



# Milford Conservation Volunteers



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## October 2025 Observatory Report.

**Bearded Tit:** Seen on two occasions. 12 were seen by Keith Betton on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Blackbird:** Recorded every day of the month.

**Black Tailed Godwit:** Seen on most days of the month with 165 being the highest number recorded.

**Blue Tit:** Recorded every day during the month with 6 being the highest number recorded.



A Blue Tit near the feeders.

**Brent Goose:** Two were seen at the Pans on 27<sup>th</sup> others have been seen flying over on 5 occasions, with 36 being the highest number recorded.

**Coal Tit:** Recorded every day of the month.



**Glossy Ibis:** A single bird was seen on Avon Water on the 12<sup>th</sup>.



The Glossy Ibis on Avon Water.

There was a group of new members to Hampshire Ornithologist Society visiting the Observatory at the time and they were lucky enough to see the Ibis flying onto Avon Water then flying off.

**Goldfinch:** Recorded on 20 days during the month.



They are usually seen by the feeders.

**Greenfinch:** Seen on 13 days during the month with 4 recorded on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Greenshank:** Recorded every day of the month.



The Greenshank above was feeding close to the Observatory with two Spotted Redshank and several Mallard and a few Teal.

**Greylag Goose:** Recorded on 14 days during the month with 26 being the highest number recorded. [The top photo shows some Greylags at the Pans and the lower photo shows some taking off as they leave the area.



