



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Potteric Carr Highlights

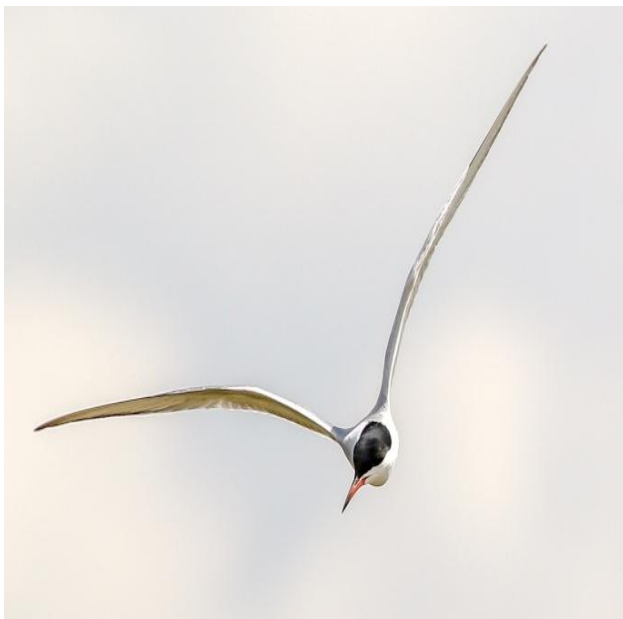
June 2019



June is normally a quieter month from a birding point of view and this month has proven to be the case at Potteric. Much of the activity recorded has centred on the activities of the bitterns and marsh harriers on site, with a continuation of the success of bearded tit being seen. The weather has also been extremely mixed with a particularly wet and cool second week being experienced.

Good numbers of avocets were recorded during the month, perhaps reflecting the success the species is having over the M18 on the iPort Lakes. A Potteric record count of 21 were seen on the 13th.

Bittern © Alan West



Common terns have been seen on most days during the month, perhaps once again reflecting the species' successful breeding on the iPort.

Just one record of cuckoo during the month when an adult was reported on the 22nd. This species along with turtle dove (no records so far this year) appear to be becoming increasingly rare.

Common Tern © Nidge Nilsen



Two collared doves were seen together in the main car park on the 22nd an unusual report from the west end of the reserve.

From around the 23rd of the month a notable increase in wader species was seen-indicating the slow start to return (or autumn) passage. Dunlin, black-tailed godwit, curlew and common sandpiper all being seen to the months end.

Wheatear © Richard Scott



A number of hobby have been seen mainly around Huxter Well Marsh with up to 3 birds present on several days. One individual has been identified as being a second year bird (non- breeding) showing a distinctive brown (rather than grey) feather coloration. It could often be seen perched in the large dead oak tree at the edge of Huxter Well Marsh.

A positive bit of news to end on relates to the barn and tawny owl pairs on site, both species managing to produce large, healthy broods.

Hobby © Vernon Barker

Iceland Gull														
Glaucous Gull														
Great Black-backed Gull														
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														
Rook														
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														
Fieldfare							IP							
Song Thrush														
Redwing														
Mistle Thrush														
Spotted Flycatcher														
Robin														
Redstart														
Whinchat														
Stonechat														
Wheatear							IP						IP	
Dunnock														
House Sparrow														
Tree Sparrow														
Yellow Wagtail														
Grey Wagtail							IP							
Pied Wagtail														
Meadow Pipit														IP
Water Pipit							IP	IP						
Chaffinch														
Brambling														
Greenfinch														
Goldfinch														
Siskin														
Linnet							IP							
Twite														IP
Lesser Redpoll														
Common/Mealy Redpoll														
Bullfinch														
Yellowhammer							IP	IP						IP
Reed Bunting														
Corn Bunting														
Total species recorded														
Month	95	102	108	128	117									
Year to date 2019	95	104	120	146	153									
Year to date for 2018	84	98	111	134	144	145	148	153	157	159	162	163		