

## June 2019



Bittern © Alan West

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 13<sup>th</sup>.



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 22<sup>nd</sup> an unusual report from the west end of the reserve.

From around the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Love Yorkshire, Love Wildlife

LIST OF BIRDS		E.L	Max	<b>A</b> = = =	Maria		1.4	A	0	0.1	Next	Deal
Mute Swan	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bewick's Swan												
Whooper Swan Pink-footed Goose				IP								
Greylag Goose												
Canada Goose												
Egyptian Goose	IP	IP										<b> </b>
Shelduck Wigeon												<u> </u>
Gadwall												
Teal												
Mallard Pintail												
Garganey					IP							
Shoveler												
Pochard Tufted Duck												<b>—</b> ———————————————————————————————————
Goldeneye		IP										
Smew												
Goosander	IP											L
Red-legged Partridge Grey Partridge			IP		IP							
Pheasant												
Cormorant												
Bittern Little Egret												┝──┤
Great White Egret						-		-	-			
Grey Heron												
Little Grebe Great Crested Grebe												<u> </u>
Slavonian Grebe												┝──┤
Black-necked Grebe												
Red Kite												
Marsh Harrier Hen Harrier												L
Sparrowhawk												
Buzzard												
Osprey												
Kestrel Merlin												<b>—</b> ———————————————————————————————————
Hobby												
Peregrine												
Water Rail Spotted Crake												L
Moorhen												
Coot												
Crane												
Avocet Oystercatcher												<b>—</b> ———————————————————————————————————
Golden Plover												
Grey Plover												
Lapwing												L
Little Ringed Plover Ringed Plover		IP	IP		IP							
Whimbrel					IP							
Curlew												
Black-tailed Godwit Bar-tailed Godwit				IP								
Turnstone												
Knot												
Ruff Curlew Sandpiper												└──┤
Sanderling					IP							<u> </u>
Dunlin		IP										
Little Stint												
Common Sandpiper Green Sandpiper	IP	IP	IP									┝──┤
Spotted Redshank					-	-		-	-			
Greenshank												
Wood Sandpiper		IP										<b>└──</b> ┤
Redshank Jack Snipe	IP IP	112										$\vdash$
Woodcock												
Snipe												
Black Tern Common Tern					IP			-	-			┝──┤
Arctic Tern					IP							<u> </u>
Kittiwake					IP							
Black-headed Gull												
Little Gull Mediterranean Gull				IP								┝───┤
Common Gull					-	-		-	-			
Lesser Black-backed Gull												
Herring Gull												
Yellow-legged Gull Caspian Gull												┝──┤
oaspian Gui												1

Iceland Gull		, ,				1	1	1	1	ı	i	i i
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						i	1
Goldcrest							l	l	İ	1	1	1
Firecrest												
Blue Tit									Ľ_			
Great Tit												
Coal Tit												
Willow Tit						ļ	ļ	ļ				
Marsh Tit										L	L	
Bearded Tit												──
Skylark	IP									<u> </u>	<u> </u>	┝───
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												
Starling												
Ring Ouzel Blackbird												
Fieldfare			IP									
Song Thrush												
Redwing												
Mistle Thrush												
Spotted Flycatcher												
Robin												
Redstart												
Whinchat												
Stonechat							ļ	ļ				
Wheatear			IP		IP							──
Dunnock												──
House Sparrow												<del> </del>
Tree Sparrow Yellow Wagtail												<u> </u>
Grey Wagtail		IP								<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Pied Wagtail												t
Meadow Pipit					IP					1	l	1
Water Pipit		IP	IP							1	1	<u> </u>
Chaffinch							1	1	1	İ	İ	1
Brambling												
Greenfinch												
Goldfinch												
Siskin												
Linnet	IP											
Twite				IP								<u> </u>
Lesser Redpoll												<u> </u>
Common/Mealy Redpoll										<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Bullfinch			10		10							<u> </u>
Yellowhammer		IP	IP		IP							<del> </del>
Reed Bunting												<u> </u>
Corn Bunting Total species recorded		1 1				1	1	1	1	I	I	L
i otal species recolueu												
Month	95	102	108	128	117							r
Year to date 2019	95	102	120	146	153					1	1	t
Year to date 2019	84	98	111	134	144	145	148	153	157	159	162	163
				-							-	