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The Birds Of South Gloucestershire



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THE BIRDS OF SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A review of rare, scarce and unusual birds,
butterflies and dragonflies from South
Gloucestershire in 2020

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Editorial

2020 will be remembered, for a number of reasons, as an extremely difficult year with travel and access restrictions placed on folks not just from the S. Gloucestershire recording area, but across the whole country.

Despite all of that, and concentrating on the positives, 2020 delivered some real surprises! Well over 200 species were logged including two new additions;

A spanking summer adult Collared Pratincole - *Glareola pratincola* (found by Aravind Ramesh) on May 21st on Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth where it unselfishly lingered until the 25th giving ample opportunity for the large majority of folks to connect....



Collared Pratincole | Aravind Ramesh

... and in December a winter flock of eleven (11) Tundra Bean Geese - *Anser serrirostris* (found by Pete Hazelwood) on the 5th at Oldbury Power Station and subsequently seen on and off in the area until the 12th.



Tundra Bean Geese at Oldbury Power Station | Pete Hazelwood

Another unprecedented event, this time in April particularly, was an overland nocturnal migration of Common Scoter - *Melanitta nigra* where on the evenings of the 2nd and 3rd soundings coming from; Severn Beach, Yate, Marshfield, Oldland Common, Kingswood, Hanham, Alveston, Yate and Lyde Green as these birds flew over generally to the north-east. It's difficult to attribute any numbers to the passage but the movement was considered to have been not insignificant.



Common Scoter

Breeding waders took on a whole new dimension in 2020 when Avocet - *Recurvirostra avosetta* bred for the first time on Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth. An article by Paul Bowerman found on page 162 describes this miraculous event!

Not just Avocet - *Recurvirostra avosetta*, Little Ringed Plover - *Charadrius dubius* was also noted plus two other birds showed a strong interest as potential breeders, Oystercatcher - *Haematopus ostralegus* and Ringed Plover - *Charadrius hiaticula* were both seen sitting on nests in close proximity.



Avocet and Little Ringed Plover on Severnside | Paul Bowerman

Sadly 2020 will be remembered mostly for the occurrence of the coronavirus (Covid19) in the UK restricting movement and access for the majority of birders.

However, the positive aspect was a clear and enthusiastic thrashing of local patches.

So in a new section this year there's a review of four major patches across S. Gloucestershire that are 'watched' on a regular basis; The Severnside area from just south of Severn Beach up to and including Aust Warth, Oldbury Power Station from just south of Oldbury Pill up as far as Shepperdine, Yate and Chipping Sodbury covering Stanshaw's Lake, Yate Common, Kingsgate Park, Brimsham Park and Chipping Sodbury Common and the Marshfield patch including the Shire Valley and 'hot spots' both above and below the A420.

Patch watching for some folks, and especially in 2020, can be hugely rewarding and it's thanks to those dedicated band of 'patch watchers' that folks can enjoy the benefits of their relentless day to day slogging. Strange as it seems, the appearance of even 'common' birds takes on an almost magical status when associated with a patch so a Treecreeper on the Warth demands full attention!

The Severnside patch delivered a number of great birds throughout the year including waders, petrels, egrets, warblers, buntings and geese/ ducks/ swans.

Oldbury Power Station produced nearly 150 species with some cracking rarities... but when a Corn Bunting shows up it triggers a major twitch... bizarre!

The Yate and Chipping Sodbury patch, especially the Common, is a delight for spring and autumn migrants. Chats, warblers, redstarts, flycatchers and on occasion some 'nice' surprises like Wood Warbler.

Marshfield... well if you want socially distanced birding this the place for you...? However it too can deliver, for example 2020 was the best ever year for numbers breaking the patch totals! 108 species five forms and three new additions, not too shabby!

Martyn Hayes - TBOSG

The South Gloucestershire Bird Diary 2020 (Abridged)

All reports/ sightings of rare and scarce birds are subject to ratification by the appropriate rarities committee.

JANUARY

BLACK REDSTART

At Oldbury Power Station birds were noted throughout the month from the 1st until the 30th. And in Thornbury Town a male was noted on the roof of a house behind The Royal George on the 8th.

CETTI'S WARBLER

Two were seen at Oldbury Power Station on the 18th, one at Severn Beach on the 19th and one or two were logged at Littleton Bird Ringing Station throughout the month.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE

One was seen at Oldbury Power Station on the 5th.

FIRECREST

One reported from the Wild Places Project, Easter Compton on the 8th.

GOOSANDER

Birds were seen on Cooper's Lake, Yate; from the 9th- 18th and in Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 30th.

JACK SNIBE

One noted on Chipping Sodbury Common on the 1st, 12th and 20th and from Aust Warth from the 1st – 10th.

MARSH HARRIER

A winter female was seen at Oldbury Power Station on the 10th and one probably this species in flight down river from Aust Warth on the 19th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

Just one adult at Oldbury Power Station on the 22nd.

OYSTERCATCHER

One displaced individual over Chipping Sodbury Common on the 29th was a patch first!

RED KITE

Two from the Oldbury Power Station environs during the month and one over Willsbridge Mill on the 26th.

SHORT-EARED OWL

One at Oldbury Power Station on the 27th.

TWITE

A wholly unconfirmed report of five on the 11th near the Second Sentry Box on Northwick Warth briefly before departing to the south-west.

WATER PIPIT

One on Northwick Warth on the 5th.

FEBRUARY

BLACK REDSTART

A male was noted on several dates early in the month at Oldbury Power Station.

COMMON CRANE

Two, of unknown origins, were seen in flight from the coast road and over Severn Beach on the 19th.

COMMON SCOTER

Two from Severn Beach on the 29th.

GOOSANDER

One at Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 2nd, six present briefly on the 19th and four present there on the 23rd. Four on Cooper's Lake. Yate on the 19th.



Goosander | Chris Teague

JACK SNIFE

One from Aust Warth on the 2nd, two from Chipping Sodbury Common on the 6th, 19th and 22nd with one there on the 26th.

MARSH HARRIER

An adult male at Oldbury Power Station on the 13th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

A sub-adult from New Passage on the 1st and one over Bradley Stoke on the 8th.

SHORT-EARED OWL

Five reports this month from four sites; Oldbury Power Station, Northwick Warth, Aust Warth and the Tormarton area.

MARCH

AVOCET

Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth; Five on the 19th, four on the 20th, ten on the 21st, eleven on the 22nd, seven on the 23rd and fifteen on the 25th.

BAR-TAILED GODWIT

The first of the year from Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth on the 11th.

BLACK REDSTART

One or two present at Oldbury Power Station until at least the 16th.

COMMON CRANE

One heading north over Severn View Services, Aust on the 22nd and two south over Northwick Warth and Severn Beach on the 23rd.

COMMON WHITETHROAT

Two, the first of the year and earliest ever reported from S. Gloucestershire were noted on Redhill Lane between the Old Severn Bridge junction and Aust Road junction and on Hill Lane/ The Naite between Oldbury-on-Severn and Hill.

DARK-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE

Two, the first of the year, were noted at Aust on the 12th.

GOOSANDER

A female on the R. Avon east of the Lock Keeper at Keynsham on the 29th.

GOSHAWK

One, probably this species at Shepperdine on the 11th and one at Ashwicke on the 22nd.

HARRIER SPP.

One was seen quartering a hedgerow alongside the M5 between Falfield and Almondsbury on the 21st.

HOOPOE

One reported from Shepperdine Riding School late in the month.

JACK SNIBE

One displaced by high tides at Aust on the 11th.

LITTLE GULL

A winter adult, the first of the year, upriver past Oldbury Power Station on the 26th.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER

Three, the first of the year, on the first sentry box pool, Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 14th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

A winter adult down river from Oldbury Power Station on the 6th.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR

A spring male, the first of the year, from Northwick Warth/ Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 5th.



Northern Wheatear | Paul Bowerman

RED KITE

Thirty-five (35) bird days throughout the month from; Kingswood, Bristol, Marshfield, Northwick Warth, Abbywood, Filton, Kingsgate Park, Yate, Aust Warth, Chipping Sodbury, Little Badminton, Ashwicke, Severn Beach, Yate, Old Sodbury and Hanham.

RING-NECKED PARAKEET

One, the first of the year, from Three Brooks LNR, Bradley Stoke on the 25th.

SAND MARTIN

Around twenty-five, the first of the year, were reported from Pilning Wetlands Reserve on the 18th.

Scandinavian Rock Pipit

One, putatively this form, around Shaft Rocks, Severn Beach on the 12th, one at New Pill, Chittering Warth on the 13th and a summer individual at Oldbury Power station on the 21st.

SHORT-EARED OWL

Up to three noted throughout the month from Aust Warth, near Thornbury Sailing Club and Marshfield.

SPOONBILL

One at Pilning Wetland Reserve briefly on the 20th.

SWALLOW

One, the first of the year, over Lagoon I at Oldbury Power Station on the 20th.

WATER PIPIT

One near the second sentry box on Northwick Warth on the 14th and 19th.

WHITE WAGTAIL

One, the first of the year, from Down Road, Marshfield on the 26th.

WILLOW WARBLER

One, the first of the year, from Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 27th.

APRIL

ARCTIC SKUA

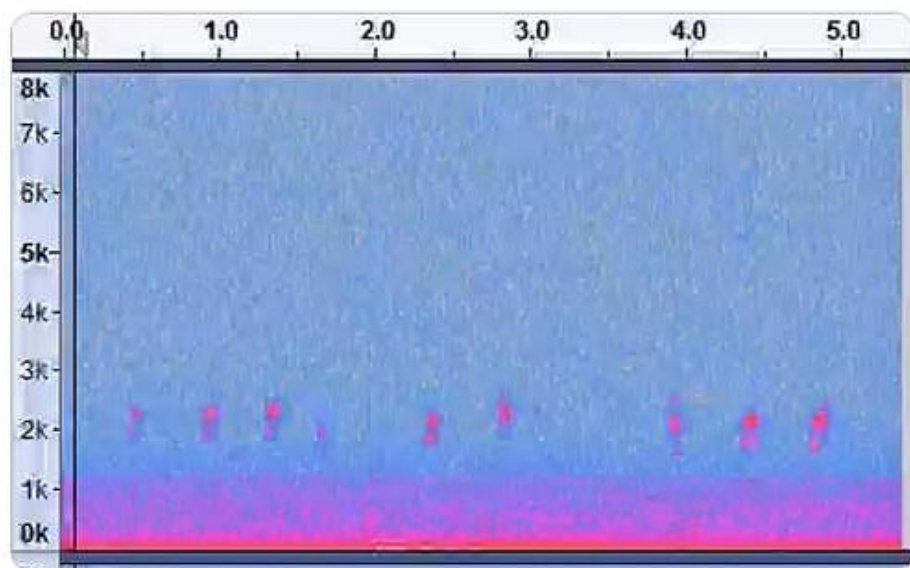
Movement in the estuary commenced on the 10th with a dark morph and continued with single birds until the 30th.

ARCTIC TERN

Several, the first of the year, at Oldbury Power Station on the 17th.

AVOCET

A nocturnal migrant was recorded over Severn Beach on the 4th and two were present on Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth until at least the 9th.



Avocet sonogram | Adam Cross

BARNACLE GOOSE

Two past Oldbury Power Station on the 14th.

BLACK REDSTART

A female type was noted near The Jetty at Oldbury Power Station on the 10th and 25th.

CETTI'S WARBLER

Two at Lyde Green Lake on the 8th, two at Severn Beach on the 16th and two from Western Approaches, Severn Beach on the 28th.



Common Redstart | Mark Coller

COMMON REDSTART

An adult male on Chipping Sodbury Common was the first of the year on the 5th.

COMMON SCOTER

A previously unrecorded nocturnal movement of this species across the recording area from the 2nd with soundings from; Severn Beach, Yate, Marshfield, Oldland Common, Kingswood, Hanham, Alveston and Lyde Green.

COMMON SWIFT

The first arrivals were noted at Severn Beacon the 19th.

COMMON TERN

The first arrivals were noted at Oldbury Power Station on the 6th.

CUCKOO

The first this year was noted at Oldbury Power Station on the 11th.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE

Three, the highest count ever recorded in S. Glos, were present on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on the 9th.



Egyptian Geese | Paul Bowerman

FULMAR

Two, the first of the year, were seen from Severn Beach on the 29th.

GARGANEY

A pair at Oldbury Power Station on the 16th with a male present on the 20th - 21st.

GOSHAWK

All sightings from Marshfield this month; One from Gunning's Wood, one over Beek's Lane and one over the village.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER

Reeling birds from Oldbury Power Station on the 6th, Severn Beach and Longwell Green on the 16th with two at Severn Beach on the 19th.

Greenland Wheatear

The first of the year logged at Chipping Sodbury and Marshfield from the 10th.



Greenland Wheatear | Mark Coller

GREENSHANK

The first of the year on Severnside on the 9th.

HAWFINCH

A male was noted around at Wickwar on the 8th.

HOBBY

This year's first at Marshfield on the 8th.

HOUSE MARTIN

This year's first arrivals were noted across the region on the 5th.

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER

An unconfirmed report of one from The Hacket, Cleve Wood (ST: 65 89) near Thornbury on the 17th.

LESSER WHITETHROAT

This year's first arrivals were noted from the 9th. A record equalling earliest date!

MARSH HARRIER

A 'female' at Oldbury Power Station on the 23rd.

NIGHTINGALE

One was reported in full song on Yate Common at ST: 700 818 on the 16th.

OSPREY

One, the first of the year, over Yate on the 4th and one over Severn Beach on the 10th.

PIED FLYCATCHER

A spring male, the first of the year, at New Passage on the 6th. This is the earliest ever recorded and spring female at Lower Woods, Wickwar on the 19th.

RED KITE

Forty-one (41) bird days this month with sightings from; Overscourt Woodland, Siston, Kingsgate Park, Yate, Coalpit Heath, Kingswood, Bristol, Alveston, Oldland Common, Yate, Severn Beach, Marshfield, Little/ Bradley Stoke, Wick, Pilning Wetland Reserve, Redwick, Shortwood landfill, Hanham, Warmley, West Littleton, Lyde Green, New Passage, Mangotsfield, Three Brooks LNR, and Chipping Sodbury.

REED WARBLER

This year's first was noted at Oldbury Power Station on the 7th.

RING OUZEL

A spring male, the first of the year, was noted at Filton on the 5th.

SANDERLING

The first of the year was noted at Severn Beach on the 27th.



Sanderling | Paul Bowerman

SANDWICH TERN

Six, the first of the year, from Oldbury Power Station on the 5th.

SEDGE WARBLER

This year's first from Oldbury Power Station on the 9th.

SHORT-EARED OWL

One at Oldbury Power Station on the 19th.

SPOONBILL

One on Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth on the 3rd and 4th.

SPOTTED REDSHANK

The first of the year was noted over Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 19th.

TREE PIPIT

The first of the year over Severnside on the 9th.

WHIMBREL

The first of the year was heard over Middledown Lane, Marshfield on the 4th.

WHINCHAT

The first of the year was found on Chipping Sodbury Common on the 16th.



Whinchat | Mark Coller

WHITE STORK

One high over Patchway on the 14th.

WOOD WARBLER

A male singing on Yate Common on the 19th with a second bird there on the 21st and a singing male at Hanham on the 26th.

MAY

ARCTIC SKUA

At Severn Beach; Three on the 22nd, up to four on the 23rd and one on the 24th.



Dark morph Arctic Skua | Matt Hobbs

BARNACLE GOOSE

Three adults on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 24th.

BLACK REDSTART

A female at New Passage on the 7th.

CETTI'S WARBLER

Two noted at Lyde Green Lake on the 2nd; Two from Severn Beach on the 4th and 9th; Eight from Western Distribution, Severn Beach on the 18th and two from Oldbury Power Station on the 21st.

COLLARED PRATINCOLE

A summer adult on Pining Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth on May 21st - 25th.



Collared Pratincole | Aravind Ramesh

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER

One reported from the Rockhampton area on the 16th.

GANNET

The first of the year noted from Severn Beach on the 23rd.

GUILLEMOT

The first of the year noted from Severn Beach on the 23rd.

HEN HARRIER

A female reported near Hill on the 7th.

HOBBY

A small movement of birds across the recording area on the 4th involved at least seven individuals.



Hobby | Mark Collier

LITTLE STINT

The first of the year was noted on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 11th.

MARSH HARRIER

A female at Severn Beach on the 4th and a female-type at Oldbury Power Station on the 11th and 13th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

A 1st summer from Severn Beach on the 22nd and 23rd.

POMARINE SKUA

At least two from Severn Beach on the 22nd.

RAZORBILL

The first of the year from Severn Beach on the 23rd.

RED KITE

c. 85 bird days this month with sightings from; Hanham, Wapley Bushes LNR/ Yate, Chipping Sodbury, Yate, Frampton Cotterell, Wick, Warmley, Shire Valley, Marshfield, Kingsgate Park, Yate, Alveston, Stoke Gifford/ Bradley Stoke, Leyhill, West Littleton, Shepperdine, Thornbury, Iron Acton, Mangotsfield, Rockhampton, Wickwar, Littleton-upon-Severn, Codrington, Upton Cheyney, Coalpit Heath, Pilning Wetland Reserve, Frampton Cotterell, Old Sodbury, Tortworth, Little Stoke, Itchington and Latteridge.



Red Kite | Mark Coller

RING-NECKED PARAKEET

One from Three Brooks LNR on the 13th and 31st.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER

The first of this year's crop was noted at Castle Farm, Marshfield on the 8th.

SPOONBILL

One on Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth on the 25th.



Spoonbill | Rod Holbrook

STORM PETREL

Possibly five from Severn Beach before on the 23rd with two from Severn Beach on the 24th.



Storm Petrel | Aravind Ramesh

WOOD SANDPIPER

A surprise patch first at Marshfield on the 11th; One on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 14th.

JUNE

ARCTIC SKUA

From Severn Beach; A dark morph on the 28th; Three on the 29th.

AVOCET

A French ringed adult on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 15th; Up to fifteen present throughout the month plus at least three well grown chicks. Confirmation of the first ever breeding record of this species in S. Gloucestershire!



Avocet | Paul Bowerman

CETTI'S WARBLER

Adults and youngsters from Littleton-upon-Severn early in the month; Five, adults and youngsters at Oldbury Power Station on the 13th.

COMMON CROSSBILL

Two heard south over Thornbury on the 14th; Four north over Severn Beach on the 16th; Two north over Northwick Warth on the 17th; At least three over at Thornbury Sailing Club and one over Yate on the 26th.

GOSHAWK

One noted in the Marshfield area on the 28th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET

Four, the first of the year, from Severn Beach on the 16th; One on Pilning Wetland Reserve and two upriver past Oldbury Power Station on the 25th.



Great White Egret | Rob Emery

HOOPOE

One between Henfield and Westerleigh on the 14th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

Pilning Wetland Reserve: A summer adult on the 15th and an adult on the 27th.
A 2nd calendar from Severn Beach on the 29th and 30th.



Mediterranean Gull | TBOSG

OSPREY

One was reported over Bitton and Oldland Common on the 22nd.



Common Quail | Mike Tripi

This individual of 'unknown origin' was present in a garden at Lyde Green

COMMON QUAIL

MARSHFIELD: Two audible from Down Road on the 4th; One at Harcombe Farm around the 23rd; One from Rushmead Lane on the 26th; One audible from Down Track on the 27th with two present on the 30th.

RED KITE

c. 25 bird days this month with sightings from; Yate, Warmley, Pilning Wetland Reserve, Kingswood, Wick Quarry, Easter Compton, Shire Valley, Marshfield, Severn Beach, Acton Turville, Little Stoke/ Patchway, Frampton Cotterell, Oldbury Power Station, Frenchay, Golden Valley, West Littleton Down and Chipping Sodbury Common.

SERIN

One over Kestrel Close, Yate on the 24th.



STORM PETREL

SEVERN BEACH: Two on the 28th and at least five on the 29th.

Storm Petrel | TBOSG

WOOD SANDPIPER

An adult on Pilning Wetland Reserve from the 14th - 17th.



Wood Sandpiper | Dean Reeves

JULY

ARCTIC SKUA

Two from Severn Beach on the 5th.

CATTLE EGRET

Three, in the New Passage/ Northwick Warth/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area on the 31st.



Cattle Egret | Matt Plenty

COMMON CROSSBILL

One over Yate on the 3rd; One was reported over New Passage on the 5th; One over 'The Glen' at New Passage on the 26th.

COMMON SCOTER

Five downriver past Oldbury Power Station, New Passage and Severn Beach; A 1st year male on the R. Severn off New Passage on the 19th.

LITTLE EGRET

A dozen were counted on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 1st.

MANX SHEARWATER

Over 300 from Severn Beach on the 3rd.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

One from Northwick Warth/ Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 1st, an adult on the 7th, a 2nd summer on the 8th and two adults on the 12th; An adult and 2nd calendar on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 26th.

MISTLE THRUSH

At least forty (40) were counted west of Ringswell, Marshfield on the 13th, a new record count for S. Glos!

