



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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September 2025 Observatory Report.

Bearded Tit: 6 flew over my head as I left the Observatory on the 21st September. Some were heard along the central hedge on 25th.

Blackcap: A female was seen on the 22nd.

Black Tailed Godwit: Recorded most days during the month with over 240 birds seen on the 18th.

Blue Tit: Recorded every day of the month. 6 were seen on the 20th.

Cattle Egret: Seen on 4 occasions during the month.



The Cattle Egret has been seen around the Pans and Avon Water.

Cetti's Warbler: One or two birds were recorded most days of the month. The photo below was taken on the 6th September.



Chaffinch: Recorded on 24 days during the month. A photo below.



Chiffchaff: Seen on 19 days of the month.



Up to 6 have been seen in the area in front of the Observatory.

Coal Tit: Present on 26 days. Two were recorded on three occasions.



Coot: Seen on 25 days but only in numbers up to 5.

Cormorant: 9 has been the highest number recorded on the 8th.

Egyptian Goose: Recorded on most days of the month. They were seen in large numbers first thing in the morning.



Great Black Backed Gull: Seen around the site on 20 days during the month. 3 was the highest number recorded.



Great Spotted Woodpecker: Recorded on 4 days during the month. On the 19th two birds were seen. photo of the two woodpeckers below.



Great White Egret: Seen on three days. One was seen on Thursday 25th at the Pans then later two were seen flying over the site at a very high altitude. Not sure if there were two or three Great White Egrets.



A Great White Egret on Avon Water.

Grey Heron: Seen every day of the month.



A Grey Heron in front of the Observatory.

Grey Wagtail: Only recorded on two days during the month.



A Grey Wagtail near the Observatory.

Kestrel: Seen on 15 days.



Kingfisher: 4 different Kingfishers have been seen at the Kingfisher Pool this month. 2 juvenile males, a juvenile female and an adult male.



The photo above shows a juvenile Kingfisher.

Lapwing: Present most days. Over 100 were seen on the 5th.

Mallard: Recorded every day. Over 600 were seen on the 13th.

Moorhen: Recorded every day. Up to 3 have been seen.



Mute Swan: Seen on 9 days during the month.



A Mute Swan landing on Avon Water.

Redshank: Seen most days. 35 was the highest number recorded.

Ruddy Shelduck: One recorded on the first two days of the month.



Song Thrush: Seen near the Observatory on 6 days during the month.



Sparrowhawk: Recorded on 8 days during the month, two birds were seen on two occasions.



On occasion one of the birds will perch near the Observatory.

Spoonbill: Recorded on 6 days during the month.



One of the Spoonbills flying around the site.

Spotted Redshank: Seen on 12 days during the month. With 2 being seen on 4 occasions. Photo below.



