



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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July 2025 Observatory Report.

Avocet: Recorded on 17 days during the month, with 31 seen on the 6th. The photo below shows a flock of Avocets landing on the Pans on the 7th



Blackbird: Seen on every day of April with 4 observed on the 5th.

Black Headed Gull: Recorded every day, on the 19th over 134 were seen at the Pans.

Black Tailed Godwit: Recorded every day, 226 were seen on the 20th July.

Canada Goose: Recorded on 20 days during the month. 34 were seen on the Pans on 12th. The photo below shows 2 Canada Goose flying over the Pans.



Cetti's Warbler: Seen or heard most days of July.



The photo above shows a Cetti's Warbler on the 4th near the Observatory.

Chiffchaff: Heard or seen on 17 days during the month. photo below.



A Chiffchaff on the central hedge on the 16th July.

Collared Dove: Seen on most days during the month. 9 was the highest number recorded on the 11th July.

Cormorant: Present on 18 days during the month.

Dunnock: Seen most days by the feeder.

Great White Egret: Seen on only two days during the month, the 18th and the 26th. 2 were seen on 26th, which is the first record of two G W Egrets together at the Pans since it opened in November 2016. The photos below show the two birds with a Grey Heron and one of the Egrets flying near the Observatory as it flew around the site before leaving.



Grey Heron: Present every day during June with 3 the highest number seen. The photo below shows a Grey Heron near the Observatory.

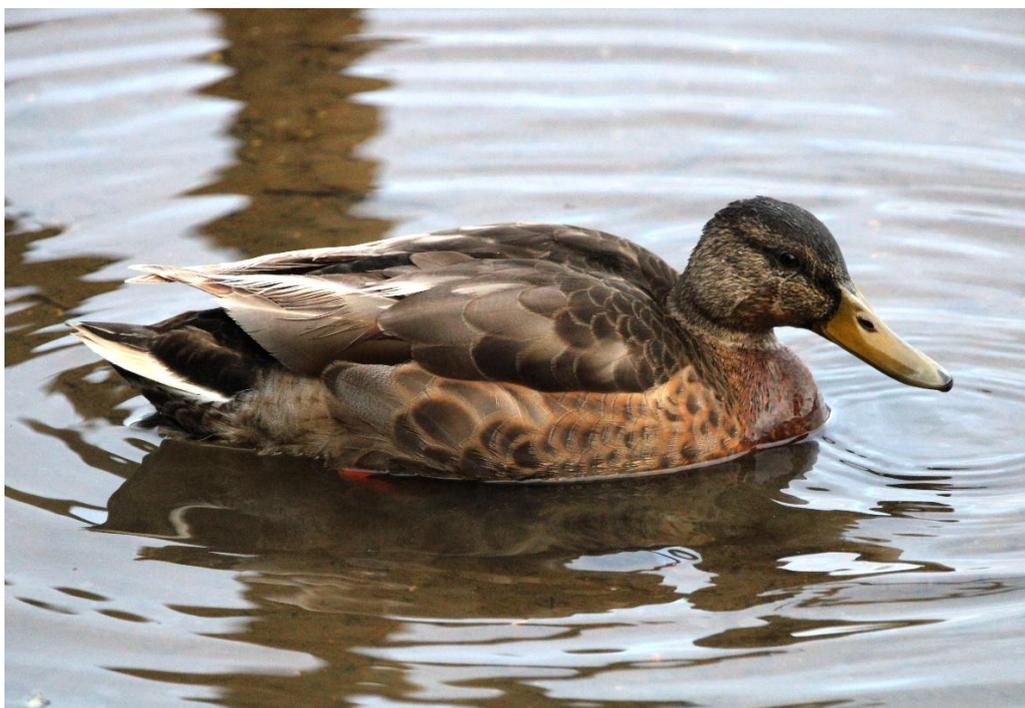


Little Egret: Seen on 22 days.



The photo above shows a Little Egret on one of the branches over the Kingfisher Pool.

Mallard: Present every day. 154 was the combined number recorded on both Avon Water and the Pans.



A female Mallard on the Kingfisher Pool in front of the Observatory.

Marsh Harrier: Seen on 11 days during the month. A photo below.



Moorhen: Recorded on 27 days.



A Moorhen in the Kingfisher Pool.

Pheasant: Recorded on 17 days during the month.

Pied wagtail: Seen on 22 days during the month with one adult and two juveniles. The photo below shows one of the Juveniles near the Observatory.



Redshank: 73 has been the highest number recorded. They are mainly seen at the far end of the Pans or tucked into the left-hand side of Avon Water.

Reed Warbler: Recorded on 20 days during the month.



The left-hand side photo shows a Reed Warbler on the bird feeder and the right-hand side photo shows one on the left-hand side hedge. As the Reeds are starting to grow back on the Kingfisher Pool side the Reed Warblers can be seen feeding in these reeds.

Robin: One or two have been seen on 25 days during July.



The photo above shows one of the Robins on the new gate post.

Swallow: Recorded every day during the month.

Swift: Recorded on 7 days during the month. They seemed to fly over the Pans in waves. On the 6th, 64 were counted flying in from the harbour then on the 16th 44 were seen flying over the harbour and over Avon Water. Photo below.



Water Rail: Heard and seen on 18 days during the month.



Birds Recorded but not mentioned in this Report.

Blue Tit, Buzzard, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Common Tern, Coot, Curlew, Egyptian Goose, Firecrest, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Black Backed Gull, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Greenshank, Grey Wagtail, Herring Gull, House Martin, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Kingfisher, Linnet, Little Ringed plover, Oystercatcher, Raven, Reed Bunting, Sand Martin, Sedge Warbler, Shelduck, Song Thrush, Sparrowhawk, Whitethroat, Woodpigeon and Wren.

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Other Wildlife at the Pans. Brown Rat, Fox and Roe Deer.

Brown Rat: Up to 5 rats seen most days under the feeder.

Fox: Seen on 10 days during the month. photo below taken on the 11th July.



Roe Deer: Seen on 5 days during the month.

And finally a Scottish Thistle.

