



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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November update for the Observatory

28th October until 31st November 2021

Black Tailed Godwit: Until 10th November only seen flying over. Since then 200+ is the highest number recorded on the Pans. One has been seen close to the Kingfisher pool for several days.



Black Tailed Godwit by the Kingfisher Pool

Brent Goose: Seen in the harbour from 28th October onwards, 10 on the Pans on 18th November. Have only been seen flying over since then.

Canada Goose: Seen or heard most days, Highest number 400+ on 2nd Nov.

Cattle Egret: One present on the 26th November, the third this year.

Coot: Recorded every day, the highest number was 35 on 29th October.

Curlew: Recorded 25 times, Thirteen on 6th November.

Cetti's: Present on Fourteen occasions but only seen three times.

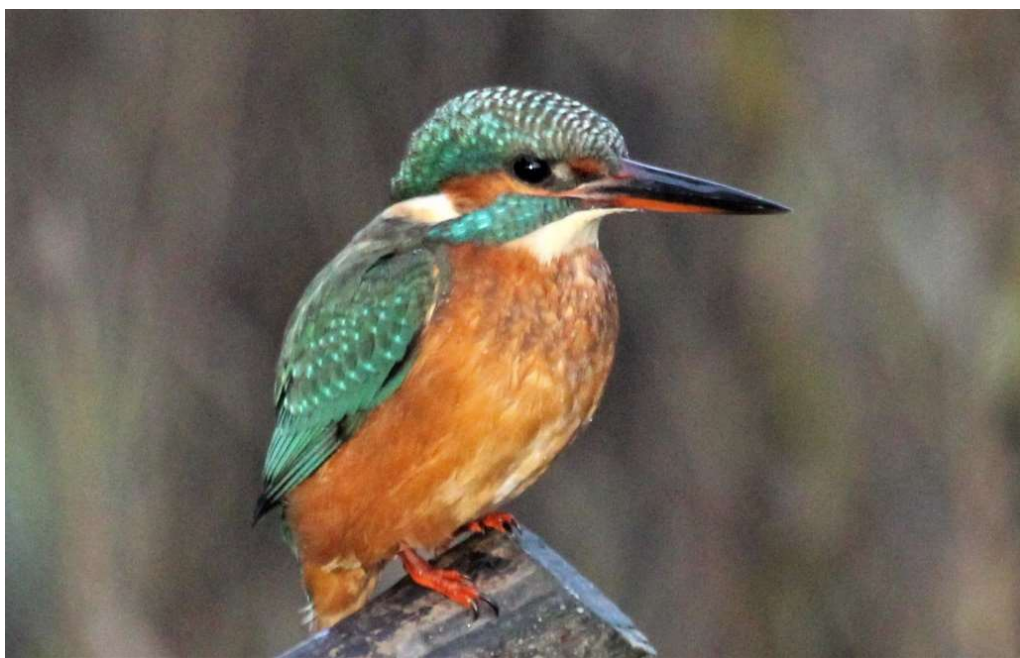
Dunnock: Seen nearly every day, three seen on two occasions.

Glossy Ibis: New for the site. Two birds arrived just after 07.15 on 12th November and were there for about 15 minutes.



Jay: Several seen every day until 22nd then numbers began to drop off.

Kingfisher: Seen regularly but usually flying around, the photo below is the first one taken for several weeks.



Female Kingfisher

Lesser Black Backed Gull: Present most days, usually catching Shore crabs.

Little Egret: Present every day, highest number 7 on the 18thNov.

Little Grebe: Present every day, highest number 49 on the 13thNov.

Snipe: First recorded as flying over on the 2ndNovember, 18 was the highest number recorded (24thNov). Some near the Kingfisher pool.



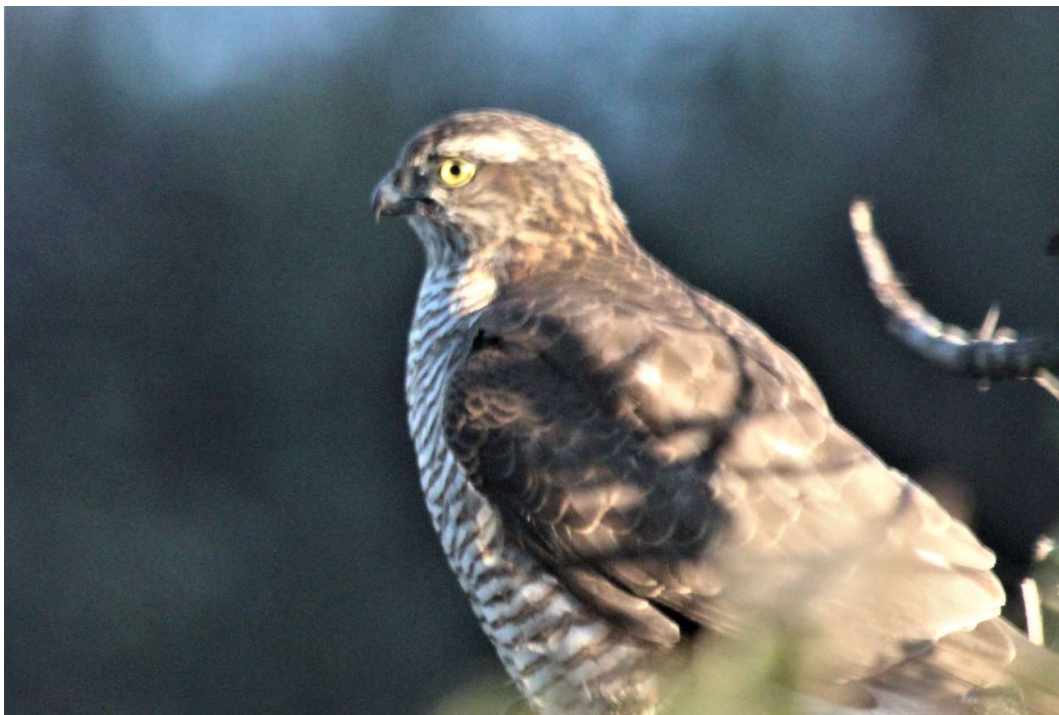
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male and female Shoveler

Shoveler: 16 present on the 25thNovember. They have been seen near the Kingfisher Pool on several occasions.

Sparrowhawk: Regularly seen, the photo below was taken through the Observatory door window as the Sparrowhawk sat on top of the central hedge after a failed attempt to catch its prey.



Swallow: Two seen flying over the Pans on the 31stOctober.

Teal: Recorded most days. 46 on 3rd November.

Water Rail: Three birds have been seen around the Kingfisher Pool on two occasions, present most days.

Birds recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Carrion crow, Collared Dove, Egyptian Goose, Gadwall, Goldfinch, Great tit, Great White Egret, Greenshank, Greylag Goose, Grey Heron, Jackdaw, Kestrel, Lapwing, Long tailed tit, Marsh Harrier, Moorhen, Pied Wagtail, Pintail, Redshank, Shelduck, Stonechat, Skylark, Stock dove and Tufted duck.

Birding for beginners.

This took place on Saturday the 6thNovember and 45 species of birds were recorded.

Ringing session at the Pans.

Graham Giddens had a bird ringing session at the Pans on Saturday 20th November. A relatively quiet morning with not many birds ringed.

Trail Cameras.

Birds photographed: Blackbird, Kingfisher, Little Egret, Little Grebe, Mallard, Pheasant, Water Rail and Wood Pigeon.



Male Pheasant.



Little Egret.



One of the two Otters photographed on 3rd and 26th November.



Fox.

No Badgers were photographed during November.

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