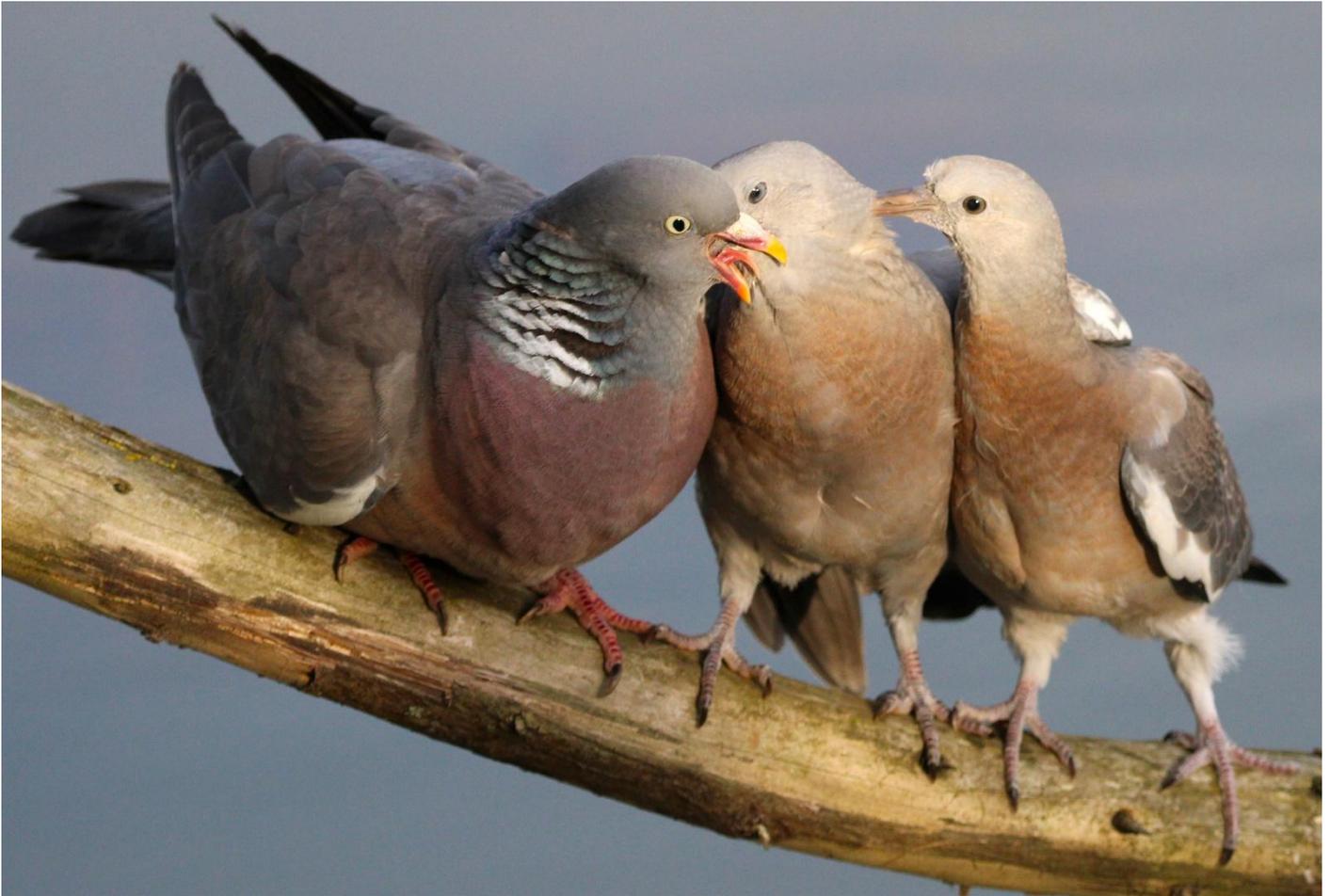
Stonechat: Recorded on 10 days during the month with 8 being the highest number seen.



A Male Stonechat on the left-hand hedge.

Water Rail: Heard or seen on 10 days during the month.

Woodpigeon: Seen every day.



An adult Woodpigeon feeding two of its young.

Wren: One or two birds seen every day.

Birds Recorded but not mentioned in this Report.

Avocet, Blackbird, Black Headed Gull, Bullfinch, Buzzard, Canada Goose, Carrion Crow, Collared Dove, Common Sandpiper, Curlew, Dunlin, Dunnock, Gadwall, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Greylag Goose, Great Tit, Green Woodpecker, House Martin, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Lesser Whitethroat, Linnet, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Oystercatcher, Peregrine, Pintail, Raven, Reed Warbler, Ringed / Little Ringed Plover, Rook, Sand Martin, Sedge Warbler, Shoveller, Snipe, Starling, Willow Warbler and Yellow Wagtail.

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



A Fox walking across the Pans.



2 female Roe deer and a Roebuck walking across the Pans near the barns.

Finally. Several powered paragliders caused considerable disturbance on 26th and 27th September when they flew over the site causing many of the birds to take off and leave the nature reserve.

Some of the birds disturbed were Black Tailed Godwit, Redshank Greenshank, Spotted Redshank, Lapwing, Mallard and Teal.

Hopefully it won't become a regular activity.

1 of the Power Gliders flying over the Pans on the 26th and 27th September.



These 'Gentlemen' frightened several species of birds off the Pans.

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