**Rutland Natural History Society**

**ANNUAL BIRD REPORT 2022 Recorder: Terry Mitcham**

2023 saw a marked reduction in the number of records submitted, the range of species recorded and the number of sites visited. There were regular reports from both reservoirs, the Exton Estate, Quarry Farm, Barrow and an Oakham garden. Wildfowl counts were collated for Rutland Water, Eyebrook Reservoir, Fort Henry Ponds and Exton Park, Greetham Golf Course and, in Lincolnshire, Holywell Lake.

Wildfowl counts, especially at Rutland Water towards the end of the year, were generally on the low side. Whether this is due to ‘short stopping’ with birds remaining in Europe rather than crossing the North Sea to the UK or a lack of food at Rutland Water following dramatic changes in level in recent years is not yet apparent. Heron species were again well reported with good numbers of Great White Egrets and records of Spoonbill and Cattle Egret – surely another species destined to become more common as the climate warms.

There was a good variety of raptor records with a wandering White-tailed Eagle from the IOW re-introduction programme, a successful season for Ospreys, Marsh Harriers resident at Rutland Water and a new breeding site for Peregrines involving tree-nesting. Some summer migrants are not faring well with few records of Cuckoo, Spotted Flycatcher or Nightingale; hopefully partly explained by under-recording but the national picture for these species remains depressing.

Farmland birds continue to struggle in the wider countryside but have been helped by wild bird seed plots on some enlightened farms, as the records show. It was encouraging to see Corn Buntings present briefly at one site but sadly none were found in a former breeding area.

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**Abbreviations Used**

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| BGP- Banthorpe Gravel Pit | Oak - Oakham |
| BarnsW – Barnsdale Wood | Pick - Pickworth |
| Bel - Belmesthorpe | PGW – Pickworth Great Wood |
| Braun - Braunston | QF – Quarry Farm |
| BFP – Burley Fishponds | Rid - Ridlington |
| BCF – Beaumont Chase Farm | RWDam – Rutland Water Dam |
| Cott - Cottesmore | RWEg – Rutland Water Egleton Reserve |
| CottW – Cottesmore Wood | RWLynd – Rutland Water Lyndon Reserve |
| Emp - Empingham | RWNA – Rutland Water North Arm |
| Ext - Exton | RWSA – Rutland Water South Arm |
| EBR – Eyebrook Reservoir | RWVTC – Rutland Water Volunteer Training Centre |
| FHP – Fort Henry Ponds | StokeW – Stoke Wood |
| Emp – Empingham | Tin - Tinwell |
| Greet - Greetham | TunnW – Tunneley Wood |
| Hamb - Hambleton | Upp - Uppingham |
| KettQ – Ketton Quarry | WardW – Wardley Wood |
| Lang - Langham | WestW – Westland Wood |
| Luff Airfield – Luffenham Airfield |  |
| Norm - Normanton |  |

