

BIRD NEWS FROM CARR VALE NATURE RESERVE: June 2012.

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Daily visits continued and we have now recorded wildlife on the reserve for a massive 4,481 consecutive days, that's well over 12 years of daily coverage! 91 species recorded during the month with several new for the year taking the year list to 128, which is about average.

Mute Swan. Max count two on 16th and 20th, failed to breed this year. **Grey Lag Goose.** Three on 1st were the only record for the month. **Canada Goose.** Max count 81 on 6th. **Shelduck.** Seven first years (two males) on 6th was the second largest flock to be recorded on the reserve.-MAB. **Mandarin Duck.** Two juveniles on 15th.-MAB. They might be common elsewhere in the county but they remain rare in the north-east (north of A617 and east of A61) and this is just the 6th record for CV. **Gadwall.** Max count 23 on 25th. Female with one young one 15th (about a week old) and another female with ten young on the same date. Third female with ten young on 20th. 17 young surviving on 30th. **Teal.** Males on 18th and 21st. **Mallard.** Max count 37 on 14th. A total of eight broods so far this year. **Tufted Duck.** Max count ten on 1st.

Red-legged Partridge. One or two on seven dates during the month. **Grey Partridge.** Pair on 19th. **Cormorant.** Singles on five dates with two on five dates, birds seen daily from 23rd to month end. **Little Egret.** Three adults on 21st to mid-day at least.-MAB et al, one adult on 26th present from 0930 until at least 2030.-MAB et al. **Heron.** Max count three on 17th. **Little Grebe.** Max two on many dates during the month. **Great-crested Grebe.** Max count six on 25th. Pair hatched four young but brood quickly reduced to three on Vale Angling Pond, the first successful breeding since 2005.-ISw. 2nd pair still sitting on Meadow Flash at month end. **Sparrowhawk.** Recorded on at least nine dates during the month (ten bird / days). Pair with two young by month end and second pair also in the area. **Common Buzzard.** Birds were logged on at least 25 dates (66 bird / days). Max count from the mound ten on 12th including a flock of seven. **Kestrel.** Recorded on at least 26 dates (56 bird / days). **Hobby.** Single birds seen on ten dates. **Peregrine.** Single birds seen on six dates with two birds seen on 23.

Water Rail. Single bird heard 20th, water levels too high to stand any chance of proving breeding. **Oystercatcher.** Seen daily with a pair all month. They hatched three young on a tern raft on 28th May but one disappeared overnight on 22nd / 23rd June and second one died overnight on 29th / 30th. Third adult present on 20th. **Little Ringed Plover.** Pair had a nest until 16th which they then deserted. **Lapwing.** Three more broods found on farmland during June. Max count 103 on 29th. **Greenshank.** Two on 4th and 5th were an unusual date for this species at Carr Vale. One was seen displaying and heard singing.-ISw et al. **Redshank.** Recorded on 19 dates during the month with a max count of three on 17th. **Black-headed Gull.** Max count 49 adults on 20th. Of the four pairs with nests three hatched broods of three, two and two and six of these were alive and kicking on 30th, four of which were flying. The fourth nest contained three eggs but was deserted. By 30th another pair was sitting, BWP states that this species is single brooded so this may be the 4th pair re-laying or a 5th pair. **Common Gull.** A first summer was present briefly on 4th, an unusual June record. **Yellow-legged Gull.** A second summer flew south on 18th.-MAB. **Common Tern.** Recorded daily with a single pair nesting unsuccessfully. Max count five on 26th.

Common Cuckoo. Single bird noted on nine dates, last being 23rd. **Little Owl.** Recorded on 2nd and 9th. **Swift.** Max counts 100+ on 17th. **Kingfisher.** One on seven dates during the month. **Green Woodpecker.** One on 4th and 10th. **Great-spotted Woodpecker.** One on 5th and a juvenile on 17th and 18th. **Jay.** Thought to have bred in the recording area as a family of four seen on 19th, 20th and 29th. **Goldcrest.** A singing male on 20th, 25th and 30th was unusual for June. **Sand Martin.** First autumn movement of two south on 30th. **Swallow.** Seven nests (five with young) at Mill Farm, Bolsover. **Cetti's Warbler.** A singing male present daily

from 1st to 30th (since 16th April).-MAB ISw et al. Late news from May was that whilst the male was singing a second bird was watched nest-building on 2nd and 3rd May. Kept quiet for obvious reasons but no young seen although I was away when they were expected to fledge.-MAB. **Chiffchaff**. Max count 10 on 26th. **Blackcap**. Max count seven on 7th. **Garden Warbler**. Singles noted on eight dates between 10th and 28th. **Common Whitethroat**. Breeding proved. **Grasshopper Warbler**. One was heard reeling on 16th. **Reed Warbler**. Fledged young seen by the end of June.

Mistle Thrush. Group of nine at Sutton Scarsdale (viewed from the mound) on 28th. **Tree Sparrow**. Three broods of young located during June at Mill Farm. **Yellow Wagtail**. Pair feeding young on 25th. **Grey Wagtail**. A party of six flew south on 18th. **Siskin**. Unusually two flew north on 19th, one flew north on 22nd, one flew south on 25th, seven flew west on 29th and two flew south on 30th. **Common Crossbill**. One flew south-west on 29th, 12th record for CV.-MAB ISw. **Reed Bunting**. A total of 14 singing males this year at CV.

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