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July 2024 Observatory Report.

Avocet: Recorded nearly every day with 25 being the highest number on 12th and the 16th March.

Blackbird: Was seen on 16 days during the month.



A juvenile Blackbird.

Black Headed Gull: Seen every day.

Black Tailed Godwit: Present in high numbers throughout the month with 189 birds present on the 23rd July.

Blue Tit: Recorded on 18 days during the month.

Canada Geese: After the 17th July the numbers started to increase. 268 were recorded on the 28th July.



Canada Geese at the Pans (Can you spot the 2 juvenile Marsh Harriers).

Collared Dove: Often recorded at the Pans. 11 were seen on the 13th.

Common Sandpiper: Recorded on 7 days during the month.



A Common Sandpiper near the Observatory.

Coot: Recorded every day of the month but only in low numbers. 10 was the highest number seen on the 21st.

Cormorant: Common for the site. 4 were recorded on the 22nd and 28th.

Curlew: Have been heard 9 times during the month but not seen.

Great Spotted Woodpecker: Recorded on 4 days during July.



Great Spotted Woodpecker.



Green Woodpecker.

Green Woodpecker: Recorded on 5 days during the month. Photo above.

Greenshank: Recorded on 19 days during the month. Photo below.



Greenshank.

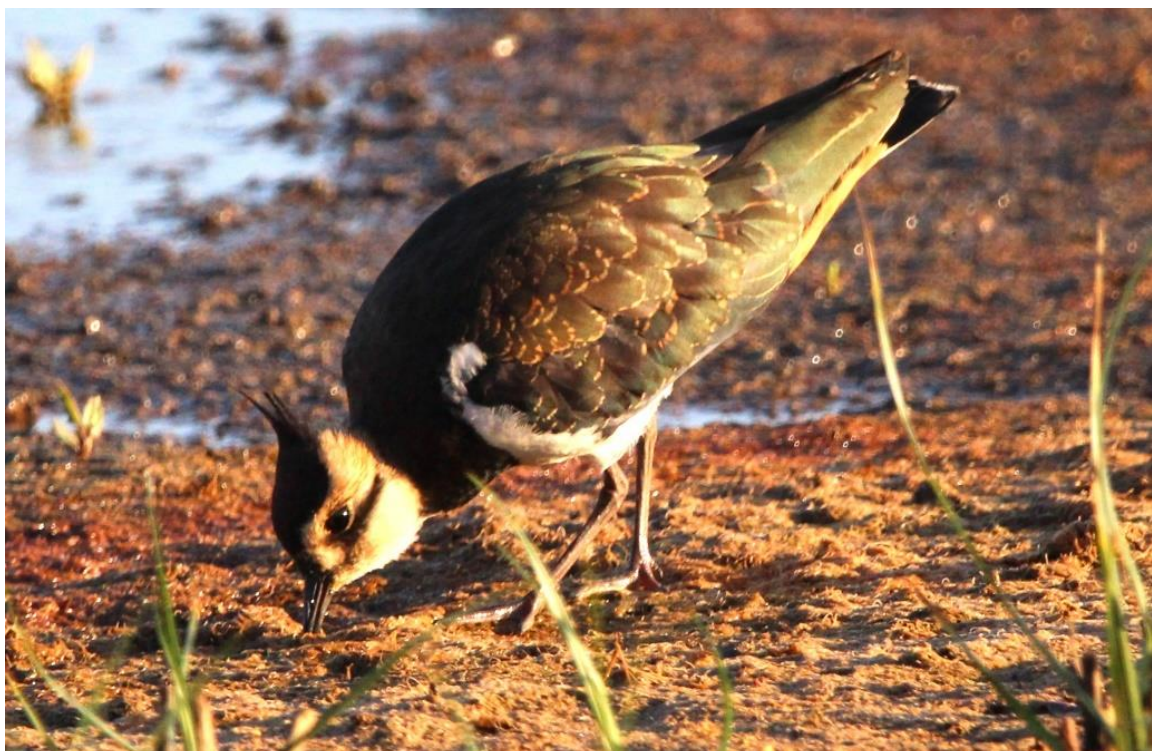
Grey Heron: Recorded on every day of the month. 5 on the 1st 8th and the 12th July.



The photo above shows a young Heron.

Kingfisher: Recorded on 16 days. 4 were seen on the 24th June. 2 adults and 2 juveniles.

Lapwing: Recorded on most days during the month. Photo below.



Little Egret: Seen on 16 days during July. 26 were recorded on the 16th.



A Little Egret with breakfast.

Little Ringed Plover: Recorded every day until the 20th. 8 were seen on the July 9th.



Little ringed Plover near the Observatory.

2 Little Ringed Plover were seen to be mating during June and later sitting on a scrape. Unfortunately, nothing became of it, possibly because of the various predators on the site.

Long Tailed Tit: Seen on three occasions during the month. 26 were recorded on the 17th July.



Long Tailed Tit in the Pine tree behind the Observatory.

Marsh Harrier: 2 Juvenile Marsh Harriers have been seen on 5 occasions since the 15th July. Photo below.



The 2 juvenile Marsh Harriers.

Moorhen: Seen on 18 days during the month. Until the 25th July only adult Moorhens were seen but after that two juvenile birds were also seen. Some photos below.



Adult Moorhen.



Juvenile Moorhen.

Peregrine Falcon: A juvenile Peregrine falcon has been seen at the Pans on three occasions, the 15th, 16th and the 20th.



The juvenile Peregrine Falcon.

It has been seen attacking the juvenile Marsh Harriers and practicing the 'Stoop'. Some photos on the next page.



Ruff: A Ruff was seen at the Pans on the 10th July.



Ruff.

Shoveler: Recorded on 4 occasions during the month.



Distant photos of the Shovelers.

Spoonbill: One has been seen on 4 occasions. Photo below.



Birds Recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Cetti's, Chiffchaff, Common Tern, Curlew, Dunlin, Dunnock, Egyptian Goose, Feral Pigeon, Gadwall, Great Tit, Goldfinch, Great Black Backed gull, Herring gull, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Lesser Black Backed Gull, Linnet, Little Grebe, Magpie, Mallard, Mute Swan, Oystercatcher, Pheasant, Pied wagtail, Raven, Redshank, Reed warbler, Robin, Rook, Sand Martin, Sedge Warbler, Shelduck, Skylark, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Swallow, Swift, Teal, Water Rail, Whitethroat, Woodpigeon and Wren.

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Other Wildlife at the Pans.

During July Roe deer and Foxes have been seen during the day.

Roe Deer: One female Roe deer with two fawns, one female with one fawn and a Roebuck has also been around the Pans.



The photos above show female Roe deer with their fawns



A Roebuck at the Pans.

Trail Cameras.

Birds Recorded: Black Headed Gull, Carrion Crow, Grey Heron, Little Egret, Mallard and Woodpigeon.



Grey Heron by the Kingfisher Pool.

Animals Recorded: Badger, Fox, Otter and Brown Rat.

A Badger was Recorded Twice. 8th and 18th July.



A Badger near the Observatory on the 8th July.

Fox were recorded on 13 separate days. The photo below was taken on the 2nd.



A Fox checking out the grid.

Otter were recorded on 16 separate occasions. Two Otters were photographed on the 8th July. photos below.





Two Otters, one going under the grid.

And finally.

June Daniells, one of MCV members sent me these two great photos of a Painted Lady, June took the photos on the 21st July at the Observatory as the Butterfly rested on the handrail and then on a Blackberry.



Chris Barrass. 1st August 2024.