



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Potteric Carr Highlights

May 2019

Another fantastic month with some great movement of waders passing through the area. This month has also seen the first confirmed breeding of bearded tit at Potteric Carr, with at least one brood fledging around the third week in May. A common crane touched down on the 26th –probably the first confirmed bird “on the deck” that’s been reported. Bitterns appear to be doing well, with good evidence of feeding flights taking place from around the 25th –at least two broods of mute swan were also seen on Huxter Well Marsh.

Swift numbers built up with 200+ busily feeding over Huxter Well Marsh on the 26th. Hobby sightings also increased with at least three present on the 24th. The dead oak tree on Huxter Well continues to be a good place for viewing them. Just one osprey record this month on the 16th.

The iPort produced some fantastic birds with several days attracting black, Arctic and common terns-a kittiwake being also present on the 26th.

Waders were well represented with a strong passage of sanderling present on several days throughout the month (5 being seen together on 23rd). Avocets have bred on the site again this year with several broods present. Potteric Carr also got in on the act with 22 black-tailed godwits together on the 29th and 30th. Up to 9 pairs of lapwing were recorded on site.



Bearded tit and avocet © Adrian Andruciw



Black-tailed godwit © Paul Paddock



Common crane © Michael Dyson

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Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon																				
Stock Dove																				
Woodpigeon																				
Collared Dove																				
Turtle Dove																				
Ring-necked Parakeet																				
Cuckoo																				
Barn Owl																				
Tawny Owl																				
Long-eared Owl																				
Short-eared Owl																				
Swift																				
Kingfisher																				
Green Woodpecker																				
Great Spotted Woodpecker																				
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker																				
Magpie																				
Jay																				
Jackdaw																				
Rock																				
Carrion Crow																				
Raven																				IP
Goldcrest																				
Firecrest																				
Blue Tit																				
Great Tit																				
Coal Tit																				
Willow Tit																				
Marsh Tit																				
Bearded Tit																				
Skylark		IP																		
Sand Martin																				
Swallow																				
House Martin																				
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																				
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Redwing																				
Mistle Thrush																				
Spotted Flycatcher																				
Robin																				
Redstart																				
Whinchat																				
Stonechat																				
Wheatear										IP										IP
Duncock																				
House Sparrow																				
Tree Sparrow																				
Yellow Wagtail																				
Grey Wagtail										IP										
Pied Wagtail																				
Meadow Pipit																				IP
Water Pipit										IP	IP									
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Brambling																				
Greenfinch																				
Goldfinch																				
Siskin																				
Linnet										IP										
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Lesser Redpoll																				
Common/Mealy Redpoll																				
Bullfinch																				
Yellowhammer										IP	IP									IP
Reed Bunting																				
Corn Bunting																				
Total species recorded																				
Month		95	102	108	128	119														
Year to date 2019		95	104	120	146	154														
Year to date for 2018		84	98	111	134	144	145	148	153	157	159	162	163							