



# Milford Conservation Volunteers



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## **June 2022 Observatory Report.**

### **From the 1<sup>st</sup> June to the 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Avocet:** Only seen on five days during June.

**Bearded Reedlings:** First seen on the 15<sup>th</sup> June when 7 were present. Have been seen on seven occasions this month.



One of the 5 Bearded Reedlings present on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Black Headed Gull:** Present every day. Highest number was 66 on the 27<sup>th</sup> June

**Black Tailed Godwit:** Present most days apart from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Cetti's Warbler:** Heard nearly every day. Two heard on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Chiffchaff:** Heard on seven occasions but only seen once and that was on the 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**Common Tern:** Seen most days, usually at the far end of the Pans near the tern raft but can be seen from the observatory gate fishing in the harbour. 5 birds were present on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Coot:** Seen every day during the month. One pair have three young.



Two of the three young Coots near the Kingfisher Pool.

**Cuckoo:** Heard on 9 occasions but only seen twice.

**Garganey:** *A new species for the site.* A pair were present on the 13<sup>th</sup> June.



The Pair of Garganey at the Pans.

**Goldfinch:** Recorded 12 times during the month. 10 recorded on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Greenfinch:** Present every day. Juveniles were seen towards the end of the month. 7 has been the highest number recorded on the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**Greenshank:** One or two present until the 16<sup>th</sup> June. Since then it is usual to see four Greenshank each day.

**Grey Heron:** Seen every day. Three present on the 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Jay:** Common to see them flying over the Pans. Four recorded on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Kingfisher:** Two Kingfishers have been using the Kingfisher pool during June. A juvenile male and a juvenile female. Neither of them are ringed. Seen on 22 days during June.



A Juvenile Kingfisher in flight. (2<sup>nd</sup> June).

**Lapwing:** Present nearly every day during the month. 44 on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Little Grebe:** Present most days. 9 were present on the 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Little tern:** Have been seen fishing at the far end of the Pans on 15 occasions. Three were present on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Long Tailed Tit:** Recorded on 10 occasions during the month. 20 were seen flying one after the other along the hedge by the gate on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Mallard:** The Mallards seem to have bred very well this year. Several broods and second broods have been seen on Avon Water and the Pans. Mallards have been present every day with the highest number being 87 on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.



Ducklings on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

This is what they look like now (30<sup>th</sup> June)

**Marsh Harrier:** Have been seen on 16 occasions this month but only a single bird.

**Mute Swan:** Present every day The pair started with 5 cygnets and are now down to 3.

**Oystercatcher:** Present most days. 8 has been the highest number, on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**Reed Bunting:** A single male has been seen on 10 occasions but only on the Avon Water side.

**Reed Warbler:** Present every day. 2 juveniles were seen on the 29<sup>th</sup> June.



Two Juvenile Reed Warblers.

**Sand Martin:** Present on 16 occasions.

**Shelduck:** Present nearly every day. 12 was the highest number recorded on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. One pair have 9 chicks, first seen on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Swallow:** Seen every day.

**Swift:** Recorded on 13 days during the month.

### **Birds recorded but not mentioned in this report.**

Blackbird, Bullfinch. Buzzard, Canada goose, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Collared Dove, Cormorant, Dunnock, Gadwall, Goldfinch, Great Black Backed gull, Great Tit, Herring Gull, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Kestrel, Lesser Black Backed Gull. Little Egret, Mediterranean Gull, Moorhen, Pheasant, Pied wagtail, Redshank, Red Kite, Ringed Plover, Robin, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Tufted Duck, Water Rail, Woodpigeon and Wren.

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### **Birding for Beginners.**

This took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Observatory. David Horne, Keith Metcalf and Chris Barrass were present. It was a quiet morning with only a few visitors. A Marsh Harrier flew over a few times and three Little Terns were seen at the far end of the Pans.

### **Trail Cameras.**

**Birds recorded:** Blackbird, Black Headed Gull, Kingfisher, Little Egret, Mallard, Redshank and Wood Pigeon.



Little Egret.



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Mallard and Redshank.

**Animals Recorded:** Badger, Brown Rat, Fox, Grey Squirrel, *Hedgehog* and Otter.



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Fox.

The Otter is in the grass on the left-hand side.

This is the first record of a Hedgehog at the Pans.

A Grey Squirrel was seen around the Observatory for a couple of days so here is a photo of it on one of the decking posts.



Grey squirrel.

Chris Barrass. 30/6/2022