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER

A flock of twenty-two (22) 'redheads' in flight past Oldbury Power Station on the 30th.

RED KITE

Twelve with sightings from; Oldbury Power Station, Marshfield village, Northwick Warth, Coalpit Heath, Charfield, Shortwood, Chipping Sodbury Common and The Folly from the A420.

STORM PETREL

Two from Severn Beach on the 5th.

VELVET SCOTER

A female type from Severn Beach on the 5th.

WOOD SANDPIPER

An adult on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 8th - 9th; The same or another adult there on the 13th - 19th.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL

An adult and a juvenile on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 30th.

AUGUST

AVOCET

Two were seen in the New Passage/ Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 9th.

BLACK TERN

One, the first of the year, north-east from Severn Beach on the 21st.

Blue-headed Wagtail

An autumn male, the first of the year, was noted from Northwick Warth on the 12th. Another was noted also on Northwick Warth on the 17th.



Blue-headed Yellow Wagtail | Aravind Ramesh

COMMON CROSSBILL

One over Chipping Sodbury Common early morning on the 8th.

CORMORANT

A good count of twenty-six (26) was logged at Oldbury Power Station on the 12th. Twenty-one counted in flight south past Northwick Warth on the 24th.

CURLEW SANDPIPER

A juvenile, the first of the year, was seen at Pillhead Gout, Oldbury-on-Severn on the 22nd - 23rd.

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR

One in The Orchard at Oldbury Power Station on the 22nd.

GARGANEY

An unconfirmed report of four, a female and three juveniles, on The Lake at Oldbury Power Station on the 18th.

GOSHAWK

One reported frequenting the Tortworth area on several dates throughout the month.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER

One was disturbed from a ditch on Chipping Sodbury Common on the 27th.

GREAT SKUA

One, the first of the year, was seen distantly from New Passage on the 16th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET

One was reported from the New Passage/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area on the 12th.

GREY PHALAROPE

One reported south past Severn Beach at 13:25 on the 25th; One was reported south past Oldbury Power Station at mid-day on the 26th.

MANDARIN

One was noted from Tortworth Court Lake on the 2nd.



Mandarin | Charlotte Foote

MARSH HARRIER

A juvenile was reported in flight to the east over Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth in the afternoon on the 1st; One was reported from the New Passage/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area on the 12th; A juvenile was reported to the south-west over Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 14th; A female was noted on Northwick Warth on the 26th.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

Two moulting adults were seen around Pillhead Gout at Oldbury-on-Severn on the 7th; Two juveniles were reported from the New Passage/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area on the 16th; A winter adult was present at Pillhead Gout, Oldbury-on-Severn on the 20th; Two winter adults were noted at Pillhead Gout on the 22nd with three present there on the 23rd; A juvenile south past Severn Beach on the 25th.



Mediterranean Gull | Pete Hazelwood

House Sparrow

An interesting male (House) Sparrow found in a private garden at Yate on the 2nd was noted as showing a strong resemblance to that of Italian Sparrow! Present until at least the 5th.



Sparrow Spp | Chris Teague

PIED FLYCATCHER

One briefly in the Shire Valley, Marshfield early morning on the 9th.

RING-NECKED PARAKEET

One, assumed to be this species, over a garden at Oldland Common the 16th.

ROSE-COLOURED STARLING

A juvenile was present in the Northwick Warth/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area on the 23rd - 26th.



Rose-coloured Starling | Aravind Ramesh

SHAG

One was reported from Severn Beach early morning on the 21st.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER

Ten on July 26th in the Shire Valley at Marshfield had increased to at least a dozen on the 2nd.

STORM PETREL

One was seen from Severn Beach mid-morning on the 21st; At least two present off Severn Beach on the 22nd; At least three reported off Severn Beach on the 23rd; One lingering off Severn Beach on the 25th.

WOOD SANDPIPER

A juvenile was noted on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 11th - 15th; One was seen on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 29th.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL

A juvenile was seen from New Passage on the 3rd; An adult was seen in flight over Severn Beach on the 10th; A juvenile was seen at Oldbury Power Station on the 14th.

SEPTEMBER

AVOCET

Two were noted on Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth on the 1st, one still present on the 2nd with another there on the 5th and one on the 6th; Six were present at Shepperdine on the 10th; Four were seen at Pillhead Gout, Littleton Warth late afternoon on the 28th.

CATTLE EGRET

One was present briefly on Northwick Warth on the 1st; One was found early on the 22nd on Pilning Wetland Reserve.



Cattle Egret | Paul Bowerman

CETTI'S WARBLER

One noted from Lyde Green Lake, Lyde Green on the 14th.

COMMON QUAIL

Three were disturbed during crop harvesting on Rushmead Farm, Marshfield on the 1st; One flushed from Northfield Lane on the 11th; One disturbed on Rushmead Farm on the 25th.

DOTTEREL

The distinctive call of one was heard half a dozen times as it flew west over Down Road, Marshfield on the 2nd.

FIELDFARE

Six, high over Oldbury Power Station on the 28th.

FIRECREST

A male from the riverside path by Cleeve Road Bridge on Frenchay Moor on the 25th.

GARGANEY

An immature was seen on Butts Pool, Pilning Wetland Reserve from the 5th - 24th.



Garganey | Matt Plenty

GOSHAWK

One was reported from the Horton area on the 5th.

GREAT WHITE EGRET

One was seen in flight from Littleton Warth on the 1st; One briefly on Pilning Wetland Reserve, on the 5th; One was seen on Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 17th.



Great White Egret | Pete Hazelwood

JACK SNIPE

One on Butts Pool, Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 19th; One noted in the Shire Valley, Marshfield on the 21st.

MANDARIN

A female at Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 1st and 6th.

MARSH HARRIER

One noted from the Northwick Warth on the 2nd with the same or another present there on the 7th and the 16th.



Marsh Harrier | Rob Emery

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

An adult on Pilning Wetland Reserve with the same or another over Lagoon II at Oldbury Power Station on the 19th.

MERLIN

The first returning individual was noted over Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 20th.

OSPREY

One was seen at Littleton Brick Pits on the 12th.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER

One present on Butts Pool, Pilning Wetland Reserve from the 13th - 25th.

RED-BACKED SHRIKE

A 1st winter was found seen from Rushmead Lane, Marshfield from the 5th - 9th.

RED KITE

One in the Ringswell Valley, Marshfield on the 2nd; One over Severn Beach on the 4th; One over Rushmead Lane, Marshfield on the 6th; One at Shepperdine on the 10th; One over Chipping Sodbury Common on the 12th; One over Down Road, Marshfield on the 27th.

RING-NECKED PARAKEET

One was reported from Three Brooks LNR, Bradley Stoke on the 5th.

SPOONBILL

One was noted in flight east over Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 17th.

WRYNECK

One in a private garden at Elberton on the 5th; One was seen near the shore on Lagoon III, Oldbury Power Station on the 20th.



Wryneck at Elberton | Kevin Bayston

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER

A juvenile/ 1st winter briefly in a private garden in Kingswood, Bristol on the 30th.

OCTOBER

AVOCET

One was seen on the Northwick Warth shore on the 24th.

CATTLE EGRET

One in the New Passage/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area on the 23rd; One noted at Littleton-upon-Severn on the 31st.



Cattle Egret | Aravind Ramesh

COMMON CRANE

Seven drifting over Tortworth on the 9th.

COMMON CROSSBILL

One calling over Cherry Wood, Marshfield and one reported over New Passage on the 15th; At least three in Milbury Heath plantation on the 18th.

COMMON STONECHAT

At least twenty (20+) counted from the Oldbury Power Station patch on the 5th.



FIRECREST

One present near Northwick Warth Flash on the 23rd and 30th; One processed in the Almondsbury area on October 25th.

Firecrest | Adam Cross

GREAT WHITE EGRET

One over the M5 near Tytherington on the 4th; One over Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust on the 14th.



Great White Egret | Matt Hobbs

GREENLAND WHEATEAR

One from the Oldbury Power Station/ Shepperdine area on the 7th.

HAWFINCH

One from a garden in Kingswood, Bristol on the 11th; One over Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust on the 14th.



Hawfinch | TBOSG

JACK SNIFE

One from the foreshore at Severn Beach on the 18th.

LAPLAND BUNTING

One, almost certainly this species, on Northwick Warth on the 22nd.

LITTLE EGRET

A flock of seventeen (17) at Littleton-upon-Severn on the 31st.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL

One was from Pillhead Gout, Littleton Warth on the 1st; A 2nd winter at Severn Beach on the 4th.

RED KITE

One over Latteridge on the 6th; One over the M4 from New Passage on the 14th; One at Marshfield on the 17th.

REDWING

The first returning birds were noted over Winterbourne on the 5th.

SHORT-EARED OWL

One picked up exhausted on Hoovers Lane, Frampton Cotterell on the 1st; One from the foreshore at Severn Beach on the 18th.

TREE SPARROW

One, the first of the year, was seen visiting feeders at Severn Beach on the 18th.

WATER PIPIT

One probably this species from the Northwick Warth area from the 3rd - 5th.

WOODLARK

One over Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust on the 14th.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER

One processed at Littleton Brick Pits Ringing Station, Littleton Warth on the 7th.



Yellow-browed Warbler | Mark Dadds

OCTOBER VIS (V)/ NOC (N) MIG:

Saturday 11th

Kingswood, Bristol: (V) A small movement of winter thrushes including Blackbird, Redwing and Fieldfare but the highlight was a re-orientating Hawfinch.

Wednesday 14th

Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust: (V) A big movement of 8150 Redwing, 5100 Starling, 2642 Chaffinch plus Hawfinch, Woodlark and Great White Egret in crystal clear skies with a fresh NE wind.

Hanham: (V) Two Brambling calling over a private garden early afternoon along with small numbers of Redwing and Chaffinch.

Severn Beach: (N) 54 Redwing calls in first few hours, single Coot, Blackbird and Song Thrush.

Thursday 15th

Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust: (V) Chaffinch 2827, Jackdaw 1280, Starling 2121, Brambling, Fieldfare 793, Greenfinch 29, Redwing 1892, Alba Wagtail 106.

Saturday 17th

Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust: (V) Fieldfare 158, Greenfinch 54, Redwing 235, Linnet 37, Redpoll sp. 4, Alba Wagtail sp. 64, Goldfinch 283, Siskin 28, Chaffinch 2131, Brambling 3.

NOVEMBER

ARCTIC SKUA

A light morph was seen from Severn Beach early morning on the 2nd.

AVOCET

Three were present on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth in the morning on the 17th and 18th with one present again on the 21st.

BLACK REDSTART

OLDBURY POWER STATION: A winter male on the 8th; Three, a male and two female/ 1st winters on the 9th - 10th, 16th and 19th; A winter male and one female/ 1st winter on the 11th and 27th; A female/ 1st winter on the 12th, 20th, 24th, 28th and 29th; Two female/ 1st winter on the 18th, 23rd and 26th; Four, a female/ 1st winter around the outbuildings, a female/ 1st winter on the jetty and a male and female/ 1st winter at the waterworks on the 25th.



Black Redstart | Pete Hazelwood

CATTLE EGRET

One from the New Passage/ Northwick Warth area on the 1st.

FIRECREST

One from the cycle path from Ableton Lane, Severn Beach on the 12th. One present near the 'flash' on Northwick Warth on the 22nd and 28th.

GOOSANDER

Four, present at Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 24th before moving on towards Stanshaw's Lake.



Goosander | Mark Coller

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER

One in flight heading down river from Severn Beach on the 2nd.

GREAT SKUA

One from Severn Beach on the 2nd.

GREAT WHITE EGRET

One in flight north-east from New Passage and two in flight north-east past Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust on the 7th.



Great White Egret | Matt Hobbs

HAWFINCH

Four in flight north-east past Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust on the 7th; One in flight east near Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 10th.

JACK SNIFE

One in flight to the north-east past Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust on the 7th; One on Chipping Sodbury Common on the 26th; One was noted on Yate Common on the 28th.

KITTIWAKE

Around 120 were watched from Severn Beach early morning on the 2nd.

LITTLE GULL

A 1st winter was seen in flight upriver past Oldbury Power Station on the 2nd.

NORTHERN WHEATEAR

A late bird was present on the shore adjacent to Lagoon III at Oldbury Power Station on the 3rd.



Northern Wheatear | TBOSG

RED KITE

One noted over Rushmead Lane on the 6th.

SNOW BUNTING

NEW PASSAGE/ SEVERN BEACH: A winter female from the 7th - 9th and 15th was joined briefly by a second individual on the 8th. Then two birds present at the same site from the 10th - 14th.



Snow Bunting | Rosemary Setter

SWALLOW

A late bird over West Littleton on the 22nd.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL

A winter adult was seen around West Littleton Dam on the 7th.

NOVEMBER VIS (V)/ NOC (N) MIG:

Saturday 7th

Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust: (V) Chaffinch 1891, Great White Egret 2, Brambling 28, Starling 2972, Hawfinch 4, Fieldfare 598, Redwing 743, Greenfinch 40, Jack Snipe, Goldfinch 259, Woodpigeon 474.

DECEMBER

AVOCET

Four on the foreshore at New Passage on the 10th with five present there on the 15th - 20th, two on the 21st.

BLACK REDSTART

OLDBURY POWER STATION: A female on the 1st and around the Jetty on the 2nd, 6th, 12th - 14th and 16th; A 1st winter male on the 10th; One was reported from Jobs Green Farm, Oldbury on the 6th.

COMMON REDPOLL

At least one around The Lake at Oldbury Power Station on the 12th.

DARK-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE

One from Severn Beach on the 26th.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE

One on the S. Glos side of the R. Avon east of the Lock Keeper PH on the 26th.

FIRECREST

One near the 'flash' on Northwick Warth on the 1st and again on the 22nd.

GOOSANDER

Four, commuting between Brimsham Park Lake and Stanshaw's Lake, Yate on the 14th; Six on the 15th; Two 21st; Eight over Kingsgate Park on the 22nd. Six from Brimsham Park 25th; Eight on the 26th and seven on the 27th; Seven in Kingsgate Park on the 29th; Eight on Brimsham Park Lake on the 30th later on Stanshaw's Lake and eight over Kingsgate Park on the 31st.

JACK SNIBE

AUST WARTH: Three on the 1st, at least two on the 4th, one on the 6th and three on the 31st.

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER

A wholly unconfirmed report of one along Broadmead Brook in the Shire Valley on the 29th.



MEDITERRANEAN GULL

A winter adult was reported from Northwick Warth on the 20th - 21st.

Mediterranean Gull | Paul Bowerman

RED KITE

One over Chipping Sodbury Common on the 5th.

RING-NECKED PARAKEET

One south near Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 24th.



Short-eared Owl | Brian Thompson

SHORT-EARED OWL

One from the Aust Warth area on the 1st and 4th; One along Northwick Warth then over Pilning WR on the 8th.

SNOW BUNTING

A winter female from the Aust Warth area on the 1st, 4th and 31st.

TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE

A flock of eleven was found at Oldbury Power Station on December 5th. Present briefly on the 10th - 11th and again on the 12th.

WATER PIPIT

Two on Pilning WR on the 24th and one in flight on Northwick Warth on the 25th.

WHOOPEE SWAN

Four in flight south-west past Oldbury Power Station on the 8th. Also at Severn Beach and Pilning WR.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER

One on Wheatfield Drive, Bradley Stoke on the 28th and 30th.

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL

A 1st winter from Northwick Warth on the 20th.

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The South Gloucestershire Year Lists 2000 - 2020

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200	195	192	200	201	197	209	203	217	217

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216	219	218	226	217	219	217	224	212	210

2020: 212

JANUARY 2020: SPECIES - 112 | Forms - 4 | New additions - 0

1st BLACK REDSTART, JACK SNIPER
 5th EGYPTIAN GOOSE, WATER PIPIT
 8th BRAMBLING, FIRECREST, RED KITE
 9th GOOSANDER
 10th MARSH HARRIER
 18th CETTI'S WARBLER
 22nd MEDITERRANEAN GULL
 25th GREY PLOVER
 27th SHORT-EARED OWL

Also seen in January: Species: Mute Swan, Canada Goose, Greylag Goose, Shelduck, Wigeon, Gadwall, Common Teal, Pintail, Shoveler, Pochard, Tufted Duck, Red-legged Partridge, Common Pheasant, Cormorant, Little Egret, Grey Heron, Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Sparrowhawk, Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin, Peregrine, Water Rail, Moorhen, Coot, Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover, Golden Plover, Lapwing, Dunlin, Common Snipe, Woodcock, Curlew, Common Redshank, Common Sandpiper, Turnstone, Knot, Black-tailed Godwit, Kittiwake, Black-headed Gull, Common Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Stock Dove, Rock (Feral) Dove, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Barn Owl, Little Owl, Tawny Owl, Kingfisher, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Crow, Raven, Long-tailed Tit, Marsh Tit, Coal Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Rock Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Common Chiffchaff, Blackcap, Goldcrest, Starling, Robin, Common Stonechat, Blackbird, Redwing, Song Thrush, Fieldfare, Mistle Thrush, Dipper, Wren, Dunnock, House Sparrow, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Lesser Redpoll, Siskin, Linnet, Bullfinch, Yellowhammer, Reed and Corn Bunting.

Forms: Icelandic Redshank, Northern Dunlin, Continental Blackbird, Continental Song Thrush.

FEBRUARY 2020: SPECIES - 3

16th GREY PARTRIDGE
 19th COMMON CRANE

29th COMMON SCOTER

MARCH 2020: SPECIES - 13 | Forms - 2

5th NORTHERN WHEATEAR
8th Continental Chaffinch
11th BAR-TAILED GODWIT, GOSHAWK
12th DARK-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE
13th Scandinavian Rock Pipit
14th LITTLE RINGED PLOVER
18th SAND MARTIN
19th AVOCET
20th SPOONBILL, SWALLOW
25th COMMON WHITETHROAT, RING-NECKED PARAKEET
26th LITTLE GULL, White Wagtail
27th WILLOW WARBLER

APRIL 2020: SPECIES - 32 | Forms - 1

4th OSPREY, WHIMBREL
5th SANDWICH TERN, COMMON REDSTART, HOUSE MARTIN, RING OUZEL
6th PIED FLYCATCHER, COMMON TERN, GRASSHOPPER WARBLER
7th REED WARBLER
8th YELLOW WAGTAIL, HOBBY, HAWFINCH
9th GREENSHANK, TREE PIPIT, SEDGE WARBLER
10th ARCTIC SKUA
11th CUCKOO, Greenland Wheatear
13th LESSER WHITETHROAT
14th BARNACLE GOOSE, WHITE STORK
16th NIGHTINGALE, WHINCHAT, GARDEN WARBLER, GARGANEY
17th ARCTIC TERN, LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER
19th WOOD WARBLER, COMMON SWIFT, SPOTTED REDSHANK
27th SANDERLING
29th FULMAR

MAY 2020: SPECIES - 13 | New additions - 1

6th RUFF
7th HEN HARRIER
8th SPOTTED FLYCATCHER

11th WOOD SANDPIPER, LITTLE STINT
 13th GREEN SANDPIPER
 21st COLLARED PRATINCOLE
 22nd POMARINE SKUA
 23rd MANX SHEARWATER, GANNET, GUILLEMOT, RAZORBILL, STORM PETREL

JUNE 2020: SPECIES - 5

4th COMMON QUAIL
 14th COMMON CROSSBILL, HOPOE
 16th GREAT WHITE EGRET
 24th SERIN

JULY 2020: SPECIES - 3

30th RED-BREASTED MERGANSER (22), YELLOW-LEGGED GULL
 31st CATTLE EGRET

AUGUST 2020: SPECIES - 8 | Forms - 1

2nd MANDARIN
 12th Blue-headed Wagtail
 16th GREAT SKUA
 21st BLACK TERN, SHAG
 22nd EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR, CURLEW SANDPIPER
 23rd ROSE-COLOURED STARLING
 25th GREY PHALAROPE

SEPTEMBER 2020: SPECIES - 5

2nd DOTTEREL
 5th RED-BACKED SHRIKE, WRYNECK
 13th PECTORAL SANDPIPER
 30th YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER

OCTOBER 2020: SPECIES - 2

14th WOODLARK
 18th TREE SPARROW

NOVEMBER 2020: SPECIES - 2 | Forms - 1

2nd GREAT NORTHERN DIVER

7th SNOW BUNTING
28th Icelandic Redwing

DECEMBER 2020: SPECIES - 2

5th TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE
8th WHOOPER SWAN
12th COMMON REDPOLL

Totals: Species - 202 | Forms - 10 | New Additions – 2

New Additions to the South Gloucestershire List

There were two new additions to the S. Glos list in 2020. The first was a stunning summer adult Collared Pratincole - *Glareola pratincola* on Pilning Wetland Reserve, Northwick Warth on May 21st 2020 found by Aravind Ramesh.