**See Also Wildfowl Counts and Wader Counts**

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| **Canada Goose** | Bred RW and EBR. For the first time there were no records from FHP or Ext. Park. |
| **Barnacle Goose** | One was at RWNA regularly from 26.08. to early Dec |
| **Greylag Goose** | Bred RW, EBR, FHP and Ext Park. 143 were by Rygate Lake in Ext Park on 29.01. |
| **Pink-footed Goose** | c.120 flew south over Ryhall on 06.01. A juv. was at EBR on 03.11. and 28 flew south-east over RWNA on 11.11. |
| **White-fronted Goose** | Two were at RWEg4 on 06.02. and one was at EBR on 06./07.03. Ten were at EBR on 21.10. and three flew north there next day |
| **Mute Swan** | Bred RW, EBR, FHP (two pairs), Ext Park, Geest and BGP |
| **Whooper Swan** | Seven flew over WardW on 27. 02. and seven were in RWNA on 27.03. An early autumn bird was over RWEg3 on14.10., two were in RWNA on 17.10., two were at EBR and ten at RWEg1 on 21.11. and three flew west at FHP on 26.11. Two were at EBR on 02.12. |
| **Egyptian Goose** | Bred RW. A pair were at Rygate Lake in Ext. Park for much of the year, absent between June and Oct. |
| **Shelduck** | Noted at EBR and RW, where a pair bred (five duckling on 09.06.). One or two visited FHP occasionally between 05.02.and 10.06. Two pairs were at KettQ in early June. Five were at RWEg3 on 24.11. |
| **Ruddy Shelduck** | One frequented RW – SA2, Eg4/5 between 02.07. and 30.09. |
| **Mandarin Duck** | There were April records from 01.04. at FHP, TunnW, RWDam, Lynd and BFP. There were three on Rygate Lake ExtPark on 08.10. and a pair in BFP on 30.12. |
| **Garganey** | Spring records were from 16.03., a pair at RWNorm, to 01.06. at RWEg. Most were at this site with one at FHP on 08.and 11.04. and a male at EBR on 17.04. Autumn singles were at RWEg on 18.07., FHP on 02. and 09.09., EBR on 21.09. and RWEg on 05.10. |
| **Shoveler** | Reported from both reservoirs and present at FHP throughout the year with a peak count of 109 on 16.10. Two pairs bred at FHP with broods of ten (26.05.) and two (16.06.) seen. |
| **Gadwall** | Reported at FHP and both reservoirs throughout the year with breeding confirmed at both. Five pairs bred at FHP, where the peak count was 68 on 02.12. One pair bred in Ext Park – six ducklings on 16.06. |
| **Wigeon** | A winter visitor at both reservoirs and FHP with one or two noted in summer. 130 were on a flooded field at Cott on 27.02. The peak count at FHP in the first winter period was 160 on 11.03. with the last on 02.04. The first autumn birds were on 09.09., peaking at 76 on 26.11. |
| **Mallard** | Widespread and under-recorded, breeding was confirmed at both reservoirs, FHP, Ext Park, BGP and Geest. A pair were in and Oak garden on 11.04. Peak counts at FHP were 114 on 20.01. and 148 on 01.08. |
| **Pintail** | A passage and winter visitor at both reservoirs. No records were received |
| **Teal** | A passage and winter visitor at both reservoirs, FHP and BGP. Present at FHP to 29.04. with a max. of 59 on 08.01. and from 01.07. with a peak of 142 on 01.10. |
| **Red-crested Pochard** | Single females were at EBR on 19. and 21.09. On 04.11. two were in RWSA2 with four on Eg1. Two were at EBR on 29.11. |
| **Pochard** | Reported from both reservoirs in winter in declining nos. Three were on a flooded field at Cott on 27.02. A scarce breeder at RWEg with a female and three young noted on 10.06. At FHP there was a pair on 16.10 and singles on 26.11. and 09.12. |
| **Tufted Duck** | Present throughout the year at both reservoirs and FHP with one or two occasionally at BGP and Ext Park. Bred at RWEg and FHP, where a female had seven ducklings on 18.07. |
| **Scaup** | Present at RWSA3 from 02.01. to 01.04. with a peak of four on the first date. Three later spring birds were seen on 17.04. At EBR there was one on 14.01., three on 27.01. and 05.02. and two from 12. to 26.02. Autumn birds were back at RW from 04.11. to the end of the year with four on 18.11. and six on 19.12. |
| **Velvet Scoter** | A first-winter male was at RWEg2 from 07. To 09.01. |
| **Common Scoter** | There were scattered records at the reservoirs as follows: a male was at EBR on 23.01., two were at RWMW on 10.04. with one at EBR on16.04. One was at EBR on 01.06. with singles there between 08. and 13.08. Nine were at EBR on 21.10. with four at RWSA next day whilst four were at RWDam on 17.11. Two remained at RWLynd from 26.11. to 10.12. |
| **Goldeneye** | A winter visitor at the reservoirs. Spring counts at RWDam included 22 on 29.03. and 11 on 17.04 with one in BFP on 22.04. No autumn counts were received. |
| **Smew** | A scarce winter visitor at the reservoirs, currently favouring EBR where birds were present from 01.01. to 12.03. with a peak of 15 (ten males) on 26.01. Present at RWEg from 01.01. to 14.03. with a max. of eight on 11.03. EBR again produced the bulk of autumn records with birds noted from 17.11. to 31.12. and a peak of on 20.12. At RW there was one on 21.11., two males on 02.12. and one on 05.12. |
| **Goosander** | A winter visitor at the reservoirs, occasional elsewhere. A male was on the R.Gwash at Ryhall on 14.03. Our first autumn birds were four at RW on 09.10. A female was on Rygate Lake in Ext Park on 29.12. |
| **Red-breasted Merganser** | A female/imm. was at RWDam on 22.10. |
| **Red-legged Partridge** | Well distributed where birds are released for shooting e.g. at Ext. No counts or breeding records were received. |
| **Grey Partridge** | Local with records mostly of pairs from Bel., Ext., Cott Airfield and LCast. |
| **Quail** | One called from barley in Ext Park on 08.07. |
| **Pheasant** | Well distributed across the county, especially where released for shooting e.g. Ext. No records were received. |
| **Red-throated Diver** | At EBR there was an adult between 19./21.09. and a juv. from 22.10. to 23.11. |
| **Black-throated Diver** | One was at EBR on 20. and 21.10. |
| **Great Northern Diver** | A juv. was at RWNA/Dam from 01.01. to 26.03. with two reported between 15.01. and 23.01. The first autumn arrival at RW was on 01.11. with three present from 11.11. to the end of Dec., mostly at the Dam or SA3. |
| **Little Grebe** | Present all year but a local breeding bird with nesting confirmed at Greet GC, FHP and RWEg. Present at BGP on 28.04.on a pond near HebesW on 13.05. Most common on autumn passage with a max.of 13 at FHP on 08.01 and 09.12. |
| **Great Crested Grebe** | Present all year at both reservoirs with breeding at both. There were ten nests at EBR on 02.07. One was at FHP on 03.03. |
| **Slavonian Grebe** | One remained at RWDam/NA from 01.01. to 05.05., moulting in to breeding plumage by the end of its stay. Two were at EBR on 02.11. One was at RWDam on 12.11. with two present from 25.11. to the end of the year. |
| **Black-necked Grebe** | Spring records were one at EBR on 14.05. and two at RWEg1 on 29.05. A long-staying juv. was at RWNA from 29.08. to 11.11. and a juv. was also at EBR from 18./24.09. and 10/24.11. |
| **Spoonbill.** | One was at RWEg4 on 06.05. and there were six there on 29.08. with five still present next day. |
| **Bittern** | . One flew over Eg3 at RW on 23.02. and was seen again on 17.03. One was at RWEg on 06.08. and one at EBR on 10.08. |
| **Cattle Egret** | An increasingly regular visitor. One was at RWEg1 on 09.06. increasing to three by 18.06. One was in BFP on 18.07. and there was then a good series of records from EBR beginning with one on 26.08. with one or two until 25.11. with 16 on 05.09., by far the largest no. to visit the county. |
| **Grey Heron** | **.** Regular at both reservoirs (bred at RW), FHP and Ext Park, BGP and the Welland valley. Five on 26.08. was the peak FHP count. |
| **Great White Egret** | Now regular at RW , especially in the autumn, with records also from EBR. Singles were at FHP on 15. and 20.01., 29.10. and 02.12. |
| **Little Egret** | Now regular at RW , especially in the autumn, with records also from EBR. Singles were at FHP on 15. and 20.01., 29.10. and 02.12. |
| **Shag** | Two were at RW on 03.11. |
| **Cormorant** | Present at the reservoirs throughout the year and breeding at RWBFP. Up to three were recorded at FHP, Ext Park and BGP. |
| **Osprey** | The first bird returned to RW on 14.03. and birds were regular at EBR throughout the summer. The Rutland Osprey Project reported 22 chicks fledged from nine nests with one nest failing. Singles were seen at FHP on 01.08. and 21.08. and one sat in a field in Ext Park on 27.08.Two were still at Eg on 03.09. and the final record was from there on 07.10. |
| **Sparrowhawk** | Reports of display came from QF, FHP and BW and birds visited gardens in Oak and Stam, taking Goldfinch and Greenfinch prey in Oak |
| **Marsh Harrier** | Now present at RWEg throughout the year with breeding suspected. Five roosted on Eg3 on 14.10. and an orange tagged bird (KL) seen from 10.11. had been ringed as a chick at Hardley in Norfolk on 09.06.23. Away from RW one quartered maize crops in Ext Park on 28.01., one was in Ext Park on 22.07. and juvs. were at FHP on 27.08. and 10.09. One was near StokeW on 11.11. |
