



Milford Conservation Volunteers



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January 2026 Observatory Report.

Avocet: A single bird was seen from the Observatory on the 13th January. Photo below.



Bearded Tit: 5 were seen in the Avon Water reed bed from the Observatory decking on 13th January. The photo below shows one of those birds.



Blackbird: Seen on nearly everyday of the month, with 5 seen on the 31st



Black Tailed Godwit: Seen on 12 days during the month with over 62 recorded on the 13th.



A Black Tailed Godwit near the Observatory on the 21st January.

Brent goose: Recorded most days with over 1000 seen on the 5th.

Cetti's Warbler: Recorded on 9 days during January. Photo below.



Chaffinch: Seen on 24 days during the month. Photo of a male below.



Coal Tit: Seen on 16 days during the month. A photo below.



Dunnock: Recorded on nearly every day of January.

Great Black Backed Gull: Seen on 21 days during January.



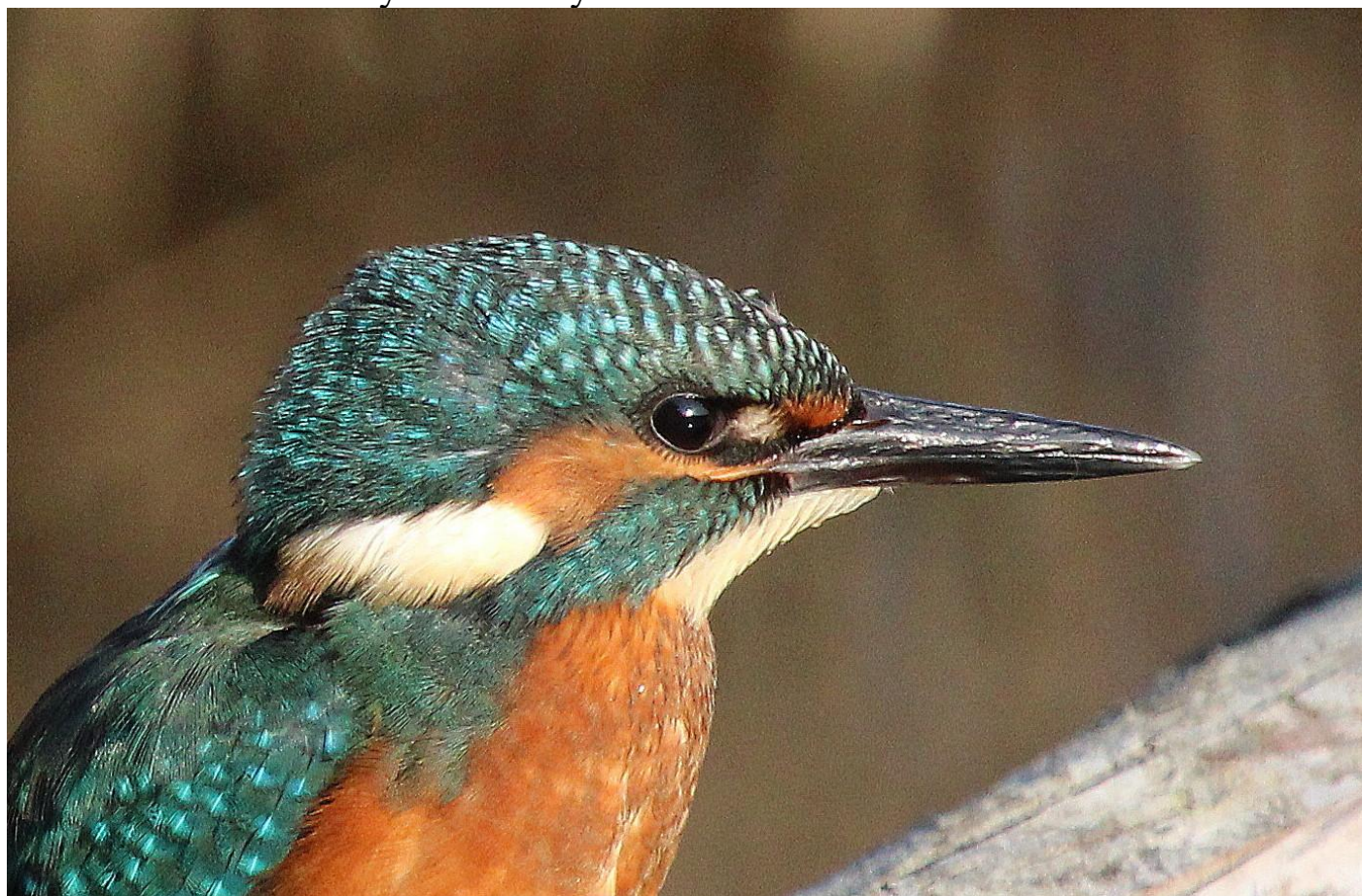
The highest number seen was 4 on the 18th January.

Greylag Goose: recorded on 19 days during the month with 12 seen on the 19th.

Grey Heron: Seen on 12 days during the month. As the water levels are so high the Heron has been limited to the very edge of the Pans and Avon Water.

House Sparrow: Always present around the bird feeders. Probably over 50 in the hedges.

Kingfisher: Seen on 13 days during the month with 2 being the highest number observed. They are usually seen on the Avon water Side.



A male Kingfisher on the Branch over the Kingfisher Pool at the Pans.

Lapwing: Recorded most days. Over 1000 were recorded on the 13th.

Little Egret: Seen on 10 days during the month.

Little Grebe: Seen on both the Avon Water and Pans side of the hedge with 9 being the highest number recorded.