Collared Pratincole | Gary Thoburn



Collared Pratincole | Aravind Ramesh

The second was a surprise winter flock of eleven Tundra Bean Geese - *Anser serrirostris* (ten adults and a single juvenile) in fields at the entrance to Oldbury Power Station on December 5th 2020 and discovered by Pete Hazelwood.



Tundra Bean Geese | Pete Hazelwood

The following narrative represents unfiltered reports; all sightings of rare and scarce birds are subject to ratification by the appropriate rarities committee!

THE SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SYSTEMATIC LIST

The South Gloucestershire Systematic List follows the conventions of The BOU British List: A Checklist of Birds of Britain (9th edition) December 2018. The S. Glos 2020 list can be found on page ???.

Each taxon is headed followed by the vernacular and scientific names, total number of occurrences to the end of 2019 in parentheses and total reported in 2020. All rare and scarce birds seen in 2020 are listed, full species in capitals and forms in lower case.

GEESE

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis* – (c.300) 5

A total of five birds were noted this year; Two were noted in flight upriver past Oldbury Power Station on April 14th and at least three adults on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on May 24th.



A composite photo of all eleven Tundra Bean Geese at Oldbury Power Station Maize Fields in April 2020 | Pete Hazelwood

TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE *Anser serrirostris* – (0) 11

A winter flock of eleven individuals (and the first ever recorded in S. Glos) were found in fields at the entrance to Oldbury Power Station on December 5th.

Noted at Slimbridge on several dates they were again present in the Maize field at Oldbury Power Station early morning briefly on the 10th - 11th and flushed from Lagoon I at 08:20 on the 12th.

SWANS

WHOOPEE SWAN *Cygnus cygnus* – (c.35) 4

Four were 'picked up' in flight south-west over the estuary past Oldbury Power Station around 08:15 on December 8th. The stopped over on Pilning WR briefly before moving on.



Whooper Swan on Pilning WR | Paul Bowerman

WILDFOWL

EGYPTIAN GOOSE *Alopochen aegyptiacus* – (c.20) 5

One flew in from the east at 12:30 at Oldbury Power Station, over the lake and departed to the south on January 5th; Three were present on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on April 9th; One was seen with Canada Geese on the S. Glos side of the R. Avon opposite Avon Valley CP and 1km east of the Lock Keeper PH on December 26th.

MANDARIN *Aix galericulata* – (c.500) 2 Garganey at Oldbury Power | Pete Hazelwood
A quiet year for this species with only two birds reported. One was noted from Tortworth Court Lake on August 2nd and a female was seen at Kingsgate Park, Yate early morning on September 1st and again on the 6th.



Mandarin at Kingsgate Park | Mark Coller



GARGANEY *Anas querquedula* – (c.110)
c.8

APRIL: A male and female were noted on The Lake at Oldbury Power Station on the 16th and a male was present there on the 20th - 21st.

Garganey at Oldbury Power | Pete Hazelwood

AUGUST: An unconfirmed report of four, a female and three juveniles, on The Lake at Oldbury Power Station on the 18th. SEPTEMBER: An immature was present on Butts Pool, Pilning WR from the 5th - 24th.

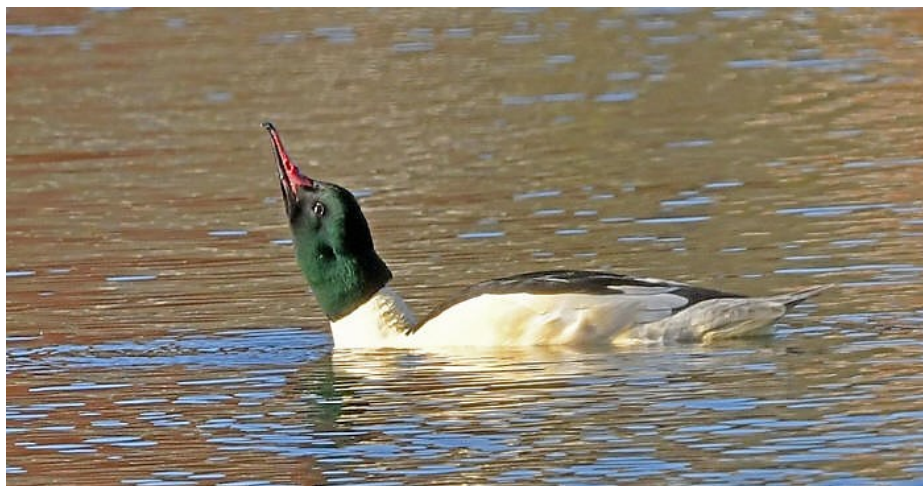
VELVET SCOTER *Melanitta fusca* – (6) 1

A female type seen in difficult viewing conditions from Severn Beach at 19:00 on July 5th was putatively this species.

GOOSANDER *Mergus merganser* – (c.225) c.10

Returning birds arrived in November with four, a ♂ and three ♀/ brown heads, present at Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 24th before moving on towards Stanshaw's Lake. In December numbers increased to eight (including at least two males) commuting between Brimsham Park Lake, Kingsgate Park Lake and Stanshaw's Lake up to the end of the year.

In January and February birds continued to show and were reported from all three lakes until at least February 19th. In March the last reported birds were noted with a female on the R. Avon east of the Lock Keeper at Keynsham on the 29th.



Drake Goosander on Kingsgate Park Lake, Yate | Mark Coller

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator* – (c.100) 22

A remarkable flock of twenty-two (22) 'redheads' were seen in flight low downriver past Oldbury Power Station at 06:20 on July 30th.

PHEASANTS, QUAIL & PARTRIDGE

COMMON QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* (UK)

EARLIEST: Two were audible from fields on the west side of Down Road, Marshfield on June 4th. LATEST: One on Rushmead Farm, Marshfield on September 25th. HIGHEST COUNT: Three on Rushmead Farm, Marshfield on September 1st.

Marshfield	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Totals
Down						4							4
Harcombe						1							1
Rushmead						2			4				6
Northfield									1				1
Bird Days						7			5				12

DIVERS

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER *Gavia immer* – (15) 1

One was seen in flight heading south-west, down river, from Severn Beach at 07:45 on November 2nd.

SEABIRDS

STORM PETREL *Hydrobates pelagicus* – (c.220) c.20

All noted from Severn Beach around twenty were available from the first on May 23rd to the final one on August 25th with a high count of at least five present on June 29th.



Storm Petrel from Severn Beach | TBOSG

HERONS/ ALLIES

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia* - UK

Sightings of White Stork in S. Gloucestershire are clouded by birds from reintroduction programmes, however all reports will be recorded for posterity.

One was watched as it flew high over Fir Tree Close, Patchway around lunchtime on April 14th. It was heading north-east where it was lost to view.

SPOONBILL *Platalea leucorodia* – (28) 4

MARCH: One on Pilning WR briefly at 12:25 on the 20th before heading towards the estuary where it was last seen circling over the Prince Of Wales Bridge.

APRIL: An immature bird was found on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on the 3rd and was still present early morning of the 4th. MAY: An adult was seen briefly early morning on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on the 25th. SEPTEMBER: One was noted in flight east over Pilning WR, Northwick Warth early morning on the 17th.

COMMON CRANE *Grus grus* – (c.80) 12

Sightings of Common Crane in S. Gloucestershire are clouded by birds from the reintroduction programmes, however all reports will be recorded for posterity.

FEBRUARY: Two were seen in flight at 07:35 on the 19th from the A403 coast road and heading over Severn Beach. MARCH: One noted in flight heading north over Severn View Services, Aust at 15:00 on the 22nd; Two high south over Northwick Warth and Severn Beach at 17:00 on the 23rd before heading east. OCTOBER: Seven were counted drifting high east late afternoon over Tortworth towards Charfield on the 9th.

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis* – (8) 8

JULY: Three were watched commuting between New Passage, Northwick Warth and Pilning WR on the 31st. SEPTEMBER: One was present briefly on Northwick Warth on the 1st before being relocated on Pilning WR late morning; One was found early on the 22nd on Pilning WR where it remained throughout the day. OCTOBER: One was seen briefly in the New Passage/ Pilning WR area in fields by 2nd sentry box on Northwick Warth on the 23rd; One noted at Littleton-upon-Severn on the 31st. NOVEMBER: One was reported from the New Passage/ Northwick Warth area on the 1st.



Cattle Egret on Littleton Warth | Matt Plenty

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Ardea alba* – (c.45) c.15

JUNE: Four were watched in flight south past Severn Beach around 16:30 on the 16th; Two were seen in flight upriver past Oldbury Power Station at 06:00 and a third lingered on Pilning WR on the 25th. AUGUST: One was reported from the New Passage/ Pilning WR area on the 12th. SEPTEMBER: One was seen in flight from Littleton Warth towards The Lake at Oldbury Power Station at 07:40 on the 1st before departing to the south-south-west; One briefly on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth at 11:20 on the 5th; One was seen on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on the 17th. OCTOBER: One was seen in flight over the M5 near Tytherington late afternoon on the 4th; One north-east over Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust in the morning on the 14th. NOVEMBER: One was seen in flight to the north-east from New Passage and two were noted in flight north-east past Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust on the 7th.

CORMORANTS

SHAG *Phalacrocorax aristototelis* – (c.65) 1

One was reported from Severn Beach early morning on August 21st.

RAPTORS



Osprey | Mark Coller

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus* – (c.65) 4

Four individuals this year with the first in April with one both seen and photographed high north over a private garden in Yate around 11:35 on the 4th followed by one heading north-east over Severn Beach late morning on the 10th. In June one was reported over Bitton and Oldland Common on the 22nd and in September one was seen at Littleton Brick Pits in flight low to the east towards Thornbury at 12:25 on the 12th.

GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis* – (c.65) c.5

MARCH: One, probably this species, at Shepperdine on the 11th; One was heard calling in the Ashwicke area at Marshfield on the 22nd. APRIL: One was heard calling from Gunning's Wood, Marshfield on the 7th; One was seen over Beek's Lane, Marshfield on the 11th. One was watched circling over Marshfield Village on the 23rd. JUNE: One noted from Cherry Wood, Marshfield on the 28th. AUGUST: One reported frequenting the Tortworth area on several dates. SEPTEMBER: One was reported from the Horton area on the 5th.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus* – (c.100) c.10

Noted in the recording area between January and September but absent from mid-May to August with around probably ten individuals noted.

JANUARY: A cream-headed winter female was watched in flight downriver past Lagoon III, Oldbury Power Station on the 10th. FEBRUARY: An adult male flew along shore past Thornbury Sailing Club towards Littleton around 09:30 on the 13th. APRIL: A female was noted flying upriver, and then quartered Lagoon III on the 23rd where it stayed for half hour before departing inland. MAY: A 'cream crowned' female flew north-east over Severn Beach around 12:30 on the 4th; A female type was reported from Lagoon III at Oldbury Power Station on the 11th and 13th. AUGUST: A juvenile was reported in flight to the east over Pilning Wetland Reserve; Northwick Warth in the afternoon on the 1st; One was reported from the New Passage/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area on the 12th; A juvenile was reported to the south-west over Pilning Wetland Reserve on the 14th; A female was noted on Northwick Warth on the 26th. SEPTEMBER: One noted from the Northwick Warth/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area on the 2nd with the same or another present there on the 7th and the 16th.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus* – (c 55) 1

MAY: A female/ ringtail was reported from Hill Lane, Hill at ST: 649 940 on May 7th.

RED KITE *Milvus milvus* – (c.170) UK

HIGHEST COUNT: At least five probably six up-river past Severn Beach on March 22nd, four at Marshfield on March 16th and July 31st. EARLIEST: Two from the Oldbury Power Station environs during January. LATEST: One on Chipping Sodbury Common on December 5th.

An incredible year for this species with well over 200 bird days logged!

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Totals
Bird Days	3	0	35	41	85	25	12	0	5	3	1	1	211



Red Kite at Yate | Mark Coller

WADERS

AVOCET *Recurvirostra avosetta* – (c.290) c.25

Avocet bred for the first time in S. Glos in 2020 on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth. Read the full story in the articles section below! The first birds arrived on March 19th with five reported. That increased to eleven on the 22nd with fifteen present on the 25th. By June up to fifteen adults were in attendance with at least three well grown chicks bringing confirmation of the first ever successful breeding of this species for S. Gloucestershire! At least five adults and three juveniles were present on the reserve from July 1st - 15th.

Birds continued to be reported from the New Passage/ Pilning WR area in August and September and Shepperdine, Pillhead Gout and Littleton Warth also in September. Just one bird was logged in October on the Northwick Warth shore, three in the same area in November with a further five in December.



Three well grown Avocet chicks on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth | Paul Bowerman



Little Ringed Plover on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth were also successful breeders | Paul Bowerman

DOTTEREL *Charadrius morinellus* – (c.30) 1

The distinctive call of one was heard half a dozen times as it flew west over Down Road, Marshfield on September 2nd.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER *Calidris melanotos* – (c.10) 1

One on Butts Pool, Pilning WR, Northwick Warth from September 13th - 25th.



Pectoral Sandpiper on Pilning WR | Paul Bowerman

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus* – (c.360) c.20



Jack Snipe on Severnside | Mark Coller

There were thirty-four bird days logged this year from six sites; Severn Beach (1), Aust (19), Pilning WR (1), Chipping Sodbury Common (11), Yate Common (1) and The Shire Valley, Marshfield (1).

Monthly counts were January (10), February (8), March (1), September (2), October (1), November (3), December (9).

LATEST: One displaced by high tides at Aust Warth on March 11th. EARLIEST: One on September 19th on Butts Pool, Pilning WR. HIGHEST COUNT: At least three from Aust Warth on January 1st and December 31st.

GREY PHALAROPE *Phalaropus fulicaria* – (c.40) 2

AUGUST: One reported south past Severn Beach at 13:25 on the 25th and one was reported south past Oldbury Power Station at mid-day on the 26th.

WOOD SANDPIPER *Tringa glareola* – (c.45) 5

MAY: One was disturbed from Doncombe Brook, Marshfield on the 11th; A spring adult was noted on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on the 14th. JUNE: An adult was present on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on the 14th - 15th and 17th. JULY: An adult was noted on Pilning WR on the 8th - 9th with the same or another adult present there on the 13th - 19th. AUGUST: A juvenile was noted on Pilning Wetland Reserve from the 11th - 15th; One was seen on Pilning WR early morning on the 29th.



Wood Sandpiper on Pilning WR | Paul Bowerman

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus* – (c.115) 1

One was noted in flight and calling over Pilning WR on the 19th.

COLLARED PRATINCOLE *Glareola pratincola* – (0) 1

An adult was present on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth from May 21st - 25th.



Collared Pratincole on Pilning WR | TBOSG

GULLS



Mediterranean Gull at Severn Beach | TBOSG

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus*

EARLIEST: A winter adult at Oldbury Power Station on January 22nd.

LATEST: A winter adult was reported from Northwick Warth on December 21st.

HIGHEST COUNT: Three at Pillhead Gout, Oldbury-on-Severn on August 23rd.

Location	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Totals
OPS	1		1					8	1	1			12
Severn Beach					2	2		1		1			6
NP		1	1			2	7	2	1			2	16
Bradley Stoke		1											1
Bird Days	1	2	2		2	4	7	11	2	2		2	35

YELLOW-LEGGED GULL *Larus michahellis* – (c.280) 7

JULY: An adult and a juvenile were noted on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth mid-afternoon on the 30th before being flushed.

AUGUST: A juvenile was seen from New Passage on the 3rd; An adult was seen in flight heading north-east over Severn Beach on the 10th; A juvenile was seen at Oldbury Power Station on the 14th.

NOVEMBER: A winter adult was seen around the Dam at West Littleton on the 7th.

DECEMBER: A 1st winter was reported from Northwick Warth on the 20th.

SKUAS

POMARINE SKUA *Stercorarius pomarinus* – (c.270) 2

Just two birds this year! A pale morph from Severn Beach early morning before heading back down river and a full 'spooned' pale morph early evening also from Severn Beach on May 22nd.

ARCTIC SKUA *Stercorarius parasiticus*

EARLIEST: A dark morph was seen well along the near bank and up-river past Oldbury Power Station on April 10th. LATEST: A light morph was seen from Severn Beach early morning on November 2nd. HIGHEST COUNT: Up to four from Severn Beach on May 23rd.

OWLS

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus* – (c.175)

LATEST: One at Oldbury Power Station on April 19th. EARLIEST: One from Hoovers Lane, Frampton Cotterell on October 1st. HIGHEST COUNT: Up to three on Rushmead Farm, Marshfield on at least March 17th.

Location	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
Aust		1	8									2	11
OPS	1	2	1	1									5
S Beach										1			1
NW		2										1	3
Marshfield		1	7										8
Frampton										1			1
Bird Days	1	6	16	1						2		3	29

NIGHTJAR

EUROPEAN NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus* – (c.15) 1

An individual was found roosting at the base of an apple tree in The Orchard at Oldbury Power Station on August 22nd. It was subsequently seen in flight where the 'white wing flashes' were clearly evident.

EXOTICS

HOOPOE *Upupa epops* – (c.30) 2

MARCH: One reported from Shepperdine Riding School, south of Lagoon II at Oldbury Power Station late in the month. JUNE: One was both seen and photographed around the grounds of Box Hedge Farm between Henfield and Westerleigh on the 14th.



Hoopoe at Henfield | Katherine Boon

RING-NECKED PARAKEET *Psittacula krameri* – (c.60) 5

MARCH: One reported from Three Brooks LNR, Bradley Stoke on the 25th. MAY: One reported from Three Brooks LNR, Bradley Stoke on the 13th and 31st. AUGUST: One, assumed to be this species, was seen low, circling and calling over a private garden at Oldland Common before departing towards St.

Anne's Church at 19:00 on the 16th. SEPTEMBER: One was reported from Three Brooks LNR, Bradley Stoke on the 5th. DECEMBER: One seen in flight to the south near Kingsgate Park, Yate mid-morning on the 24th.

WOODPECKERS

WRYNECK *Jynx torquilla* – (c.30) 2

One was both seen and photographed in a private garden at Elberton where it spent the afternoon on September 5th; One was seen at 15:15 by the metal gate near the shore on Lagoon III, Oldbury Power Station on September 20th.

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dryobates minor* – (c.120) 2?

An unconfirmed report of one from The Hacket, Cleve Wood (ST: 65 89) near Thornbury on April 17th; A wholly unconfirmed report of one along Broadmead Brook in the Shire Valley on December 29th.

SHRIKE

RED-BACKED SHRIKE *Lanius collurio* – (Post 1940 c.10) 1

A 1st winter was found at the junction of the Tormarton Road and Rushmead Lane, Marshfield at ST: 784 752 on September 5th and remained in the area until the 9th.



Red-backed Shrike at Marshfield | Allan Chard

LARKS

WOODLARK *Lullula arborea* – (21) 1

One north-east over Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust in the morning on October 14th.

WARBLERS

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

EARLIEST: Two noted at Oldbury Power Station and one at Littleton Bird Ringing Station on January 18th. LATEST: One on Pilning WR on December 8th. HIGHEST COUNT: Eight (presumably calling males) were reported from Western Distribution, Severn Beach on May 18th.

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* – (c.70) 3

APRIL: A male was present throughout the day on Yate Common, Yate on the 19th. A presumed second singing male was noted on Yate Common, Yate on the 21st. A singing male was found at Hanham around ST: 646 710 adjacent to the A4174 on the 26th.



Wood Warbler on Yate Common | Mark Coller

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus* – (c.20) 3

A juvenile/ 1st winter was seen briefly in a private garden in Kingswood, Bristol early morning on September 30th; One was processed at Littleton Brick Pits Ringing Station, Littleton Warth on October 7th; One was first seen in a private garden on Wheatfield Drive, Bradley Stoke around mid-day on December 28th where it was present for around 15 minutes. It was subsequently seen in the same garden around 14:00 on the 30th where it remained for just a few minutes.



Yellow-browed Warbler at Bradley Stoke | Rachael Ann and Robin Jones

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER *Locustella naevia*



EARLIEST: One noted from Lagoon II at Oldbury Power Station on April 6th. LATEST: One on Chipping Sodbury Common on August 27th. HIGHEST COUNT: Two heard at Severn Beach on April 19th.

Grasshopper Warbler | Paul Bowerman

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapillus* – (c.65) 5

JANUARY: One was reported from the Wild Places Project, Easter Compton on the 8th. SEPTEMBER: A male showed beautifully in a flock with Goldcrest from the riverside path by Cleeve Road Bridge on Frenchay Moor on the 25th. OCTOBER: One was present in the hedgerow at the northern end of Northwick Warth Flash on the 23rd and 30th; One was processed in the Almondsbury Woods area on the 25th. NOVEMBER: One was seen from the cycle path from Ableton Lane, Severn Beach in the morning on the 12th; One was reported as 'still present' near the 'flash' on Northwick Warth on the 22nd and 28th. DECEMBER: A presumed female was seen again near the 'flash' on Northwick Warth on the 1st and again in the same area on the 22nd.



