** were in courtship display on the 28th.
- The **Starling** murmuration decreased but sometimes gave a good show, with maximum count of 40,000.

- Birds of prey included a **Barn owl** on 2nd and **Peregrine** on 11th/24th/28th. **Marsh harrier** was seen regularly with day counts of up to three.
- A **Lesser spotted woodpecker** showed on 1st and 14th, and **Nuthatch** on eight dates including 2 on 7th. Two of the wintering **Stonechat** appeared on 1st, 11th, 25th and 30th. Up to 60 **Siskin** fed in alders.



*Water rail on 22nd © Adrian Andruchiw and Great spotted woodpecker © David Marfleet*

- A number of **Cetti's warblers** were heard and there was a **Blackcap** present on 5th January.
- **Bittern** (up to 4) and **Little egret** (up to 4) were on site, with one or two of the latter sometimes frequenting Mother Drain to fish.
- **Kingfisher** was occasionally seen and **Water rail** more often heard. 17 **Bullfinch** on 13th was a good number. 22 **Snipe** were counted on 11th. At the nearby iPort lakes, a **Jack snipe** appeared on 19th/21st.



*Jay © Justin Parker and Marsh harrier © Barry Wardley*

#### RELATED NEWS

- Potteric Carr celebrates its 50 anniversary this year and there will be a number of related events taking place on the nature reserve during 2018.

LIST OF BIRDS	RECORDED IN 2018											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mute Swan												
Bewick's Swan												
Whooper Swan												
Pink-footed Goose												
White-fronted Goose												
Greylag Goose												
Canada Goose												
Barnacle Goose												
Egyptian Goose												
Shelduck												
Mandarin Duck												
Wigeon												
Gadwall												
Teal												
Mallard												
Pintail												
Garganey												
Shoveler												
Red-crested Pochard												
Pochard												
Tufted Duck												
Scaup												
Common Scoter												
Goldeneye												
Smew												
Goosander												
Red-legged Partridge												
Grey Partridge												
Pheasant												
Leach's Petrel												
Cormorant												
Bittern												
Little Egret												
Great White Egret												
Grey Heron												
Purple Heron												
Spoonbill												
Little Grebe												
Great Crested Grebe												
Black-necked Grebe												
Honey-buzzard												
Red Kite												
Marsh Harrier												
Hen Harrier												
Pallid Harrier												
Montagu's Harrier												
Goshawk												
Sparrowhawk												
Buzzard												
Osprey												
Kestrel												
Merlin												
Hobby												
Peregrine												
Water Rail												
Moorhen												
Coot												
Oystercatcher												
Golden Plover												
Grey Plover												
Lapwing												
Little Ringed Plover												
Ringed Plover												
Whimbrel												
Curlew												
Black-tailed Godwit												
Bar-tailed Godwit												
Turnstone												
Knot												
Ruff												
Curlew Sandpiper												
Temminck's Stint												
Sanderling												
Dunlin												
Little Stint												
Red-necked Phalarope												
Common Sandpiper												
Green Sandpiper												
Spotted Redshank												
Greenshank												
Wood Sandpiper												
Redshank												
Jack Snipe												
Woodcock												
Snipe												
Little Tern												
Black Tern												
Sandwich Tern												
Common Tern												
Arctic Tern												
Kittiwake												
Black-headed Gull												
Little Gull												
Mediterranean Gull												
Common Gull												
Lesser Black-backed Gull												
Herring Gull												
Yellow-legged Gull												
Caspian Gull												
Iceland Gull												
Glaucous Gull												
Great Black-backed Gull												



Whooper swan © Allen Holmes



Pheasant © Kieron Wobschall



Bittern © Ron Parke



Kestrel © Paul Naylor

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Feral Dove / Rock Pigeon												
Stock Dove												
Woodpigeon												
Collared Dove												
Turtle Dove												
Ring-necked Parakeet												
Cuckoo												
Barn Owl												
Tawny Owl												
Short-eared Owl												
Swift												
Kingfisher												
Green Woodpecker												
Great Spotted Woodpecker												
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker												
Magpie												
Jay												
Jackdaw												
Rook												
Carrion Crow												
Raven												
Goldcrest												
Firecrest												
Blue Tit												
Great Tit												
Coal Tit												
Willow Tit												
Marsh Tit												
Bearded Tit												
Sskylark												
Sand Martin												
Swallow												
House Martin												
Cetti's Warbler												
Long-tailed Tit												
Yellow-browed Warbler												
Wood Warbler												
Chiffchaff												
Willow Warbler												
Blackcap												
Garden Warbler												
Lesser Whitethroat												
Whitethroat												
Grasshopper Warbler												
Sedge Warbler												
Reed Warbler												
Waxwing												
Nuthatch												
Treecreeper												
Wren												
Starling												
Ring Ouzel												
Blackbird												
Fieldfare												
Song Thrush												
Redwing												
Mistle Thrush												
Spotted Flycatcher												
Robin												
Pied Flycatcher												
Black Redstart												
Redstart												
Whinchat												
Stonechat												
Wheatear												
Dunnock												
House Sparrow												
Tree Sparrow												
Yellow Wagtail												
Grey Wagtail												
Pied Wagtail												
Meadow Pipit												
Chaffinch												
Brambling												
Greenfinch												
Goldfinch												
Siskin												
Linnet												
Lesser Redpoll												
Common/Mealy Redpoll												
Common Crossbill												
Bullfinch												
Hawfinch												
Yellowhammer												
Reed Bunting												

total species recorded												
each month 2018	84											
year to date 2018	84											
year to date for 2017	90	96	108	141	151	153	156	156	160	163	164	166



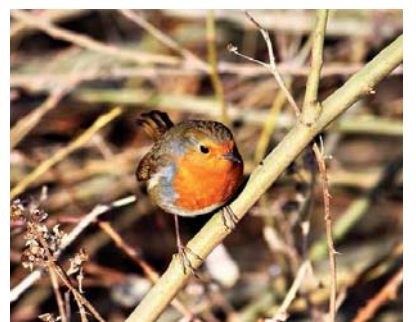
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