Long Tailed Tit: Over 19 have been seen around the Observatory on some days.



A long-Tailed Tit on the upper decking with a fat ball.

Mallard: Recorded every day with over 402 seen on the 10th.

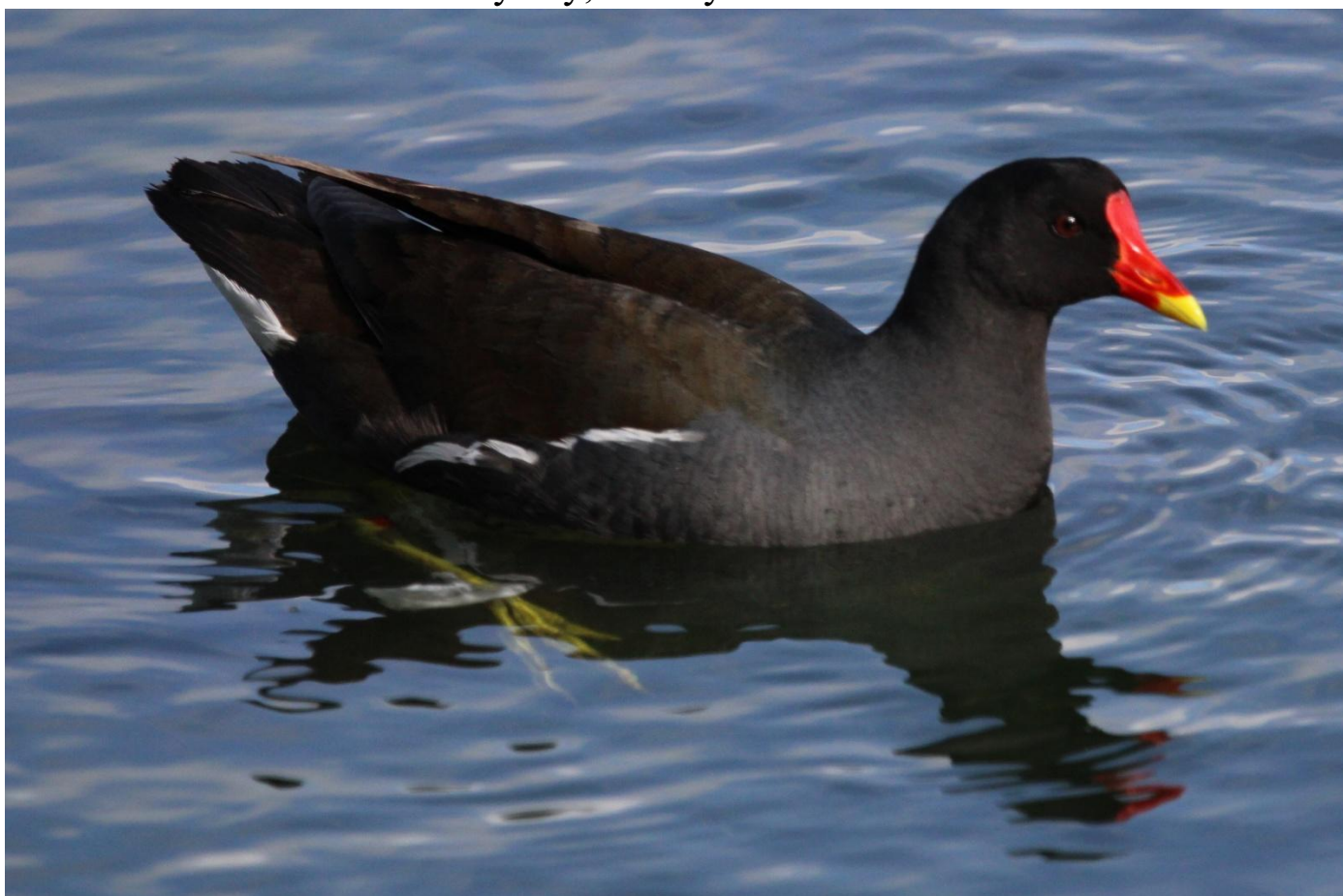


Marsh Harrier: Seen most days with 3 to 4 birds present.



A Marsh Harrier flying over the far end of the Pans.

Moorhen: Present every day, usually 3 – 4 seen.



A Moorhen swimming over the flooded pans.

Pintail: Recorded on 23 days with the highest count of 54 birds on the 16th.

Sparrowhawk: Seen twice during the month. Photo below.



Spoonbill: One flew around the Site on the 12th January. Photo below.



Starling: Seen on most days. 154 counted on the wire over the Pans.

Teal: Present every day. Over 1000 present on the 13th.

Water rail: Recorded on 20 days, usually a single bird seen but others heard.



A Water Rail below the feeder.

Wigeon: Seen on 6 days during the month. 5 were present on the 19th.

Birds Recorded but not mentioned in this report.

Black headed Gull, Buzzard, Collared Dove, Cormorant, Coot, Curlew, Egyptian Goose, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Great White Egret, Greenfinch, Greenshank, Green Woodpecker, Herring Gull, Jackdaw, Jay, Kestrel, Linnet, Magpie, Meadow Pipit, Mistle Thrush, Oystercatcher, Peregrine Falcon, Pheasant, Pied Wagtail, Pintail – Wigeon Hybrid, Raven, Redshank, Robin, Rook, Shelduck, Shoveler, Snipe, Song Thrush, Stock Dove, Woodpigeon and Wren.

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

And finally: The Sunrise on the 1st January 2026



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