Firecrest on Northwick Warth | Aravind Ramesh

STARLING



ROSE-COLOURED STARLING *Sturnus roseus* – (5) 1

A juvenile was present in the Northwick Warth/ Pilning Wetland Reserve area from August 23rd - 26th.

Rose-coloured Starling | Aravind Ramesh

THRUSHES & CHATS

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus* – (c.90) 1

APRIL: A spring male was both seen and heard in song at the top of an Oak on the railway embankment from Conygre Grove, Filton on the 5th.

NIGHTINGALE *Luscinia megarhynchos*

A male was reported in full song at ST: 700 818 on Yate Common, Yate at 18:15 on April 16th.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca* – (Post 2000 c.30) 3

APRIL: A spring male was present in the garden of The Glen, New Passage on the 6th; A spring female was noted at Lower Woods, Wickwar around ST: 737 861 on the 19th. AUGUST: One was seen briefly in the Shire Valley, Marshfield on the 9th.



Pied Flycatcher at Lower Woods | Paul Bowdler

BLACK REDSTART *Phoenicurus ochruros* – (c.130) 5

LATEST: A female was seen briefly on rocks at New Passage on May 7th. EARLIEST: A winter male was noted at Oldbury Power Station late afternoon on

November 8th. HIGHEST COUNT: Four, a male and three female/ 1st winters at OPS on November 25th.

All records come from Oldbury Power Station with the exception of a male on the roof of a house behind The Royal George, Thornbury on January 8th and a female briefly early morning on rocks at New Passage on May 7th.

JANUARY: A male and female/ 1st winter throughout the month. FEBRUARY: A female/ 1st winter in the first week only. MARCH: Two female/ 1st winters in the first half of the month only. APRIL: A female type on the 10th and 25th.

NOVEMBER: Up to five throughout the month including at least two males and two possibly three female/ 1st winters. DECEMBER: A female and a 1st winter male were noted throughout the month and one was reported from Jobs Green Farm, Oldbury on the 6th.



Black Redstart at Oldbury Power Station | Pete Coslett

Location	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Total
OPS	11	3	5	2							32	11	64
Thornbury	1												1
NP					1								1
Bird Days	12	3	5	2	1						32	11	66

WAGTAILS & PIPITS

Blue-headed Wagtail *Motacilla flava flava* – (c.20) 2?
An autumn male was noted from Northwick Warth on August 12th with the same or another on the 17th.

WATER PIPIT *Anthus spinoletta* – (c.120) 4
A total of just seven bird days this year; one in January and October, two in March and three in December.

LATEST: One noted feeding on the high tide strand line near the second sentry box on Northwick Warth on March 14th. EARLIEST: One from the Northwick Warth/ Pilning WR area on October 3rd. HIGHEST COUNT: Two on Pilning WR on December 24th.



Scandinavian Rock Pipit at Severn Beach | Rob Emery

Scandinavian Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus littoralis* – (c.20) 2

One was displaced by the rising tide at New Pill, Chittening Warth on March 13th; A summer plumaged individual was noted by the cooling water outflow at Oldbury Power Station on March 21st.

FINCHES & BUNTINGS

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus* – (Once numerous. Post 2000 - c.150) 1

One was seen visiting feeders in a private garden at Severn Beach on October 18th.

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* – (Post 1941 - c.155) 8

APRIL: A male was noted around 11:15 at Lady's Wood, Wickwar (ST: 730 858) on the 8th. OCTOBER: One was seen briefly from a garden in Kingswood, Bristol before heading south-east mid-morning on the 11th; One north-east over Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust in the morning on the 14th. NOVEMBER: Four were noted in flight north-east past Severn Bridge Viewpoint, Aust on the 7th; One in flight east near Kingsgate Park, Yate on the 10th.



Hawfinch over Aust | Matt Hobbs

COMMON REDPOLL *Acanthis flammea* – (c.15) 1

At least one, putatively this species, was seen briefly around The Lake at Oldbury Power Station on December 12th.



A putative Common Redpoll at Oldbury Power Station | Heather England

SERIN *Serinus serinus* – (1) 1

One was both seen and heard 'trilling' as it flew to the south-west over Kestrel Close, Yate at 07:50 on June 24th.

LAPLAND BUNTING *Calcarius lapponicus* – (c.25) 1

One, almost certainly this species, was heard twice in flight over the 1st Sentry Box on Northwick Warth late afternoon on October 22nd.

SNOW BUNTING *Plectrophenax nivalis* – (c.130)

NEW PASSAGE/ SEVERN BEACH: NOVEMBER: A winter female was present on the seawall/ lower platform from the 7th - 9th and 15th where it was joined briefly by a second individual around mid-day on the 8th; Two birds then present at the same site from the 10th - 14th. DECEMBER: A winter female was reported 'flushed' from Aust Warth on the 1st, 4th and 31st.



Snow Bunting at Severn Beach | Rosemary Setter

Notable Birding Events in 2020

FIRST RECORDS

Two spectacular new additions to the S. Glos Systematic list occurred this year! The first was a splendidly attired summer adult Collared Pratincole - *Glareola pratincola* found by Aravind Ramesh on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth on May 21st 2020.

The second was a flock of extremely difficult to connect with Tundra Bean Geese – *Anser serrirostris* (ten adults and a juvenile) initially found by Pete Hazelwood in maize fields at the entrance to Oldbury Power Station on December 5th 2020.

EARLIEST DATES RECORDS

TUNDRA BEAN GOOSE
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER
GREY PHALAROPE
CUCKOO
COMMON WHITETHROAT
PIED FLYCATCHER

December 5th at OP Station
July 31st at Oldbury Power Station
August 25th off Severn Beach
April 11th at Oldbury Power Station
March 25th at Aust and Oldbury
April 6th at New Passage

LATEST DATES RECORDS

COMMON CRANE
Blue-headed Wagtail

October 9th over Tortworth
August 17th on Northwick Warth

HIGHEST COUNT RECORDS

EGYPTIAN GOOSE
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER
CATTLE EGRET
CETTI'S WARBLER
MISTLE THRUSH
SPOTTED FLYCATCHER
COMMON STONECHAT

Three on April 9th Pilning WR
Twenty-two on July 31st at OP Station
Three on July 31st on Northwick Warth
≥ Eight on May 18th at Severn Beach
≥ Forty on July 13th at Marshfield
Twelve on August 2nd at Marshfield
≥ Twenty on October 5th at OP Station

The South Gloucestershire Bird List 2020

Species believed to have occurred naturally in S. Glos to the end of 2020 - 303

Dark-bellied Brent Goose, Red-Breasted Goose, Canada Goose, Barnacle Goose, Greylag Goose, Taiga Bean Goose, Tundra Bean Goose, Pink-Footed Goose, White-Fronted Goose, Mute Swan, Bewick's Swan, Whooper Swan, Egyptian Goose, Shelduck, Ruddy Shelduck, Mandarin, Garganey, Shoveler, Gadwall, Wigeon, American Wigeon, Mallard, Pintail, Common Teal, Green-Winged Teal, Red-Crested Pochard, Pochard, Ring-Necked Duck, Tufted Duck, Scaup, Eider, King Eider, Velvet Scoter, Common Scoter, Long-Tailed Duck, Goldeneye, Smew, Goosander, Red-Breasted Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Red-Legged Partridge, Grey Partridge, Quail, Common Pheasant, Red-Throated Diver, Black-Throated Diver, Pacific Diver, Great Northern Diver, Storm Petrel, Leach's Petrel, Fulmar, Cory's Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Manx Shearwater, Balearic Shearwater, Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe, Slavonian Grebe, Black-Necked Grebe, White Stork, Glossy Ibis, Spoonbill, Bittern, Little Bittern, Night Heron, Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Great White Egret, Little Egret, Gannet, Shag, Cormorant, Osprey, Honey Buzzard, Sparrowhawk, Goshawk, Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Red Kite, Black Kite, White-Tailed Eagle, Common Buzzard, Water Rail, Corncrake, Spotted Crake, Moorhen, Coot, Common Crane, Stone Curlew, Oystercatcher, Black-Winged Stilt, Avocet, Lapwing, Golden Plover, American Golden Plover, Grey Plover, Ringed Plover, Little Ringed Plover, Kentish Plover, Dotterel, Whimbrel, Curlew, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-Tailed Godwit, Turnstone, Knot, Ruff, Broad-Billed Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Temminck's Stint, Sanderling, Dunlin, Purple Sandpiper, Little Stint, White-Rumped Sandpiper, Buff-Breasted Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Long-Billed Dowitcher, Woodcock, Jack Snipe, Common Snipe, Terek Sandpiper, Red-Necked Phalarope, Grey Phalarope, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank, Greenshank, Collared Pratincole, Kittiwake, Sabine's Gull, Black-Headed Gull, Little Gull, Laughing Gull, Franklin's Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Common Gull, Ring-Billed Gull, Great Black-Backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Herring Gull, Caspian Gull, Yellow-Legged Gull, Lesser Black-Backed Gull, Sandwich Tern, Little Tern, Roseate Tern, Common Tern, Arctic Tern, Whiskered Tern, White-Winged Black Tern, Black Tern, Great Skua, Pomarine Skua, Arctic Skua, Long-Tailed Skua, Little Auk, Guillemot, Razorbill, Black Guillemot, Puffin, Pallas's Sandgrouse, Rock Dove, Stock Dove, Woodpigeon, Turtle Dove, Collared Dove, Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Little Owl, Long-Eared Owl, Short-Eared Owl, Nightjar, Alpine Swift, Common Swift, Kingfisher, European Bee-Eater, Hoopoe, Wryneck, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Kestrel, Red-Footed Falcon, Merlin, Hobby, Peregrine, Ring-Necked Parakeet, Red-Backed Shrike, Great Grey Shrike, Woodchat Shrike, Golden Oriole, Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Carrion Crow, Hooded Crow, Raven, Waxwing, Coal Tit, Marsh Tit, Willow Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Penduline Tit, Bearded Tit, Long-Tailed Tit, Woodlark, Skylark, Shorelark, Sand Martin, Swallow, House Martin, Red-Rumped Swallow, Cetti's Warbler,

Willow Warbler, Chiffchaff, Iberian Chiffchaff, Wood Warbler, Yellow-Browed Warbler, Aquatic Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Marsh Warbler, Icterine Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler, Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat, Common Whitethroat, Dartford Warbler, Subalpine Warbler, Firecrest, Goldcrest, Wren, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Rose-Coloured Starling, Common Starling, Ring Ouzel, Blackbird, Fieldfare, Redwing, Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, Spotted Flycatcher, Robin, Bluethroat, Nightingale, Red-Flanked Bluetail, Pied Flycatcher, Black Redstart, Common Redstart, Whinchat, Stonechat, Northern Wheatear, Desert Wheatear, Pied Wheatear, Dipper, House Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Dunnock, Yellow Wagtail, Eastern Yellow Wagtail, Citrine Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Richards Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Tree Pipit, Red-Throated Pipit, Water Pipit, Rock Pipit, Chaffinch, Brambling, Hawfinch, Bullfinch, Common Rosefinch, Greenfinch, Twite, Linnet, Common Redpoll, Lesser Redpoll, Common Crossbill, Goldfinch, Serin, Siskin, Corn Bunting, Yellowhammer, Ortolan Bunting, Cirl Bunting, Black-Headed Bunting, Reed Bunting, Lapland Bunting and Snow Bunting

Forms believed to have occurred naturally in S. Glos to the end of 2019 - 31

Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Continental Greylag Goose, Greenland White-fronted Goose, Continental Cormorant, Icelandic Golden Plover, Tundra Ringed Plover, Continental Black-tailed Godwit, Northern Dunlin, Greenland Dunlin, Icelandic Redshank, Kumlien's Gull, Scandinavian Herring Gull, Continental Lesser Black-backed Gull, Icelandic Merlin, Continental Jay, Nordic Jackdaw, Continental Coal Tit, Northern Willow Warbler, Scandinavian Chiffchaff, Siberian Chiffchaff, Continental Blackbird, Icelandic Redwing, Continental Song Thrush, White-spotted Bluethroat, Greenland Wheatear, Ashy-headed Wagtail, Blue-headed Wagtail, Grey-headed Wagtail, White Wagtail, Scandinavian Rock Pipit and Continental Chaffinch.



Hobby | Mark Coller

The Marshfield Diary 2020

JANUARY

Wednesday 1st

Reported from the patch today; Peregrine, c.150 Corn Bunting, 15 Yellowhammer, Kestrel (Karle Burford); A drake Common Teal on West Littleton Dam and Mute Swan on 'Second Pond' in the Shire Valley.

Friday 3rd

Merlin near West End Farm.

Sunday 5th

Forty+ Corn Bunting, 10+ Yellowhammer, Grey Wagtail and 6+ Skylark. Also, Grey Heron, Mute Swan, Common Teal, Mallard, Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin, Moorhen, Common Gull, Herring Gull, Stock Dove, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Great Spotted and Green Woodpecker, Pied Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, Wren, Dunnock, Blackbird, Redwing, Song Thrush, Fieldfare, Mistle Thrush, Robin, Stonechat, Goldcrest, Long-tailed, Coal, Blue and Great Tit, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Carrion Crow, Raven, Starling, Reed Bunting, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Linnet and House Sparrow.

Friday 10th

Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Red-legged Partridge, Common Pheasant, Stock Dove, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, c.50 Skylark, c.10 Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, Wren, Dunnock, Robin, c.8 Common Stonechat, Blackbird, Fieldfare, Song Thrush, Redwing, Mistle Thrush, Blue and Great Tit, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Carrion Crow, c.5 Raven, Starling, House Sparrow, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, c.150 Linnet, Yellowhammer and c.250 Corn Bunting.

Sunday 12th

A Merlin was seen around the junction of Tormarton Road and Rushmead Lane this afternoon.

Monday 13th

South of the village; Woodcock, seven Bullfinch, c.70 Redwing and three Mistle Thrush.

Sunday 19th

Two Common Buzzard, Sparrowhawk, two Kestrel, c.50 Skylark, ten Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, nine Common Stonechat, 22 Redwing, Greenfinch, eight Chaffinch, ten Goldfinch, Yellowhammer, >300 Linnet, c.200 Corn Bunting and three Raven.

Monday 20th

Grey Heron, Mute Swan, several Mallard, several Common Buzzard, four Kestrel, Merlin, c.200 Golden Plover, a mixed flock of c.1000 gulls most of which were Common, Tawny Owl, Stock Dove, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, three Pied Wagtail, at least six Common Stonechat, c.200 Fieldfare, several Chaffinch, several hundred Linnet and Corn Bunting with small numbers of Yellowhammer.

Tuesday 21st

100's Corn Bunting, Meadow Pipit, Raven, Common Stonechat, Yellowhammer, a 'large' flock of Linnet, Skylark, Stock Dove, Merlin, Dipper, five Grey Heron, Mute Swan and 12 Mallard.

FEBRUARY

Monday 10th

C.80 Fieldfare from Shirehill Lane, ten Lesser Black-backed and two Black-headed Gulls from Tormarton Road, Sparrowhawk in the Shire Valley and 20 Stock Dove from Rushmead Lane.

Friday 14th

Reported today: Two Common Buzzard, two Kestrel, eight Skylark, 12 Fieldfare, five Redwing, four Common Stonechat, three Pied Wagtail, 91 Corn Bunting and two Yellowhammer.

Sunday 16th

A single Grey Partridge this afternoon, just to the west of Rushmead Barn.

Thursday 20th

Some birds at last! Two Kestrel, 21 Golden Plover in fields opposite Marshfield School. On Rushmead Farm; c.140 Stock Dove, c.120 Skylark, c.70 Yellowhammer and 25 Meadow Pipit.

Thursday 27th

Male Blackcap in a village garden three calling Greenfinch from different places near the village church. Two Common Stonechat from Rushmead Lane and one from Middledown Lane. A pair of Treecreeper, five Grey Heron and c.280 Fieldfare in the Shire Valley.

Saturday 29th

Very wet and windy on Down Road this afternoon: Common Buzzard, Kestrel, 11 Stock Dove, Skylark, c.60 Linnet, Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting and two Raven.

MARCH

Sunday 1st

Two Common Buzzard, three Kestrel, c.50 Lesser Black-backed Gull, Common Snipe by Broadmead Brook below Middledown Lane, several small groups of Stock Dove, c.12 Common Stonechat (two West Littleton Road, two Rushmead Lane, two Northfield Lane and six from Middledown Lane), plenty of singing Skylark, many Meadow Pipit, 20+ Yellowhammer, 45+ Corn Bunting including singing birds and a few lingering Redwing.

Thursday 5th

A Merlin over Down Road this afternoon. Also 25 Pied Wagtails and two Common Stonechat from Rushmead Lane. (John Barnett) Friday 6th Two Red Kite over Rushmead Farm. Around the patch, c.150 Lesser Black-backed Gull and a similar number of Common Gulls plus a few Herring Gulls, good numbers of Common Buzzard in the warmer weather, and finally... the return of the Little Owls!

Sunday 8th

A Marsh Tit was seen in the Shire Valley. C.100 Chaffinch and Yellowhammer from the Down Track area including lots of Continental Chaffinch. C.220 Linnet from Rushmead Farm. 30 Yellowhammer from Northfield Lane also Common Buzzard, two Kestrel, six Skylark, two Meadow Pipit, nine Pied Wagtail, 15 Fieldfare, 12 Corn Bunting, 30 Starling two Raven and a single Golden Plover in fields opposite Marshfield School.

Wednesday 11th

Three Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam.

Friday 13th

Rushmead and Northfield Lane: Three Common Buzzard, Kestrel, 12 Lesser Black-backed Gull, at least ten Skylark, three Pied Wagtail, 16 Common Stonechat with 12 together from Orchid Lane, c.80 Fieldfare, 20 Corn Bunting, 30 Yellowhammer, 60 Linnet, 70 Starling and Raven.



Common Stonechat on Rushmead Lane | TBOSG

Sunday 15th

Two Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam, Barn Owl from Shirehill Lane and Tawny Owl calling from trees behind Marshfield village church.

Monday 16th

Grey Heron, three Mallard, four Red Kite (two from Rushmead Lane and two over Shirehill Bridge, several Common Buzzard, two Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, c.50 Lesser Black-backed and 20 Herring Gull plus a few Common Gull, c.20 Stock Dove, good numbers of Skylark and Meadow Pipit, several Pied Wagtail, at

least four Common Stonechat, several Common Chiffchaff, several Raven plus small numbers of Linnet, Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting.



Red Kite | Pete Coslett

Tuesday 17th

Loads of Common Chiffchaff at Ringswell plus several Greenfinches around. News from the patch of up to three Short-eared Owls in an area with no public access. They have possibly wintered in the area which is best viewed looking south from Shirehill Lane.

Wednesday 18th

Two Short-eared Owl, Red Kite, three Common Buzzard, Kestrel, lots of Corn Buntings singing including one in the Shire Valley! Up to 100 Yellowhammer in various areas, 60 Linnet near Down Track, 35 Fieldfare on West Littleton Down and a further 50 in the Shire Valley, 33 Stock Dove, five Northern Wheatear on Rushmead Lane and Rushmead Farm, lots of Common Chiffchaff in Shire Valley and scattered elsewhere, good numbers of singing Skylark and two Raven.

Thursday 19th

At least four Northern Wheatear still present in fields from Rushmead Lane today. Saturday 21st Combined reports: Shire Valley - Grey Heron, male Blackcap, four (two pairs) Mistle Thrush, Kestrel and a few Fieldfare. Two Canada Geese still on West Littleton Dam but no sign of any Northern

Wheatear and it seems that all the Common Stonechat have gone. (John Barnett) At least eight Common Buzzard, three Red Kite, Sparrowhawk, two Kestrel, c.70 Lesser Black-backed and four Herring Gull, 18 Stock Dove, Barn Owl, Skylark, two Redwing, 19 Fieldfare, Yellowhammer, 40 Corn Bunting, 30 Linnet and five Raven.



Northern Wheatear on Down Road | TBOSG



Barn Owl | Pete Coslett

Sunday 22nd

Red Kite over Down Road also Kestrel and three Common Buzzard. 50-60 Golden Plover over Tormarton Road. (Pete Coslett) Several singing Common Chiffchaff and Blackcap south of the village. Four (two pairs) Mistle Thrush, Red

Kite and Goshawk from Ashwicke and Sparrowhawk from Ringswell. A mixed flock of c.100 Chaffinch and Yellowhammer also c.60 Linnet and c.50 Golden Plover between West Littleton and the Shire Valley and two Canada Geese still on West Littleton Pond.

Monday 23rd

A Red Kite, c.100 Linnet, c.100 Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting on Rushmead Farm. Northfield Lane, c.300 Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gulls.

Tuesday 24th

Five Canada Geese at West Littleton Dam also Grey Heron, c.150 Herring/ Lesser Black-backed Gull and a Red Kite over Ebbdown Farm.

