

BIRD NEWS FROM CARR VALE NATURE RESERVE:-January 2010.

Cormorant. Recorded on 12 dates with a peak count of four on the 23rd. **Bittern.** One was found on 1st, a great start to the New Year. It was then seen daily until last seen on the 6th. **Heron.** Maximum count five on the 4th and 26th. **Mute Swan.** Maximum count six on the 4th. **Pink-footed Goose.** 363 flew west on 3rd, 100 flew east on 8th, 50 flew west on 9th. Additionally a flock of c90 arrived on 8th and remained in the area of the reserve until flushed by the local shoot on 16th. Also one was with the **Canada Geese** flock between 1st and 7th and on 20th and 22nd. **Grey Lag Goose.** 19 on 19th, a very good flock for Carr Vale. **Canada Goose.** Max 148 on the 9th. **Wigeon.** Numbers generally ranged between 130 and 155 but the highest count of the early winter was 160 on the 1st, **Gadwall.** Numbers peaked at 49 on the 1st, **Teal.** Maximum count 51 on the 17th, **Mallard.** Maximum count 64 on the 22nd. **Pochard.** Max four on 20th and 21st. **Tufted Duck.** Max count 13 on the 26th. **Goosander.** A female on the 5th.

Hen Harrier. A male flew south on 1st. The first at Carr Vale since a male on 21st May 2007, rarer than Bittern here!! (6th record). **Sparrowhawk.** Recorded on 22 bird / days, **Common Buzzard.** Birds were logged on 24 dates (41 bird / days) with a peak count of four on the 23rd. **Merlin.** A female flew south-east on 19th. **Peregrine.** One was seen on the 2nd. **Water Rail.** Two on 19th with one on seven other dates. **Moorhen.** Maximum count 32 on 11th and 13th. **Golden Plover.** Max.count 400 on the 2nd. **Lapwing.** Maximum count 174 on the 1st. **Snipe.** Maximum count was three on the 4th. **Black-headed Gull.** Maximum count 350 on the 20th. **Common Gull.** Max count seven on the 17th. **Herring Gull.** Max count 107 on the 4th. **Caspian Gull.** An adult was present on the 20th. **Great Black-backed Gull.** 45 on the 18th.

Stock Dove. Maximum count 41 on the 2nd. **Little Owl.** One seen on 1st, 2nd, 7th. **Barn Owl.** One on the 14th. **Kingfisher.** One on 15th, 21st and 22nd. **Green Woodpecker.** Singles on four dates. **Skylark.** Max count 27 on the 2nd. **Meadow Pipit.** Max 15 on 5th. **Pied Wagtail.** Max 65 flying off to roost on the 8th. **Grey Wagtail.** One on 11 dates. **Blackbird.** Max count of 45 on 9th. **Fieldfare.** 100 was the highest count on the 16th. **Redwing.** 26 on the 22nd. **Chiffchaff.** One on 1st and 2nd. **Long-tailed Tit.** Max 13 on 13th. **Willow Tit.** Six present scattered around the various feeders during the month. **Jay.** One or two on five dates. **Rook.** Max 200 on the 20th. **Goldfinch.** Max 31 counted into roost on the 7th. **Siskin.** Very scarce with one on 6th the only record. **Linnet.** 13 on the 8th and 14 on the 21st. **Lesser Redpoll.** 20 were reported on the 20th. **Bullfinch.** Maximum 19 on the 5th was a record count for the site. **Reed Bunting.** Max count 40 on the 7th and 9th.