



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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November 2025 Observatory Report.

Blackbird: Seen on most days of the month.

Black Tailed Godwit: Recorded on 12 days during December with 178 birds recorded on the 3rd November.

Blue Tit: Recorded on most days during the month. 10 were seen on the 29th.

Brent Goose: First recorded flying over the Pans on the 8th. Since then, thousands have been seen flying over the site and harbour. The first one seen on the Pans was on the 11th. Over 400 were recorded on the Pans on the 28th.



Carrion Crow: Recorded on 24 days. 13 were seen on the 8th.

Cetti's: Recorded on 10 days.

Chaffinch: A pair were seen every day. They were usually seen on the central hedge near the feeders.



Male Chaffinch.



Female Chaffinch.

Coal Tit: Seen most days during the month.



Cormorant: Seen most days with 6 being the highest number on the 30th.

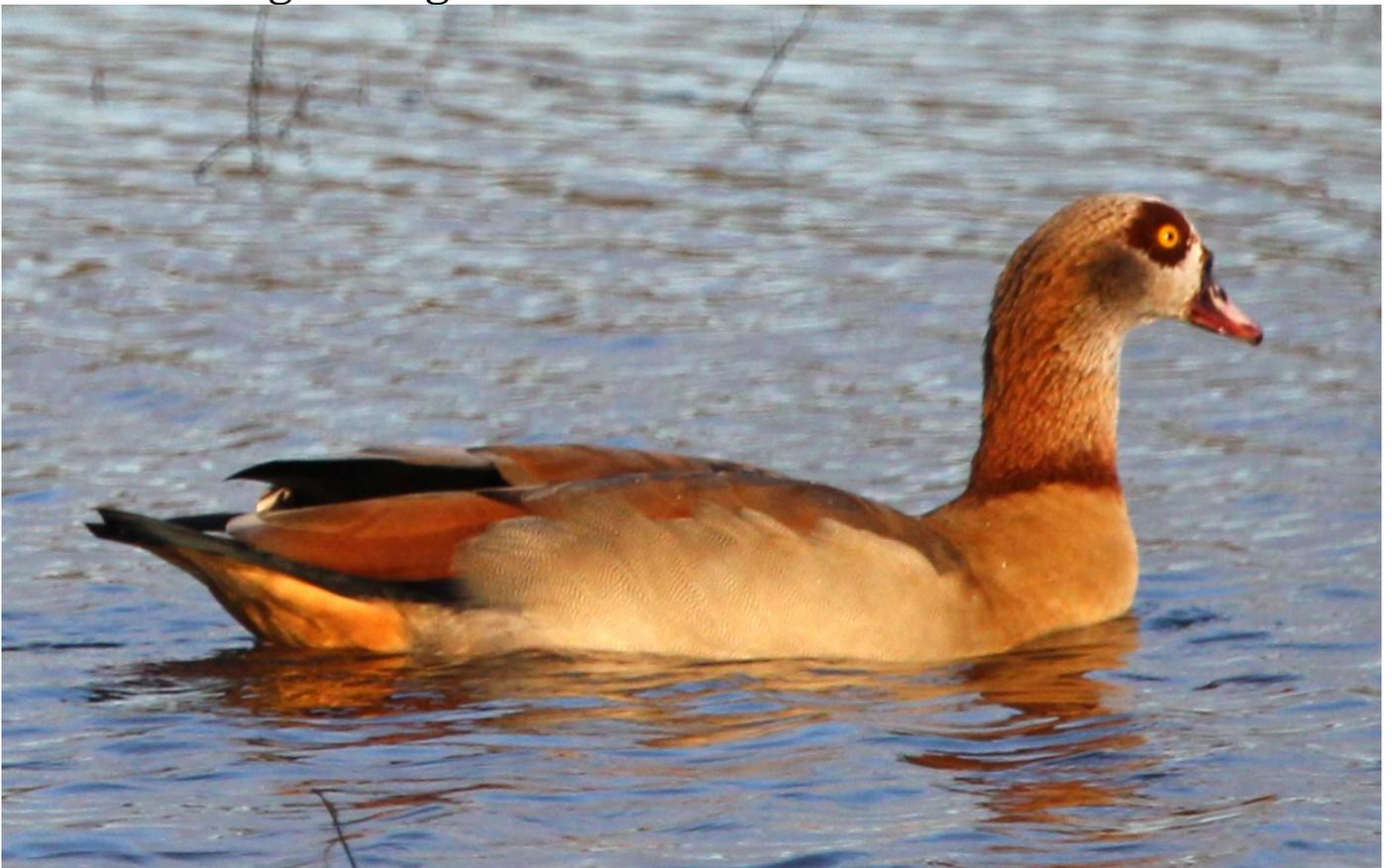
Curlew: Recorded on 20 days during the month. 3 were seen on 2 of those days. The photo below shows one flying out of the of the Pans.



Dunnock: Seen most days.



Egyptian Goose: Recorded on 11 days during the Month.
With 14 being the highest number seen.



Goldcrest: Recorded on 8 occasions during the month.



A Goldcrest on the branch over the Kingfisher Pool and in the hedge.

Greylag Goose: Recorded on 21 days during the month with 40 seen on the 3rd November.



House Sparrow: Recorded all month.



Male and Female House Sparrows were seen every day. It is difficult to accurately count the numbers as they disappear into the hedges so easily. The photo to the left shows a male House Sparrow on a hedge.

Kingfisher: Seen most days. Two were seen on the 27th.