Wednesday 25th

At least eight Common Buzzard, Red Kite, Sparrowhawk, 200+ Lesser Black-backed and Herring Gull, 10+ Sky Lark, 12 Meadow Pipit, five Pied Wagtail. two Common Chiffchaff, two Common Stonechat, Corn Bunting, two Short-eared Owl, three Grey Heron, several Blackcap, a couple of Fieldfare, c.60 Linnet , c.60 Yellowhammer, 40 Chaffinch, two Canada Geese and good numbers of Greenfinch in the village.

Thursday 26th

A Red Kite from Rushmead Lane also three Pied Wagtail. White Wagtail from Down Road plus 700+ Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gull. Two Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam and c.20 Fieldfare on West Littleton Down.

Friday 27th

Shire Valley; Little Egret, three Grey Heron, Mistle Thrush, Corn Bunting, several Common Chiffchaff and four Fieldfare. West Littleton Down; Peregrine and 30 Fieldfare. West Littleton Dam; two Canada Geese. Middledown Lane; c.40 Linnet. Northfield Lane; A few Pied Wagtail, Common Stonechat and Merlin.

Sunday 29th

A Bullfinch calling to the south-west of village, a couple of Redwing and around 30 Fieldfare in the Ashwicke area. C.90 Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gull from Northfield Lane and lots of Skylark singing north of the village.

Tuesday 31st

In the Shire Valley; Marsh Tit, three Mistle Thrush, five Grey Heron, singing Corn Bunting, Redwing and two Canada Geese new in on the second pond. Two Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam and 70 Herring/ Lesser Black-backed Gull from Middledown Lane. Generally lots of Skylark singing and increasing numbers of both Blackcap and Common Chiffchaff.



Little Egret in the Shire Valley | TBOSG

APRIL

Wednesday 1st

C.250 Fieldfare near Ashwicke and nearby in the trees 100+ flock of Fieldfare and Redwing, also singing Mistle Thrush. A pair of Canada Geese on Church Pond with two still on West Littleton Dam. Also two Kestrel on the patch.

Thursday 2nd

The first ever record of **Common Scoter** for the patch in an unprecedented nocturnal movement across the area. Several groups of birds were audible as they passed over Marshfield Village! Also today; c.70 Redwing, Swallow (the first

of the year), two Mistle Thrush and Kestrel at Ashwicke. C.80 Linnet plus loads of Skylark singing everywhere on Rushmead Farm. Common Stonechat and good numbers of Blackcap and Common Chiffchaff singing from Orchid Lane.

Friday 3rd

Two Lesser Redpoll at West Littleton with Goldfinch before they flew off, two Canada Geese still on the dam at West Littleton and small numbers of Fieldfare on West Littleton Down. Also several Meadow Pipit around.

Saturday 4th

A Whimbrel was heard calling (four times) as it flew over Middledown Lane late afternoon. Two Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam and two still on Church's Pond along with two Grey Wagtail. C.40 Linnet and c.40 Yellowhammer were noted on West Littleton Down and three Kestrel were logged.



Grey Wagtail in the Shire Valley | TBOSG

Sunday 5th

Two Northern Wheatear on Rushmead Lane, two Canada Geese on Small Pond in the Shire Valley along with four Mistle Thrush and two Grey Heron. Two Mistle Thrush plus a few Redwing and Fieldfare at Ashwicke, c.70 Fieldfare at

Ringswell, several Great Spotted and Green Woodpecker calling and drumming south of the village early morning as well as two Swallow.

Monday 6th

Two Canada Geese still present on West Littleton Dam, 45 Fieldfare on West Littleton Down, Common Stonechat from Orchid Lane and Swallow over the village.

Tuesday 7th

Two Little Owl at West Littleton and two Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam still. Two more Canada Geese on Small Pond in the Shire Valley, two Mistle Thrush and a Goshawk heard calling from Gunning's Wood. A White Wagtail was seen in horse paddocks from Rushmead Lane, Swallow from Northfield Lane along with several Meadow Pipit. A Tawny Owl mobbed by small birds at Ringswell; Swallow and three Willow Warbler around Ringswell Dew Pond.

Wednesday 8th

Hobby over the east end of the village this evening also two Swallow at Ringswell Dew Pond and seventeen Fieldfare south of village. Common Stonechat at Orchid Lane.

Thursday 9th

Two Canada Geese and Grey Heron on West Littleton Dam and two Swallow at Ringswell Dew Pond.

Friday 10th

Grey Heron; two in the Shire Valley and one at West Littleton Dam. Canada Goose; two in the Shire Valley on the Small Pond and two at West Littleton Dam. Red Kite; one over Rushmead Lane. Sand Martin; one over the village was new for the year. Swallow; four at West Littleton and two at Ringswell Dew Pond. Common Stonechat; one from Orchid Lane. Song Thrush; several singing in the valleys north of the village. Mistle Thrush; three in the Shire Valley and one in the village. Blackcap and Common Chiffchaff; 'lots' singing everywhere. Willow Warbler; two singing in the Shire Valley. Bullfinch; one on West Littleton Down, Linnet; they really are everywhere you look! Corn Bunting; a lot singing especially from the Down Road area.

Saturday 11th

Two Northern and one Greenland Wheatear from Middledown Lane, two Canada Geese on Church Pond and a Goshawk over Beek's Lane.



Greenland Wheatear on Rushmead Lane | TBOSG

Sunday 12th

A Peregrine over a garden in the village with it or another over Rushmead Lane, Willow Warbler near Motcombe Farm and five Mistle Thrush singing over a wide area south of the village.

Monday 13th

Highlight; at least seven ducklings for the Mallard pair on Ringswell Dew Pond! Two Swallow over Ringswell Dew Pond, two Canada Geese on Church Pond and a further two in the Shire Valley plus two Mistle Thrush singing and two Grey Heron. Corn Bunting/ Yellowhammer a flock of 100+ on Rushmead Farm.

Tuesday 14th

A White Wagtail at West Littleton Dam plus Canada Goose and Swallow. Nine ducklings, Grey Wagtail and two Swallow at Ringswell Dew Pond.

Wednesday 15th

A pair of Marsh Tit in Cherry Wood; Swallow, two over Ringswell Dew Pond and two at Ashwicke; Blackcap appears widespread; Common Chiffchaff, even more than a couple of days ago; Willow Warbler, three at Ringswell and one from Ayford Lane; Mistle Thrush, two at Ashwicke; Bullfinch, singles at Ringswell and Ashwicke plus two at Cherry Wood.

Thursday 16th

A Common Whitethroat from Rushmead Lane plus three Northern Wheatear. Four more Northern Wheatear from Orchid land and another Common Whitethroat from Dunsdown Lane. A Red Kite over West Littleton, two Canada Geese, two Swallow and Grey Heron on West Littleton Dam.

Friday 17th

Singing Willow Warbler south of the village, nine Mallard ducklings doing well on Ringswell Dew Pond also two Swallow there, Northern Wheatear from Rushmead Lane in horse paddocks, good numbers of Corn Bunting from on Northfield Lane, c.60 on Rushmead Farm, two Mistle Thrush and Common Whitethroat on Ringswell Common.

Saturday 18th

A Yellow Wagtail in horse paddocks from Rushmead Lane also five Northern Wheatear and several Pied Wagtail. From West Littleton Dam, two Canada Geese, four Swallow and Fieldfare. On Church's Pond, two more Canada Geese. Common Whitethroat from Down Road and Shirehill Lane.

Sunday 19th

A few Swallow around including from Rushmead Lane where there were also two Sand Martin and four Northern Wheatear in the horse paddock. A Lesser Whitethroat near Beek's Lane, eight ducklings at Ringswell Dew Pond, Bullfinch from Cherry Wood, Common Whitethroat at West End Lane and Ayford Lane plus large numbers of Blackcap in the whole area.

Monday 20th

Fourteen House Martin, a few Swallow and calling Tawny Owl at Ringswell. Two Canada Geese over the village at dawn, five Northern Wheatear from Orchid/Rushmead Lane and a couple of Common Whitethroat noted.

Tuesday 21st

Highlight; Sparrowhawk taking a Pigeon and then fighting off Common Buzzard and Crow! In the Shire Valley, four Grey Heron and two Canada Geese with a further two Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam. From West Littleton Down; Sparrowhawk and Red Kite. From Northfield Lane; two Meadow Pipit with five Northern Wheatear from Rushmead Lane paddocks and Peregrine from Middledown Lane. At Ringswell; six House Martin, lots of Swallow and three Common Whitethroat.

Wednesday 22nd

Highlight; Garden Warbler, one heard and another seen in Cherry Wood also several Blackcap there. Lots of Swallows south of the village, two Mistle Thrush singing in the Ashwicke area. Two Meadow Pipit and two Common Whitethroat from Beek's Lane.

Thursday 23rd

Highlight; A Goshawk circling over Withymead, Marshfield! Five Northern Wheatear in Rushmead Lane horse paddocks and one on West Littleton Down. Two Canada Geese, Grey Heron and Grey Wagtail on West Littleton Dam. 20 Linnet at Ringswell and four Common Whitethroat seen today with birds noted from eight or nine locations across the patch.

Friday 24th

Shire Valley; Two Canada Geese, two Mistle Thrush, two Grey Heron and House Martin. Rushmead Lane horse paddock held six Northern Wheatear. Generally a few Swallow around and four Common Whitethroat.

Saturday 25th

Hobby and Common Buzzard over the village. Lesser Whitethroat from the Tormarton Road near Shire Valley. Six Common Whitethroat today. Two Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam and Church Pond.

Sunday 26th

A quiet day with several Swallow and House Martin, four Common Whitethroat and a Northern Wheatear from Star Farm paddocks.

Monday 27th

Northern Section: Whinchat from Rushmead Lane and Northern Wheatear from Orchid Lane. Southern Section: Three Common Whitethroat, four Lesser Whitethroat, two Mistle Thrush, Grey Heron, two Willow Warbler, Bullfinch and Tawny Owl.

Tuesday 28th

Two Northern Wheatear from Rushmead Lane paddocks and 30 Linnet from Northfield Lane. Two Canada Geese on Ringswell Dew Pond along with six Swallow, Grey Heron and five Mallard ducklings still.

Wednesday 29th

A Northern Wheatear from Rushmead Lane horse paddocks, two White Wagtail from West Littleton Road near the A420 and c.70 Starling from Northfield Lane. A Bullfinch at Ringswell also eight House Martin, Lesser Whitethroat and two Swallow.

Thursday 30th

Ringswell Dew Pond; Lesser Whitethroat, two Swallow and Bullfinch, A pair of Marsh Tit at Cloud Wood, two Canada Geese at Church's Pond, 12 House Martin and Tawny Owl (calling at 13:00!) at Ringswell.

MAY

Friday 1st

Canada Goose; Two in the Shire Valley and two on West Littleton Dam. Grey Heron; One in the Shire Valley. Mallard; Seven males on West Littleton Dam. Swallow; good numbers around. House Martin; Six from Ebbdown Farm. Mistle Thrush; Six in the Shire Valley. Sedge Warbler; A singing male in scrub from the Tormarton Road near the Shire Valley Bridge. Lesser Whitethroat; One at Ringswell Dew Pond and one from Orchid Lane. Common Whitethroat; Four around the patch. Northern Wheatear; One from Northfield Lane, three from Rushmead Lane and paddocks and one from the Tormarton Road.

Saturday 2nd

Two Swallow and ten House Martin at Ringswell Dew Pond, three Common Whitethroat and a Northern Wheatear from Down Road.

Sunday 3rd

Mallard and three ducklings on Cherry Wood pond also three Bullfinch, several Blackcap and lots of Song Thrush. Two House Martin, ten Swallow and Lesser Whitethroat at Ringswell Dew Pond. Three Common Whitethroat in the area, two Northern Wheatear in Rushmead Lane horse paddock and six Mistle Thrush around Ashwicke.

Monday 4th

Two Canada Geese on West Littleton Dam but water getting very low. Swallow - several passing through this evening. House Martin - six over the village. Northern Wheatear - two still in horse paddocks from Rushmead Lane. Eight Common Whitethroat today.

Tuesday 5th

Two Yellow Wagtail from Down Track and 35 Linnet from Northfield Lane. Grey Heron - one from the Tormarton Road with a further two in the Shire Valley along with four Mistle Thrush and two Canada Geese. A Lesser Whitethroat at Ringswell Dew Pond. At least eight Common Whitethroat today with up to twenty across the patch. A few House Martin and Swallow.

Wednesday 6th

West Littleton Dam - two Canada Geese with at least one gosling, Grey Heron, Moorhen and four Mallard. West Littleton Down - Lesser Whitethroat. Shire Valley - three Red Kite. Rushmead Lane - Northern Wheatear, Cuckoo and Sparrowhawk. West Littleton Road - Little Owl.

Thursday 7th

Two Canada Geese in the Shire Valley along with Mistle Thrush, Red Kite, several Raven and two Grey Heron. Tawny Owl south of village at dawn. Two Northern Wheatear and Whinchat from Northfield Lane. Two House Martin at Ebbdown Farm and a few in the village. Thirteen Common Whitethroat around (14 yesterday!). Lesser Whitethroat at Ringswell Dew Pond and 15 Swift over Marshfield.

Friday 8th

South-west of the village - Tawny Owl calling, five Bullfinch, Marsh Tit and at least a dozen Blackcap.

Castle Farm - Spotted Flycatcher and a pair of Mistle Thrush. A few Swallow, two Swift and Lesser Whitethroat at Ringswell Dew Pond.



Spotted Flycatcher in the Shire Valley | TBOSG

Saturday 9th

Down Road; Red Kite and 40 Herring/ Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Ringswell Dew Pond; seven Swift, two House Martin, 12 Swallow and 40 Starling.

Sunday 10th

Shire Valley; Two Canada Geese, three Mistle Thrush, Kestrel, two Grey Heron and two pairs of Grey Wagtail. Lesser Whitethroat around Ringswell Dew Pond, Little Owl from West Littleton Road also two Swallow and six Common Whitethroat.

Monday 11th

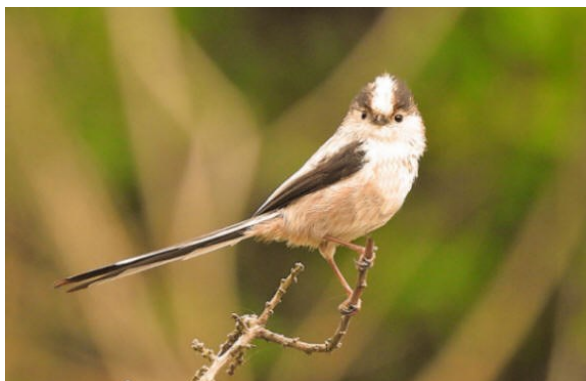
A surprise **Wood Sandpiper** was both seen and heard when it was disturbed from Doncombe Brook on Ringswell Common. It was seen to fly towards Cloud Wood. This is the first sighting of this species for the Marshfield Patch.

Tuesday 12th

Wallsend Lane: A pair of Common Stonechat. West Littleton Dam: Two Canada Geese, Grey Heron and Red Kite over. West Littleton Down: Lesser Whitethroat. Rushmead Lane: Northern Wheatear. A total of eight Common Whitethroat.

Wednesday 13th

Across the patch today - Several Grey Heron, several Mallard, at least two Canada Geese, several Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Lesser Black-backed and Herring Gull, 21 Collared Dove, Little Owl, several Swift, at least three Green Woodpecker, good numbers of Skylark, plenty of Swallow and House Martin, at least two Grey Wagtail, three Mistle Thrush, at least six Common Whitethroat, several Blackcap, Several Common Chiffchaff, Long-tailed , Blue and Great Tit, Nuthatch, several Raven, lots of singing Chaffinch, good numbers of Linnet, at least three Bullfinch and good numbers of Yellowhammer.



Little Owl and Long-tailed Tit | TBOSG

Thursday 14th

Three Swift over Ringswell Dew Pond also Lesser Whitethroat, two Bullfinch from Brookhouse Lane (west end), Northern Wheatear from Middledown Lane, a pair of Mistle Thrush at Castle Farm, Swallows, House Martin and Common Whitethroat scattered around.

Saturday 16th

Rushmead Farm BBS: Two Red-legged Partridge, two Mallard, 53 Stock Dove, Sparrowhawk, Common Buzzard, 28 Skylark, two Swallow, Blackcap, three

Common Whitethroat, two Northern Wheatear, 23 Linnet, 26 Corn Bunting and six Yellowhammer. Elsewhere, two Canada Geese on Church Pond, Lesser Whitethroat at Ringswell Dew Pond and Beek's Lane, Common Stonechat - a pair still on Wallsend Lane and Bullfinch from the Ashwicke Road.



Yellowhammer on Northfield Lane | TBOSG

Sunday 17th

Shire Valley: Grey Heron, Swift, twelve Mistle Thrush including a group of seven, two Spotted Flycatcher and Greenfinch.

Sunday 24th

Shire Valley: Three Grey Heron, five Mistle Thrush, two Bullfinch and three pairs of Spotted Flycatcher. Down Track: At least one Yellow Wagtail. Around Ringswell and the Dew Pond; Lesser Whitethroat, eight Swift and 15 House Martin.

Monday 25th

Four Red Kite, 16 Buzzard, Kestrel, of Blackcap, Common Whitethroat, Linnet, Corn Bunting and Yellowhammer as well as at least two Hobby.



Red Kite | Robert Hargreaves

Thursday 28th

Spotted Flycatcher in the Shire Valley (Pete Coslett). Elsewhere, three Grey Heron, Sparrowhawk, two Common Buzzard, two Raven, at least ten Skylark, seven Swallow, eight House Martin, seven Blackcap, five Common Whitethroat, Nuthatch, Yellow Wagtail, nine Corn Bunting and Yellowhammer.

Saturday 30th

Swift, Red Kite, Lesser Black-backed and Herring Gull, three Common Buzzard, six Skylark, Swallow, three Common Chiffchaff, two Common Whitethroat, a dozen or so Chaffinch and two Yellowhammer.

Sunday 31st

In the Shire Valley; two Grey Heron, two Spotted Flycatcher, two Mistle Thrush, two Canada Geese a Red Kite and a Yellow Wagtail from Down Track.

JUNE

Thursday 4th

In the Shire Valley this afternoon: Three Grey Heron, three Mallard, seven Common Buzzard, three Green and three Great Spotted Woodpecker. five Grey Wagtail, two Pied Wagtail, three Blackcap, two Common Chiffchaff, Spotted Flycatcher, Song Thrush, five Mistle Thrush, five Nuthatch, Treecreeper,

Goldfinch, Chaffinch and six Raven. The first Quail of the year were noted from Down Road with two audible on the west side early evening.



Spotted Flycatcher in the Shire Valley | Pete Coslett

Friday 5th

Yellow Wagtail from Down Road, three Common Buzzard, five Stock Dove, at least six Swift, Skylark, four Swallow, three Common Whitethroat, two Blackcap, Common Chiffchaff, Corn Bunting, 10+ Goldfinch and lots of juvenile Linnet.

Sunday 7th

The Shire Valley: At least four Spotted Flycatcher, two Common Buzzard, Red Kite, Green Woodpecker, three Great Spotted Woodpecker, two Nuthatch, two Song Thrush, five Mistle Thrush, two Blackcap, Raven and Grey Heron. From West Littleton Road a Little Owl and from Down Road, Red Kite.

Tuesday 9th

Single Red Kite and Hobby reported from the patch today.

Thursday 11th

A Marsh Tit showing today in Cherry Wood.



Yellow Wagtail | Pete Coslett

Saturday 13th

Corn Buntings were showing well from Down Road this afternoon! Also in the area were Common Whitethroat, Yellow Wagtail and many Skylark. Additionally, two Collared Dove, two Grey Heron, three Common Buzzard, 20 Skylark, two Swallow, 12 House Martin, Blackcap, Spotted Flycatcher, four Chaffinch, Goldfinch and Yellowhammer. A Red Kite over West Littleton Down this morning.

Tuesday 16th

Two Yellow Wagtail from Down Road and nearby, two Spotted Flycatcher and a female Reed Bunting in the Shire Valley.

Wednesday 17th

A Red Kite was noted over Down Road. (Mark Collier) Saturday 20th A pair of Tufted Duck, new for the year, on Church's Pond this morning.

Tuesday 23rd

Three Common Swift, four Collared Dove, six Common Buzzard, 32 Skylark, Swallow, three Common Whitethroat, c.160 Starling, five Pied Wagtail, two Chaffinch, 23 Linnet, four Goldfinch, 16 Corn Bunting and four Yellowhammer. Also Quail audible at night from Harcombe Farm.

Wednesday 24th

Two Little Owl, Corn Bunting, Barn Owl plus 'loads' of Yellowhammer and Starling.

Friday 26th

A Quail was audible from Rushmead Lane/ Tormarton road today and 20 Common Swift were noted from Down Road.

Saturday 27th

One Quail audible from Down Track and probably the Rushmead Lane/ Farm area.

Sunday 28th

In the Shire Valley: Three Grey Heron, Spotted Flycatcher, three Mistle Thrush, lots of Long-tailed Tit and several juvenile Grey Wagtail. A male Tufted Duck on Church Pond and a Goshawk was noted south of the village.

