

Deeside Naturalists' Society Bird Report 2024



Bar-tailed, Black-tailed and Hudsonian godwit. Mike Pollard.

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New species to the reserve bird list Hudsonian Godwit. Found by Geoff Robinson.

The total number of species seen on the reserve stands at 248 (including 18 escapes).

Notable records include Slavonian grebe, Cattle egret, American wigeon, Garganey, Hudsonian godwit, Black tern, Little gull and Hooded crow.

The DNS reserve is observed from two main viewpoints.

1. Firstly, from the West hide this provides panoramic views across Oakenholt RSPB marsh, Flint sands and with a telescope Burton and Neston marshes. The West hide also provides a clear view of the freshwater pools (Ash pool and meadow pool) and associated grassland.

Tides and weather influence the movement of waders, wildfowl and seabirds on the Dee estuary.

2. Secondly from the Bunded hides (Dee, Middle and East) where brackish pools are fed with tidal water providing a refuge for waders and ducks. The surrounding hedges, trees and grazing land attract year-round and migration passage species.

139 species were recorded in 2024.

Starting in 2012, we have been entering all DNS records into BTO's Bird Track. This system is based on 1x1km squares and the reserve is described by quadrants:

SJ2671 Includes Ash pool area and Oakenholt marsh.

2SJ2672 Flint sands and the Dee up to the breakwater (revetment).

SJ2771 Grazing fields, the power station, garden compound and the Bunded pools.

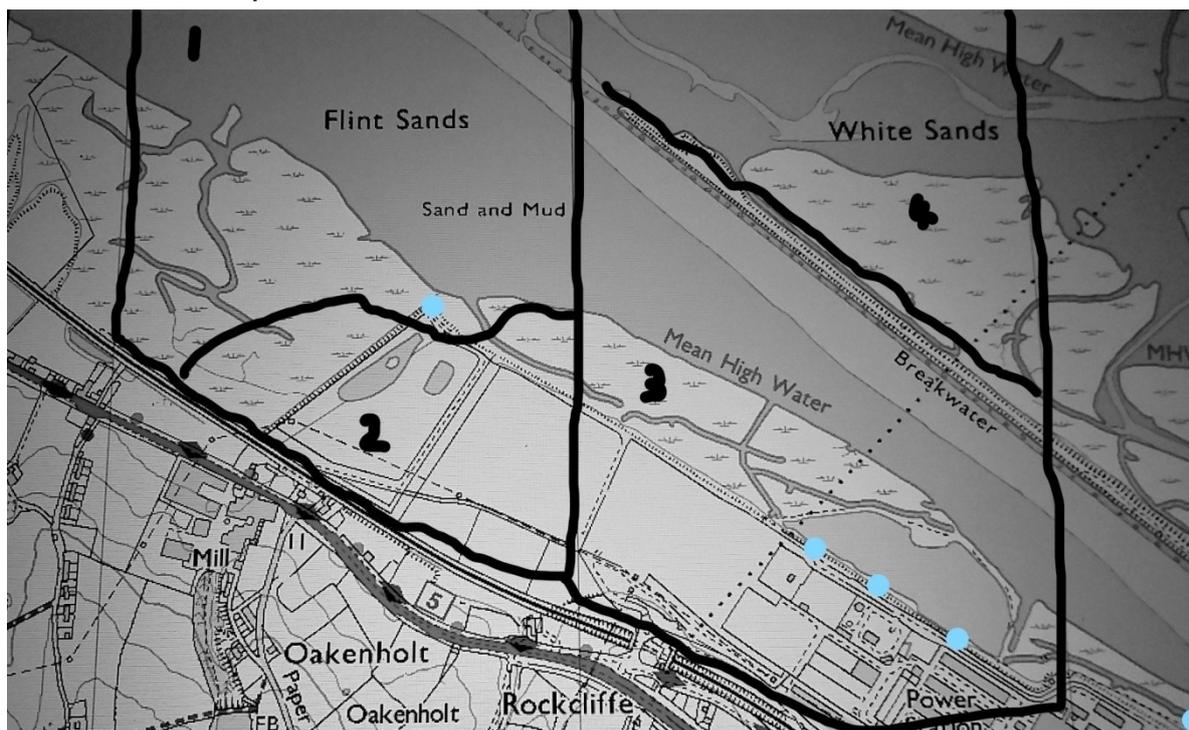
SJ2772 Including Breakwater and Burton Marsh in Wales.

