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Wildlife Trust



Potteric
Carr
Golden
Jubilee
2018

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Potteric Carr Bird Highlights



Common tern on 3rd © Adrian Andruchiw and Spoonbill on 13th June © Paul Paddock

- A **Spoonbill** visited Huxter Well Marsh on 13th. **Hobbies** continued to be recorded daily, with up to four hunting over the reserve suggesting nesting locally. A visiting wildlife group from Worcestershire found a **Red kite** on 2nd and 2 others flew over on 26th. There were 3 **Common tern** on 19th, with 1-2 on several other dates. **Little egret** daily, with 10 (max) on 17th/22nd.
- A pair of **Marsh harrier** produced young at Low Ellers Marsh. Two nests of **Bittern** reared 3 and 1+ young following regular feeding flights at Huxter Well Marsh. Other breeding successes included **Redshank** with 4 young, **Lapwing** 9 young, **Great crested grebe** 13 young, **Water rail** 3 young, **Gadwall** 30 young, **Tufted duck** 5 young, **Pochard** 10 young and **Kestrel** 2+ young. Unusually, **Treecreeper** raised 3 young in a nestbox and **Herring gull** had 2 young on Sedum House roof.



Mute swan and cygnets © Adrian Andruchiw and displaying Black-necked grebe © Robin Mokryj

- **Black-headed gulls** only managed to produce a handful of young. Two pairs of **Black-necked grebe** showed breeding behaviour but there was no evidence of successful nesting and they were last reported mid-month. Up to the end of June 63 species of birds are known to have attempted breeding at Potteric Carr this year.
- **Black-tailed godwit** (2), **Little ringed plover** (2 ad and 1 juv on 26th), **Avocet** (10), **Dunlin** (5), **Ringed plover** (7), **Lapwing** (96), **Redshank** (6), **Oystercatcher** (11) and **Common sandpiper** (1) were max wader counts, including juvs.
- The monthly WeBS count on 17th included 111 **Gadwall**, 5 **Teal**, 92 **Mallard**, 61 **Pochard**, 17 **Little grebe** and 11 **Great crested grebe**. 140 **Gadwall** on 12th June was a higher count. 2 **Barnacle geese** at Carr Lodge on 3rd were of unknown provenance.



Hobby and Bittern, both in June © Nidge Nilsen

- Up to 50 **Swift** regularly fed over the reserve, probably coming from local, suburban nesting sites.
- **Cetti's warbler** held territories across the reserve and **Lesser whitethroat** resumed singing after an inconspicuous period in May. **Kingfisher** was seen on 24th and 26th, the latter was a juvenile from an unknown nesting site. 2 **Coal tit** were heard on 26th.

RELATED NEWS

- YWT's Carr Lodge nature reserve recently won the Land Trust's Nature Site of the Year Award.
- **iPort Lakes buffer area**
Sightings can be found here: <http://www.doncasterbirding.co.uk/wordpress/> **Turnstone** (5), **Sandring** (2) and **Wood sandpiper** were among the waders, as well as 7 pairs of **Avocet** producing 18 chicks, **Little ringed plover** (2 pr had young); also **Yellow wagtail** (3 pr and young) and **Yellowhammer** (4 pr).
- A Question & Answer Session by **Mark Avery**, former RSPB Conservation Director and now independent environmental pundit, will take place at Potteric Carr on Sunday, 22nd July, starting at 3.00pm. Please book your place on the YWT website events page – £5 per person.
- The **Potteric is 50 Big Weekend** Golden Jubilee event will take place over the weekend of 21st–22nd July and you are invited to attend, with **FREE ENTRY** to non-members.
- A new YWT website was launched in June. Find the Potteric Carr wildlife sightings blog here: <http://www.ywt.org.uk/blog/potteric-carr/potteric-carr-sightings-blog>

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					IP							
Egyptian Goose						IP						
Shelduck												
Mandarin Duck												
Wigeon												
Gadwall												
Teal												
Mallard												
Pintail												
Garganey												
Shoveler												
Red-crested Pochard												
Pochard												
Tufted Duck												
Scaup												
Goldeneye												
Smew												
Goosander					IP							
Red-legged Partridge		IP	IP			IP						
Grey Partridge		IP			IP							
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					IP	IP						
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				IP	IP							
Ringed Plover					IP							
Whimbrel						IP						
Curlew												IP
Black-tailed Godwit												IP
Bar-tailed Godwit												IP
Turnstone						IP	IP					
Knot												
Ruff												
Curlew Sandpiper												
Temminck's Stint												IP
Sanderling						IP	IP	IP				
Dunlin												
Little Stint												
Red-necked Phalarope												
Common Sandpiper												
Green Sandpiper												IP
Spotted Redshank												
Greenshank												IP
Wood Sandpiper												IP
Redshank												
Jack Snipe	IP											
Woodcock												
Snipe												
Little Tern												
Black Tern												
Sandwich Tern												
Common Tern												
Arctic Tern						IP	IP	IP				
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												



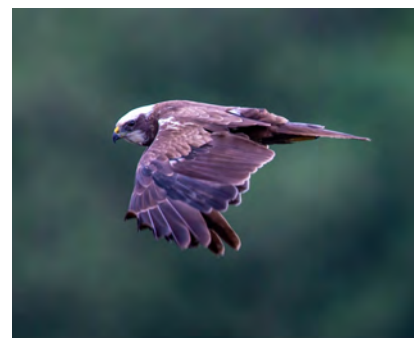
Bittern © Nidge Nilsen



Grey heron © Vernon Barker



Little egret © Vernon Barker



Marsh harrier © Vernon Barker

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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												
S 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	IP	IP					
Grey Wagtail												
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	IP	IP					
Reed Bunting												

total species recorded	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
each month 2018	84	93	98	112	109	95						
year to date 2018	84	98	111	134	144	145						
year to date for 2017	90	96	108	141	151	153	156	156	160	163	164	166



Lapwing chick being ringed
© Sheila Bury



Reed warbler
© Barry Wardley



Treecreeper young in nestbox
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