



Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

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 swallows 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 9th, with marsh harrier, kestrel, sparrowhawk and buzzard (15 up in the air on the 5th) 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
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Snipe © Allen Holmes

Great white egret © Allen Holmes



Stonechat © Darren Ward



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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												
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												
Black Redstart												
Redstart												
Whinchat								IP				
Stonechat												
Wheatear			IP		IP							
Duncock												
House Sparrow												
Tree Sparrow												
Yellow Wagtail						IP	IP					
Grey Wagtail		IP										
Pied Wagtail												
Meadow Pipit					IP	IP						
Rock Pipit												IP
Water Pipit		IP	IP									
Chaffinch												
Brambling												
Greenfinch												
Goldfinch												
Siskin												
Linnet	IP											IP
Twite				IP								
Lesser Redpoll												
Common/Mealy Redpoll												
Bullfinch												
Hawfinch												
Snow Bunting												
Yellowhammer		IP	IP		IP	IP	IP	IP				
Reed Bunting												
Total species recorded												
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