| **Harrier sp.** | A ring-tail harrier was seen near Horn Mill on 07.09. |
| **Red Kite** | A widespread species and possibly the commonest raptor in Rutland with reports from all parts of the county. There was an unconfirmed report of a winter roost of up 40 birds at Ext in Jan. The only breeding record was from FHP, where three young were fledged. |
| **White-tailed Eagle** | G542 female from the Isle of Wight re-introduction programme was at RW on 10/11.08. |
| **Buzzard** | This species remains widespread across the county but is possibly now less numerous than the Red Kite. Most obvious during display periods, 15 were over BW on 18.03. and six over Braun on 05.07. Probably bred at QF and fledged young were calling in Ext Park in Aug. Six soaring over Roman Bank in Stam on 07.09 was an interesting record. |
| **Water Rail** | Present throughout the year and breeding at RW. The only records away from RW were at FHP on 19.03. and EBR on 01.07. |
| **Moorhen** | A common species by watercourses , ponds and lakes across the county. One was at a QF pond between May and June and there was a peak count of 60 at FHP on 16.10. |
| **Coot** | This species prefers larger water bodies than the Moorhen and was reported from both reservoirs, FHP, Ext Park and BGP. Peak winter counts at FHP were 75 on 02.01. and 140 on 29.12. |
|  | **SEE ALSO RUTLAND WATER WADER COUNTS** |
| **Oystercatcher** | First noted were five at RW on 04.02. Singles were at EBR on 23.03. and BGP on 20.04. Bred at RWEg. Our last record was at RW on 22.08. |
| **Avocet** | Two were at EBR on 06.03 and two at RWEg4 on 14.03. Six were at RW on 27.04. and breeding was reported from Eg lagoons. Four were there on 23.06. |
| **Lapwing** | In the first winter period 130 were over Walk Farm on 17.01. A dead bird was found at All Saints church, Oak on 01.02. (Peregrine prey ?) and two pairs were on a flooded field at Cott on 27.02. Breeding season records came from Ext Park, BGP, EBR, Cott and RWEg with breeding confirmed at the latter two sites. EBR counts were 24 on 19.02., 240 on 20.08., 75 on 17.09., 370 on 19.11.and 960 on 17.12. |
| **Golden Plover** | A winter and passage visitor, 50 were at RWEg4 on 08.01. and 20 were at the Dam there on 21.01. c.200 were estimated on Eg4 on 05.02. with our last spring birds at RW on 12.03. The first autumn birds was one over Ext Park on 27.08. 200 were near Greet on 13./14.10. and c.1000 were at RWEg4 on 24.11. |
| **Grey Plover** | A passage visitor, mainly in spring. Singles were noted at RWEg4 on seven dates between 03.05. and 09.06. An autumn bird was in RWSA on 08.10. |
| **Ringed Plover** | First noted at RWEg on 09.03. with two on 24.03. There was a peak spring count of 22 on 10.06. There were no breeding records and none were reported from EBR (?) Autumn birds were at RW from 22.08. to 08.10 with a max. of eight on 07.10. |
| **Little Ringed Plover** | Two at RWEg3 on 23.03. were the first spring migrants with four seen next day. No breeding was reported. Singles were at EBR on 17.18.06. Eight were at RWEg on 07.07. |
| **Whimbrel** | Spring passage at RW was between 20.04. and 08.05., single birds except for nine on 27.04. and 11 on 03.05. The only autumn records, also from RWEg, were two on 15.07. and one on 24.08. |
| **Curlew** | Three were at RWEg1 on 24.03. Birds were heard regularly at Barrow from March and they were at Cott Airfield from at least 25.04. A pair bred at Merry’s Meadows. One was at RWEg on23.06.and one flew south at FHP next day, when there were six at RWSA2. Four were at RWEg on 07.07. with birds present there to the end of the year – there were nine on 14.10. and eight on 23.11. |
| **Bar-tailed Godwit** | Spring passage birds were at RWEg3/4 between 17. and 23.04. with a max. of six on 21.04. |
| **Black-tailed Godwit** | 11 were at RWEg4 on 17.04. Returning birds were noted from 07.0-7. with regular sightings to 02.08. and a peak of 13 on 11.07. Singles were seen on 24.08., 01.09. and 13.10. Autumn birds at EBR were one on 01./02.07., four on 12.07. and seven on 15.07. |
| **Turnstone** | One at RWEg on 03.05. was eclipsed by an impressive 14 on Eg4 on 15.05. with a late bird there on 02.06. There were two autumn singles at RW on 12.08. and 13.09. |
| **Knot** | Singles were at RWEg on 28.05. and RWNA on 01.09. |
| **Ruff** | The only spring birds were singles at RWEg on 06. and 18.05. Autumn birds were at RW from 22.08. to 17.09. with eight on 24.08. At EBR there were two on 17.09. and three on 21.09. |
| **Curlew Sandpiper** | One was at EBR on 05.06. Two were at RWEg4/SA on 09.09. with four at Eg4 on 11.09. and one on15.09. |
| **Temminck’s Stint** | One was at RWEg4 between 30.05. and 01.06. |
| **Sanderling** | It was a poor spring passage at RW with one 27.05., one next day, two on 05.06. and one 09.06. An adult in breeding plumage was in RWNA on 26.08. |
| **Dunlin** | There were records for all months except March and June but nos. were low with 28 on 28.04. at RWEg4 the highest spring count. The only double figure count at RW in autumn was 11 on 19.11. The only records from EBR were singles on 15.07. and 19.09. and 15 on 17.12. |
| **Little Stint** | Four were at RWEg4 on27.04. and two there on 15.09. |
| **Woodcock** | In the first winter period records came from TunnW and WestW up to 06.03. with seven in TunnW on 04.02. the max. One at BGP on 13.03. was the last record. The first autumn bird was at Luff Airfield on 04.11. with next in WestW on 11.11. One was in BW on 18.11. with one in TunnW on 09.12. c.20 were flushed during a shoot in StokeW on 29.12. |
| **Snipe** | Up to four were noted at FHP and BGP up to 16.04. with one at Cott on 24.04. the last spring bird. Two were at EBR on 22.01. One or two were noted in autumn from 22.07. at EBR and RW and three were at BGP on 12.12. |
| **Red-necked Phalarope** | A male was at EBR on28.05. |
| **Common Sandpiper** | Our only spring record was of three at RWDam on 28.04. Autumn passage was mainly at RW from 08.07. to 14.10. with ten on 13.09. Singles were at EBR on 26.08., 10.09.and 17.09. |
| **Green Sandpiper** | No records were received for the first winter period or spring passage. The first autumn birds were two at EBR on 04.06. At EBR birds were seen up to 10.09. with a max. of eight on 12.07. RW produced records in every month from 20.06. to 15.12. with a peak count of 14 on 22.08. There was a good autumn passage at FHP with birds noted from 26.08. to 01.10. and a max. of four on 21.09. |
| **Redshank** | Reported from RW in every month except Sept. An adult and chick were seen on Eg5 on 24.06. Six were in RWNA on 21.10. No records were received from EBR. |
| **Wood Sandpiper** | Singles were seen on seven dates at RWEg between 08.05. and 22.06. |
| **Greenshank** | Spring singles were at RWEg on 23.04. and 03.05. with two on 05.06., when one was at EBR. Autumn singles were at RW on 26.08. and 15.10. |
| **Kittiwake** | It was a good year for this species beginning with one at RWDam on 14./15.01. One was at EBR on 22.02. with one there on 26.-31.03. April saw spring passage from 01. to 21. With birds on six dates at either RW or EBR and a max. of six at RW on 21.04. eight were at RWNA on 29.05. |
| **Black-headed Gull** | Present throughout the year, breeding at RWEg with large nos. of continental birds present in winter. Bird flu has greatly reduced breeding nos. with c.300 killed by the virus. Some RW counts were 303 on 19.02., 200 on 02.03., 609 on 25.04. 252 on 11.07. and c.5000 on 17.11. |
| **Little Gull** | At EBR there were eight on 19.04. and ten on 23.04. RW recorded one on 01.04. and six on 21.04. |
| **Mediterranean Gull** | An occasional visitor to the reservoirs, often found in the evening roosts. An adult was at EBR on 22.02. and a third year bird was at RW on 30.03. Two adults were at RWEg on 03.04. and an imm. was on Eg4on 13.05. |
| **Common Gull** | **.** A winter and passage visitor, often numerous on spring migration. At EBR there were 1000+ on 12. and 18.02. and RW had 1000 on 03.04. Just one was at RW on 05.06. and there were eight at the Dam on 22.08. c.1000 were again at RW on 17.11. |
| **Great Black-backed Gull** | Present at RW all year with mainly immature birds in summer. There were no significant counts. |
| **Herring Gull** | A winter and passage visitor, most numerous in winter. There were no significant counts. |
| **Caspian Gull** | A scarce visitor at the reservoirs on passage and in winter. There were records of single birds at RWDam on 21.01. and Eg on 02. and 04.02., 07. and 25.07., 09. and 11.09 and 17.12. Singles were at EBR on 18.02., 11.03. and 22.07. |
