

Potteric Carr Highlights

July 2019

July proved to be a far more interesting month than June, with a build-up of birds seen following breeding. The third week in particular was exceptionally hot with some thunder storms thrown in which seems to have led to some large species counts and good records.



For the 5th successive year marsh harrier has bred at Potteric Carr with a juvenile seen flying on the 30th.

Peregrine falcon and hobby continued to be seen on several dates across the month

Marsh harrier (F) © Nidge Nilsen



Wader passage picked up with 14 species recorded; including 2 spotted redshank on the 7th, black-tailed godwits on the 3rd and 13th, wood sandpiper on the 3rd, 420 lapwing counted on the 25th and a curlew on the 31st. 2 snipe on the 26th were the first returning birds of the season. Three separate records of whimbrel (3rd, 18th and 22nd) were also recorded on the iPort.

Black-tailed godwits © Richard Scott.

. Common Tern © Rob Burns.

Common gull and Mediterranean gull were seen at Potteric during the month, with numbers of black headed, herring and lesser black back gull steadily increasing. 600 black headed gulls were counted on the 25th. A yellow-legged gull was also picked out on the iPort. From around mid-month there was an increase in common tern sightings, probably associated with the species breeding successfully on the iPort. By the months end up to 12 adults could be seen feeding over Huxter Well with up to four juvenile birds also present.

Both spoonbill (6th) and great egret (30th) were seen; with bitterns also regularly seen mainly on Huxter Well, but also from Piper Marsh hide and interestingly from the Visitor Centre, an individual fling into Loversall Pool.

Bearded tit numbers have also steadily increased with at least 5 been seen from Mitchell hide. Finally, 2 garganey were found on the 25th, also seen together the day after.





Mediterranean gull © Richard Scott

Kingfisher © Adrian Andruchiw

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IST OF BIRDS			RECORDED IN 2019									
	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												
Egyptian Goose	IP	IP										
Ruddy Shelduck												
Shelduck												
Wigeon												

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Gadwall Teal												
Mallard												
Pintail												
Garganey					IP							
Shoveler												
Red-crested Pochard												
Pochard												
Tufted Duck												
Scaup												
Goldeneye		IP										
Smew	-											
Goosander Red-legged Partridge	IP											
Grey Partridge			IP		IP	IP						
Pheasant			II.		H*	II.						
Cormorant												
Shag												
Bittern												
Little Egret												
Great White Egret												
Grey Heron												
Spoonbill												
Little Grebe												
Great Crested Grebe												
Black-necked Grebe	↓						IP					
Red Kite												
Marsh Harrier												ļ
Sparrowhawk								 				-
Buzzard								-	-	 		
Osprey Kestrel								-	1	1		-
Merlin												
Hobby									1	1		
Peregrine												
Water Rail												
Spotted Crake												
Moorhen												
Coot												
Crane												
Avocet												
Oystercatcher												
Golden Plover												
Grey Plover												
Lapwing												
Little Ringed Plover												
Ringed Plover		IP	IP		IP							
Whimbrel					IP		IP					
Curlew												
Black-tailed Godwit Bar-tailed Godwit				IP								
Turnstone					IP							
Knot												
Ruff												
Curlew Sandpiper												
Sanderling					IP							
Dunlin		IP										
Little Stint												
Common Sandpiper												
Green Sandpiper	IP	IP	IP									
Spotted Redshank												
Greenshank Wood Sandpiper	 	1	1			-		 				
Redshank	IP	IP						-	1	1		-
Jack Snipe	IP IP	-"-						-	 	 		
Woodcock												
Snipe												
Black Tern					IP							
Sandwich Tern												
Common Tern												
Arctic Tern		1	ļ		IP		ļ					ļ
Kittiwake					IP			ļ				ļ
Black-headed Gull												ļ
Little Gull				IP					-	-		
Mediterranean Gull Common Gull						-		-	1	1		-
Lesser Black-backed Gull								1	1	1		-
Herring Gull								-				
Yellow-legged Gull							IP					
Caspian Gull												
Iceland Gull												
Glaucous Gull		1				1	1	1	1	1		1
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Wryneck Green Woodpecker												
Great Spotted												
Woodpecker												
Lesser Spotted												
Woodpecker												
Magpie												
Jay												
Jackdaw												
Rook												
Carrion Crow Raven					IP		IP					
Goldcrest					IIF.		- 11					
Firecrest												
Blue Tit												
Great Tit												
Coal Tit												
Willow Tit												
Marsh Tit												
Bearded Tit	- 10						IP					
Skylark Sand Martin	IP						IP					
Sand Martin Swallow	 	 							 			
House Martin												
Cetti's Warbler									1	1	1	
Long-tailed Tit												
Wood Warbler												
Chiffchaff												
Willow Warbler	 	ļ							 			
Blackcap Condon Workley												
Garden Warbler												
Lesser Whitethroat Whitethroat												
Grasshopper Warbler												
Sedge Warbler												
Reed Warbler												
Nuthatch												
Treecreeper												
Wren												
Starling												
Ring Ouzel												
Blackbird Fieldfare			IP									
Song Thrush			IF	·								
Redwing												
Mistle Thrush							IP					
Spotted Flycatcher												
Robin												
Redstart												
Whinchat												
Stonechat												
Wheatear			IP		IP							
Dunnock House Sparrow												
Tree Sparrow									 			
Yellow Wagtail						IP	IP					
Grey Wagtail		IP							1	1	1	
Pied Wagtail												
Meadow Pipit					IP	IP						
Rock Pipit												
Water Pipit		IP	IP						ļ			
Chaffinch									 			
Brambling Greenfinch									 	<u> </u>	-	
Goldfinch									-	1	1	
Siskin									 	 	 	
Linnet	IP											
Twite				IP					1	1	1	
Lesser Redpoll												
Common/Mealy Redpoll												
Bullfinch												
Yellowhammer		IP	IP		IP	IP	IP					
Reed Bunting									<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
Total species recorded												
Month	95	102	108	128	119	94	106					
year to date 2019	95	104	120	146	154	154	156					
year to date for 2018	84	98	111	134	144	145	148	153	157	159	162	163
year to date for 2010												