



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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April 2025 Observatory Report.

Avocet: Recorded on 23 days during the month, with 11 being seen on the 26th.

Blackcap: A single bird WAS seen on 6 occasions during April. A male and female were seen only once on the 8th April.



The photo above shows a male Blackcap in the right-hand side hedge.

Black Headed Gull: Recorded every day of the month. Over 124 were seen on the 2nd April.

Blue tit: Seen every day of the month, usually flying into the nest box closest to the Observatory.

Brent Goose: One was photographed on the 15th. Photo below.



Cetti's Warbler: Heard or seen every day of April.



The photo above shows one in the left-hand hedge.

Chaffinch: A pair were recorded on every day of the month. The photo below shows a male singing on the hedge by Avon Water.



Chiffchaff: Recorded on 25 days during the month. Photo below.



A Chiffchaff in the hedge at the Pans.

Collared Dove: 2 or 3 were recorded every day during April.

Coot: Only 1 or 2 were recorded during the month.

Dunnock: Recorded throughout the month.

Egyptian Goose: Recorded on 19 days during the month with 10 being seen on the 14th of the month.

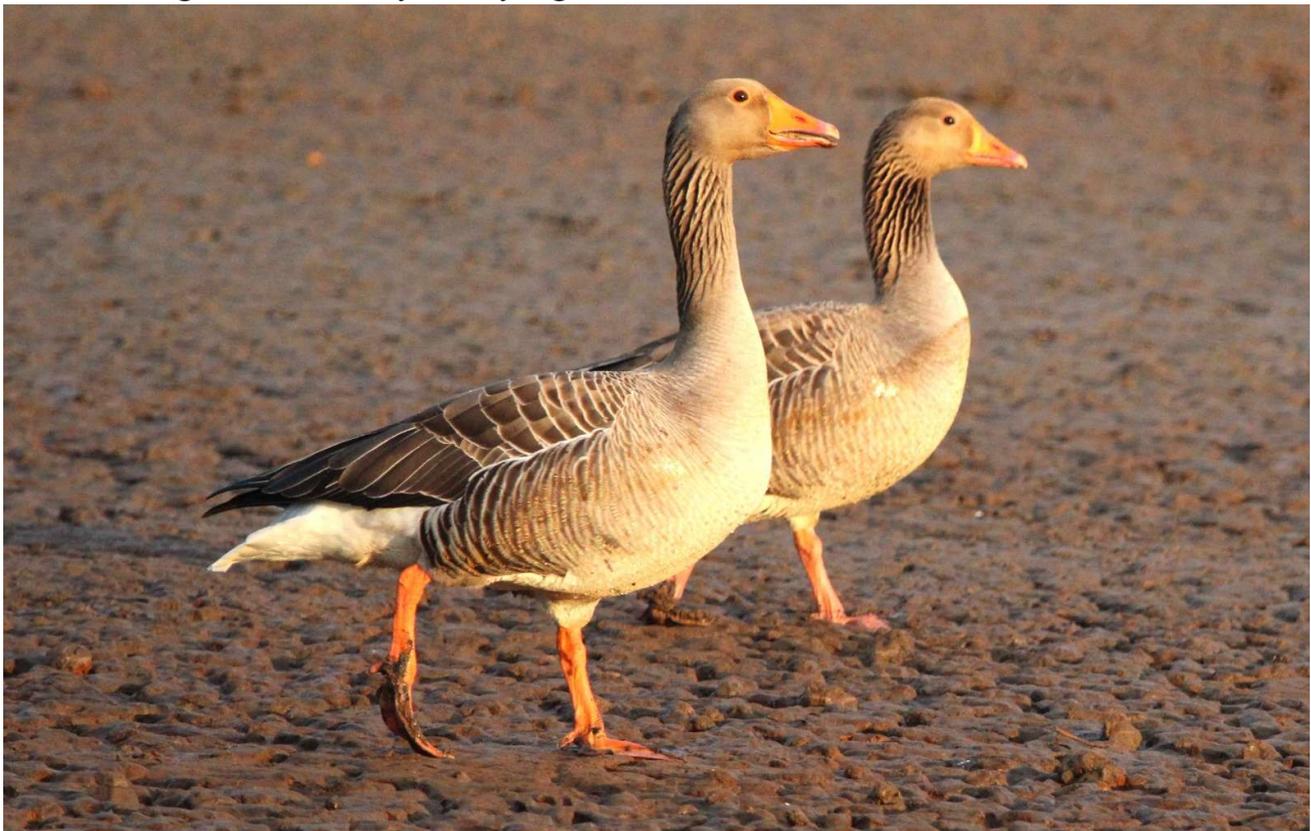
Gadwall: Seen on 17 occasions during the month on both the Pans and Avon Water side with 7 being the highest number recorded.

