

BIRD NEWS FROM CARR VALE NATURE RESERVE:-July 1st to 30th 2009.

Observers:- MAB=Me, AGe=Arthur Gee AI=Tony Irons, MKN = Kev Navin, PSn=P Snaith, ISw=Ian Swain, AA=A Adams.

Little Grebe. Maximum of four on the 16th, 27th, 28th and 30th.-MAB ISw. One pair built a nest (twice) but both were flooded out at the egg stage.-MAB.

Cormorant. Recorded on 18 dates with 16 on the 22nd.-ISw (a record count for July).

Little Egret. One flew south on 8th.-MAB AA MKN and one was present between 0945 and 1030 at least on 15th.-ISw.

Heron. Maximum count ten on the 25th.-ISw. One juvenile killed and ate a 17 day old (I know my broods intimately!!) Gadwall duckling on 22nd.-MAB, took some doing though.

Mute Swan. Maximum count five on six dates.-MAB ISw.

Greylag Goose. Juvenile on 28th-30th.-MAB ISw.

Canada Goose. Numbers started to build towards the end of the month peaking at 200 on 30th.-MAB.

Shelduck. A juvenile was present on Sutton Scarsdale Flash on 10th and daily between 13th and 15th.-AA MAB MKN.

Gadwall. Numbers peaked at 61 on the 21st but that included young.-MAB.

Teal. Maximum count six on the 17th with singles on six other dates.-MAB ISw.

Mallard. Maximum count 77 on the 28th.-MAB.

Pochard. A pair was seen on the 23rd.-MAB ISw.

Tufted Duck. Female with seven young from the 23rd.-MAB.

Honey Buzzard. One flew first west then returned east over the mound and up over Bolsover before turning south on 15th.-MAB. (5th record for the site but 6th bird).

Common Buzzard. Birds were logged on 15 dates (27 bird / days) with a high of four on the 18th.-MAB.

Hobby. Single birds were seen on the 4th, daily between 7th and 10th (first summer bird), on 18th and 24th.-all MAB, with one on 27th.-MKN.

Peregrine. A female was over Sutton Scarsdale Flash on 15th.-AA.

Grey Partridge. A pair with six young was seen on the 11th.-AA.

Water Rail. One was heard calling on the 6th.-MAB and 11th.-MAB.

Oystercatcher. Five were present on the 1st, 3rd, 7th and 12th.-MAB, with four present on the 4th and 5th.-MAB. One to three present on 12 other dates.-MAB et al.

Little Ringed Plover. Peaked at three on the 3rd.-MAB. Six were at Sutton Scarsdale Flash on the 8th.-MAB AA MKN.

Ringed Plover. Singles were seen at Sutton Scarsdale Flash on 11th, 13th and 22nd with two present on 15th, 16th and 18th.-AA MAB.

Dunlin. Two on 17th.-MAB ISw.

Black-tailed Godwit. Four were present for 30 minutes after which they flew off east on the 25th.-ISw.

Whimbrel. Two flew south at 0815 on the 23rd.-MAB

Redshank. One was present on the 5th.-ISw and one juvenile was present on Sutton Scarsdale Flash on 8th.-MAB AA MKN.

Green Sandpiper. One was seen on Sutton Scarsdale Flash 1st.-AA and at Carr Vale on 10th.-ISws.

Common Sandpiper. Three on 10th.-MAB ISw with singles on 11 other dates.-MAB ISw.

Common Tern. Maximum count was eight (one juvenile) on the 13th.-MAB ISw. Birds were seen daily throughout the month.-MAB.

Black Tern. One was reported on 14th July.-T Emmerson per MAB.

Cuckoo. The one present on the 30th June was seen on 1st and 2nd.-MAB et al.

Little Owl. One or two were seen daily.-MAB ISw PSn. Three were seen on the 4th, 13th 26th and 27th.-MAB ISw.

Barn Owl. One was reported on the 27th.-per ISw.

Kingfisher. Three were seen together on the 4th and 11th.-MAB with one or two on 19 other dates.-MAB ISw et al.

Green Woodpecker. Singles were recorded on eight dates.-MAB ISw.
Great-spotted Woodpecker. One was seen on the 6th, 14th, 17th and 29th.-MAB MKN ISw.
Sand Martin. A single flock of 40 flew south early on the 28th.-MAB.
Swallow / House Martin Hybrid. One was caught by the ringers on 7th.-Per MAB.
Swallow. 100 present in poor weather on the 29th.-MAB.
House Martin. 150 over the sewage works on the 29th.-MAB with 120 on the 27th.-ISw.
Yellow Wagtail. Single birds were seen on nine dates during the month.-MAB MKN et al with two on 30th.-MAB.
Grey Wagtail. Singles were seen six dates with two on the 17th and a party of four (north) on the 14th.-MAB.
Grasshopper Warbler. One was reeling on the 11th.-AA and 14th.-MAB. Also one at Palterton sewage works on 11th.-AA and 26th.-per MAB.
Lesser Whitethroat. One on 21st was the first since April.-MAB.
House Sparrow. A count of 43 on the 25th was the highest of the year.-ISw.
Goldfinch. 24 on the 8th.-MAB ISw with 22 on the 27th.-ISw.

Other stuff.

Oystercatcher. Two at Arkwright on 16th.-MAB.
Yellow-legged Gull. 3Rd winter at Foremark on 16th.-MAB.
Caspian Gull. Three seen at Pools Brook on 15th.-MKN.
Common Tern. Eight at Foremark on 16th.-MAB.
Rook. C1000 feeding on freshly mown silage field at Arkwright.MAB.