| **Yellow-legged Gull** | A passage visitor, most regular in summer and autumn. One was at RW on 07.03. with the first autumn bird at the Dam on 21.06. Present throughout July and in all months to the end of the year with peak counts of eight on 11.07. and six on 17.09. One was at EBR on 06.03. with one on 11 dates in July. |
| **Lesser Black-backed Gull** | A regular passage visitor at the reservoirs. A pair bred on the Osprey nest on RWeg4, fledging at least two young, a first breeding record for Rutland. c.40 flew north-east at FHP on 09.09. |
| **Sandwich Tern** | All records were from RW with singles on 01.05., 17. and 18.06., three on 10.08. and one on 07.09. |
| **Little Tern** | Single birds were at RWEg3/4, NA on 06.05. and Eg4 on 08.05. Two were on Eg3 on 03.06. and one was at EBR on 23.08. |
| **Common Tern** | Five at RWEg on 20.04. were the first arrivals with four at EBR on 23.04. Bred on rafts at RW and EBR. Some summer counts included 92 at RW on 11.07. and 144 there on 22.08. 40 were at EBR on 20.08. Our last RW birds were two on 04.09., whilst a juv. was at EBR from 09.09. to at least 14.10. |
| **Arctic Tern** | Two in RWNA on 10.04. were the first with spring passage at RW extending to 19.05. with a max. of 28 on 17.04. One was at EBR on 13.05. Autumn juvs. were at RW on 18.08. and EBR on 11. and 22.10. |
| **White-winged Black Tern** | A juv. was at RWEg3 on 17.08. |
| **Black Tern** | Spring passage began with one at RW on 23.04. with birds at RW from 04.05. to 04.06. and a max. of nine on 27.05. Five were at EBR on 01.06. Two at RWNA on 05.08. were the first autumn birds with up to three noted there and at EBR until the last on 29.09. Seven were at EBR on 08.09. |
| **Arctic Skua** | A dark-phase bird flew north-east over RWEg3 on 21.04. |
| **Feral Pigeon** | Local populations were noted in Oak, Upp, Stam and at Kett Cement Works. An increasing visitor at garden feeding stations with 17 in an Oak garden in Dec. |
| **Stock Dove** | A well distributed resident of woodland and farmland. Noted at QF, Ext Park and FHP and RW. Bred in Barn Owl nest boxes at Ext, Ext Park and Geest. |
| **Woodpigeon** | A common species on farmland and in suburban areas where mature trees provide nest sites. Several hundred fed on maize game crops in Ext Park in Dec. |
| **Collared Dove** | Mainly a suburban species exploiting garden feeding station, as in Oak and Stam. 17 were at Bel on 12.10. |
| **Cuckoo** | **.** A declining summer visitor but greatly under-recorded. First heard at RWEg on 20.04. the only other reports of singing birds were from there, QF, TunnW and Ext Park. Last noted at RW on 19.08. |
| **Barn Owl** | An uncommon resident whose nos. fluctuate with declines following harsh winters. There were reports from just seven sites (15 last year). Bred in nest boxes at RW, Ext Park (three young ringed on 03.07.), Preston and Barrow (one chick). |
| **Tawny Owl** | A resident of woods and parkland. Records came from five sites (18 last year) and breeding was confirmed at BCF with two young fledged and at Barrow, where a juv. called on 17.06. |
| **Little Owl** | An introduced species noted at RWNorm (bred), Lang, Edith Weston and Bel – only four sites (13 last year). |
| **Short-eared Owl** | One was at RWEg on 01.09.and one at Luff Airfield on 08.11. |
| **Swift** | A declining summer migrant first seen at RWEg on 20.04. Greatly under-recorded with screaming parties noted only at Emp and Upp. Our last was on the early date of 06.08. at FHP. |
| **Kingfisher** | A scarce resident on rivers but more frequent at the reservoirs. Away from RW records came from Geest, Tin Pumping Station, Ext Park and QF. |
| **Great Spotted Woodpecker** | A well distributed resident, often at garden feeding stations. Records came from 11 sites (12 last year), most of which reported drumming birds from 29.01. to 08.04. Two were drumming at QF on 03.04.and three in TunnW on 08.04. Gardens in Oak and Lang were visited in Jan. and Feb. and adults and a juv. were at feeders in Barrow in July. |
| **Green Woodpecker** | Widespread across the county but under-recorded with records from only eight sites, one less than last year. QF was a major site with two or three seen regularly and breeding confirmed there. |
| **Kestrel** | Thinly distributed across the county with records from nine sites (14 last year). Three pairs bred in nest boxes at Ext with a brood of five ringed at one box on 13.06. and a brood of four at a second box on 03.07. |
| **Merlin** | A female/imm. was near RWDam on15.03. and one was at Luff Airfield between 05/12.11. |
| **Hobby** | A scarce summer visitor with our first record on the late date of 13.05, when three were at RWEg – the main site this year. Singles were over Oak showground on 13.07. and at Greet GC on 21.08. One at RWEg on 22.09. was the last report. |
| **Peregrine** | A rare breeder, present throughout the year. There were records for all months except July and Sept, mostly from RW and two breeding sites. One pair fledged three young by mid-June, nesting in an old Carrion crow nest in a hedgerow Ash tree, an unusual occurrence in Britain previously recorded in Shropshire, Scotland and the Knepp estate in Sussex. The Stam pair, nesting at All Saints church were also successful breeders. |
| **Jay**. | Well distributed in woodland across the county. Under-recorded. Records came from RWEg, Ext estate woods, Walk Farm plantation, Barrow and QF. |
| **Magpie** | **.** A widespread and common bird where there are overgrown hedgerows and scrub and frequent in suburban gardens e.g. in Oak. QF remains a real stronghold with counts of up to ten regular. |
| **Jackdaw** | Common at quarries, in woodland, along hedgerows with mature trees and in towns and villages where chimneys have not been closed to their nesting attempts. The only record was of c.200 circling over Barrow on 31.07. |
| **Rook** | A widespread species, especially where a mix of pasture and arable land provide good feeding opportunities. The only record was of the QF rookery which had nine nests (15 last year). |
| **Carrion Crow** | A widespread and common species from open country to woodland and the suburbs with nos. controlled on shooting estates. No records were received. |
| **Raven** | An uncommon but increasing species with records from eight sites (nine last year). Five pairs were known to have bred with broods of four and two at two nests. |
| **Waxwing** | The irruption eventually reached Oak in Dec. with birds noted on six dates between 19.12. and 29.12. and a peak of 12 on 24.12. Most visits were brief with no long staying flocks. |
| **Coal Tit** | Well distributed in coniferous and mixed woodland with some visiting garden feeding stations. Noted only in Oak and TunnW. |
| **Marsh Tit** | A local woodland resident noted in PGW, Ext Park woods, BarnsW and at RWBFP. |
| **Blue Tit** | A common and widespread species in woodland and gardens. No records were received. |
| **Great Tit** | . A common and well distributed species in woodland and gardens but possibly less common than the Blue Tit. Noted at feeding stations in Oak and Stam. |
| **Bearded Tit** | A male was at RWEg3 on 04.04. |
| **Skylark** | A breeding bird on farmland and waste ground with a marked autumn passage. Remains well established at QF and Ext Park where wide field margins provide nesting habitat. |
| **Sand Martin** | A regular passage migrant at the reservoirs and a local breeder. First seen at RWEg on 13.03. and reported in April from EBR and FHP. Bred successfully at the artificial ‘nesting banks’ at RWEg but no information on nos. received. Our last record was on 22.09. at RWEg. |
| **Swallow** | A well distributed summer and passage visitor. First noted at EBR on 17.03. with the last at RWVTC on 30.10. There were no other significant records. |
| **House Martin** | A well distributed summer and passage visitor. First seen in RWNA on 25.03. and last reported from RWDam on 11.09. |
| **Cetti’s Warbler** | Present at RW throughout the year and apparently extending its range in Rutland with singing birds at Geest on 03.05. and Tin on 14.05. |
| **Long-tailed Tit** | A widespread resident of scrubby areas, visiting garden feeding stations in winter. Up to six visited an Oak garden between 02.01. and 04.03. with one on 16.04. There were records of small flocks from Walk Farm, FHP, RWEg and QF (nest building on27.03.). |
| **Yellow-browed Warbler** | Three were ringed at Luff Airfield on 10.10.; a remarkable record for an inland site. |
| **Willow Warbler** | One singing near RWDam on 29.03. was our first record with subsequent birds at QF (four on 17.04.) , TunnW, FHP, RWEg and RWLynd. Our final record was at FHP on 09.09. |
| **Chiffchaff** | One singing at QF on 17.03. was our first record with others at TunnW, RWEg, FHP, PGW and KQ by the end of the month. There were no other summer records. A good passage at FHP saw birds to 08.10. with one at RWEg on 14.10. and one calling at the Dam on 24.11. |