Tuesday 30th

Two Quail audible to the north of Down Track plus Yellow Wagtail and 30 Swift.

JULY

Wednesday 1st

The Shire Valley produced two Grey Heron, Moorhen, Common Buzzard, Hobby, two Grey Wagtail, five House Martin. four Blackcap, four Common Chiffchaff, four - two adults and two juvenile Spotted .Flycatcher and four Raven.

Thursday 2nd

Down Road this afternoon: Common Buzzard, Kestrel, 22 Swift, at least a dozen Skylark, 20 Swallow, two Common Whitethroat, Common Chiffchaff, nine House Sparrow, 20 Corn Bunting, lots of juvenile Yellowhammer, Linnet and two Raven.

Friday 3rd

Around the patch today; Moorhen, three Grey Heron, Common Buzzard, Great Spotted Woodpecker, c.40 Jackdaw, three Raven, Skylark, c.40 House Martin,

five Long-tailed Tit, three Common Chiffchaff, two Blackcap, six Goldcrest, Nuthatch, four Song Thrush, six Grey Wagtail and Greenfinch.

Saturday 4th

At least two Spotted Flycatcher near the top road in Cherry Wood this afternoon.

Sunday 5th

A Marsh Tit at Ringswell, Common Redstart up from the Dewpond and lots of Swallows.

Tuesday 7th

Ringswell Common: Six Swift, four Stock Dove, five Collared Dove, two Sparrowhawk, Red Kite - over the church, drifting west at 12:45, two Common Buzzard, Green Woodpecker, at least three Kestrel, nine House Martin, two Long-tailed Tit, four Common Chiffchaff, Blackcap, 93 Starling, four Grey Wagtail, two Chaffinch, two Bullfinch, two Greenfinch and 16 Goldfinch.

Friday 10th

In the Shire Valley: Four Spotted Flycatcher, three Grey Wagtail, Kingfisher, Little Egret, male and female Common Redstart, five Mistle Thrush and two Common Buzzard. Nearby two Little Owl.



Sunday 12th

Yellowhammer, Linnet, Kestrel, Swallow, Greenfinch, Corn Bunting and Little Owl.



Common Redstart | Paul Sawyer - Little Owl | Chris Teague

Monday 13th

Shire Valley; Kingfisher under the road bridge, also two Spotted Flycatcher, two Grey Heron, lots of Common Chiffchaff and several young Grey Wagtail. Ringswell: At least forty (40) Mistle Thrush in the fields to the west of the sewage farm path and to the south of the dewpond, also Marsh Tit and a male Common Redstart. Dewpond; 18 Swift, 30+ House Martin and a few Swallow.

Thursday 16th

A Hobby and seven Whinchat from Rushmead Lane and c.200 Starling on Rushmead Farm.

Friday 17th

Northfield and Rushmead Lanes: Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Skylark, seven Pied Wagtail, Swallow, three Common Whitethroat, three Whinchat, ten House Sparrow, 12 Corn Bunting, eight Yellowhammer, 20 Linnet and Raven.

Saturday 18th

Spotted Flycatchers continue in the Shire Valley.

Sunday 19th

Still at least three Whinchat from Northfield Lane this afternoon along with Skylark, Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting and three Common Whitethroat. Nearby a Hobby over Marshfield village.



Whinchat from Northfield Lane | Pete Coslett

Monday 20th

At least 30 Swift around Marshfield Church. Two Spotted Flycatcher, two Kestrel and Grey Heron in the Shire Valley. Nearby five Whinchat in fields from Rushmead Lane.

Wednesday 22nd

In the Shire Valley: Four Grey Heron, two Little Egret, five Mistle Thrush, Green and Great Spotted Woodpecker, Treecreeper and four Grey Wagtail.

Sunday 26th

In the Shire Valley: Two Little Grebe on 'Small Pond', Little Egret, three Grey Heron, three Willow Warbler, at least ten Common Chiffchaff, Common Redstart and up to ten Spotted Flycatcher.

Thursday 30th

Still at least six Whinchat on Rushmead Lane, also 30+ Swift over village.

Friday 31st

Four Red Kite and at least nine Common Buzzard following a tractor in fields between Marshfield and The Folly. Nearby, Whinchat and Willow Warbler on Northfield Lane along with Goldfinch, Corn Bunting, Yellowhammer and Skylark.



Red Kite | Pete Coslett

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd

In the Shire Valley; At least twelve (12) Spotted Flycatcher along the valley, three Grey Heron, Hobby, Little Grebe, two Willow Warbler and numerous Common Chiffchaff. Nearby at least three Whinchat from Rushmead Lane. From Orchid Lane, a pair of Common Stonechat, 12 Skylark, Yellow Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, five Swallow, four House Martin, three Mistle Thrush, four Yellowhammer, nine Corn Bunting, at least ten Linnet and five Starling.



Common Stonechat and Whinchat | Pete Coslett

Thursday 6th

Two Whinchat and a male Common Stonechat on Rushmead Lane.

Sunday 9th

Six Whinchat along Northfield Lane this afternoon, Northern Wheatear on Rushmead Barn and six Pied Wagtail there. Good numbers of Linnet and Corn Bunting, a few Skylark and Yellowhammer, Common Buzzard and Kestrel. In the Shire Valley; Pied Flycatcher briefly, three Spotted Flycatcher, Little Grebe, Kingfisher, two Grey Heron, Willow Warbler, several Common Chiffchaff and 50+ House Martin.



Northern Wheatear on Rushmead Lane | Pete Coslett

Monday 10th

Two Northern Wheatear, seven Whinchat and a pair of Common Stonechat from Rushmead Lane. 30 House Martin and 16 Swift over the village and four Bullfinch at Ringswell. A Lapwing was also reported.

Tuesday 11th

Shire Valley: 12+ Spotted Flycatchers, two Little Egret, two Grey Heron, 50+ Swallow, a few House Martin and several Common Chiffchaff.

Wednesday 12th

Rushmead Lane; Four Common Whitethroat, six Whinchat, two Common Stonechat and Yellow Wagtail. In the Shire Valley; 40 Linnet, two Grey Heron, Little Grebe, several Common Chiffchaff, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Willow Warbler and at least eight Spotted Flycatcher.

Sunday 16th

Eight Whinchat in potato fields on Northfield Lane, two Common Stonechat on Orchid Lane otherwise fairly quiet this afternoon. Also juvenile Common Buzzard, two Kestrel, nine Pied Wagtail, Willow Warbler, Common Chiffchaff and two Corn Bunting.

Saturday 22nd

Whinchat from Northfield Lane and two Raven, Skylark and Linnet. Four Pied Wagtail and Sparrowhawk around Rushmead Barn. South of the village, sixteen Canada Geese on Church Pond. Also reported was Little Egret.

Sunday 23rd

A Green Sandpiper seen from Down Track was this year's 100th and was supported by, six Whinchat, 80 Linnet, two Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Skylark, Corn Bunting and five Pied Wagtail. A Hobby noted high over Shire Bridge also Common Redstart, two Common Buzzard and four Raven.

Wednesday 26th

At least nine Spotted Flycatcher and Willow Warbler in the Shire Valley today.

Thursday 27th

From Rushmead Lane; A pair of Common Stonechat, at least three Whinchat, five Yellow Wagtail and Lesser Whitethroat. Willow Warbler and 300+ Linnet on Shirehill Lane and Little Egret on Church Pool.

Friday 28th

Shire Valley; Two Grey Heron, a few Common Chiffchaff, Little Grebe and Spotted Flycatcher. Rushmead Lane; Six Whinchat and Willow Warbler. Northfield Lane; 250+ Linnet, Grey Heron and two Kestrel. Ringswell; Bullfinch and nearby male Common Redstart.

Sunday 30th

At least three Common Redstart in the Shire Valley, also four Grey Heron, three Common Buzzard, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Nuthatch, Mistle Thrush, Swallow, House Martin, three Common Chiffchaff and three Raven. Seven Whinchat in fields from Rushmead Lane and a Northern Wheatear along Northfield Lane. South of the village, two Marsh Tit in Cherry Wood plus good numbers of Common Chiffchaff about.



Common Whitethroat | Pete Coslett

Monday 31st

At least 13 Whinchat at Marshfield this afternoon, nine on Northfield Lane and four from Rushmead Lane. Also Lapwing, two Common Buzzard, Sparrowhawk, Kestrel, Swallow, Skylark, Willow Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Common Stonechat, c.100 Linnet, Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting. In the Shire Valley, three Grey Heron, two Sparrowhawk, five Spotted Flycatcher and Common Redstart. From West Littleton Lane,

c.100 Swallow, c.70 House Martin and three Northern Wheatear on West Littleton Down. From the Tormarton Road, a mixed flock of c.100 Swallow and House Martin, five Greenfinch and c.40 Corn Bunting.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st

Little Grebe on West Littleton dam and c.70 Swallow over, Northern Wheatear and eight Common Whitethroat from Wallsend Lane, Little Egret and at least nine Spotted Flycatcher in the Shire Valley, two Little Egret, Sparrowhawk and three Common Quail on Rushmead Farm!

Wednesday 2nd

Dotterel was heard west over Down Road, two Sparrowhawk from Northfield Lane, also Meadow Pipit a passage of Swallow over Rushmead Lane with Common Stonechat and three Whinchat. A Red Kite was seen at Ringswell.

Saturday 5th

RED-BACKED SHRIKE! The first ever record for the patch, a juvenile/ 1st winter, was found this morning at ST: 784 752 at the junction of the Tormarton Road and Rushmead Lane. Also four Whinchat in paddock's from West Littleton Road.



Juvenile/ 1st winter Red-back Shrike by the finders | Nigel and Sue Kempson

Sunday 6th

The juvenile/ 1st winter Red-backed Shrike was still present and on show at the junction of the Tormarton Road and Rushmead Lane. A Yellow Wagtail was heard over there and a Red Kite was also present. Nearby, three Whinchat from West Littleton Road near the paddocks and a Little Egret on Church Pool. In the Shire Valley; Female Common Redstart and Kingfisher.

Monday 7th

The juvenile/ 1st winter Red-backed Shrike was still present at the junction of the Tormarton Road and Rushmead Lane. Also, 20 Swallow, Common Chiffchaff, four Common Whitethroat, four Northern Wheatear, Yellow Wagtail, Linnet, Corn Bunting and Yellowhammer.

Tuesday 8th

The juvenile/ 1st winter Red-backed Shrike was still present at the junction of the Tormarton Road and Rushmead Lane.

Wednesday 9th

The juvenile/ 1st winter Red-backed Shrike was still present at the junction of the Tormarton Road and Rushmead Lane.

Thursday 10th

Three Common Buzzard, three Kestrel, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail. Common Whitethroat, Common Chiffchaff, two Stonechat, four Whinchat, Mistle Thrush, Yellowhammer, Linnet, Corn Bunting and Raven.

Friday 11th

Ten Pied Wagtail and Kestrel from West Littleton Road, Meadow Pipit arriving in some numbers now with at least 20. Common Quail flushed, four Whinchat and two Common Stonechat from Northfield Lane, two Northern Wheatear from Rushmead Farm and Swallows passing through.

Sunday 13th

Skylark numbers beginning to increase, Yellow Wagtail from Rushmead Farm and Common Stonechat from Northfield Lane.

Tuesday 15th

In the Shire Valley; Three Grey Heron, three Common Buzzard, Tawny Owl, four Great Spotted Woodpecker, two Green Woodpecker, two Kestrel, Skylark, two Coal Tit, six Long-tailed Tit, five Common Chiffchaff, three Nuthatch, Treecreeper, three Spotted Flycatcher, two Whinchat, five Grey Wagtail, Meadow Pipit, Corn Bunting and Yellowhammer.

Sunday 20th

Two Whinchat from Northfield Lane this afternoon also two Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Stock Dove, 12 Meadow Pipit, c.80 Linnet and five Common Stonechat.

Monday 21st

In the Shire Valley; Three Grey Heron, Kestrel, good numbers of Meadow Pipit, Swallow, Blackcap, eight Grey Wagtail and Jack Snipe!

Wednesday 23rd

Three Kestrel from Northfield Lane. From Garston Farm, c.150 Skylark, c.80 Meadow Pipit, five Common Stonechat and a Northern Wheatear.

Thursday 24th

Shire Valley; Eight Raven, nine Grey Wagtail, five Grey Heron, three Common Chiffchaff and c.40 Meadow Pipit.

Friday 25th

50 Meadow Pipit on Garston Farm, 50 on Northfield Lane, three Swallow and ten Common Stonechat from Down Road, Common Quail flushed on Rushmead Farm, four Whinchat, 50 Linnet and two Kestrel from Northfield Lane.

Saturday 26th

A Little Egret around Shire Hill Bridge this afternoon.



Little Egret in the Shire Valley | Pete Coslett

Sunday 27th

Combined reports; Six Common Buzzard, four Kestrel, two Sparrowhawk, Red Kite (Down Road), c.80 Skylark, Meadow Pipit, 100+ House Martin, 50+ Swallow, three Common Chiffchaff, seven Common Stonechat, Northern Wheatear, Yellowhammer, c.180 Linnet and three Raven.

Tuesday 29th

Ten Common Buzzard, c.20 Common Gull, a few Black-headed Gull, c.50 Herring Gull and a single Lesser Black-backed Gull.

From Northfield & Rushmead Lanes, two Common Buzzard, two Kestrel, Skylark, 22 Meadow Pipit, five Pied Wagtail, two Swallow, five Dunnock, Common Chiffchaff, five Common Stonechat, Yellowhammer, c.90 Linnet and two Raven.

OCTOBER

Sunday 4th

Sparrowhawk from Down Road, Marsh Tit, Mistle Thrush and Tawny Owl from the Shire Valley, several Meadow Pipit and Common Snipe from Northfield Lane.

Monday 5th

Mistle Thrush and six Siskin from the Ashwicke area, Common Stonechat near Ringswell Dew Pond also several Common Chiffchaff, Blackcap and Jay.

Tuesday 6th

Two Grey Heron, several Common Buzzard, two Kestrel, several Common, Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gull, Stock Dove, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, good numbers of Skylark, several Swallow, several Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Wren, Robin, two Common Stonechat, Blackbird, at least five Mistle Thrush, half a dozen Common Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, Long-tailed, Blue and Great Tit, several Nuthatch, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Carrion Crow, several Raven, c.100 Starling, several Linnet, Bullfinch, Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting.

Wednesday 7th

Around Withymead tennis courts; At least ten Continental Blackbirds and a Continental Song Thrush with a couple of 'ordinary' Thrushes, Blackcap and Common Chiffchaff.

Thursday 8th

Down Track; c.100 Skylark in the fields opposite the school, also 300+ Linnet and another flock of 300+ near Down Road. Nearby 50 Stock Dove, ten Common Stonechat on Northfield Lane.

Saturday 10th

Barn Owl on Rushmead Farm at dawn.

Sunday 11th

West Littleton Road; Five Common Stonechat, two Sparrowhawk, singing Skylark and Corn Bunting. West End area; Blackcap and three Bullfinch. Northfield Lane; c.180 Linnet and 20 Pied/ alba Wagtail. Also Merlin and ten Redwing.

Tuesday 13th

Barn Owl again from Rushmead Farm around mid-night.

Wednesday 14th

Five or six Grey Heron, several Common Buzzard, two Kestrel, two Moorhen, Black-headed, c.200 Common, Lesser Black-backed and Herring Gull, Stock

Dove, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Green Woodpecker, good numbers of Skylark and Meadow Pipit, Grey Wagtail, two Pied Wagtail, Wren, Dunnock, Robin, Blackbird, Fieldfare, Mistle Thrush, several Common Chiffchaff, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Nuthatch, six Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Carrion Crow and several Raven, c.100 Starling, House Sparrow, Chaffinch, several small flocks of Linnet along with several small flocks of Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting.

Thursday 15th

Several Common Chiffchaff, ten Fieldfare in Ashwicke, c.150 Redwing at Withymead and small groups elsewhere, four Continental Blackbird at Ringswell, good numbers of Coal Tit in Cherry Wood, Lesser Redpoll and Common Crossbill calling over Cherry Wood.

Saturday 17th

Lapwing, c.110 Common Gull, Red Kite, three Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Skylark, c.180 Starling, two Continental Blackbird, eight Common Stonechat, 30 Corn Bunting and Yellowhammer.



Sunday 18th

C.500 Golden Plover at Cold Ashton. Marsh Tit, Common Buzzard, Kestrel and Raven in the Shire Valley. Common Stonechat everywhere at the moment with two 'showy' males from Rushmead Lane. Northfield Lane; c.300 Linnet and c.300 Starling. Another c.300 Starling on Rushmead Farm plus Northern Wheatear, c.100 Fieldfare, a few Redwing and c.70 Corn Bunting.

Common Stonechat | Pete Coslett

Monday 19th

Northfield Lane; Common Stonechat, c.300 Starling, c.300 Linnet and three Swallow. Orchid Lane; Two Common Stonechat. Tormarton Road; 40 Goldfinch.

Shire Valley; Six Grey Heron, Common Chiffchaff, 50 Fieldfare, Mistle Thrush, Kingfisher by first pond. Garston Farm; c.500 Common Gull, a couple of Black-headed Gulls and 20 Pied Wagtail.

Saturday 24th

A wet and windy Down Road this afternoon: 22 Common Gull, Black-headed Gull, Stock Dove, Skylark, c.200 Fieldfare, Corn Bunting, 40 Linnet, c.600 Starling and c.200 mixed Corvids.

Sunday 25th

C.210 Golden Plover, Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Skylark, Pied Wagtail, c.250 Fieldfare, c.100 Corn Bunting, Linnet, Jay, 200+ Corvid, Yellowhammer, ten Common Stonechat, Little Grebe, Kingfisher, six Grey Heron, two Mistle Thrush, 80 Chaffinch, 40 Goldfinch five Greenfinch and 3500+ Starling.

Monday 26th

Fantastic murmuration of 3-4000 Starlings over Down Track late afternoon.

Wednesday 28th

Three Grey Heron, 60 Golden Plover, Sparrowhawk, two Common Buzzard, Kestrel, two Raven, 18 Fieldfare, two Redwing and nine Common Stonechat, c.90 Linnet, up to 3,500 Starling and 60 Skylark.

Thursday 29th

Mute Swan and Common Stonechat from Church Pond, Merlin over Down Track and two groups of Starling each around 1,500 - 2,000.

Friday 30th

West Littleton Down; 300+ Fieldfare, a few Redwing, c.40 Yellowhammer, seven Grey Heron and two Bullfinch.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3rd

Grey Heron, Sparrowhawk, Common Buzzard, c.180 Golden Plover, c.40 Common Gull, Stock Dove, Kingfisher, Green and Great Spotted Woodpecker, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, several Grey Wagtail, several Common Stonechat,

several hundred Fieldfare with smaller numbers of Redwing, two Mistle Thrush, Common Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, Blue and Great Tit, two Nuthatch, Jay, increasing numbers of corvids, several thousand Starling in various groupings, a small number of Chaffinch and steady numbers of Linnet, Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting.



Common Chiffchaff in the Shire Valley | TBOSG

Wednesday 4th

C.200 Golden Plover, five Common Buzzard, Kestrel, two Merlin, c.200 Common Gull, Green Woodpecker, 20 Meadow Pipit, three Pied Wagtail, eight Common Stonechat, Fieldfare, 20 House Sparrow, 3000+ Starling, c.400 Linnet, c.70 Corn Bunting, c40 Yellowhammer, good numbers of Skylark and 2 Raven.

Friday 6th

Rushmead Lane: Red Kite over; Cold Ashton: c.120 Golden Plover; Church's Pond: Mute Swan and Little Grebe; Star Farm: 20 Yellowhammer; West Littleton Down; 500+ Gulls mainly Common but several Black-headed and Herring; West Littleton Dam: An adult Yellow-legged Gull on a fence by the Dam. West Littleton Lane: 70 Fieldfare and 12 Greenfinch; Middledown Lane: Common Chiffchaff!; General: Two Kestrel and a total of ten Common Stonechat.

Saturday 7th

C.120 Golden Plover still present in fields from A420 at Cold Ashton this morning. Two Merlin over Down Track and Peregrine over the Tormarton Road.

Sunday 8th

A Merlin and Reed Bunting were both seen on Rushmead Farm.

Monday 9th

Two Mistle Thrush at Ringswell plus 100+ Fieldfare, c.180 Redwing, c.180 Common Gull and three Marsh Tit in Cloud Wood. A Merlin from Down Road and c.50 Golden Plover from Hyde's Lane/ A420.

