



**Yorkshire**  
Wildlife Trust



Potteric  
Carr  
Golden  
Jubilee  
2018

**May**  
**2018**

## Potteric Carr Bird Highlights



*Hobbies on 11th May © Nidge Nilsen and on the 4th © Allen Holmes*

- Two **Hobby** appeared regularly all month from 4th, with 3 on 31st and 5 on 10th. An **Osprey** flew over on 5th and up to 3 **Marsh harrier** (1m and 2f) frequented the site in May. A **Wood sandpiper** on 8th was the scarcest wader to appear on West Scrape during the month, with a drake **Garganey** there on 9th and 13th. **Bearded tit** was in the Huxter Well Marsh reedbeds on 29th.



*Black-necked grebe © Martin Roper and Bittern © Allen Holmes*

- Other waders at Huxter Well Marsh included **Redshank** (2), **Snipe**, **Avocet** (max 8), **Common sandpiper**, **Dunlin** (max 7), **Ringed plover**, **Little ringed plover**, **Oystercatcher** (3 on 20th), a **Ruff** on 28th, 3 **Black-tailed godwit** from 29th–31st and a **Grey plover** on 30th.
- 3 **Bittern** (including a booming male), up to 10 singing **Cetti's warbler** and 2–5 **Black-necked grebe** were present all month. 3 **Egyptian geese** flew over on 8th, with a single **Goosander** next day.

- A **Kingfisher** was seen on 5th, however, no nesting has taken place on the reserve this year. **Mute swan**, **Canada** and **Greylag goose**, **Mallard**, **Coot**, **Moorhen** young were out in good numbers. **Skylark** sang over Grassy Knoll and a pair of **Linnet** bred near Tofield Hide. **Lapwing** chicks (3) were good to see at West Scrape. **Great** and **Blue tit** nestboxes contained young. **Water rail** was heard calling in Willow Marsh and Loversall Pool, where territories were suspected. While singing **Reed warbler** numbers were in double figures, only 2 **Sedge warbler** territories were located.
- **Wheatear** was present on 6th, **Cuckoo** 1–2 on six dates and a **Common tern** on 20th, with 6 on 28th. 1–7 **Little egret** frequented the site in May.



*Large family of **Blue tit** young in nestbox © Ken Burden and **Lapwing** chick © Allen Holmes*

- With only 13 nests of **Black-headed gull** remaining at Potteric Carr, the colony is close to complete desertion. Hundreds of pairs of these noisy gulls are usually nesting here at this time of year.

#### **iPORT Lakes**

This ecological buffer area produced at least 11 young **Avocet**, 3 young **Oystercatcher** and 9 young **Shelduck**, with **Ringed** and **Little ringed plover** also present. 2 **Raven** and a **Red kite** flew over on 10th. There were 1–2 summer plumaged **Sanderling** on 9th–11th, a **Turnstone** on 10th–11th, with 2 **Temminck's stint** on 23rd and 1 on 25th–27th. More records here: <http://www.doncasterbirding.co.uk/wordpress/>

#### **RELATED NEWS**

- A colour-ringed **Common sandpiper** identified at Potteric Carr in June 2017 had been ringed 52 days earlier near Sedburgh in Cumbria, a movement of 127 km.
- The **Potteric Big 50 Weekend** Golden Jubilee event will take place on the weekend of 21st–22nd July and you are invited to attend with **FREE ENTRY** for all visitors. See YWT website for more details
- **STOP PRESS** It was announced from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June that Potteric Carr Nature Reserve Volunteers had won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups. See YWT website for *The Story of Potteric Carr Nature Reserve 1968–2018* — due soon.

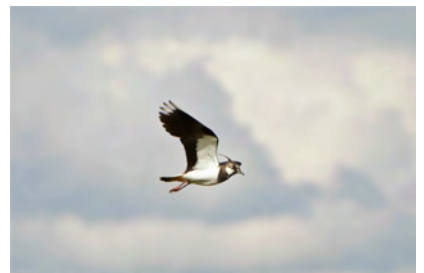
| LIST OF BIRDS            | RECORDED IN 2018 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                          | Jan              | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | 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                    |                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 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                     |                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Crane                    |                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Avocet                   |                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 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            |                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |



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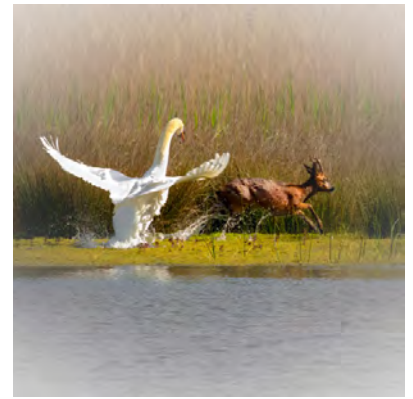
Sanderling © Chris Robinson



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|                           | Jan              | Feb | Mar | Apr  | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec  |
| Great Black-backed Gull   |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| 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                      |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Carriion Crow             |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Raven                     |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |
| Goldcrest                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Firecrest                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Blue Tit                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Great Tit                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Coal Tit                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Willow Tit                |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Marsh Tit                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Bearded Tit               |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Skylark                   |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Sand Martin               |                  |     |     | 14th |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Swallow                   |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| House Martin              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Cetti's Warbler           |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Long-tailed Tit           |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Yellow-browed Warbler     |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Wood Warbler              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Chiffchaff                |                  |     |     | 11th |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Willow Warbler            |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Blackcap                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Garden Warbler            |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Lesser Whitethroat        |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Whitethroat               |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Grasshopper Warbler       |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 16th |
| Sedge Warbler             |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Reed Warbler              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Waxwing                   |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Nuthatch                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Treecreeper               |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Wren                      |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Starling                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Ring Ouzel                |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |
| Blackbird                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Fieldfare                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Song Thrush               |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Redwing                   |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Mistle Thrush             |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Spotted Flycatcher        |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Robin                     |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Pied Flycatcher           |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Black Redstart            |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Redstart                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Whinchat                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |
| Stonechat                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Wheatear                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Duncock                   |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| House Sparrow             |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Tree Sparrow              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Yellow Wagtail            |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |
| Grey Wagtail              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |
| Pied Wagtail              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Meadow Pipit              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Chaffinch                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Brambling                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Greenfinch                |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Goldfinch                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Siskin                    |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Snow Bunting              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |
| Linnet                    |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |
| Lesser Redpoll            |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Common/Mealy Redpoll      |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Common Crossbill          |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Bullfinch                 |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Hawfinch                  |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| Yellowhammer              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |
| Reed Bunting              |                  |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | IP   |

| total species recorded | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| each month 2018        | 84  | 93  | 98  | 111 | 108 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| year to date 2018      | 84  | 98  | 111 | 134 | 144 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| year to date for 2017  | 90  | 96  | 108 | 141 | 151 | 153 | 156 | 156 | 160 | 163 | 164 | 166 |



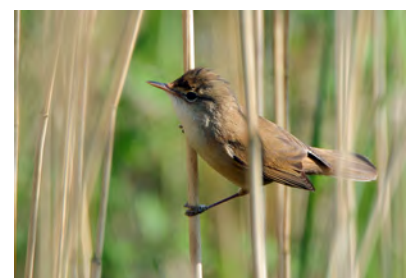
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