| **Sedge Warbler** | RWEg/Lynd remain the main sites for this species with the first heard at Eg on 04.04. There was no significant final date. |
| **Reed Warbler** | First heard at RWEg on 07.04. and common in the reed beds there. One sang at FHP on 29.04. and four were by the lake at Geest on 03.05. Our last record was from RW on 03.09. |
| **Grasshopper Warbler** | Singing birds were reported near Rid on 29.04. and at RWVTC on 20.04. and 13.05. |
| **Blackcap** | A common summer visitor with regular winter records from gardens. Up to three visited three Oak gardens between early Jan. and 10.03. Song was first heard at RWEg on 31.03. with other records from FHP, TunnW and QF where one on 10.10. was probably the last migrant. A male was in an Oak garden on 25.11. and a pair were in another Oak garden on 23.12. |
| **Garden Warbler** | A summer visitor in woodlands and spinneys, much under-recorded. One at EBR on 09.04. was the first with other records from RWEg and TunnW. There was no significant final date. |
| **Lesser Whitethroat** | One at QF on 17.04. was the first record with other April birds at BGP and Walk Farm. Autumn migrants were see from 06.08. to 15.10 at FHP, QF and RWEg. |
| **Whitethroat** | The first record was from QF on16.04. with the only other summer records from Walk Farm on 26.04., FHP and Ext Park. One at QF on 12.09. was the last record. |
| **Firecrest** | One was in a hedge at RWEg on 15.04. |
| **Goldcrest** | A resident of mixed and coniferous woodland. There were records from Walk Farm, QF, Ext Park and FHP |
| **Wren** | A woodland and hedgerow resident. No records were received. |
| **Nuthatch** | A woodland species reported from FHP and Ext Park woods and RWFP. Feeders were visited at the latter site an Oak garden and TunnW. |
| **Treecreeper** | An overlooked woodland species noted only at Walk Farm FHP, RWEg, and Ext Park woods. |
| **Starling** | A resident, passage and winter visitor. No records were received. |
| **Blackbird.** | A common resident and a passage and winter visitor. c.20 migrants were regular at QF during Oct. |
| **Fieldfare** | A common and widespread passage and winter visitor. Poorly reported in both winter periods. 30 were in Ext Park on 08.01. 35 were at QF on 25.01. and 15 were near RWDam on 29.03. with the last at RWBFP on 01.04. 25 flying west at QF on 10.10. were or first autumn birds and 40 were at BGP on 30.10. with up to ten noted at scattered sites to the end of the year. |
| **Redwing.** | A common passage and winter visitor. Present at QF to 17.03. with c.20 on 25.01. 15 were at RW on 07.03. with singles on 22.03. and 01.04. Present at QF from 10.10 with nos. increasing to c.60 by 12.12. |
| **Song Thrush** | A widespread but sparsely distributed resident and passage species. No records were received. |
| **Mistle Thrush** | Our scarcest resident thrush with records of singing birds from QF, FHP, RWDam and RWEg. |
| **Spotted Flycatcher** | A rapidly declining summer visitor. A pair in a Rid garden from 03.06. fledged three young by 08.07. The only other records were one at EBR inflow on 01.07. with two next day and singles at RWEg2 on 07.07. and EBR on 21.09. |
| **Robin** | A common and popular species but rarely reported. No records were received. |
| **Nightingale** | **.** A very local and declining summer visitor. One sang at RWEg from 22.04. to at least 13.05. and one at QF from 23.04. with two there from 01. to 22.05. There were no records from PGW this year. |
| **Black Redstart** | A male was at Stam on 23.10. and a juv. male was at RWVTC on 27.11. |
| **Redstart.** | A scarce passage migrant and former breeder. A male held territory in TunnW from 29.04. to 11.06. |
| **Whinchat.** | A scarce passage migrant. The only spring record was of a male at EBR on 22.04. Autumn passage began with one at EBR on 12.07. with two at RWEg on 29.07. and one at Luff Airfield. Two remained at RWEg1 on 02.08. and 15.08 with the last there on 24.08. |
| **Stonechat** | A passage and winter visitor which has bred. One or two were in Ext Park from 02.01. to 11.03. Up to three were at RWEg from 21.01. to 12.03. A female was at QF on 22.02. There were high totals at Luff Airfield with ten on 24.02. and 11 on 16.03. Four were at EBR on 08.04. with a pair remaining to the end of July. Our first autumn bird was at FHP on 01.10. with up to five present to 16.12. RW birds were present from 05.10. to the end of the year with at least four at the Eg Centre on 14.10. One was at Bel on 12.10. with a pair there on 22.11. |
| **Wheatear** | Singles were at EBR and Luff Airfield on 16.03. with ten at the latter site on 18.03. There was a pair at RWDam on 20.03. and a female there on 22.03. One was at RWEg4 on 23.04. and two at Gt Cast on 25.04. All autumn records were of singles; at Luff Airfield on 29.07., RWDam on 11.08., EBR on21.09. and RWDam on 21.10. |
| **House Sparrow** | Common in villages and suburbs where populations are maintained by regular feeding e.g. Oak and Stam. |
| **Tree Sparrow** | A scarce resident. Our records were from game crops at Ext with a single on 28./29.01. and three on 05.02. Two were at EBR on 13.03. |
| **Dunnock** | **.** An unobtrusive species along hedgerows, in woodland and gardens. No records were received. |
| **Yellow Wagtail** | A passage migrant and local breeder. Declining. One at RWDam on 07.04. was our first record. A male held territory in Ext Park from 16.04. to 21.05. Four were at EBR on 23.04. and ten at RWDam on 25.04. Two juvs. were at RWBFP on 08.07. Autumn birds were at RWDam on four dates between 07.08. and 11.09., when a flock of 12 was our last record. |
| **Grey Wagtail** | A passage and winter visitor and a scarce breeder. One was at FHP on 11.03. Singles at Tin Pumping Station on 03.05. and Braun sewage works on 13.05. were at possible breeding sites. Autumn birds were more widespread with records from 05.07. at RWNorm/Dam, Braun, Ext Park, BGP and Bel to 12.10. One was in a Stam garden on 05.12. |
| **Pied Wagtail** | A common resident and passage species. Regular along RWDam where there were 19 on 15.03. |
| **Meadow Pipit** | A scarce breeder and common passage visitor with small nos. in winter. Small spring passage flocks were noted at RWDam (12) on 06.03 and (15) 29.03. , QF (15) on 07.03. and Bel (20) on 14.03. Display noted at Cott Airfield on 25.04. and 13.05. 25 autumn birds were at QF on 17.10. |
| **Rock Pipit** | A regular autumn migrant, scarce in spring. Two were at RWNA on 18.10. Other records were at RWDam with two on 22.10. and singles on 05. and 19.11. |
| **Chaffinch** | A common resident species, declining and a passage and winter visitor. The only record was of c.60 on wild bird crops at Bel on 12.12. |
| **Brambling** | **.** A passage and winter visitor. Six were on game cover crops in Ext Park on 05.02. 50 were at RWLynd on 05.03. with one on feeders on 23.03. with two there on 01.04. and 25 at Eg on the same day. 12 were near RWEg2 on 05.04. and the last spring birds were two at RWBFP on 22.04. |
| **Hawfinch** | Singles were over Barns Gardens on 06.02. and Emp on 19.08. |
| **Bullfinch** | A widespread species in scrubby areas and overgrown hedgerows. Records came from Ext Park, QF and RWEg. |
| **Greenfinch** | A widespread species, much reduced in nos. Noted on wild bird crops at Eg in Jan. and near Emp in Nov. with small nos. at garden feeding stations in Oak and Stam. |
| **Linnet** | A common species of arable farmland and scrubby areas. 35 were at Barrow on 20.01. and c.400 were on wild bird crops on Hamb peninsula in Jan. 24 were at Pick on 29.04. and there were six territories at QF in May. c.150 were on wild bird crops at Bel on 12.12. |
| **Common Redpoll** | One was ringed at Luff Airfield on 22.11. and two on 26.11. Two were at RWEg2 on 10.12. |
| **Lesser Redpoll** | One visited an Oak garden on 13.01. Three were at Geest on 24.01. and ten by RWEg3 on 27.01. Singles were at feeders at RWBFP on 25.03. and 08.04. |
| **Crossbill** | Six flew over RWLynd on 31.07. and ‘several’ were over RWNA on 22.10. |
| **Goldfinch** | A common species on waste ground and regular at gardens feeders. There were good totals from an Oak garden with 48 in Feb., 20 in Nov. and 29 in Dec. Up to 50 were attracted to teasel at QF in Oct. |
| **Siskin** | A regular passage and winter visitor. The only records in the first winter period were a single in TunnW on 08.01. and four near Oak Canal on 12.02. with two in a nearby garden. Six were at Geest on 06.12. and c.40 at RWEg2 on 15.12. |
| **Corn Bunting** | Up to three fed with Linnets on wild bird crops on Hamb peninsula up to 08.01. |
| **Yellowhammer** | Widespread but declining on arable farmland and areas of scrub. The only significant record was of c.20 in Ext Park on 05.02. |
| **Reed Bunting** | A resident of wetland sites and arable farmland in winter. Notes on game crops at Ext Park, Bel and Eg. Bred at RWEg, Ext Park and FHP and there were ten at QF on 17.10. |

