

Potteric Carr Highlights

October 2019

October is one of those months of the year when we see both summer and winter visitors as they each move to where they will spend the winter. The last reported house martin along with 27 swallow were reported on the 6th, when 94 redwings were also reported. The last swallow of the year was seen on the 22nd when 1 was observed moving south. Other winter visitors seen in the month include a brambling on the 22nd, 3 fieldfare on the 23rd; the first siskins on the 6th and lesser redpoll on the 19th.

Waders were also noted on passage, with good numbers of snipe reported, 18 on the 25th being the highest reported count. Other notable waders reported include jack snipe, golden plover -60 reported on the 28th and a single grey plover on the iPort.

Wildfowl numbers were slowly increasing throughout the month, with 54 wigeon counted on the 6th, 78 teal on the 24th; a total of 85 shoveler and 58 pochard -both from the 5th; 67 tufted duck (12th) and 108 gadwall (15th). Small groups of whooper swans were noted on several days with 27 being the highest count on the 8th. Up to 3 great white egrets were reported from around mid-month onwards.

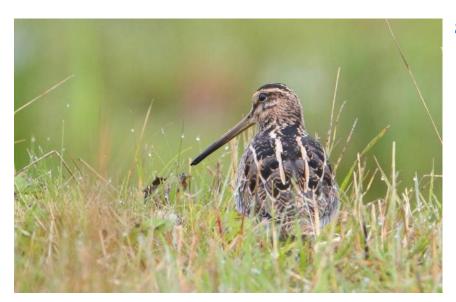
A single merlin was reported over on the iPort on the 9^{th} , with marsh harrier, kestrel, sparrowhawk and buzzard (15 up in the air on the 5^{th}) regularly being seen. Peregrine was also reported on several days.

Other notable records include: Rock pipit reported on several days early in the month on the iPort, up to 4 Stonechat was seen on the 15th and from the 8th to the 10th on the iPort. The first willow tit records for a number of months also came through; finally, the bearded tit count reached a peak of 15 birds on the 3rd.



Golden plover ©Allen Holmes

Snipe © Allen Holmes



Great white egret © Allen Holmes



Stonechat © Darren Ward



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	1		RECORDED									
LIST OF BIRDS			IN 2019									
Mute Swan	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Whooper Swan				IP					IP			
Pink-footed Goose												
Greylag Goose Canada Goose												
Barnacle Goose												
Egyptian Goose	IP	IP								IP		
Shelduck Mandarin Duck												
Wigeon												
Gadwall												
Teal												
Mallard Pintail												
Garganey					IP							
Shoveler												
Red-crested Pochard Pochard												
Tufted Duck												
Scaup												
Goldeneye Smew		IP										
Red-breasted Merganser												
Goosander	IP											
Red-legged Partridge Grey Partridge	—		IP		IP	IP		IP		-	-	
Pheasant			- 11		"	"						
Cormorant												
Bittern Little Bittern												
Little Egret												
Great White Egret												
Grey Heron Spoonbill												
Little Grebe												
Great Crested Grebe												
Black-necked Grebe							IP					
Red Kite Marsh Harrier												
Hen Harrier												
Sparrowhawk												
Buzzard Rough-legged Buzzard												
Osprey												
Kestrel										10		
Merlin Hobby										IP		
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	$ldsymbol{oxed}$				IP			IP				
Knot Ruff				 								
Sanderling					IP							
Dunlin Green Sandpiper	ID.	IP IP	IP									
Spotted Redshank	IP	IP.	11			-					-	
Greenshank												
Wood Sandpiper	15											
Redshank Jack Snipe	IP IP	IP								IP		
Woodcock												
Snipe												
Arctic Tern Kittiwake	 				IP IP							
Black-headed Gull												
Little Gull				IP								
Mediterranean Gull Common Gull												
Lesser Black-backed												
Gull												
Herring Gull Yellow-legged Gull							IP					
Caspian Gull				<u> </u>			"					
Iceland Gull												
Glaucous Gull											ļ	
Great Black-backed Gull												

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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												
Great Grey Shrike Magpie												
Jay												
Jackdaw												
Rook												
Carrion Crow												
Hooded Crow Raven		-			IP	-	IP	-			-	
Goldcrest					.,		.,					
Firecrest												
Blue Tit												
Great Tit												
Coal Tit Willow Tit												
Marsh Tit												
Bearded Tit												
Skylark	IP						IP	IP				
Sand Martin											ļ	
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					
Robin Spotted Flycatcher												
Pied Flycatcher												
Black Redstart												
Redstart												
Whinchat								IP				
Stonechat Wheatear	-		IP		IP		 				-	
Dunnock			- 11									
House Sparrow												
Tree Sparrow												
Yellow Wagtail		ID.				IP	IP					
Grey Wagtail Pied Wagtail		IP									1	
Meadow Pipit					IP	IP						
Rock Pipit										IP		
Water Pipit		IP	IP									
Chaffinch											1	
Brambling Greenfinch											 	
Goldfinch												
Siskin												
Linnet	IP									IP		
Twite				IP	-							
Lesser Redpoll Common/Mealy Redpoll												
Bullfinch												
Hawfinch												
Snow Bunting												
Yellowhammer Road Bunting		IP	IP		IP	IP	IP	IP				
Reed Bunting Total species recorded												l
Month	95	102	108	128	120	94	106	110	110	92		
Year to date 2019	95	104	120	146	154	154	156	160	162	164		
Year to date for 2018	84	98	111	134	144	145	148	153	157	159	162	163