Observers record their sightings in the hide logs, summarised monthly and recorded on Bird track.

Many records are supported by photographic and/or video evidence.

Use of a mobile phone attachment on a telescope provides a quick easy *record shot*.

Photos included in the report were taken this year and on the reserve. Most images are phone scoped using Samsung A21 and Swarovski ATX95 telescope.



Map of reserve: Hides are shown as dots.

1. 2SJ2672 CQNR Oakenholt Marsh and Flint Sands.
2. SJ2671 CQNR Ash Pool and Meadow Trail.
3. SJ2771 CQNR Bunded Pools and Garden Compound.
4. SJ2772 CQNR Whitesands.

THE SPECIES LIST FOR 2024.

New for the reserve list 2024 is the Hudsonian godwit found by Geoff Robinson.

Birds seen in less than 5 previous years on the Reserve are shown in **bold** face. Birds that nested this year as shown as **(B)**.

The tables show the **maximum count** for each month, except for raptors where the **total sightings** per month is shown. The tables clearly show seasonal distribution of passage birds and the best months to observe them.

Bird records are taken from hide logs and WeBS counts.

Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*).

Released birds.

Single in March

Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*).

Common resident. Released birds.

Seen throughout the year.

Grey Partridge (*Perdix perdix*).

Two birds recorded in October.

Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*).

Common resident.

Mute S	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	23	18	25	24	24	17			3	7	8	8

Whooper Swan (*Cygnus Cygnus*).

Winter visitor.

WSwan	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		1	6	1	1						15	

Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*).

Escaped species.

Pink-footed Goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*).

Resident in winter in their thousands on Oakenholt and Burton marshes.

PFG	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	3000	6060	3500	40	200	1		1		2000	62	3000

Greylag Goose (*Anser anser*).

Frequent feral visitor.

Canada goose (*Branta Canadensis*). (B).

Common feral resident.

Can G	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	700	4000	500	29		206	600	200	23	600	600	200

Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*).

Uncommon feral visitor.

Brent Goose (*Branta bernicla*). Pale-bellied race.

Scarce winter visitor. Though relatively common around Hilbre they rarely venture onto the reserve. Four were seen on 20/01 (PH).

Bar-headed Goose (*Anser indicus*).

03/02 Two recorded on Oakenholt (SH).

Common Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*).

One record 09/04 (MP).

Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*).

Common all year round. Large numbers present on the Dee estuary for their summer moult before dispersing.

Shel D	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	80	96	46	80	206	300	420	68	29	60	110	12

Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*).

Uncommon visitor from feral population.

Eight records of a single bird 15/06 to 05/08.

Wigeon (*Anas Penelope*).

Common winter visitor.

Wig	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bunded	120	100	140							70	80	310
Ash	240	180	140	45	2	1	1	1	1		55	70
Oak	2000	300	220	50						400	336	250

American Wigeon (*Anas americana*).

Rare vagrant.

This year two individual males one of the storm variant (AL) and Non variant American wigeon. (RS).

Gadwall (*Anas strepera*).

Winter.

A small number overwinter on the Ash pool.

Garganey (*Spatula querquedula*).

24/07 (MP).

Teal (*Anas crecca*).

Common winter visitor.

Teal	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bund	14	40	80	12				20	165	495	45	65
Ash	50	120	144	50	10	4	40	130	300	100	100	100
Oak	200	120	100	70			20	600	3000	450	200	240

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*). (B)

Common resident.

Mal	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bund			4	4		50	1		17	10	25	22
Ash				20	48	400	250	300	10	20	35	70
Oak			8	5		250	360	527	15	11	15	6

Pintail (*Anas acuta*).