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**Monthly Wildfowl Counts - Rutland Water**

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|  | 22.1 | 19.2 | 12.3 | 25.4 | 23.5 | 20.6 | 11.7 | 22.8 | 17.9 | 15.10 | 19.11 | 17.12 |
| Canada Goose | 279 | 349 | 187 | 106 | 108 | 1501 | 1008 | 1143 | 738 | 780 | 186 | 437 |
| Barnacle Goose |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |
| Greylag Goose | 154 | 162 | 476 | 173 | 176 | 1060 | 1237 | 874 | 692 | 526 | 395 | 343 |
| Pink-footed Goose |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Mute Swan | 300 | 212 | 123 | 152 | 232 | 233 | 439 | 292 | 432 | 397 | 344 | 262 |
| Whooper Swan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |
| Egyptian Goose | 30 | 22 | 9 | 15 | 21 | 41 | 36 | 89 | 99 | 47 | 28 | 9 |
| Shelduck | 5 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Ruddy Shelduck |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Mandarin Duck |  |  |  | 3 | 2 | 3 | 6 |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| Garganey |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shoveler | 30 | 97 | 76 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 8 | 50 | 389 | 611 | 93 | 86 |
| Gadwall | 825 | 272 | 124 | 89 | 141 | 726 | 1179 | 1167 | 1354 | 1611 | 1065 | 323 |
| Wigeon | 2886 | 2521 | 1858 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 23 | 1191 | 2709 | 1533 | 2314 |
| Mallard | 459 | 319 | 298 | 223 | 267 | 533 | 510 | 992 | 1304 | 893 | 602 | 601 |
| Pintail | 95 | 23 | 16 | 1 |  |  |  | 3 | 80 | 126 | 154 | 38 |
| Teal | 1388 | 112 | 164 | 34 | 3 | 25 | 58 | 181 | 1157 | 1215 | 590 | 960 |
| Pochard | 33 | 48 | 39 | 25 | 17 | 6 | 6 | 23 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 12 |
| Tufted Duck | 1214 | 602 | 740 | 618 | 175 | 216 | 772 | 1819 | 2949 | 964 | 774 | 1030 |
| Scaup | 5 |  | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 3 |
| Goldeneye | 294 | 294 | 335 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 131 | 176 |
| Smew | 9 | 2 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goosander | 36 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 | 16 | 10 |
| Great Northern Diver | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 3 |
| Little Grebe | 123 | 55 | 24 | 1 |  | 6 | 15 | 102 | 166 | 223 | 148 | 103 |
| Great Crested Grebe | 276 | 91 | 99 | 154 | 159 | 176 | 220 | 437 | 395 | 447 | 168 | 65 |
| Slavonian Grebe | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Black-necked Grebe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| Cattle Egret |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| Grey Heron | 14 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 9 | 17 | 17 | 28 | 11 | 9 |
| Great White Egret | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 45 | 37 | 15 | 9 |
| Little Egret | 1 |  | 1 | 15 | 7 | 46 | 59 | 57 | 93 | 51 | 4 | 2 |
| Cormorant | 116 | 101 | 233 | 200 | 198 | 218 | 379 | 1188 | 1103 | 438 | 214 | 159 |
| Water Rail |  | 2 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Moorhen | 21 | 29 | 17 | 19 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 52 | 102 | 93 | 28 | 36 |
| Coot | 1071 | 839 | 555 | 79 | 99 | 213 | 366 | 772 | 1527 | 1484 | 1085 | 898 |
| Kingfisher | 1 | 2 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 9671 | 6179 | 5409 | 1934 | 1640 | 5050 | 6342 | 9296 | 13847 | 12710 | 7605 | 7896 |

