



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Potteric Carr Highlights

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.



Spotted flycatcher © Richard Scott

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.



Lesser whitethroat
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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 (17th to 20th). 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.

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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													
Raven						IP		IP					
Goldcrest													
Firecrest													
Blue Tit													
Great Tit													
Coal Tit													
Willow Tit													
Marsh Tit													
Bearded Tit													
Skylark	IP								IP	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									IP				
Spotted Flycatcher													
Robin													
Pied Flycatcher													
Redstart													
Whinchat												IP	
Stonechat													
Wheatear			IP			IP							
Duncock													
House Sparrow													
Yellow Wagtail								IP	IP				
Grey Wagtail		IP											
Pied Wagtail													
Meadow Pipit						IP	IP						
Water Pipit		IP	IP										
Chaffinch													
Brambling													
Greenfinch													
Goldfinch													
Siskin													
Linnets	IP												
Twite				IP									
Lesser Redpoll													
Common/Mealy Redpoll													
Bullfinch													
Yellowhammer		IP	IP			IP	IP	IP	IP				
Reed Bunting													
Total species recorded													
Month	95	102	108	128	119	94	106	110					
year to date 2019	95	104	120	146	154	154	156	160					
year to date for 2018	84	98	111	134	144	145	148	153	157	159	162	163	