Goldcrest: Can be heard calling in the fir trees behind the Observatory and the hedge by the bird feeders. They were recorded on 25 days during the month.

Goldfinch: Commonly seen by the feeders on the Avon Water side of the hedge.

Greenfinch: Recorded every day. 3 were seen on 5 occasions.

Greylag goose: Recorded on 27 days during the month with 5 being seen on the 4th, 21st and 29th. Also seen on Avon water but chased off by the pair of Canada goose that may be trying to nest on that side.



Herring Gull: Heard and seen every day during the month.

House Sparrow: Present every day, they can be seen flying into the Little Owl nest box to the left of the Observatory.

Little Egret: Have been seen on 21 days during the month.

Little Ringed Plover: 2 have been seen on the waters edge near the Observatory on 5 occasions during the month. 2 photos below.



Mallard: Recorded every day of the month with 43 being the highest number recorded.

Marsh Harrier: Up to three Harriers have been seen on several occasions over the reed beds of Avon water and the Pans. On one occasion food was seen to be passed from one bird to another.

Mediterranean Gull: Regularly seen and heard at the Pans.

Mute Swan: Two pairs are regularly seen, one on Avon water and the other pair on the Pans side. The photo below shows the Pans pair flying under the phone lines near the Observatory.



Osprey: One seen flying over the Pans on the 26th April.

Pied Wagtail: One or two seen on 23 days during the month.

Redshank: Recorded every day of the month. 15 present on the 1st day of April but since then 7 was the highest number recorded.

Red Kite: 2 seen flying over on the 5th.

Shelduck: Present every day of the month, with 15 being present on 4 separate days.



Female Shelduck near the Observatory.

Shoveler: Recorded on 17 days during the month but always at the far end of the Pans. The highest number recorded was 6 on 4 separate days.

Spoonbill: 3 flew over the Pans on 7th.



The 3 flying over the Pans.



One of the three.

Stock Dove: Recorded most days of the week. 10 were present on the 22nd.

Swallow: Seen on 24 days during the month.



A Swallow flying near the Observatory.

Teal: Present until the 23rd April. Over 41 were present on the 3rd.



Teal near the Observatory.

Whimbrel: A single bird was present on the 18th and 23rd.



A Whimbrel near the Observatory on the 23rd.

Whitethroat: Recorded on 2 occasions during the month, on the 6th and 27th April.



A Whitethroat on the left-hand hedge.

Wren: Recorded every day of the month.

Birds recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Blackbird, Black Tailed Godwit, Carrion Crow, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Common Tern, Cormorant, Curlew, Greenshank, Grey Heron, Great Black Backed Gull, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Lapwing, Little Grebe, Magpie, Reed Bunting, Reed Warbler, Robin, Rook, Sand Martin, Snipe, Sparrowhawk, Tufted Duck, Water Rail,

New Species for the Site.

Common Gull: Recorded by Chris Barrass confirmed by Simon Boswell. **April 3rd. An adult bird.**

Thanks to Simon Boswell, Richard Coomber, Andy Hallows, David Horne, Douglas Marcuse and Keith Metcalf for their additions to the bird records.

Trail cameras.

Birds Recorded: Carrion Crow, Coot, Little Egret. Mallard and Moorhen.



A single Coot in the water by the Observatory on the 11th April.

Animals Recorded: Badger, Fox and Otter.



A Badger crossing the Pans on the 4th April.

The photo below shows the Fox that is seen around the Pans most days.

