



MILFORD CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS



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July 2022 Observatory Report.

From the 1st July to the 31st July.

Black Tailed Godwit: Recorded every day. 204 were present on the 31st July.

Common Gull: *A new species for the site.* One bird present on the 13th July.



Common Gull (juvenile). photos by Peter Barnes.

Common Tern: Present on most days usually near the Tern raft.



Common Tern.

Coot: Present every day. The highest number recorded was 16 on the 28th July. One pair had three chicks.

Cormorant: Often seen fishing around the Pans.

Glossy Ibis: Present on three occasions. One bird on the 17th July, two on the 23rd July and one on the 29th July.



The two birds present on the 23rd July.

Photo by Peter Barnes.

Great Spotted woodpecker: Recorded on two occasions. The 23rd and 26th July.

Great White Egret: One bird present on the 18th July.

Greenfinch: Present every day. 15 were recorded on July the 30th July.

Greenshank: Recorded every day. 5 present on the 17th and 20th July.

Grey Heron: Present every day. 5 on the 26th July.

House Sparrow: Heard more often than being seen.

Jay: Usually seen flying across the Pans. 3 recorded on the 2nd and the 7th July.

Kestrel: Recorded on 8 occasions.

Kingfisher: One or two birds seen every day during July. A juvenile male and a juvenile female are the usual birds seen. An adult female was also recorded on two occasions.

Lapwing: Recorded every day. Over 81 were present on the 31st July.

Little Egret: Common for the site. 35 Egrets were present on the 25th July.



Most of the 35 Little Egrets near the kingfisher pool on 25th July.

Little Tern: Often seen fishing around the Pans. 3 present on the 20th July.



Little tern.

Magpie: Seen and heard on most days.

Mallard: Common for the site. Present every day with over 100 recorded on the 10th July.

Moorhen: Present every day. One pair had 3 chicks. The chicks were first seen on 20th July.



Moorhen adult with two of the three chicks.

Mute Swan: The two adults with their three cygnets have been seen nearly every day.



The three Mute Swan cygnets.

Redshank: Present every day. Over 50 were present on the 25th July.

Reed warbler: Seen nearly every day.



Reed Warbler.

Ringed Plover: Seen on five occasions. 11 present on the 11th July.

Shelduck: One pair present every day with their 5 remaining chicks.



Juvenile Shelduck.

Stock Dove: Seen most days. 16 were recorded on the 24th July.

Swallow: Recorded most days.

Swift: Regularly seen until the 21st July but seen only twice since then.

Water Rail: Since the 17th July one or two birds have been seen most days.



Water Rail by the Kingfisher Pool.

Birds recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Blackbird, Black Headed Gull, Blackcap, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Canada Goose, Carrion Crow, Cetti's, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Curlew, Dunlin, Dunnock, Goldfinch, Great Black Backed Gull, Great Tit, Green Woodpecker, Herring Gull, Hobby, Jackdaw, Lesser Black Backed Gull, Little Grebe, Long Tailed Tit, Marsh Harrier, Mediterranean Gull, Oystercatcher, Peregrine, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Robin, Sand Martin, Sandwich Tern, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Whitethroat and Wren.

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Trail Cameras.

Birds photographed: Blackbird, Kingfisher, Little Egret, Mallard, Moorhen and Woodpigeon.



Mallard.



Little Egret.

Animals photographed: Fox.

The Fox was present on 11 occasions.



Fox checking out the trail camera.

Birding for Beginners.

This took place on Saturday 2nd July. It was a fairly quiet morning with several visitors arriving just before 12.00. All the visitors were on holiday. Some of the birds seen were: Little Egret, Mallard, Little Grebe, Grey Heron, Coot, Moorhen, Marsh Harrier and a Kingfisher.

Other stuff.

Roe Deer were seen crossing the Pans on several occasions.

A Speckled Wood was present on the 20th July. Photos below.



Female Roe deer.



Speckled Wood.

And finally.

There was a rather spectacular sunrise on the 18th July. Photo below.



Chris Barrass.

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