



Milford Conservation Volunteers

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February 2025 Observatory Report.

Blackbird: Seen throughout the site but usually three can be seen by the feeders every day.



A Blackbird on the left-hand hedge on the 25th February.

Blue Tit: At least 3 have been seen by the feeders every day. Also two have been seen entering the nest box closest to the Observatory.

Brent Goose: Has only been recorded on the Pans on 3 occasions during the month but on the 6th February over 500 were seen flying over the Site.

Buzzard: At least 2 birds have been seen either sitting on one fir trees at the far end of the site or flying around the site on 14 days this month.

Canada Goose: Heard nearly every day of the month but only seen flying over the Pans once.

Chiffchaff: Recorded only once during the month.



3rd February, a Chiffchaff on the left-hand hedge.

Coal Tit: Only recorded once during the month. Photo below.



Coot: A single bird has been seen on 8 occasions during the month.

Curlew: Recorded nearly every day. 5 were seen at the Pans on the 11th.

Dunnock: Recorded every day, usually 3 can be seen by the bird feeders.

Greylag goose: Recorded on 8 days during February. On each sighting two birds were seen.



Two Greylags on the 8thFebruary.

Grey Heron: Seen on 4 days during the month



A Grey Heron flying over the Pans.

Kingfisher: Recorded nearly everyday, upto three birds have been seen.



A Kingfisher on the right-hand side of the central hedge overlooking Avon Water

Little Egret: Present nearly every day. 9 were seen on the 22ndFebruary.



A Little Egret flying over the Pans.

Little Gull: Only present on the first three days of the month.



A Little Gull feeding at the Pans.

Marsh Harrier: Recorded most days. Three have been seen on 2 occasions.



A Marsh Harrier flying over the Pans.

Mute Swan: Seen on 14 days during the month. 5 were seen on the 2nd February. The photo below shows one of the 5 on Avon Water.



Pheasant: Up to 19 have been seen at one time.



A Pheasant near the Observatory.

Pintail: Up to 64 were seen on the 18th. Since the 24th there have been none recorded.

Song Thrush: One was recorded on the 25th February. photo below.



Spoonbill: One was recorded at the Pans on the 17th February. Luckily it came down to the Observatory end of the Pans. (photo below).



The Spoonbill flying back up the Pans.

The bird had a numbered Ring and a silver ring. Dutch Ringers co-ordinate the CRing of Spoonbills across Europe so the details have been sent to them. Hopefully we will soon get the birds history.

Teal: Present nearly every day. 78 was the highest number recorded on the 2nd February.

Tufted Duck: Recorded on 8 occasions, usually a female was present but on the 24th, two males were seen.

Water Rail: Seen nearly every day of the month.

Wren: Recorded on 17 days during the month. Photo below.



Birds Recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Black Tailed Godwit, Black Headed Gull, Carrion Crow, Cetti's Warbler, Collared Dove, Common Sandpiper, Cormorant, Dunnock, Egyptian Goose, Gadwall, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Golden Plover, Great Black Backed Gull, Great Crested Grebe, Greenfinch, Greenshank, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Lapwing, Little Grebe, Linnet, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard, Mediterranean Gull, Moorhen, Oystercatcher, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Rook, Shelduck, Snipe, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stock Dove, Water Pipit and Woodpigeon.

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Trail Cameras.

Birds Recorded: Carrion Crow, Coot, Little Egret, Mallard, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Pheasant, Teal and Woodpigeon.



Moorhen.

Animals Recorded: Badger, Fox, Otter and Rat.

A Badger was recorded on 3rd, 5th, 26th and 27th February.



A Fox was recorded on 16 days during the month. photo below.



An Otter was only recorded on three nights during February. Photos below.



Trail cam photos taken on the 16th February.



Keyhaven sunrise.

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