



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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Committee Update of the Observatory since opening up the decking area.

Monday 29th April 2021

Well, there was a good start as an Osprey and a Swallow were seen flying over the Pans, unfortunately for me that was just after I had left. They were recorded by Graham Giddens.

I recorded the usual birds for the Pans including hearing a Great spotted woodpecker and a Chiff Chaff.

30th April, A Black swan was an unusual visitor for the Pans which alternated between the Pans and Avon Water, but the highlight of the day was the appearance of two Avocets which were on the Pans for over an hour.



The two Avocet on the Pans, neither of them were ringed.

There are good numbers of Black Tailed Godwits and depending on the tide they alternate between the Pans and Avon water.



Black Tailed Godwit



Redshank

Redshanks are seen every day and at least two are seen on the edge of the Kingfisher Pool where the reeds have been cut back.

Shelduck are seen most days along with Mallard and Teal.

Up to three Robins have been seen with only one of them having been ringed. Cetti's are heard every day but so far not seen.

Thursday 8th April was another good day, an adult Kingfisher put in an appearance along with 4 Avocet and a Spoonbill.



Male Kingfisher(ringed)



4 Avocet (none of them ringed).



Spoonbill (juvenile).

The Spoonbill seems to like the Pans as it has been present ever since (so far)

Up to two Marsh Harriers have been seen on the odd occasion.

A Blue tit has been checking out one of the nest boxes.

One of Mute swans on Avon Water is sitting on their nest in the reed bed.

Up to 5 Snipe have been seen, some near the Kingfisher Pool and a Common Sandpiper was present on the Pans on 8th April.



Snipe



Common Sandpiper

Salinity check of the Kingfisher Pool @15.45 9/4/2021

Sample 1. Left hand side of the Kingfisher pool (above grid). 32%

Sample 2 Right hand side of the Kingfisher pool. 31%

Sea water. 34%

This shows that the water of the Pans is virtually seawater.

Trail Camera photos.



Roebuck



Fox



Badger



Otter

Chris Barrass. 10/4/2021