

Potteric Carr Highlights January 2019

Welcome to the monthly bird summery for 2019.

- There was a good movement of Pink-footed Geese throughout the region on the 18th when over 400 birds were recorded flying over the area.
- An exceptional record of 34 Whooper Swans were seen on the 20th including 21 together arriving mid-morning.



Whooper swans © Richard Scott

• Some notable gull sightings included Mediterranean Gull in the roost on several days with one also reported on Decoy Lake. Caspian gull was picked up on four occasions but no sightings so far of white winged gulls. Highest counts were 650 Herring Gull, 570 Great Black backed gull and over 1000 Black headed Gull.

- Wildfowl numbers built up as the month went on. Maximum numbers recorded were as follows: Mallard 58(30th), Pochard 107(20th), Tufted Duck 75, Shoveler 66 (both 15th), Teal 370 (27th), Gadwall 200(29th), Wigeon 49 (20th), Shelduck 10 (18th). Potteric recorded just a single Goldeneye, with one Goosander also being reported on iPort Lakes.
- As in previous years, the starling murmuration moved location over the New Year. Throughout January we have been treated to some spectacular views

and displays, the birds roosting in a variety of locations including Low Ellers, Decoy Marsh and in front of the VC on decoy marsh. The highest estimate of the number of birds involved reached a peak of 100-120,000 birds. A variety of raptors were attracted and Sparrowhawk, Peregrine, Marsh harrier and Merlin were all seen engaging with the flock.

- Reserve staff undertook a survey of the Barn owl boxes on site and a pleasing number of birds were seen. Two out of three boxes held birds and interestingly, one box (located on Huxter Well Marsh) had plenty of evidence of Starling predation contained within it.
- All three woodpeckers were seen during the month. Some early drumming was also heard on several dates in Black Carr Wood and Beeston Plantation. Lesser Spotted woodpecker was recorded on 8 days, usually in with a mixed flock of tits and other passerines.
- Other notable sightings included a record of 60 Greenfinch roosting near Short Land Fields, 4 Yellowhammer flying over the Access Track-a relatively rare bird these days actually on Potteric. Bearded tit was present but elusive and 2 Common Redpoll were reported amongst a mixed flock of Lesser Redpoll and Siskin.



Siskin © Allen Holmes and Marsh Harriers ©Mick Woodward.

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LIST OF BIRDS												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mute Swan Bewick's Swan												
Whooper Swan												
Bean Goose												
Pink-footed Goose White-fronted Goose												
Greylag Goose												
Snow Goose												
Canada Goose Barnacle Goose												
Brent Goose												
Egyptian Goose Ruddy Shelduck	IP											
Shelduck												
Mandarin Duck												
Wigeon Gadwall												
Teal												
Green-winged Teal Mallard												
Pintail												
Garganey												
Blue-winged Teal Shoveler												
Red-crested Pochard												
Pochard Bing pocked Duck												
Ring-necked Duck Ferruginous Duck												
Tufted Duck												
Scaup												
Lesser Scaup Eider												
Common Scoter												
Goldeneye Smew												
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	-	-		-			-	-		
Goosander	IP											
Ruddy Duck Quail												
Red-legged Partridge												
Grey Partridge												
Pheasant Black-throated Diver												
Fulmar												
Leach's Petrel												
Gannet Cormorant												
Shag												
Bittern Little Bittern												
Little Egret												
Great White Egret												
Grey Heron Purple Heron												
White Stork												
Glossy Ibis Spoonbill												
Little Grebe												
Great Crested Grebe												
Slavonian Grebe Black-necked Grebe												
Honey-buzzard												
Red Kite												
White-tailed Eagle Marsh Harrier												
Hen Harrier												
Pallid Harrier Montagu's Harrier												<u> </u>
Goshawk												
Sparrowhawk												
Buzzard Rough-legged Buzzard							-					
Osprey												
Kestrel Red-footed Falcon												
Merlin												
Hobby												
Peregrine Water Rail												
Spotted Crake												
Moorhen												
Coot Crane												
Stone-curlew												
Black-winged Stilt												
Avocet Oystercatcher												
Golden Plover												
Grey Plover												
Lapwing Little Ringed Plover												
Ringed Plover												
Whimbrel Curlow												
Curlew Black-tailed Godwit												
Bar-tailed Godwit												
Turnstone												
Knot Ruff												
Curlew Sandpiper												
Temminck's Stint												
Sanderling	l											

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Dunlin Little Stint								
Pectoral Sandpiper								
Red-necked Phalarope Common Sandpiper								
Spotted Sandpiper								
Green Sandpiper Spotted Redshank	IP							
Greenshank								
Wood Sandpiper								
Redshank Jack Snipe	IP IP							
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Woodcock Snipe								
Arctic Skua								
Little Auk								
Little Tern Whiskered Tern		 						
Black Tern								
Sandwich Tern								
Common Tern Roseate 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 Feral Dove / Rock Pigeon			 			 	 	
Stock Dove								
Woodpigeon Collared Dove		 	 			 	 	
Turtle Dove								
Ring-necked Parakeet								
Cuckoo Barn Owl		 						
Little Owl								
Tawny Owl								
Long-eared Owl Short-eared Owl								
Nightjar								
Swift Kingfisher		 						
Wryneck								
Green Woodpecker								
Great Spotted Woodpecker Lesser Spotted Woodpecker								
Golden Oriole								
Great Grey Shrike Magpie		 						
Jay								
Jackdaw Rook								
Carrion Crow								
Hooded Crow								
Raven Goldcrest								
Firecrest								
Blue Tit Great Tit								
Coal Tit								
Willow Tit Marsh Tit		_						
Marsh Tit Bearded Tit		 	 				 	
Skylark	IP							
Sand Martin Swallow								
House Martin								
Cetti's Warbler		-						
Long-tailed Tit Yellow-browed Warbler		 	 				 	
Wood Warbler								
Chiffchaff Iberian Chiffchaff		 	 			 	 	
Willow Warbler		 						
Blackcap Garden Warbler		 						
Garden Warbler Lesser Whitethroat		 	 			 	 	
Whitethroat								
Grasshopper Warbler Sedge Warbler		 	 			 	 	
Marsh Warbler								
Reed Warbler						[
Waxwing Nuthatch		 	 				 	L
Treecreeper								
Wren								
Starling Ring Ouzel		 	 			 	 	<u> </u>
Blackbird								
Fieldfare Song Thrush		 	 			 	 	
Redwing								
Mistle Thrush								
Spotted Flycatcher Robin						 		
Nightingale								
Pied Flycatcher		 						
Black Redstart			I	I		 1		

Redstart	1	1				1	1	
Whinchat								
Stonechat								
Wheatear								
Dunnock								
House Sparrow								
Tree Sparrow								
Yellow Wagtail								
Grey Wagtail								
Pied Wagtail								
Tree Pipit								
Meadow Pipit								
Rock Pipit								
Water Pipit								
Chaffinch								
Brambling								
Greenfinch								
Goldfinch								
Siskin								
Snow Bunting								
Linnet	IP							
Lesser Redpoll								
Common/Mealy Redpoll								
Common Crossbill								
Bullfinch								
Hawfinch								
Snow Bunting								
Yellowhammer								
Reed Bunting								

total species recorded												
each month 2019	99											
year to date 2019	99											
year to date for 2018	84	98	111	134	144	145	148	153	157	159	162	164