

Potteric Carr Highlights

April 2019

April has proven to be a fantastic month with 128 different species seen across the recording area, four of which were only recorded on the iPort. The first real surge in migrant birds occurred at the start of the month including some rarely seen birds locally.

By far the rarest of these was spotted crake, first seen on Loversall Pool on 11th April, sometimes giving people excellent views as it emerged from the denser vegetation. This was the first at Potteric since 1999, last reported late on Saturday 20th.



Spotted Crake © Adrian Andruchiw

All of the regular summer migrants were recorded, including grasshopper warbler (22nd), redstart (6th), firecrest (5th and 26th) and ring ouzel (18th). Three osprey records were received on the 5th, 6th and 12th with a further sighting on the 24th over the iPort.

Wildfowl numbers decreased from the beginning of the month when 150 shoveler were recorded, most maxima peaked around the 12th. Garganey was seen on three dates-the 13th, 16th and 18th.

Winter visitors were also recorded during the month with 50+redwing seen on the 16th and a two brambling on the 4th.

A Good variety of waders were seen during the month, including jack snipe(3rd), little ringed plover (5th onwards), whimbrel (19th), curlew, greenshank (19th) and black tailed godwit (12th). Avocets arrived early in April, with a maximum of 17 recorded

over on the iPort on the 12th, birds regularly commuting across to West Scrape. The iPort also recorded single bar-tailed godwit (25th) and reports of ringed plover. Dunlin, green and common sandpiper thought the month.

Other interesting records include:

- 2 common crane "thirmaling" over Huxter Well Marsh on the 3rd
- A single record of red kite also on the 3rd.
- 2 house sparrows near Sedum House
- 25 yellow wagtails (28th) on the iPort
 4 little gull over the iPort (22nd)
- 3 twite (16th onwards) feeding with the linnets over on the iPort.







ıck-tailed godwit ©Steve Furber

LIST OF BIRDS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mute Swan	Jan	Teb	IVIGI	Api	iviay	Jun	oui	Aug	ОСР	OCI	NOV	Dec
Bewick's Swan												
Whooper Swan				IP								
Pink-footed Goose Greylag Goose												
Canada Goose												
Shelduck												
Mandarin Duck												
Wigeon Gadwall												
Teal												
Mallard												
Pintail												
Garganey												
Shoveler Pochard												
Tufted Duck												
Scaup												
Common Scoter												
Goldeneye Smew		IP										
Goosander	IP											
Red-legged Partridge												
Grey Partridge			IP									
Pheasant												
Bittern												
Little Egret Great White Egret												
Grey Heron												
Glossy Ibis												
Spoonbill												
Little Grebe Great Crested Grebe												
Black-necked Grebe												
Red Kite												
Marsh Harrier												
Hen Harrier												
Sparrowhawk Buzzard												
Osprey												
Kestrel												
Merlin												
Hobby												
Peregrine Water Rail												
Spotted Crake												
Moorhen												
Coot												
Crane Avocet												
Oystercatcher												
Golden Plover												
Grey Plover												
Lapwing												
Little Ringed Plover		ID.	ID.									
Ringed Plover Whimbrel	1	IP	IP									
Curlew												
Black-tailed Godwit												
Bar-tailed Godwit				IP								
Turnstone	 	-		 	ļ		ļ				ļ	ļ
Knot Ruff	1	 		-	-		-				-	-
Sanderling	1	<u> </u>										
Dunlin		IP										
Common Sandpiper												
Spotted Sandpiper												
Green Sandpiper	IP	IP	IP									
Spotted Redshank Greenshank	<u> </u>	-	<u> </u>									
Wood Sandpiper	 	1	 									
Redshank	IP	IP										
Jack Snipe	IP											
Woodcock												
Snipe												
Black Tern Sandwich Tern	1	-	-	 	-		-				-	-
Common Tern	1	 										
Roseate Tern	<u> </u>	<u> </u>										
Arctic Tern												
Kittiwake												
Black-headed Gull Little Gull				IP								
Mediterranean Gull			 	- 17								
Common Gull												
Lesser Black-backed Gull												
Herring Gull												
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Yellow-legged Gull Caspian Gull												

Iceland Gull	ı	I	I	ı	1	l	l	l	I	l	1 1	1
Glaucous Gull												
Great Black-backed Gull												
Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon												
Stock Dove												
Woodpigeon Collared Dove												
Turtle Dove												
Ring-necked Parakeet												
Cuckoo												
Barn Owl												
Little Owl												
Tawny Owl												
Long-eared Owl Short-eared Owl												
Swift												
Kingfisher												
Green Woodpecker												
Great Spotted Woodpecker												
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker												
Magpie												
Jay Jackdaw												
Rook												
Carrion Crow												
Raven												
Goldcrest												
Firecrest Rivo Tit												
Blue Tit Great Tit					-				-			
Coal Tit												
Willow Tit												
Marsh Tit												
Bearded Tit												
Skylark	IP											
Sand Martin	 											
Swallow House Martin	1	-			-				-			
Cetti's Warbler									 			
Long-tailed Tit												
Chiffchaff												
Willow Warbler												
Blackcap												
Garden Warbler Lesser Whitethroat												
Whitethroat												
Grasshopper Warbler												
Sedge Warbler												
Reed Warbler												
Nuthatch												
Treecreeper												
Wren Starling												
Ring Ouzel												
Blackbird												
Fieldfare			IP									
Song Thrush												
Redwing												
Mistle Thrush Spotted Flycatcher									-			
Robin												
Redstart												
Whinchat												
Stonechat												
Wheatear			IP									
Dunnock House Sporrow												
House Sparrow Yellow Wagtail												
Grey Wagtail		IP										
Pied Wagtail												
Meadow Pipit												
Water Pipit		IP	IP									
Chaffinch												
Brambling Greenfinch									-			
Goldfinch												
Siskin												
Linnet	IP											
Twite				IP								
Lesser Redpoll												
Common/Mealy Redpoll												
Bullfinch Yellowhammer		IP	IP									
Reed Bunting		"	"									
Total species recorded												
Month	95	102	108	128								
year to date 2019	95	104	120	146								
year to date 2019 year to date for 2018	84	98	111	134	144	145	148	153	157	159	162	164
year to date for 2018	04	30	111	134	144	140	140	133	131	133	102	104