Tuesday 10th

Five Grey Heron, Common Buzzard, Kestrel, seven Lapwing, small numbers of Common Gull, Stock Dove, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Green Woodpecker, three Great Spotted Woodpecker, good numbers of Skylark, small numbers of Meadow Pipit, two Grey Wagtail, six Pied Wagtail, a number of Wren, Dunnock and Robin, six Common Stonechat, a number of Blackbird, several hundred Fieldfare and Redwing, two Mistle Thrush, Goldcrest, Long-tailed, Blue and Great Tit, several Nuthatch, Treecreeper, three Jay, building numbers of Jackdaw, Rook and Carrion Crow, several Raven, 3000+ Starling, small numbers of House Sparrow, Chaffinch and Goldfinch, several Greenfinch, c.120 Linnet, Corn Bunting and Yellowhammer. C.150 Golden Plover and two Lapwing from Hyde's Lane.

Wednesday 11th

A total of eight Common Stonechat, three Continental Song Thrush, a small build-up of Chaffinch and three Kestrel.

Thursday 12th

Two Common Buzzard, Kestrel, 20 Skylark, 10 Meadow Pipit, two Pied Wagtail, six Common Stonechat, Corn Bunting, Yellowhammer, c.100 Linnet, c.3000 Starling and 50+ Golden Plover.

Friday 13th

3000+ Starlings, two Common Stonechat on Rushmead Lane, Rushmead Farm and Down Road. Little Grebe and Mute Swan on Church Pond.

Sunday 15th

Merlin, Stock Dove, several Common Stonechat, c.200 Fieldfare, Chaffinch, c.400 Starling, 150 Corvid flock, four Raven, Mistle Thrush, c.170 Linnet plus several Corn Bunting.

Tuesday 17th

Two Common Stonechat and Mute Swan around Church Pond. Marsh Tit and four Bullfinch in Marshfield Wood. Also a Woodcock in the Shire Valley.

Wednesday 18th

Two Kestrel from West End and a Merlin from the Tormarton Road near the cemetery.

Thursday 19th

Three Grey Heron (two much alive, one very much dead, three Common Buzzard, two Raven, Skylark (singing), 15 Redwing, c.100 Fieldfare, two Nuthatch, two Pied Wagtail, ten Long-tailed Tit, 50 Starling, 60 Corvid, Jay and Coot.

Sunday 22nd

Four Grey Heron on West Littleton Dam, 52 Golden Plover from Wallsend Lane, a late Swallow at West Littleton and a Song Thrush singing in the Shire Valley. 500+ Fieldfare/ Redwing mainly Fieldfare over the whole area, six Common Stonechat and c.220 Linnet. A Mute Swan and Little Grebe on Church Pond. Three Peregrine from Down Road and c.300 Golden Plover over Cold Ashton.

Monday 23rd

A Merlin from Down Track this afternoon.

Tuesday 24th

Two Peregrine were seen over Ayford Lane, 300+ Golden Plover over Beek's Lane, a Marsh Tit from Cherry Wood and two Mistle Thrush at Ashwicke.

Thursday 26th

Two Grey Heron and Mistle Thrush from the Tormarton Road and c.90 Golden Plover from Middledown Lane. Across the patch, ten Common Stonechat, c.600 Fieldfare and a few Redwing.

Monday 30th

C.65 Lapwing seen from the Tormarton Road.

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st

A Common Teal was present on West Littleton Dam, along with four Mallard and Moorhen.

Wednesday 2nd

A Merlin from the Down Track area, 35 Lapwing from Wallsend Lane, 500+ Common Gull and c.2000 Starling from Rushmead Farm, eight Common Stonechat across the patch, c.200 Fieldfare in the Shire Valley, Mistle Thrush from the Tormarton Road, three Bullfinch from West Littleton Down and Reed Bunting from Dunsdown Lane.

Tuesday 8th

Little Grebe and Mute Swan on Church's Pond, five Kestrel and at least 30 Pied Wagtail in the West End area, Little Egret over and Marsh Tit at Ashwicke and nearby c.70 Redwing South of the village.

Wednesday 9th

C.10,000 Starling reported across the patch today with several flocks in excess of 3,000. (Robert Hargraves) Also noted, 20 Stock Dove, c.350 Common Gull, three Common Buzzard, three Kestrel, Merlin, Jay, Skylark, 70 Fieldfare, Redwing, Mistle Thrush, five Common Stonechat, c.90 Chaffinch, Linnet, Goldfinch, Corn Bunting and Yellowhammer.

Thursday 10th

From Down Road; Common Buzzard, c.160 Common Gull, Skylark, Pied Wagtail, Fieldfare, House Sparrow, Corn Bunting, Yellowhammer and c.150 mixed Corvids. C.120 Chaffinch near Star Farm and Woodcock in Cloud Wood.

Friday 11th

1000+ Rook/ Jackdaw from Rushmead Lane, Mistle Thrush from the Tormarton Road, c.100 Chaffinch at Castle Farm, 90 Linnet from Northfield Lane and three Bullfinch from West Littleton Down.

Saturday 12th

Down Road to Shirehill Lane; Common Buzzard, three Kestrel, five Red-legged Partridge, Skylark, two Common Stonechat, 40 Fieldfare, seven Blackbird, 20 House Sparrow, Corn Bunting, Linnet, c.1200 Starling, a 150+ Corvids and Raven. Twenty Golden Plover from the A420. Also a wholly unconfirmed report of Marsh Harrier!

Tuesday 15th

Common Teal at West Littleton Dam, Mute Swan, Little Grebe, four Mallard and Grey Heron from Church's Pond and c.90 Linnet in the Doncombe Valley.

Sunday 20th

Sparrowhawk from Rushmead Lane, Merlin and 17 Red-legged Partridge from Rushmead Farm, Woodcock in the Shire Valley, three Mistle Thrush and two Common Stonechat seen and c.50 Chaffinch from Castle Farm.

Thursday 24th

Northfield and Rushmead Lane this morning; Common Buzzard, two Kestrel, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, four Common Stonechat, Fieldfare, Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting, c.80 Linnet and c.600 Starling.

Friday 25th

Four Common Stonechat from West Littleton Road also ten Chaffinch and 40 Yellowhammer near the village. 110 Chaffinch and 30 Yellowhammer from Castle Farm.

Sunday 27th

From the Rushmead Lane area; C. 2000 Starling, Sparrowhawk, Common Buzzard, Kestrel and Grey Wagtail.

Monday 28th

A Little Grebe on Church's Pond and a couple of Continental Blackbird and Continental Song Thrush in the Ashwicke area.

Tuesday 29th

C.60 Skylark from Rushmead Farm along with c.160 Linnet, c.220 Corn Bunting and Greenfinch. Four Red-legged Partridge from Down Road. Also a wholly

unconfirmed report of a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker along Broadmead Brook in the Shire Valley.



Grey Wagtail on Rushmead Lane | Chris Teague

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's reports from the patch! A special thanks though to John Barnett... who continued with his heroic efforts during 'lockdown'!

The Marshfield Patch Year List 2020

JANUARY Species - 67 | Forms - 2

Mute Swan, Common Teal, Peregrine (1st) Merlin (3rd) Reed Bunting (5th) Woodcock (13th) Dipper (21st)

Also seen In January

Species: Red-Legged Partridge, Common Pheasant, Grey Heron, Sparrowhawk, Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Moorhen, Golden Plover, Common Snipe, Black-Headed Gull, Common Gull, Lesser Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Stock Dove, Rock (Feral) Dove, Woodpigeon, Collared Dove, Barn Owl, Little Owl, Tawny Owl, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, Rook, Crow, Raven, Long-Tailed Tit, Coal Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, Goldcrest, Starling, Robin, Common Stonechat, Blackbird, Redwing, Song

Thrush, Fieldfare, Mistle Thrush, Blackcap, Common Chiffchaff. Wren, Dunnock, House Sparrow, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting, Continental Blackbird, Continental Song Thrush.

FEBRUARY Species - 1

Grey Partridge (16th)

MARCH Species - 7 | Forms – 2

Red Kite (6th) Marsh Tit, Continental Chaffinch (8th) Canada Goose (11th) Short-eared Owl (17th) Northern Wheatear (18th) White Wagtail (26th) Little Egret (27th)

APRIL Species - 13 | Forms - 1 | New Additions - 1

Swallow, Common Scoter (2nd) Lesser Redpoll (3rd) Whimbrel (4th) Willow Warbler (7th) Hobby (8th) Sand Martin (10th) Greenland Wheatear (11th) Common Whitethroat (16th) Yellow Wagtail (18th) Lesser Whitethroat, House Martin (21st) Garden Warbler (22nd) Whinchat (27th)

MAY Species - 5 | New Additions – 1

Sedge Warbler (1st) Cuckoo (6th) Common Swift (7th) Spotted Flycatcher (8th) Wood Sandpiper (11th)

JUNE Species – 2

Common Quail (4th) Tufted Duck (20th)

JULY Species – 3

Common Redstart (5th) Kingfisher (10th) Little Grebe (26th)

AUGUST Species – 3

Pied Flycatcher (9th) Lapwing (10th) Green Sandpiper (23rd)

SEPTEMBER Species - 3 | New Additions – 1

Dotterel (2nd) Red-Backed Shrike (5th) Jack Snipe (21st)

OCTOBER Species – 2

Siskin (5th) Common Crossbill (15th)

NOVEMBER Species – 2

Yellow-Legged Gull (6th) Coot (19th)

A total of 113 species and forms were logged in 2020. 108 species, five forms and three new additions!

The South Gloucestershire Butterfly Diary 2020

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5th

The first butterfly of the year was indeed a Red Admiral seen in flight from a garden in Hanham.

MARCH

Friday 6th

The first Comma of the year was seen in flight on West Littleton Down, Tormarton/ Marshfield and the first Small Tortoiseshell was watched at Thornbury

Monday 16th

A bright spring day brought a flush of sightings and a couple of new additions for the year. A few Brimstone with individuals sighted at Yate and Emerson's Green and a male Orange-tip at Oldland Common. Also seen Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Comma.



Comma and Peacock | Lisa Presland and Adam Rawson

Saturday 21st

A walk from Oldland to Willsbridge this morning and saw two Brimstone and two (the first of the year) Small Copper, five Brimstone at Willsbridge Mill and Brimstone and Peacock alongside the Little River Avon at Damery.

Sunday 22nd

Small Tortoiseshell and Comma.

Monday 23rd

Two Comma, three Small Tortoiseshell and seven Brimstone in the Warmley Cycle Path/ Warmley Forest Park area, Small Tortoiseshell at Marshfield, Peacock and Brimstone at Kingswood and four Peacock at Oldbury Power Station. Tuesday 24th Several Small Tortoiseshell, Brimstone and a couple of Peacock at Marshfield, Brimstone and our first Large White of the year at Severn Beach, Large White, two Comma, two Peacock and Brimstone at Yate.

Wednesday 25th

Green-veined White at Bradley Stoke and Small White at Oldland Common and Siston were both firsts for the year. Also on the wing were Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock Brimstone and Comma.



Green-veined White | Vic Savery

APRIL

Friday 3rd

A male Orange-tip and Small Tortoiseshell on the wing in the Alveston area. Small Tortoiseshell also noted Kingswood and Marshfield.

Saturday 4th

On the wing today were Comma, six Brimstone and at least five Peacock on Cock Road Ridge, Kingswood, Peacock and Comma at Marshfield, Small Tortoiseshell in Kingswood, five Brimstone, Comma, Orange-tip and four Peacock at Three Brooks LNR, Bradley Stoke.

Monday 6th

Brimstone and Green-veined White from the Marshfield patch. Seven Peacock, nine Small Tortoiseshell and Holly Blue were reported from Filton Golf Course and Charlton Common.



Holly Blue | Fen Marshall

Tuesday 7th

Reported today; Comma, Holly Blue, Peacock, Large and Small White, Orange-tip, Small Tortoiseshell and Brimstone.

Thursday 9th

Orange-tip, Speckled Wood, Large and Small White, Peacock, Holly Blue, Comma, Brimstone and Green-veined White.



Speckled Wood | Fen Marshall Orange-tip | Mark Coller

Friday 10th

Orange-tip, Large and Small White, Holly Blue, Brimstone, Speckled Wood, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell.

Wednesday 15th

At least eight different Small White, three Orange-tip, Holly Blue and Peacock at Oldland Common.

Thursday 23rd

Oldland Common to North Common, Brimstone, four Peacock, Speckled Wood and at least 20 Orange-tip. An abundance of Holly Blue (at least a dozen) in the garden at Itchington. A Small Heath was reported from Oldbury Power Station.

Saturday 25th

From the R. Frome at Yate, Green-veined and Small White, Orange-tip, Peacock, Red Admiral, Speckled Wood and Brimstone.

MAY

Thursday 7th

At least one Dingy Skipper was present at ST: 765 729 adjacent to Great Moody's Wood, west of Marshfield. Plenty of Orange-tip, Peacock, two Speckled Wood, Brimstone and Small White at Oldland Common. Several Small Heath reported recently.



Dingy Skipper | TBOSG



Small Copper | Vic Savery

Friday 8th

Several Small Copper were reported today from Bradley Stoke and Yate.

Thursday 14th

Several Holly Blue and the first Brown Argus of the year were reported from The Orchard at Oldbury Power Station.

Saturday 16th

This years' first Common Blue were noted at Tortworth and Kingsgate Park, Yate.



Common Blue | Fen Marshall

Sunday 17th

At least two Dingy Skipper present at Sainsbury Fields, Marshfield today.

Wednesday 20th

Still at least two Dingy Skipper, several Common Blue, Brown Argus, Large, Small and Green-veined White from Set-a-side at Marshfield today. Also on the wing today Orange-tip, Brimstone, Red Admiral and Holly Blue.



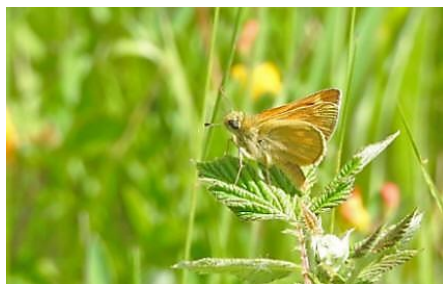
Sunday 24th

The first Meadow Brown of the year was seen in meadows adjacent to Shortwood Landfill and the first Small Heath of the year on the patch at Marshfield too!

Thursday 28th

Wapley Meadows: Brown Argus, Common Blue, Meadow Brown, Large Skipper, Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral and Peacock.

Brown Argus | TBOSG



Large Skipper and Meadow Brown | TBOSG

Sunday 31st

Firsts for the year Marbled White at Oldbury Power Station and Small Skipper at Marshfield.

JUNE

Thursday 4th

The first Ringlet of the year with an early specimen at Warmley Forest Park. Also reported on the wing were Speckled Wood, Meadow Brown and Small Tortoiseshell.

Sunday 7th

At Webb's Heath, Marbled White, Small Skipper, Meadow Brown, Small Tortoiseshell and Common Blue. Also today the first Silver-washed Fritillary of the year was on show at Lower Woods, Wickwar.



Marbled White | Phil Barlow - Silver-washed Fritillary | Phil Hemming

Tuesday 9th

Noted on the wing today; Marbled White, Meadow Brown, Large Skipper, Comma and Small Tortoiseshell.

Saturday 13th

The first Painted Lady of the year was noted near Old Down along with a couple of Red Admiral and lots of Meadow Brown.



Small Skipper | Chris Teague - Essex Skipper - Craig Lewis

Tuesday 16th

A walk around Wapley Bushes this morning saw Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Marbled White, Common Blue, Small Tortoiseshell and Small Skipper. At Lower Woods, Wickwar, around eight Silver-washed Fritillary, two Marbled White, countless Meadow Brown and Small Tortoiseshell. A few Small Skipper, perhaps ten Large Skipper and similar numbers of Comma and Red Admiral.

Monday 22nd

A couple of firsts for the year today with Dark-green Fritillary on show at Wapley Bushes, Yate and White-letter Hairstreak performing nicely from The Severn Way above Severn View Services, Aust.



White Admiral | Howard Taffs - White-letter Hairstreak | Chris Teague

Wednesday 24th

Nice to hear that White Admiral and Silver-washed Fritillary were on the wing at Lower Woods, Wickwar and Ringlets, Small Skipper, Essex Skipper, Marbled White, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell and Meadow Brown were noted at Three Brooks LNR.

Thursday 25th

Reported on the wing today from across the area: Small and Large Skipper, Large and Small White, Silver-washed Fritillary, Red Admiral, White Admiral, Brimstone, Painted Lady, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Comma, Marbled White, 1,000's of Meadow Brown and Ringlet.



Brimstone | Keith Williams - Painted Lady | Rob Emery

Friday 26th

The first Purple Hairstreak of the year was present at Kingsgate Park, Yate today.



Purple Hairstreak | Pete Hazelwood

Sunday 28th

At least two White-letter Hairstreak from Elms in the Elberton area today.

Monday 29th

Purple Hairstreak on show around Lagoon III at Oldbury Power Station today.

JULY

Sunday 5th

Silver-washed Fritillary still on the wing at Lower Woods, Wickwar and the first Gatekeeper of the year on Chipping Sodbury Common.



Silver-washed Fritillary | Vic Savery

Monday 6th

Around Wapley Bushes LNR today; White-letter Hairstreak, Marbled White, Small and Large Skipper, Comma, Peacock, Small Copper and Gatekeeper.

Tuesday 7th

Reported from across the region today: Gatekeeper, Small/ Essex Skipper, Marbled White, 100's Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Large Skipper and Red Admiral.



Ringlet | Mark Coller

Friday 10th

Seen today: Holly Blue at Patchway, Large and Small White, Speckled Wood, Marbled White, Comma, Ringlet, Gatekeeper, Meadow Brown and Small Skipper at Wapley Bushes NR.

Monday 13th

On the wing in the Northwick Warth area: Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Ringlet, Large White, Red Admiral, Small Copper, two Small Tortoiseshell, two Essex Skipper and three Peacock.

Thursday 16th

White-letter Hairstreak sitting on the grass on a common area in Thornbury! Also male Brimstone, Red Admiral, Peacock, Holly Blue, Comma, Speckled Wood, several Large White, Small White, Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper. Essex Skipper at Marshfield.

Monday 20th

Lower Woods: Plenty of Silver-washed Fritillary, Peacock, Gatekeeper, Hummingbird Hawk-moth and Purple Hairstreak.

Thursday 30th

The first Clouded Yellow of the year was seen on Pining WR, Northwick Warth.



Clouded Yellow | TBOSG

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd

A Silver-washed Fritillary was seen around Tortworth Court Lake, a Brown Argus was reported around Lagoon III at Oldbury Power Station and a Clouded Yellow was noted south of Severn Beach.

Friday 7th

Up to three Silver-washed Fritillary from the bridleway at Oldbury Power Station.

Monday 10th

Clouded Yellow at New Passage late afternoon plus many Small Tortoiseshell, Common Blue, Brown Argus, Small Copper and lots of whites.

Wednesday 26th

Butterflies noted recently; Small and Large White, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Meadow Brown, Small Heath, Comma, Red Admiral, Gatekeeper and this very nice Small Copper and Painted Lady from a Tortworth garden.



Small Copper and Painted Lady | Fen Marshall

SEPTEMBER

Butterflies reported on the wing this month include; Large and Small White, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Comma, Speckled Wood, Meadow Brown, Small Heath, Small Copper and Clouded Yellow.

OCTOBER

Butterflies reported on the wing this month; Speckled Wood, Red Admiral, Peacock, Comma (Fen Marshall), Small Copper and Clouded Yellow on the 11th.

NOVEMBER

Butterflies reported on the wing this month; Speckled Wood (3rd), Red Admiral (3rd and 12th), Peacock (5th) and Brimstone (10th).



Peacock | Rosemary Setter

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The S. Glos Butterflies List 2020

SPECIES/ FORM	DATE	LOCATION
RED ADMIRAL	5th February	Hanham
COMMA	6th March	West Littleton Down
SMALL TORTOISESHELL	6th March	Thornbury
BRIMSTONE	16th March	Yate and Emerson's Green
PEACOCK	16th March	Damery
ORANGE-TIP	16th March	Oldland Common
SMALL COPPER	21st March	Oldland and Willsbridge
LARGE WHITE	24th March	Severn Beach and
GREEN-VEINED WHITE	25th March	Bradley Stoke
SMALL WHITE	25th March	Oldland Common
HOLLY BLUE	6th April	Filton

SPECIES/ FORM	DATE	LOCATION
SPECKLED WOOD	9th April	Alveston
SMALL HEATH	23rd April	Oldbury Power Station
DINGY SKIPPER	7th May	Marshfield
BROWN ARGUS	14th May	Oldbury Power Station
COMMON BLUE	16th May	Tortworth
MEADOW BROWN	24th May	Shortwood
LARGE SKIPPER	28th May	Wapley Bushes
MARbled WHITE	31st May	Oldbury Power Station
SMALL SKIPPER	31st May	Marshfield
RINGLET	4th June	Warmley Forest Park
SILVER-WASHED FRITILLARY	7th June	Lower Woods
PAINTED LADY	13th June	Old Down
ESSEX SKIPPER	21st June	Oldbury Power Station
DARK-GREEN FRITILLARY	22nd June	Wapley Bushes
WHITE-LETTER HAIRSTREAK	22nd June	Aust
WHITE ADMIRAL	24th June	Lower Woods
PURPLE HAIRSTREAK	26th June	Kingsgate Park, Yate
GATEKEEPER	5th July	Chipping Sodbury Common
CLOUDED YELLOW	30th July	Pilning WR

Total species and forms reported in 2020 - 30



Dingy Skipper, photographed at Marshfield; the first in S, Glos for at least five years | David Glew

The S. Glos Dragon and Damselfly List 2020

APRIL

Friday 10th

A Large Red Damselfly, the first of the year, was seen in a private garden at Yate.



