

## BIRD NEWS FROM CARR VALE NATURE RESERVE:-February 2010.

**Cormorant.** Recorded on 19 dates with a peak count of nine on the 7th. **Bittern.** One present on 4th, **Heron.** Maximum count five on the 16th. **Mute Swan.** Maximum count four on 26th-30th. **Whooper Swan.** Four flew north at 0800hrs on 23rd. **Pink-footed Goose.** C75 flew north-west on 28th, one present daily 5th to 28th. **Grey Lag Goose.** Singles on 7th, 13th, 27th and 28th with a pair on 26th. **Canada Goose.** Max count 148 on the 7th. **Wigeon.** Max count 217 on the 25th. **Gadwall.** Numbers peaked at 62 on the 12th. **Teal.** Maximum count 64 on the 2nd, **Mallard.** Maximum count 47 on the 24th. **Shoveler.** Max count three on 26th. **Tufted Duck.** Max count 18 on the 28th. **Goldeneye.** A male was present on 18th, the first since November 2008. **Goosander.** Three (north) on 21st, three females on 23rd and five north on 28th.

**Sparrowhawk.** Recorded on 16 bird / days, **Common Buzzard.** Birds were logged on 19 dates (36 bird / days) with a peak count of ten on the 27th. **Merlin.** A male was reported at the end of January and a male was seen by Deepdale Farm, Sutton Scarsdale on 18th. **Grey Partridge.** Five were seen on the 15th. **Water Rail.** Single on four dates. **Oystercatcher.** Two on 16th, one 18th-20th, then two daily to 28th. **Ringed Plover.** One was seen south of the recording area at Sutton Scarsdale Flash on 27th. **Golden Plover.** Max count 150 on 21st, **Lapwing.** Max count 300 on 23rd. **Snipe.** Max seven on 21st. **Redshank.** One on 27th and 28th. **Black-headed Gull.** Max count 300 on 23rd. **Common Gull.** One or two on nine dates from the 13th.

**Stock Dove.** Max count 16 on the 2nd. **Wood Pigeon.** Max count 1000 on 19th and 20th. **Little Owl.** One or two on 13 dates from the 8th. **Kingfisher.** One on 6th, 10th and 18th. **Green Woodpecker.** Singles on five dates. **Great-spotted Woodpecker.** One on 14th and 17th. **Meadow Pipit.** Max count 14 on 21st. **Grey Wagtail.** One on 22nd with two on 24th. **Fieldfare.** Max count 189 on the 21st. **Willow Tit.** Max four on the 17th, 27th and 28th. **Raven.** Two on 16th. **Goldfinch.** 41 counted on 3rd. **Lesser Redpoll.** 20 were seen on the 27th. **Bullfinch.** Maximum on the 17 on the 3rd. **Hawfinch.** One was reported on the 21st. This is the first record since 1997 and only the 7th ever. **Reed Bunting.** Max count 32 on the 21st.