Common winter visitor and passage migrant.

PT	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	100	110	72		4	1	2	9		5	38	

Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*).

Common winter visitor.

Good numbers spend the winter on the Ash pool.

SH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	20	12	25	10	1						2	1

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*). (B).

Common winter visitor and frequent breeding resident.

A regular feature on the Ash pool.

Tu	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	14	15	15	11	2	4	10	10	1	1	3	3

Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*).

Rare winter visitor.

One record 11/02 seen during WeBS count 11/02 (PH).

Goosander (*Mergus merganser*).

Uncommon visitor.

15 records.

Swift (*Apus apus*).

Summer visitor.

First record 12/05 and last record 27/07.

Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*).

Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*).

If conditions are favourable, can be seen over Burton marsh, from West hide.

Stock Dove (*Columba oenas*).

Common resident. Commonly seen on grazing land.

SD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	48	72	10	10		7	4	12	12		70	110

Woodpigeon (*Columba palumbus*).

Common resident and winter visitor.

WP	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	15	31	24	20			14			8	200	320

Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*).

Resident.

Regularly seen by entrance road and along the railway.

Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*). (B).

Very common resident on Ash pool. Regular breeder. Four chicks June and July.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
MH	12	6	4	5	3	6	6	5	3	9	5	4

Coot (*Fulica atra*). (B).

Resident with larger numbers overwintering. Regular breeder.

9 chicks June.

Coot	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	12	11	8	7	16	12	22	22	12	4	5	8

Water Rail (*Rallus aquaticus*).

Rare winter visitor.

A pair was in residence during March and April but no evidence of breeding success.

Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*). (B).

Resident.

Annual breeding success. 9 chicks seen in June and July.

LG	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	4	6	6	6	2	10	10	14	16	7	10	8

Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*).

Resident and common winter visitor.

Seen most months on the river.

Slavonian Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*).

One record on the river 24/01 (PSH).

Oystercatcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*). (B).

Present all year round and large influx outside of breeding season.

A pair reared 3 chicks during June and July.

OYC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	240	100	160	320	39	0	4	300	200	600	300	70

Avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*). (B).

Uncommon passage migrant and summer resident. Breeding success since 2021.

4 pairs nested on the Ash pool island during June and produced 6 chicks.

Avo	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		5	23	57	11	31	63	60	2		1	

Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*).

Uncommon passage migrant.

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*).

Uncommon summer resident and passage migrant.

A pair were seen on from Middle hide 26/03 to 02/05.

Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*).

Uncommon migrant and winter visitor.

Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*).

Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor.

Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*).

Common migrant and winter resident.

LW	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	660	600				22	130	190	174	230	1510	1004

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*).

Regular passage migrant.

Wh	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
				20	20		5	7				

Curlew (*Numenius arquata*).

Resident and winter visitor. Large numbers feed on grazing land over the winter months. Move between fields and muddy edges of river,

cu	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
East Field	50	70	60	48		10				20	40	70
West / Ash	45	37	90	40				20	20		20	35
Mud	35	60	55	26	14	20	6	21	25	50	96	40

Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa*).

Common winter visitor and migrant. Large non-breeding population uses east edge of Ash pool during summer months.

BLTG	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bund			2				40	12	20	25	5	6
Ash	2		190	500		330	808	800	2			
Oak	400	110	500	1000	130	70	3000	4000	4000	4000	2400	1200

Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*).

Uncommon winter visitor.

Bar-head	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	22	18	15	5	55	70	45	20	7	10	1	4

Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa haemastica*).

Mega vagrant from North America. **First record** for the reserve.

Found by G Robinson 12/08 on Middle pool.

Nine records from 18/08/24 to 19/09/2024 when it moved to the Mersey estuary.

Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*).

Uncommon passage migrant. Four spring records and twelve late summer records of up to four birds.

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Knot (*Calidris canutus*).

Regular passage migrant and winter visitor.

Knot	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	300	200	100	100				200	800	3000	1000	60

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*).

Uncommon passage migrant.

