



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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November 2022 Observatory Report.

Barnacle Goose: Seen flying over on two occasions, one bird with a flock of Canada Geese on the 8th November and 4 on the 10th November.

Blackbird: Present most days. 5 present on the 14th November.



Blackbird(male).



Blackbird(female).

Black Tailed Godwit: Recorded on 23 occasions during the month. Up to the 15th the birds could be seen on the edge of the reed bed at the far end. After the 15th once the water levels became too high they were only seen flying over the site.

Brent Goose: First recorded on the Pans on the 2nd November when 7 birds were present. Recorded on 26 occasions since then, with over 400 present on the 21st November.



Part of the flock of Brent Geese at the Pans on 21st November.

Canada Goose: Recorded every day. The highest number was 58 on the 27th with large flocks flying over every day.

Carrion Crow: Present every day.

Cetti's: Frequently heard and have been seen on 5 occasions.

Chaffinch: Seen on 6 occasions.



Chaffinch.

Coal Tit: Since filling the Feeders they have been seen on 7 occasions.



Coal Tit.

Coot: Recorded every day. The highest number was 60 on the 26th November

Cormorant: Common for the site. 4 recorded on the 3rd November.

Curlew: Frequently heard. Have been seen flying over on 7 occasions.

Dunnock: Recorded on 21 occasions, one ringed bird was seen three times.

Gadwall: Can be seen on Avon Water as well as the Pans. 53 were recorded on the 24th November.

Goldfinch: Common for the site. 17 seen on two occasions, the 10th and 23rd November.



Goldfinch.

Great Black Backed Gull: Have been seen flying over the site on several occasions during the month.

Great Tit: Recorded on 23 days during the month, three were seen on the 24th November.

Greylag Goose: Present on 9 occasions during the month. Over 22 seen on the 6th November with 33 seen flying over the Pans on 11th.

Grey Heron: Seen most days.

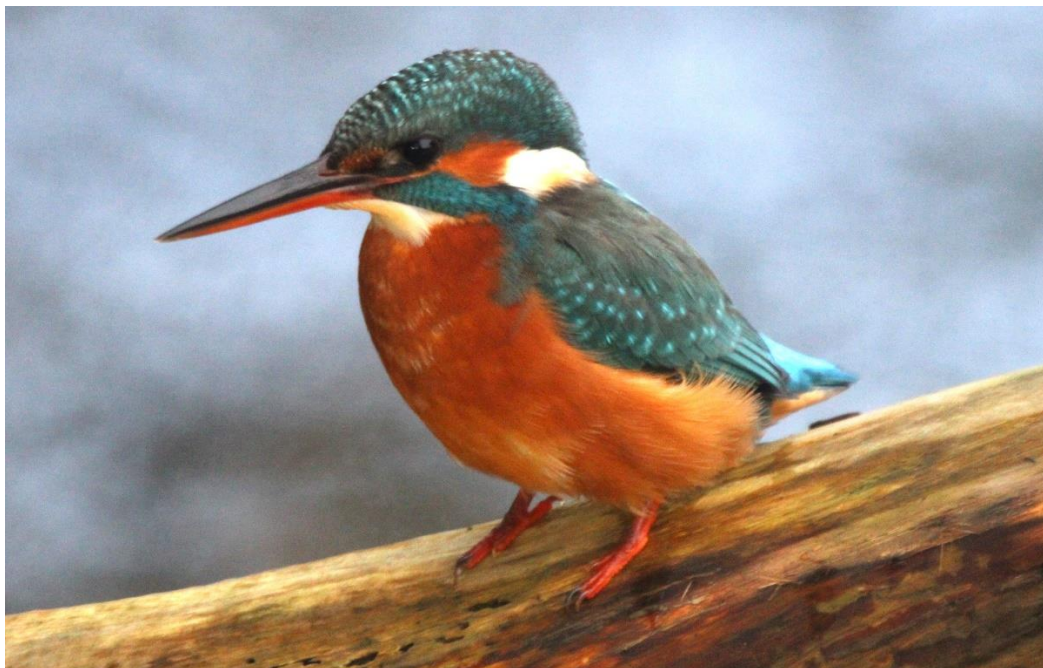
Herring Gull: Recorded nearly every day.

Jackdaw: Seen or heard nearly every day of the month.

Jay: Commonly seen flying over the site. Photo below.



Kingfisher: One or two birds seen flying around the Pans most days. One is a Female.



Female Kingfisher.

Lapwing: Due to the high water levels they are mainly seen flying over the Pans. On the one occasion that they did land (21st November) 46 were present. Over 100 were seen flying over on the 22nd.

Lesser Black Backed Gull: One present nearly every day.



Lesser Black Backed Gull.

Little Egret: Present every day. 5 has been the highest number recorded.

Little Grebe: Seen around the Pans and Avon Water every day. 22 has been the highest number recorded during November.

Magpie: Common for the site.

Mallard: High numbers seen every day. 114 on the 14th November.

Marsh Harrier: Recorded every day. 5 present on the 6th and 17th November.



Marsh Harrier in flight and one in the reeds of Avon Water.

Moorhen: Present nearly every day. 3 were recorded on the 17th November.

Mute Swan: 2 present every day, 3 on the 28th November.

Pied Wagtail: Two seen on three occasions.



Pied wagtail on the car park wall. Photo taken from the new raised decking.

Pintail: Recorded most days. 14 on the 30th November.

Robin: One seen most days. 2 seen on the 14th.

Song Thrush: Seen on 5 occasions.



Song Thrush.

Sparrowhawk: Seen flying over the Pans on 12 occasions.

Swallow: Seen flying over on 4 occasions during November. The last sighting of a Swallow over the Pans was on the 10th.



Swallow flying over the Observatory on the 5th November.

Teal: Recorded on 9 occasions. Over 75 present on the 2nd November.

Tufted Duck: Present on 14 days with 5 being the highest number.



Tufted Duck.

Water Rail: Recorded on 21 days. 2 seen on 4 occasions.

Wren: Heard or seen nearly every day.

Birds Recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Bearded Tit, Blackcap, Black Headed Gull, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Collared Dove, Egyptian Goose, Golden Plover, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Greenfinch, Greenshank, Green Woodpecker, House Sparrow, Kestrel, Long Tailed Tit, Peregrine, Raven, Reed Bunting, Shelduck, Starling, Stock Dove, Yellow Wagtail and Wigeon.

Thanks to: Peter Barnes, David Horne and Keith Metcalf for their additions to the bird records.

Birding For Beginners

This took place on Saturday 5th November and was run by David Horne and Chris Barrass. A quiet morning with only one visitor. 38 species of birds were recorded including: 4 Marsh Harriers, a juvenile female Kingfisher, a Water Rail, 6 Swallows and 25 Golden Plovers flying over Avon Water.

Trail Cameras.

Birds Photographed: Blackbird, Coot, Lesser Black Backed Gull, Little Egret, Little Grebe, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Pheasant, Robin, Water Rail and Woodpigeon.



Coot, Mallard and Little Egret.



Mallard, Little Grebe, Mute Swan and
Water Rail.

Animals Photographed: Brown Rat, Fox and possibly a Wood Mouse.



Brown Rat.



Fox.

And finally.

The Blackberry bushes next to the Observatory decking have started flowering which seems to be a bit late in the year.



Chris Barrass. 30/11/2022