**Eyebrook Reservoir**

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|  | 22.1. | 19.2. | 12.3. | 23.4. | 21.5. | 18.6. | 9.7. | 20.8. | 17.9. | 15.10. | 19.11. | 17.12 |
| Canada Goose | 59 | 65 | 33 | 6 | 24 | 95 | 48 | 122 | 64 | 23 | 8 | 118 |
| Greylag Goose | 29 | 16 | 100 | 4 | 33 | 140 | 166 | 178 | 271 | 320 | 65 | 174 |
| Mute Swan | 82 | 43 | 56 | 70 | 53 | 87 | 101 | 58 | 58 | 96 | 160 | 99 |
| Egyptian Goose |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 8 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Shelduck | 2 | 10 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Shoveler |  |  |  | 2 |  | 3 |  | 1 | 4 | 2 | 46 |  |
| Gadwall | 39 | 10 | 3 | 24 | 13 | 28 | 2 | 8 |  | 21 | 43 | 59 |
| Wigeon | 695 | 453 | 269 | 3 |  |  |  |  | 46 | 10 | 248 | 341 |
| Mallard | 379 | 108 | 68 | 28 | 77 | 108 | 141 | 353 | 245 | 114 | 204 | 319 |
| Pintail | 5 | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 13 | 35 | 91 |
| Teal | 321 | 120 | 238 | 44 |  | 7 |  | 16 | 48 | 3 | 632 | 960 |
| Red-crested Pochard |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 2 |
| Pochard | 60 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27 | 138 | 144 |
| Tufted Duck | 431 | 256 | 184 | 83 | 1 |  | 8 | 12 |  | 646 | 605 | 131 |
| Pochard |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goldeneye | 21 | 62 | 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16 | 3 |
| Smew | 6 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 9 |
| Goosander |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 2 |
| Little Grebe | 5 |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 6 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Great Crested Grebe | 39 | 18 | 8 | 33 | 22 | 31 | 46 | 142 | 89 | 66 | 36 | 6 |
| Black-necked Grebe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Cattle Egret |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| Grey Heron | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |  | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |  | 1 |
| Great White Egret | 3 |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| Little Egret |  |  | 1 | 2 |  | 1 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Cormorant | 40 | 70 | 24 | 4 | 14 | 9 | 4 | 25 | 28 | 66 | 22 | 12 |
| Water Rail |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Moorhen | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 |  | 6 |  | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Coot | 88 | 3 |  |  | 2 | 31 | 51 | 109 | 197 | 607 | 407 | 8 |
| Kingfisher |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 2306 | 1197 | 1010 | 308 | 240 | 542 | 583 | 1043 | 1074 | 2024 | 2682 | 2495 |