Large Red Damselfly | Mark Coller

Sunday 12th

Four Large Red Damselfly from a private garden at Yate.

Saturday 25th

The first Broad-bodied Chaser of the year was noted on a garden pond at Alveston, Large Red Damselfly and the first Beautiful Demoiselle on the R. Frome, Yate.

MAY

Saturday 2nd

A Broad-bodied Chaser was noted on Yate Common and at least ten Large Red Damselfly and two Beautiful Demoiselle on the R. Frome, Yate.

Monday 4th

The first Azure Damselfly was seen at Kingsgate Park, Yate along with five Large Red Damselflies.

Wednesday 6th

Approximately ten Azure Damselfly, Large Red Damselfly and a female Hairy Dragonfly at Western distribution Pools, Severn Beach. Blue-tailed Damselfly, four Broad-bodied Chaser also Large Red and Azure Damselfly on pools on Yate Common.



Hairy Dragonfly | Rob Emery

Thursday 7th

The first Black-tailed Skimmer and Emperor of the year were logged at Western Distribution, Severn Beach. Two Blue-tailed Damselfly, four Broad-bodied Chaser, plus lots of Large Red and Azure Damselflies on Yate Common. Eight Beautiful Demoiselle and c.20 Large Red Damselflies on R. Frome, Yate.



Azure, Beautiful and Blue-tailed Damselflies and Broad-bodied Chaser | Mark Coller

Monday 19th

On Yate Common today; Single Emperor and Four-spotted Chaser, at least ten Broad-bodied Chaser, 100's of Azure, Blue and Large Red and three Blue Damselflies.

Wednesday 20th

Broad-bodied Chaser on Inglestone Common. On Yate Common - Emperor, two Four-spotted Chaser, at least 15 Broad-bodied Chaser, 100's of Azure Blue, at least 15 Large Red and two Blue-tailed Damselfly.



Emperor and Four-spotted Chaser | Mark Coller

Thursday 21st

Emperor, at least ten Azure Damselflies, two Broad-bodied Chasers, Four-spotted Chaser and a Red-eyed Damselfly on Western Distribution, Severn Beach.



Red-eyed Damselfly | Rob Emery

Sunday 24th

The first Banded Demoiselle of the year was seen on the R. Frome at Yate along with at least forty (40) Beautiful Demoiselle, at least ten Large Red and an Azure Damselfly.



Blue-tailed Damselfly 'rufescens' | Vic Savery

Wednesday 27th
Broad Bodied Chaser
near the Tesco Pool,
Western Distribution,
Severn Beach also
Black tailed Skimmer,
and a 'rufescens' form
of Blue-tailed Damselfly.

Thursday 28th
Emperor in the Shire
Valley, Marshfield, two
Emperor, half a dozen
Broad-bodied Chaser,
Large Red Damselfly, a
couple of Blue-tailed
Damselfly and hundreds
of Azure Damselfly on
Yate Common.

JUNE

Thursday 4th

A few Common Blue Damselfly around Chipping Sodbury Common pond plus lots of Azure Damselfly, at least three Emperor, Black-tailed Skimmer and several Broad-bodied Chaser.

Monday 8th

20+ Red-eyed Damselfly on Kingsgate Park pond as well as Common, Blue-tailed and Azure Damselflies, two Broad-bodied Chaser and four Emperor.

Tuesday 9th

A couple of Beautiful Demoiselle was present in Golden Valley LNR, Wick plus several female Black-tailed Skimmer. Emperor and Broad-bodied Chaser at Oldbury Power Station.

Friday 12th

Many Blue-tailed Damselfly in Kingsgate Park, Yate including both 'violacea' and 'rufescens' forms. Also Common and Azure Damselflies.

Thursday 25th

First of this year's Common Darter on the wing on Chipping Sodbury Common.

Friday 26th

Alongside the first Brown Hawker of the year at Kingsgate Park, Yate was Black-tailed Skimmer, Broad-bodied Chaser, Four-spotted Chaser and Emperor. Damselflies present included were Common Blue, Red-eyed, Small Red-eyed Damselfly, Blue-tailed, Large Red and Azure.

JULY

Wednesday 1st

The first Southern Hawker of the year was both seen and photographed in a private garden in Yate.



Southern Hawker | Mark Coller - Ruddy Darter | Rob Emery

Friday 17th

At least two male Ruddy Darter, up to six Common Darter, five Black tailed Skimmer, two Emperor and a tatty Four-spotted Chaser at Western Distribution Pools, Severn Beach.

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd

A Southern Hawker was noted in the Shire Valley at Marshfield.

Monday 3rd

Common Darter at Yate and Emperor at Pilning WR were both reported.



Common Darter | Mark Coller - Emperor | Rob Emery

Saturday 29th

Common Darter noted in the Aust area today.

Sunday 30th

From Kingsgate Park, Yate today; Two Common and one Ruddy Darter, two Brown Hawker plus single Common and Southern Hawker. At least ten Small Red-eyed Damselfly plus two Blue-tailed and one Common Blue.

SEPTEMBER

Dragonflies reported on the wing this month were; Brown, Migrant and Southern Hawker, Emperor and Common Darter.

OCTOBER

Dragonflies reported on the wing this month; Migrant Hawker and Common Darter.



Migrant Hawker | TBOSG

NOVEMBER

Dragonflies reported on the wing this month; Common Darter. (10th)

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The S. Glos Dragon/ Damselflies List 2020

SPECIES/ Form	DATE	LOCATION
DAMSELFLIES		
LARGE RED DAMSELFLY	10th April	Yate
BEAUTIFUL DEMOISELLE	25th April	Yate
AZURE DAMSELFLY	4th May	Yate
BLUE-TAILED DAMSELFLY	6th May	Yate
RED-EYED DAMSELFLY	21st May	Western Distribution, Severn Beach
BANDED DEMOISELLE	24th May	Yate
Blue-tailed Damselfly (rufescens)	27th May	Severn Beach
COMMON BLUE DAMSELFLY	5th June	Chipping Sodbury
Blue-tailed Damselfly (violacea)	12th June	Yate
SMALL RED-EYED DAMSELFLY	26th June	Kingsgate Park, Yate
DRAGONFLIES		
BROAD-BODIED CHASER	25th April	Alveston
HAIRY DRAGONFLY	6th May	Western Distribution, Severn Beach
BLACK -TAILED SKIMMER	7th May	Western Distribution, Severn Beach
EMPEROR	7th May	Western Distribution, Severn Beach
COMMON DARTER	25th June	Chipping Sodbury Common
BROWN HAWKER	26th June	Kingsgate Park, Yate
SOUTHERN HAWKER	1st July	Yate
FOUR-SPOTTED CHASER	17th July	Western Distribution, Severn Beach
RUDDY DARTER	17th July	Western Distribution, Severn Beach

Total species list to the end of 2020 – 19

Other Interesting Stuff from S. Gloucestershire in 2020!

There are several 'super' patches watched on a daily basis in S. Gloucestershire; Marshfield, Oldbury Power Station, Severnside and Yate and Chipping Sodbury. So, in a new feature, below is a 'round-up' of what was seen throughout the year on those patches.

Oldbury Power Station

A total of 149 species recorded at the site from all-comers was the worst year since 2014 with my personal total for the site at 142 species (my worst total since 2014). The result of 293 visits (sixteen more than the previous most in 2019).

Average number of species per visit was 42, which is the lowest since I started recording this in 2004. Highest was 51 in 2006, and it was 43 last year. The fall in this number is partly due to an increase in number of visits (from 109 in 2006), as it is difficult to record every species every visit, although I do try. Highest number of species in a day was 68 on November 3rd (second time highest in year has been in November - also in 2014). (68 is my 4th equal highest day-total) In contrast to the low species total, it was one of the best years in the last fifteen for rare or very rare birds.

I added Tundra Bean Goose to my OPS list (bringing it to 198 species for me at OPS). This and Wryneck were added to the OPS list, and Common Redpoll was retrospectively added from 2009. The Total number of bird species recorded at OPS is now 230.

The commonest (for OPS) birds not seen this year were Jack Snipe and Great Skua (both seen 9 out of 10 previous years). The other relatively common birds not seen at the site were: Brent Goose (which is remarkable considering the other Goose species recorded this year - see below), Little Ringed Plover, Nuthatch, Pochard, Ruff and Water Pipit. Little Owl now not seen for eight years and no Little Stint for four years.

The year started ok, with 86 species by end of January (3rd best January), including 59 on the 1st day. But by end of March only 101 species had been

seen by all-comers (and 97 by me), about five behind recent years, due to mild weather. Then a combination of Covid lockdown and a month of good weather (allowing birds to pass over and not drop down) killed April and May, by the end of which 124 species (119 for me) had been seen, about twelve behind an average year. Numbers recovered a bit with a good July and August, but autumn was very quiet, again due to a prolonged spell of settled weather allowing birds to fly on instead of drop in. So, the total ended up about five species behind an average year.

The highlights through the year were:

JANUARY

An Egyptian Goose over the lake, two Black Redstarts (adult male and female-type), Short-eared Owl, two Great Crested Grebe, a distant Goshawk, an adult female Marsh Harrier, 1+ Red Kite, c.7,000 Starlings roosting and Harbour Porpoise (unfortunately dead).

FEBRUARY

A Corn Bunting (probably same as last year in January/ February), Short-eared Owl, male Marsh Harrier, 9+ Kittiwake upriver, female-type Black Redstart still and four canoes from the Wye Valley washed up in floods!

MARCH

The Corn Bunting, Short-eared Owl and female-type Black Redstart still; two distant Goshawk (first multiple sighting), two Coal Tit, Little Gull upriver, an early Swallow and Canada Goose on a nest and Hoopoe reported.

APRIL

Seven Sandwich Tern, three Little Gull and three Arctic Skua upriver; a close encountered Goshawk; earliest ever Reed Warbler (7th), Yellow Wagtail (11th), Cuckoo (13th), Whinchat (17th) and Hobby (15th); two Barnacle Goose, a pair of Garganey, a late Black Redstart, a third Marsh Harrier (female), seven Canada Goose goslings only lasted one day and a crazy Mallard nest!

MAY

Two Greenshank, another Great Crested Grebe, Hare, Red Kite, female Marsh Harrier again, ten Sanderling and Barn Owl reported.

JUNE

Two Great White Egret upriver (first multiple record), three+ Common Crossbill over, Kittiwake downriver, Red Kite, two families of Cetti's Warbler, Purple Hairstreak butterfly, an Eyed Hawkmoth and Scarlet Tiger Moth.

JULY

Five Common Scoter downriver, juvenile Northern Wheatear and Common Stonechat, Red-legged Partridge heard, OPS record fifteen Mistle Thrush, and a mad twenty-two Red-breasted Merganser.

AUGUST

A male Nightjar in the Orchard, four Garganey reported, three+ Green Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, a dead Gannet, Grey Phalarope, two + Silver-washed Fritillary and Brown Argus butterflies, plus Small Red-eyed Damselfly.

SEPTEMBER

Another Great White Egret, three Curlew Sandpipers, flocks of six and four Avocet, yet another two Great Crested Grebe, Wryneck and an unusual record of Kingfisher on the shore.

OCTOBER

A S. Glos record count of twenty Common Stonechat, Manx Shearwater killed by a gull, Bar-headed Goose, Bramblings, Common and Grey Seals.

NOVEMBER

A 1st-winter Little Gull upriver, a record c.1,600 Woodpigeon migrating, a late Northern Wheatear (to 4th), male Yellowhammer and three+ (probably four) Black Redstart.

DECEMBER

Eleven Tundra Bean Goose were seen intermittently for a week, four Whooper Swan on the estuary, one+ Common Redpoll, Red-legged Partridge, two Yellowhammer and Black Redstart still.

Pete Hazelwood | OPS Birding - December 2020

Yate & Chipping Sodbury 2020

JANUARY

Fifty species of bird were seen on the 1st including Jack Snipe, Kingfisher and Lapwing. On the 9th my first patch tick of the year, a Male Goosander arrived on Stanshaw's Lake increasing to eight birds by February. The 2nd Patch tick came on the 29th when an Oystercatcher flew over Chipping Sodbury Common.

FEBRUARY

On the 6th a female Yellowhammer was on Chipping Sodbury Common (CSC) in the morning along with two Jack Snipe; On the 19th eight Goosander on Stanshaw's Lake, Little Owls were back at their nest site on CSC, the nesting pair of Peregrines was first seen on the 22nd flying over CSC and a Barn Owl there on 27th brought the year total up to 73

MARCH

The first Little Egret for the year was seen on the 9th along with the returning pair of Little Grebes on the old quarry pool in Chipping Sodbury and the first three Chiffchaffs of the year were on CSC, the first Northern Wheatear arrived on CSC on the 14th, a Red Kite over Yate on the 20th, Sand Martin over Kingsgate Park on the 23rd and Willow Warbler also there on the 27th.

APRIL

With the large movements of Common Scoter being reported nationwide during the nights I tried on the 2nd and had three flocks calling, all going East or North-east between 21:15 -22:00 my 3rd patch tick. An Osprey over my garden on the 4th and the first Swallow over the same day; On the 5th a male Common Redstart was on CSC, Common Whitethroat on there on the 9th, Sedge Warbler in Kingsgate Park on the 11th, Tree Pipit and Whinchat on CSC on the 16th and Hobby over my garden the same day. The 19th saw an influx of migrants including a singing male Wood, Garden, Sedge and Reed Warblers on Yate Common and a male Common Whitethroat in my garden! The 2nd Wood warbler for the year was also on Yate Common on the 21st but it moved straight through.

MAY

On the 1st the only Common Sandpiper of the year was on a tiny Dragonfly pond on Yate Common. Two Hobby over the garden along with two Peregrine Falcons, five Red Kite and seven Common Swifts in the morning of the 4th, a Little Egret on the River Frome in Yate on the 7th, another two Hobby over my garden on the 8th. Red Kite was seen throughout the month with fifteen sightings in total for May.

JUNE

A very quiet month with most time spent looking for Dragonflies and Butterflies but a male Common Crossbill calling over Kingsgate Park on the 26th brought the patch year total up to 99.

JULY

Probably the same male Common Crossbill was again calling over Kingsgate Park on the 3rd, the first Common Redstarts returned on the 5th with an adult and two juveniles on CSC increasing to six birds by the 13th along with the first four returning Whinchats. On the 20th I had another patch tick when a flock of Dunlin were heard calling several times over CSC at around 01:30 while I was photographing the Neowise Comet. My 100th species of bird for the year.

AUGUST

Two Spotted Flycatchers on CSC on the 8th and a Green Sandpiper on the small pond there on the 9th brought the year total to 102. Migrants started arriving in larger numbers on CSC with ten+ Common Redstarts and six Whinchats on the 19th and six Spotted Flycatchers on the 23rd, another patch tick on the 24th when a Ringed Plover flew from Chipping Sodbury Golf Course and over CSC, a Grasshopper Warbler at CSC on the 27th made 104 for the year. A large flock of well over 500 Swallows, 50 House Martins and several Sand Martins covered the wires and trees by the farms on CSC on the morning of the 31st, most had moved on by 09:00.

SEPTEMBER

My last patch tick of the year was a juvenile Corn Bunting at CSC on the 1st, the same day the year's first Mandarin arrived at Kingsgate Park staying until the 6th bringing the year total to 106.

OCTOBER

Most summer migrants had left by now, the last Northern Wheatear was on the 1st and Whinchat on the 2nd , a Brambling flew over CSC with a small flock of Chaffinch on the 20th was the only new bird for the year and last Swallow of the year was on the 23rd also on CSC.

NOVEMBER

A female Common Teal was at Kingsgate Park on the 1st staying into December, the years only Hawfinch flew over my garden on the 10th, a female Blackcap arrived in my garden on the 12th staying into 2021, four Goosander returned to the patch on the 24th increasing to eight birds by the end of the year, a Jack Snipe and Woodcock on Yate Common made 109 for the year.

DECEMBER

The last sighting of Red Kite was seen on CSC on the 5th, a female Pochard in Kingsgate Park on the 7th was the first patch record for around eight years! The last patch year tick was a Ring-necked Parakeet that flew over my garden and Kingsgate Park on the 24th.

Total patch year list for 2020 was 111 beating the previous best of 106 in 2018.



Corn Bunting on Chipping Sodbury Common in September 2020 | Mark Coller

Severnside Breeding Waders 2020

Following on from successful breeding of Lapwing and Little Ringed Plovers in the last three years and the first nesting attempt of Avocets in May 2018, I was optimistic for a good breeding year in 2020.

Between March 19th and 23rd Avocets were present on Northwick Warth Flash and the adjacent Pilning Wetland Reserve including eleven on March 22nd. This spring passage has almost become expected in recent years with good numbers breeding nearby at Newport Wetlands NNR, Goldcliff Pools in Gwent and Slimbridge WWT further up the estuary in Gloucestershire. I had assumed that our birds were overshoots from Gwent or birds trying to relocate to Slimbridge.

March 23rd 2020 was a memorable day in UK history when the first National lockdown as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic was announced. This meant that only one period of 'local exercise' was permitted resulting in far fewer people visiting the area and for me abandoning the use of my car for birding and more walking and cycling from home in Severn Beach to Pilning Wetland Reserve.



Avocet on Pilning WR in April 2020 | Paul Bowerman

On April 7th I found another two Avocets on the rear wader pool of Pilning Wetland Reserve and again assumed they were birds on their way to

somewhere better. On my daily visits I saw them again in the following days and on April 10th saw them mating and what appeared to be a nest on one shallow island. I thought it prudent over the next few days to inform two of the resident birdwatchers who live at New Passage and suggested that news be kept off of social media.

The pair remained faithful to their nest and over the next two months were joined by up to fifteen other birds including a French colour-ringed individual on several dates in June. The water levels on the wader scrape dropped over time creating additional islands and three other pairs appeared to be incubating on nests, one of which shared an island with a pair of nesting Canada Geese.

On a visit on June 5th I was pleased to see at least two freshly hatched Avocet chicks from the first pair and confirmed as three chicks two days later. On June 11th, four chicks were seen and on June 14th June, two new chicks plus the original three larger chicks were seen.



Three well grown Avocet chicks on Pilning WR, Northwick Warth | Paul Bowerman

Predator species seen to be attacking the chicks included Common Buzzard, Raven, Carrion Crow and Lesser Black-backed Gulls and so it was a great relief that the original three near full sized juveniles were seen to fly for the first time on July 7th.

It would appear that the other chicks were predated or died and some of the eggs were lost to predators involving the bird species mentioned or Foxes that would have easy access to the nests.

Additional wader breeding:

Little Ringed Plovers were present on site from March and three nests were located including one pair that nested on a stony track (I notified the landowner and traffic a cone and a short detour were put in place for a month).

During the incubation period it was nail biting to watch the local Magpies, Jackdaws and Crows getting close to the nests and only the distraction behaviour of the adults keeping the eggs safe. One brood of four chicks appeared on May 30th, all of which were seen to grow to full size and fly.

Another three chicks hatched from another nest and were seen for three days before they disappeared into the grassy vegetation. The third nest, on the track, hatched at least two chicks but they moved into cover almost immediately and were not seen again.



Little Ringed Plover | Paul Bowerman

A surprise find; a fourth brood of two freshly hatched chicks were found on July 18th and a third chick appeared the following day.



Little Ringed Plover chick on Pilning WR late July 2020 | Paul Bowerman

A pair of Oystercatchers were observed incubating for four weeks but suddenly disappeared, presumed predated.



Oystercatcher on Pilning WR | Paul Bowerman

On June 13th, while checking the progress of the nesting Oystercatchers and Little Ringed Plover nest two, I was surprised to observe a pair of displaying and mating Ringed Plover.

After a while I watched one of the birds settle on what appeared to be a nest scrape. Over the next two days I saw the Ringed Plovers incubating but they left the area the same day as the Oystercatchers and were presumed to also have been predated as the nests were only three metres apart.

It was difficult to determine the exact number of Lapwing pairs and success; but between eight and ten pairs were present from early spring. Three nests were located but with the constant predation by Corvids followed by repeat laying the first three Lapwing chicks were eventually seen on June 9th.

At least four other broods of two/ three young were seen, some being predated and others managing to seek cover of vegetation and reaching full size.

All in all a good year with three out of five breeding species being successful and confirmation of the first time that Avocet have bred successfully in S. Gloucestershire!

Paul Bowerman | Severnside Breeding Waders in 2020
