



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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August 2025 Observatory Report.

Avocet: Present on 11 days during August but only 1 or 2 seen.

Canada Goose: Seen daily with 47 the highest number seen on the Pans. Large flocks were also seen flying over the Pans.

Cetti's Warbler: Recorded most days of the month.



Cettis Warbler on the branch over the Kingfisher Pool.

Collared Dove: Seen on most days during the month. 15 was the highest number recorded.



A Collared Dove on the branch over the Kingfisher Pool.

Common sandpiper: Seen either on the Pans or Avon Water on 19 days during August.

Egyptian Goose: Recorded on 4 days with 13 present on the 31st August.



The photo above shows 5 of the 13 Egyptian Geese seen on the 31st.

Greenshank: Recorded on 20 days during the month.



A Greenshank near the Observatory on the 29th.

Grey Heron: Recorded every day with 5 being the highest number seen. The photo below shows 2 Grey Herons on the dry area near the

Observatory.



Kestrel: Recorded on 7 days during the month. A photo below.



Kingfisher: Recorded on 26 days during the month.



A juvenile male Kingfisher on the branch across the Kingfisher Pool.

Lapwing: Common for the Pans. 47 was the highest number recorded.



Lesser Whitethroat: Only recorded once during the month.



A Lesser Whitethroat on the left-hand hedge on the 22nd.

Little Egret: Seen on 28 days during the month with 16 recorded on the 31st

Little Grebe: Recorded on 29 days.

Long Tailed Tit: Seen on 15 days during the month with 13 being the highest number.



A Long-Tailed Tit in the Fir tree behind the Observatory.

Magpie: Seen on 29 days during the month.

Mallard: Seen every day of the month with over 300 recorded on the 31st

Marsh Harrier: Only seen on 3 days during August with a single bird seen on 2 of those days and 2 seen on the third occasion.

Mute Swan: Only seen on 4 days during the month.



2 Mute Swans on the Pans.

Oystercatcher: Recorded on 25 days during the month with 10 the highest number seen.

Peregrine Falcon: Seen on only three occasions during the month.



A Peregrine Falcon feeding on a Black Headed Gull.

Redshank: Recorded most days during the month.



Sedge Warbler: Only seen on 2 days during the month.



Photo was taken from the Observatory.

Song Thrush: Was present for only 2 days during the month.



Sparrowhawk: Seen on 13 days during the month.





Adult Sparrowhawk.

Juvenile Sparrowhawk.

Spoonbill: Recorded on 12 days during the month.



Starling: Recorded every day.

Stock Dove: Seen around the site every day.

Swallow: Recorded every day with several hundred seen around the Pans.

Teal: Was present on 13 days with 27 the highest number on the 20th.

Whitethroat: Seen on the right-hand hedge on three occasions.



Whitethroat.

Willow Warbler: Recorded on 15 days during the month.



Wren: Recorded on 21 days during the month.

Birds Recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Blue Tit, Buzzard, Chaffinch, Coot, Cormorant, Curlew, Firecrest, Goldcrest, Dunnock, Greenfinch, Golden Plover, Great Black Backed Gull, Herring Gull, House Martin, Jackdaw, Jay, Linnet, Little Ringed plover, Magpie, Moorhen, Phalarope, Pied Wagtail, Reed Warbler, Ringed Plover, Shelduck, Shoveler, Tawny Owl, Water Rail and Woodpigeon.

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



A Badger at the far end of the Pans.

Muntjac.



A male Muntjac Started off going from the corner of the far side of the Pans (the Observatory end) up to the barn end, then back down to the Observatory end then turned around and went up to the barn end.

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