**Fort Henry Ponds and Exton Park**

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|  | 20.1. | 20.2. | 11.3. | 22.4. | 21.5. | 16.6. | 9.7. | 21.8. | 16.9. | 16.10. | 20.11. | 16.12. |
| Greylag Goose | 154 |  | 12 | 20 | 27 | 12 | 13 |  |  |  | 15 | 6 |
| Mute Swan | 10 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| Egyptian Goose | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Shelduck |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandarin Duck |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |  |  |
| Shoveler | 14 | 12 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 25 | 109 | 15 | 7 |
| Gadwall | 52 | 64 | 61 | 28 | 13 | 57 | 29 | 29 | 53 | 63 | 46 | 65 |
| Wigeon | 94 | 160 | 185 |  |  |  |  |  | 9 | 67 | 50 | 53 |
| Mallard | 182 | 65 | 67 | 42 | 34 | 54 | 100 | 136 | 116 | 137 | 139 | 92 |
| Teal | 70 | 18 | 21 | 6 |  |  |  | 16 | 96 | 134 |  | 10 |
| Pochard |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| Tufted Duck | 115 | 98 | 55 | 35 | 23 | 25 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 24 | 66 | 80 |
| Little Grebe | 9 | 4 |  |  |  |  | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| Grey Heron | 2 | 2 | 2 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Great White Egret | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Little Egret |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cormorant | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 3 |  | 3 |
| Moorhen | 13 | 20 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 38 | 62 | 62 | 22 | 10 |
| Coot | 70 | 59 | 45 | 32 | 26 | 31 | 48 | 90 | 108 | 117 | 122 | 131 |
| Kingfisher |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 789 | 521 | 470 | 186 | 145 | 196 | 235 | 354 | 488 | 740 | 502 | 478 |

**Banthorpe Gravel Pit**

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|  | 23.1. | 21.2. | 14.3. | 20.4. | 22.5. | 15.6 | 08.7. | 22.8. | 15.9 | 12.10 | 22.11. | 12.12. |
| Canada Goose |  | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Barnacle Goose |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Greylag Goose | 23 | 26 | 8 | 21 | 22 |  |  |  |  |  | 29 |  |
| Mute Swan | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Shoveler |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Mallard | 2 | 5 | 7 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 19 | 60 |
| Teal | 11 | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | 8 | 2 | 32 | 2 |
| Tufted Duck | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Grey Heron |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |
| Little Egret |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |
| Cormorant |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 |  |  |
| Moorhen |  | 2 | 1 |  | 2 | 1 |  | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 |  |
| Coot |  |  |  | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 39 | 44 | 25 | 37 | 31 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 13 | 88 | 67 |

**Greetham Golf Course**

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|  | 12.2. | 12.3. | 24.4. | 21.5. | 17.6. | 21.8. |
| Greylag Goose |  |  | 2 | 3 |  |  |
| Mute Swan | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |  |  |
| Gadwall |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |  |
| Mallard | 41 | 25 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 13 |
| Little Grebe |  |  | 2 |  | 1 |  |
| Grey Heron |  | 1 |  | 2 |  | 1 |
| Little Egret |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Cormorant |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Moorhen | 28 | 26 | 20 | 14 | 21 | 27 |
| Coot | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 73 | 56 | 51 | 43 | 48 | 44 |

**Holywell Lake (No October Count)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 21.01. | 19.02. | 21.03. | 25.09. | 17.11. | 17.12. |
| Canada Goose | 38 | 44 | 17 | 28 | 25 | 26 |
| Greylag Goose | 34 | 25 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| Pink-footed Goose |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Mute Swan | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |  |  |
| Shoveler | 2 |  |  |  | 5 | 2 |
| Gadwall | 30 | 21 | 9 |  | 19 | 26 |
| Wigeon | 75 | 10 |  |  | 16 | 26 |
| Mallard | 45 | 27 | 33 | 32 | 91 | 51 |
| Teal | 22 | 6 |  | 2 | 12 | 16 |
| Tufted Duck |  | 26 | 17 | 3 | 8 | 22 |
| Little Grebe | 22 | 12 | 10 | 16 | 19 | 17 |
| Grey Heron | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |
| Little Egret |  | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Cormorant | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| Moorhen | 32 | 19 | 13 | 19 | 19 | 25 |
| Coot |  | 9 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Kingfisher | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |

TOTAL 306 203 119 110 230 225

**Rutland Water Monthly Wader Counts**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 22.1. | 19.2. | 12.3. | 25.4. | 23.5. | 20.6. | 11.7. | 22.8. | 17.9. | 15.10. | 19.11. | 17.12. |
| Oystercatcher |  | 29 | 26 | 28 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Avocet |  |  |  |  | 13 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lapwing | 535 | 2095 | 193 | 25 | 32 | 48 | 110 | 114 | 315 | 226 | 903 | 2018 |
| Golden Plover |  | 1197 | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22 | 899 | 89 |
| Ringed Plover |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  | 1 | 25 |  |  |  |
| Little Ringed Plover |  |  |  | 1 | 4 | 6 |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Whimbrel |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Curlew | 2 | 7 | 4 |  |  |  | 1 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 9 |
| Black-tailed Godwit |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 13 |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| Ruff |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 10 | 3 |  |  |  |
| Dunlin | 6 | 1 |  |  | 3 |  |  | 2 |  | 1 | 11 |  |
| Snipe | 4 | 65 | 20 | 1 |  |  | 2 |  | 11 | 6 |  | 2 |
| Common Sandpier |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 4 | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Green Sandpiper |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 2 |  |
| Redshank | 10 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 13 | 7 |
| Greenshank |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |  | 1 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 557 | 3405 | 264 | 62 | 78 | 68 | 145 | 161 | 363 | 268 | 1839 | 2125 |