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August 2019

August continued where July left off, with a steady build-up of migrating birds, boosted in numbers with juvenile birds. Waders were particularly well represented during August, with 13 different species recorded locally, mostly single birds, though 510 Lapwing were recorded on the 5th and 7 snipe together on the 25th. Six turnstone (30th) and 5 ruff (28th) on the iPort being noteworthy.



Green sandpiper ©Allen Holmes

Garganey was seen on 4 separate dates, alongside some interesting single records of Mandarin duck (a female bird), female goldeneye, pintail and wigeon. Maxima for other wildfowl include 55 pochard (4th), 180 gadwall (6th), 28 tufted duck (6th), 152 coot (5th) and 95 mallard (31st). Great egret was recorded only once during the month (1st) although bittern was fairly reliable and was seen on most dates. Up to three birds present on site together.



Passerine sightings reflected early autumn passage, 30 yellow wagtails were together on the iPort going to roost (7th), with a single whinchat also picked up on site (15th). Pied flycatchers were seen twice over the weekend of 24th and 25th at Potteric alongside several records of spotted flycatcher. The first marsh tit records since March came from the 13th, when two were seen together.

Spotted flycatcher © Richard Scott



Lesser whitethroat ©Allen Holmes

Up to 21 common terns could be seen towards the end of the month feeding over Huxter well Marsh. This included several juvenile birds-the species has had a good season locally on the iPort Lakes, where six pairs successfully nested. A black tern also accompanied the common terns on the iPort for several days mid-month (17^{th} to 20^{th}). Black headed gull numbers increased during the month a maxima of c. 500 from the 8th being the highest single count. Single Mediterranean and yellow-legged gulls were also seen.



LIST OF BIRDS	1												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Mute Swan													
Whooper Swan				IP									
Pink-footed Goose													
Greylag Goose													
Canada Goose													
Egyptian Goose Shelduck	IP	IP											
Mandarin Duck													
Wigeon													
Gadwall													
Teal													
Mallard													
Pintail													
Garganey					IP								
Shoveler												ļ	
Pochard Tufted Duck													
Scaup													
Common Scoter													
Goldeneye		IP											
Smew													
Goosander	IP												
Red-legged Partridge													
Grey Partridge			IP		IP	IP		IP				<u> </u>	
Pheasant													
Fulmar Gannet	┣────											<u> </u>	
Cormorant													
Bittern													
Little Egret													
Great White Egret													
Grey Heron													
Spoonbill													
Little Grebe													
Great Crested Grebe							10					ļ	
Black-necked Grebe Red Kite	<u> </u>						IP						
Marsh Harrier													
Hen Harrier													
Sparrowhawk													
Buzzard													
Rough-legged Buzzard													
Osprey													
Kestrel													
Merlin													
Hobby Peregrine													
Water Rail													
Spotted Crake													
Moorhen													
Coot	1												
Crane													
Black-winged Stilt													
Avocet													
Oystercatcher	Ļ											ļ	
Golden Plover Grey Plover													
Lapwing													
Lapwing Little Ringed Plover													
Ringed Plover		IP	IP		IP								
Whimbrel					IP		IP						
Curlew	L												
Black-tailed Godwit	└───			10									
Bar-tailed Godwit	 			IP	IP			IP				<u> </u>	
Turnstone Knot	<u> </u>							10					
Ruff		-				-	-						
Curlew Sandpiper													
Temminck's Stint													
Sanderling					IP								
Dunlin	<u> </u>	IP											
Little Stint	└───												
Pectoral Sandpiper Common Sandpiper	<u> </u>							IP					
Green Sandpiper	IP	IP	IP										
Spotted Redshank					-	-							
Greenshank													
Wood Sandpiper													
Redshank	IP	IP											
Jack Snipe	IP												
Woodcock													
Snipe Black Tam												<u> </u>	
Black Tern	└───				IP			IP					
Common Tern Arctic Tern	<u> </u>				IP								
Kittiwake	├ ────				IP IP								
Black-headed Gull													
Little Gull				IP									
Mediterranean Gull													

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Common Gull Lesser Black-backed Gull												
Herring Gull												
Yellow-legged Gull							IP					
Caspian Gull												
Iceland Gull												
Glaucous Gull												
Great Black-backed Gull												
Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon Stock Dove												
Woodpigeon												
Collared 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					IP		IP					
Raven Goldcrest					11							┝───┤
Firecrest												
Blue Tit												
Great Tit												
Coal Tit												
Willow Tit												
Marsh Tit												
Bearded Tit	IP						IP	IP				
Skylark Sand Martin	IP						IP	IP				
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							IP					
Spotted Flycatcher												
Robin Biod Elysotobor												
Pied Flycatcher Redstart												
Whinchat	<u> </u>							IP				
Stonechat												
Wheatear			IP		IP							
Dunnock												
House Sparrow												
Yellow Wagtail						IP	IP					
Grey Wagtail Pied Wagtail		IP										
Meadow Pipit					IP	IP						
Water Pipit		IP	IP									
Chaffinch												
Brambling												
Greenfinch												
Goldfinch												
Siskin Linnet	IP											
Twite				IP								
Lesser Redpoll												
Common/Mealy Redpoll												
Bullfinch												
Yellowhammer		IP	IP		IP	IP	IP	IP				
Reed Bunting												
Total species recorded	05	400	400	400	440	0.1	400	440			,	
Month year to date 2019	95 95	102 104	108 120	128 146	119 154	94 154	106 156	110 160				
year to date 2019 year to date for 2018	95 84	<u>104</u> 98	120	146	154	154	156	153	157	159	162	163
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