**Yorkshire** Wildlife Trust

Potteric Carr Highlights

## March 2019

- March once again proved to be a month full of interest with the transition from winter into spring. The first returning sand martin was seen on the 3<sup>rd</sup>-beating the previous earliest record by some four days. Chiffchaff numbers increased as the month progressed, the first singing blackcap was heard on the 23<sup>rd</sup>-with up to 10 singing on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Both a single swallow and house martin were seen on the 30<sup>th.</sup>
- Other returning birds included black-necked grebe which was first seen on the 10<sup>th</sup>, it was pretty elusive after then until the end of the month.
- The highest gull numbers were recorded on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March with 40 lesser black backed gull, 360 herring gull, and 35 great black backed gull –all recorded.
- A good variety of waders were seen, including: curlew, little ringed plover, oystercatcher, ruff, 5 together on the 28<sup>th</sup>; 27 snipe on the 16<sup>th</sup>, dunlin, redshank, woodcock and avocet-10 being seen together on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The iPort also attracted green sandpiper and ringed plover on several days.
- Winter visitors were still in the area, with 100 fieldfare over the iPort on the 17<sup>th</sup>, redwings seen throughout the month and a single brambling on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Lesser redpoll and siskin appeared to reduce in numbers through the month, a single common redpoll record being received.



Goldcrest © Carol Hall and Great White Egret © Richard Scott

- Whooper swans passed through the area with 21 together on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 60 flying north on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Marsh harrier was seen throughout the month with an adult male returning towards the end of the month. At least 2 immature birds are also present A site record 4 peregrines were seen over Huxter Well Marsh on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Finally 5 willow tits were identified early in the month as part of a survey into this much declined species, hopefully an encouraging sign for this year's breeding season.
- Wildfowl number maxima were as follows: 75 gadwall on 5<sup>th,</sup> 78 wigeon -19<sup>th</sup>, 45 pochard, 59 teal and 64 tufted duck-24<sup>th</sup>, 122 shoveler on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The 19<sup>th</sup> provided the winters sole pintail record.



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