**Grey Heron:** Recorded every day of the month.



**Jay:** Recorded on 14 days during October.

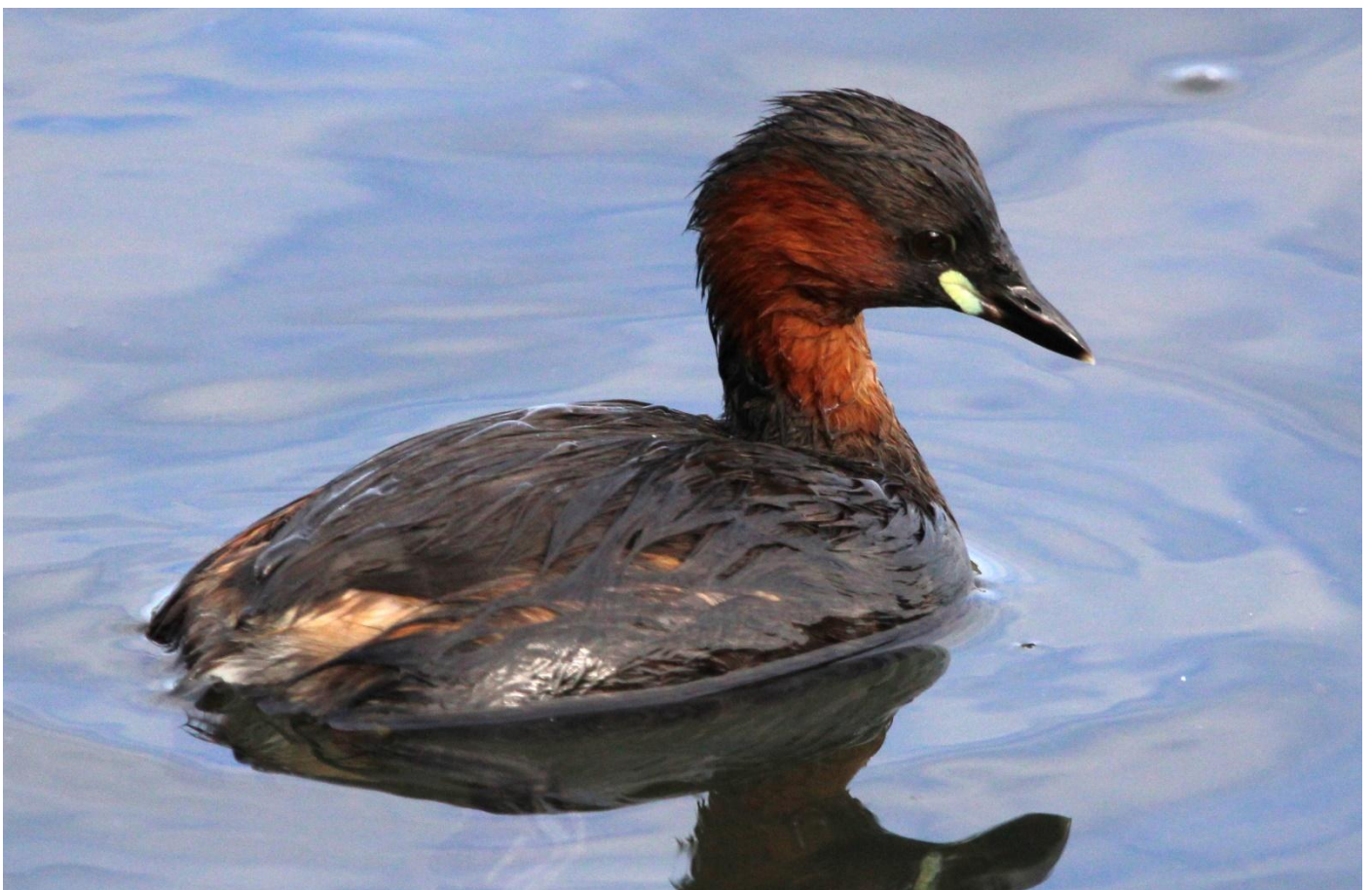


The Photo above shows a Jay flying past the Observatory.

**Kingfisher:** Three different Kingfishers have been seen this month. 2 Juvenile males and a juvenile female. None of them were ringed.

**Little Egret:** 2 or 3 were seen every day.

**Little Grebe:** Recorded every day of the month. 32 were seen on 20<sup>th</sup>.



A Little Grebe.

**Mallard:** Seen every day. It is very difficult to obtain accurate numbers but, on some days, there would be over 600 Mallard at the site.

**Marsh Harrier:** Seen most days, 4 was the highest number seen from the Observatory.

**Moorhen:** Recorded every day with 4 being the highest number seen.



A Moorhen on the branch over the Kingfisher Pool.

**Peregrine Falcon:** One seen flying over the Observatory on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Pintail:** Seen on 24 days. The highest number recorded was 45 on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Redshank:** Recorded most days with 59 the highest number.

**Robin:** Seen every day. 2 were seen on 3 occasions.

**Spotted Redshank:** Seen on 20 days during the month with approximately 22 seen on the 15<sup>th</sup>.



A Spotted Redshank near the Observatory.

**Starling:** Murmuration's were seen on several days during the month with possibly 1500 birds involved

**Stock Dove:** Seen most days. The highest number recorded was 34 on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Stonechat:** Recorded on 8 days. 10 were seen on the on the 6<sup>th</sup> with 4 of them being males.

**Swallow:** Seen on 8 days. Over several hundred were seen over the far reed beds on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Teal:** Seen every day of the month in very high numbers. On the 28<sup>th</sup> October over 600 were seen at the far end of the Pans.



A female Teal near the Observatory.

**Water Rail:** Seen or heard on 12 occasions.

**Wren:** Seen every day. Usually, one is seen but on three occasions 2 were present.

## **Birds recorded but not mentioned in this Report.**

Avocet, Buzzard, Cetti's Warbler, Chiffchaff, Common Sandpiper, Cormorant, Curlew, Dunnock, Egyptian Goose, Goldcrest, Great Black Backed Gull. Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Herring Gull, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Kestrel, Linnet, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Mute Swan, Oystercatcher, Pied Wagtail, Pheasant, Raven, Rook, Shelduck, Shoveller, Snipe, Sparrowhawk, Wigeon and Woodpigeon.

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*As Bearded Tit have been seen from the Observatory, three grit trays have been placed within sight of the Observatory. Hopefully we will get a chance to see these birds.*

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



Two Roe deer at the far end of the Pans.