



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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December 2021 update

1st December until the 31st of December.

Black Tailed Godwit: Present nearly everyday until 26th December when the water level became very high.

Blue Tit: Seen or heard every day, 7 being the highest number on 29th December. Some were ringed.

Brent Goose: Recorded most days, either flying over, (200 plus on 9th) or on the Pans. 51 present on 20th December.



Brent Goose near the Observatory on 1st December.

Carrion Crow: Recorded nearly every day.

Coal Tit: A single, ringed bird was present on the 18th December.



Coal Tit

Collared Dove: Present on 12 days, 51 on the 8th December.

Curlew: Seen or heard nearly every day, 7 on the 17th.

Gadwall: Present on 9 occasions, 17 present on 29th December.



A male and female Gadwall near the Observatory on 30th December.

Greenshank: A single Greenshank was seen on 13 occasions.

Grey Heron: A single Heron was seen on 21 days during December.

House Sparrow: Very common for the site.

Jay: Only seen once after the 17th December.

Kingfisher: Often seen flying around the site. Two on the 5th and 7th December.

Lapwing: Absent from the site on only 7 occasions.

Little Egret: Present every day. Seven on the 19th December.

Little Grebe: Another bird that is present every day. 46 on 14th

Marsh Harrier: Recorded on 20 days in December, 2 on 14th.

Mute Swan: Recorded on 10 occasions.



Two Mute Swans flying past the Observatory

Redshank: Seen everyday until 27th December, then non since then. On two occasions a colour ringed and number ringed bird was recorded.



21st December



26th December

We are waiting to hear the details of the bird from the ringer, who is on holiday.

Robin: Seen every day, 2 birds around site. Only one has been ringed.

Shoveler: Present until the 27th December. Highest number recorded was 17 on the 21st.

Starling: Seen only 7 times during the month.

Teal: Visible from the Observatory on 13 occasions, 32 being the highest number recorded on the 19th December.

Tufted Duck: Recorded 13 times, 32 being the highest number on 19th.



Male Tufted duck.



Water Rail

Water Rail: Recorded 14 times. Two on the 2nd and 14th December.

Birding for Beginners. Saturday 4/12/2021

45 birds were recorded. We had a few families visiting the Observatory and they all seemed impressed at the birds seen that morning.

Visit to the Observatory by U3A on Wednesday 15th December

David Horne and Chris Barrass hosted the group visiting the Observatory. Simon Nichols was leading the group which wasn't as large as we expected so they were all able to get onto the decking with a couple inside the Observatory. 30 species of birds were seen. While at the Observatory the whole group were lucky enough to see a Water Rail and a Marsh Harrier which was a good way for them to start their walk along the sea wall towards Lymington.

Trail Cams

Otter



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Only two Otters were recorded during December, one on the 2nd and one on the 4th December.

Badger



One Badger was photographed during December.

Fox



Photographed on several occasions during the month.

Owl



The photos above show a Tawny Owl on the edge of the Kingfisher pool on 12th December.

Towards the end of December the water levels became quite high, to illustrate this, here is a photo.



Wishing you all the best for 2022

Chris Barrass. 31/12/2021