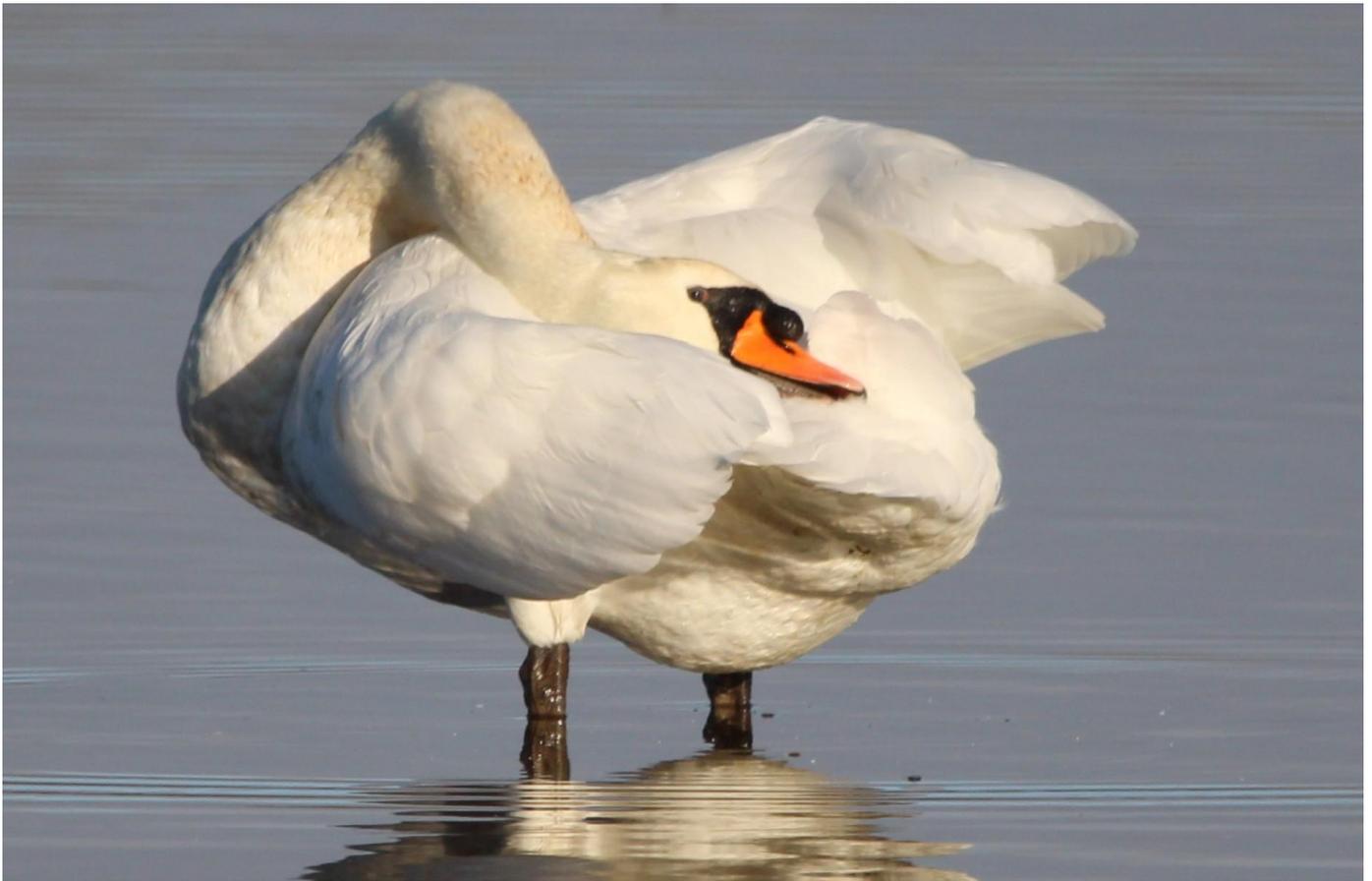
A juvenile female on the branch across the Kingfisher Pool.

Long Tailed Tit: Over 15 were seen on the 29th.



Marsh Harrier: Seen on 19 days with up to 4 birds recorded.

Mute Swan: Recorded on 11 days. with 2 or 3 birds seen.



A Mute Swan on the Pans side near the Observatory.

Pheasant: Seen all over the site. The photo below shows one in a grit tray.



One of the female Pheasants that has been released onto the farm.

Pied Wagtail: Recorded on 15 days with 20 seen on the 20th.

Pintail: Regularly seen, 15 was the highest number on the 27th.

Redshank: Seen most days, the highest number recorded was only 6.

Spotted Redshank: Seen on 16 days during November. The highest number recorded was 7 on the 11th.

Starling: Seen every day, with over 300 recorded on the 6th.

Teal: Seen most days. 186 was recorded on the 2nd.

Wren: Recorded on 22 days, on 9 of those days 2 wrens were seen.



Birds recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Black Headed Gull, Buzzard, Canada Goose, Chiffchaff, Collared Dove, Coot, Gadwall, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Golden Plover, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great Black Backed Gull, Grey Heron, Herring Gull, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Lapwing, Lesser Black Backed Gull, Linnet, Little Egret, Little Grebe, Peregrine Falcon, Pied Wagtail, Raven, Rook, Snipe, Stonechat, Tufted Duck, Water Rail, Whimbrel, Wood Pigeon and Yellow Legged Gull.

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Other Wildlife at the Pans:

Brown Rat, Otter and Roe Deer, also a Dragonfly was seen flying past the Observatory on Wednesday 12th November.



The photo above shows an Otter with an Eel in the Kingfisher pool on the 7th.

Finally, a huge thank you to Chris Corbin and Alison Trow who came to my rescue when I had problems with my car. They were both incredibly helpful, Alison even offered to get me some food from the village while I waited for the RAC to come and fix my car.

There were also 2 other gentlemen who brought a tow rope and a set of jump leads to get the car started unfortunately I didn't get their names but if you read this please let me know and I will thank you in the December report.

Chris Barrass 3/12/2025