



Yorkshire
Wildlife Trust



Potteric Carr
Golden Jubilee
2018

Potteric Carr Bird Highlights – July 2018

- Waders of interest involved max 58+ **Black-tailed godwit** (on 25th), **Little ringed plover** (4 on 1st/2nd/9th, and 5 on 31st), 7 **Green sandpiper** (on 29th), 3 **Dunlin** (on 4th), 6 **Avocet** (on 9th), 2 **Ringed plover** (on 9th), 6 **Oystercatcher** (on 2nd) and 3 **Snipe** (on 26th). There were single **Curlew** on 2nd and 10th, **Golden plover** on 12th and **Common sandpiper** on 17th and 23rd, with 2 on 29th.



Little Egret and Common Tern © Vernon Barker



Curlew and Black-headed gull © Robin Mokryj

- Up to 3 **Common tern** visited on nine dates. 14 **Little egret**, 15 **Grey heron** and 26 **Cormorant** were peak counts. The only July **Black-necked grebe** was one seen on 3rd. Single **Grey wagtail** was present on 16th and a **Willow tit** on the 9th. **Hobby** was only reported on three dates. Up to 4 different **Marsh harrier** were identified including 2 fledged young, one juvenile receiving a food pass over Low Ellers on 21st July, indicative of successful breeding at that nest site. 3+ **Bittern** were often seen in a day as a result of two females producing 2 and 3 fledged young respectively this year. 2 **Kestrel** young fledged and more **Water rail** young were seen, and there was a new brood of **Pochard** (7 young).
- Waterfowl included 128 **Gadwall**, 60 **Pochard**, 14 **Great crested grebe** and 180 **Coot** (WeBS count) on 15th, and 26 adult and 10 young **Mute swan** on 19th.



Green sandpiper © Vernon Barker and *Lapwing* © Matthew Christou



Juvenile Bittern on 23rd and Oystercatcher © Allen Holmes

RELATED NEWS

- The iPort Lakes buffer area sightings can be found here: <http://www.doncasterbirding.co.uk/wordpress/> They include 10 **Common sandpiper** on 22nd, a **Turnstone** over on 26th and an impressive total of 13 **Little stint** on 28th. A pair of **Common tern** nested and produced three young and a **Yellow-legged gull** put in an appearance.
- The heatwave which started in mid-June continued throughout July and was heading for the UK's hottest summer of the 21st century and reminiscent of 1976, with very little rainfall and temperatures reaching 30°C.
- A **Reed warbler** controlled at Potteric Carr in July had been ringed in Essex the previous autumn.

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												
Bar-tailed Godwit												
Turnstone						IP	IP	IP				
Knot												
Ruff												
Curlew Sandpiper												
Temminck's Stint						IP						
Sanderling						IP	IP					
Dunlin				IP								
Little Stint											IP	
Red-necked Phalarope												
Common Sandpiper												
Green Sandpiper						IP						
Spotted Redshank												
Greenshank						IP						
Wood Sandpiper							IP					
Redshank			IP									
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												IP
Caspian Gull												
Iceland Gull												
Glaucous Gull												



Pheasant © Iain Macaulay



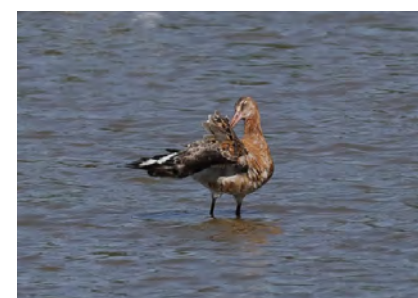
Little egrets © Richard Scott



Grey heron © Norman Clarkson



Grey heron © Vernon Barker



Black-tailed godwit
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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							IP					
Spotted Flycatcher												
Robin												
Pied Flycatcher												
Black Redstart												
Redstart												
Whinchat				IP								
Stonechat												
Wheatear												
Duncock												
House Sparrow												
Tree Sparrow												
Yellow Wagtail				IP	IP	IP	IP					
Grey Wagtail												
Pied Wagtail												
Meadow Pipit												
Chaffinch												
Brambling												
Greenfinch												
Goldfinch												
Siskin												
Snow Bunting		IP										
Linnet		IP				IP						
Lesser Redpoll												
Common/Mealy Redpoll												
Common Crossbill												
Bullfinch												
Hawfinch												
Yellowhammer				IP	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	93					
year to date 2018	84	98	111	134	144	145	148					
year to date for 2017	90	96	108	141	151	153	156	156	160	163	164	166



Bittern © Martin Roper