



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

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.



Wheatear © Richard Scott



Bittern ©Paul Paddock



black-tailed godwit ©Steve Furber

LIST OF BIRDS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mute Swan												
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		IP										
Smew												
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 Crane												
Moorhen												
Coot												
Crane												
Avocet												
Oystercatcher												
Golden Plover												
Grey Plover												
Lapwing												
Little Ringed Plover												
Ringed Plover		IP	IP									
Whimbrel												
Curlew												
Black-tailed Godwit												
Bar-tailed Godwit				IP								
Turnstone												
Knot												
Ruff												
Sanderling												
Dunlin		IP										
Common Sandpiper												
Spotted Sandpiper												
Green Sandpiper	IP	IP	IP									
Spotted Redshank												
Greenshank												
Wood Sandpiper												
Redshank	IP	IP										
Jack Snipe	IP											
Woodcock												
Snipe												
Black Tern												
Sandwich Tern												
Common Tern												
Roseate Tern												
Arctic Tern												
Kittiwake												
Black-headed Gull												
Little Gull				IP								
Mediterranean Gull												
Common Gull												
Lesser Black-backed Gull												
Herring Gull												
Yellow-legged Gull												
Caspian Gull												

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