13 were recorded on 13/09 (SH).

Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*).

Uncommon passage migrant. Late summer passage of juvenile birds.

Two birds 31/08 (SH) (MP).

Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*).

Common passage migrant and winter visitor.

Flying in their thousands, around Dee sands, as tide ebbs and flows, dropping in to feed on the wet mud.

dun	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	6000	4000	1500	80	3		10	250	10	85	2000	200

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*).

Scarce winter visitor.

Two records. Single on 19/08 and four birds 27/08 (SH).

Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*).

Common winter visitor roosting on marshy area in front of Middle hide.

Sni	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	3	4	2					1	1	10	11	15

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*).

Common passage migrant and winter resident.

CS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	2	2	2	4	1		6		6	2		

Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*).

One record 02/11 (SH).

Redshank (*Tringa totanus*).

Common passage migrant and winter visitor.

Several thousand redshank roost on late summer/ autumn passage around the Bunded pools. Smaller numbers stay all winter.

RS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bunded	30	80	40	416		13	1000	2500	2000	1800	42	20
Oakenholt	280	600	300	790		25	700	3000	1300	1000	750	200

Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*).

Passage migrant and resident.

Regular sightings from Middle hide.

GS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	10	12	10	11	1	4	8	28	35	37	17	17

Spotted Redshank (*Tringa erythropus*).

Passage migrant and winter visitor.

Regular sighting from Middle hide late summer / autumn.

SR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	6	3	4	1			3	17	24	13	6	5

Mediterranean Gull (*Larus melanocephalus*).

Uncommon visitor.

Five records of 1 or two birds during May. (SH) (MP) (GJ).

Black-Headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*). (B).

Abundant passage migrant and resident.

A breeding colony is established on the island of the Fly ash lagoon.

4200 were recorded on the BTO dusk count roosting.

BHG	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ash			160	95	26	120	45					
Oakenholt	4200	400	147	54	55	180	300	2800	300	600	100	120

Common Gull (*Larus canus*).

Common winter visitor and passage migrant.

250 on 20/03 was highest count.

Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus*). (B).

Very common passage migrant and winter visitor. Present most months.

A pair nested on the power station, producing three young.

Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*).

Common migrant and winter visitor.

Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*).

All year round. Best observed over high tide.

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*).

One record 04/05 (SH).

Common Tern (*Sternus hirundo*).

Summer resident.

Annual breeding colony at Shotton Steel lagoons. Population was adversely affected by Avian influenza with a 300 pairs count reduced to 120. First sighting 04/05 and last sighting 18/08.

CT	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					15	44	40	40				

Sandwich Tern (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*).

Passage migrant.

17 reported on 14/05 (SH).

Black Tern (*Chlidonias niger*).

One on mudflat 11/09 (PH).

Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*).

Always present roosting on the marsh edge on Oakenholt at high tide.

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*).

Common visitor.

Large numbers post-breeding from Burton Mere wetlands.

LE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	2	6	8	4	1	71	57	102	61	51	50	11

Great Egret (*Ardea Alba*).

Now a regular feature on the reserve. Often seen fishing for fish and shrimp in the shallow water on the Bunded pools.

GE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	2	1	1				4	18	5	4	2	4

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*).

Common across the reserve. Larger numbers following breeding in the colony at Burton.

GH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	10	7	7	5			10	32	15	8	7	15

Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*).

Scarce summer visitor.

Single sightings on 04/05 and 05/05 (SH).

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*).

One record 05/08 (PH).

Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*).

Healthy population on the Dee marshes leads to the occasional sortie onto the reserve. Three were recorded over the Ash pool 26/11 (SH).

MH	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
sightings	2	5	1	1	1		1	2	3	4	3	2

Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*).

Winters on the Dee marshes. Sometimes hunt on the reserve.

One sighting over revetment of a ring tail 24/01 (PH).

Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*).

Regular sighting cruising the reserve.

SP	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
sightings	5	1						1	1	2		2

Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*).

Resident all year round. Four recorded 28/01 (SH).

BU	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
sightings	7	5	5				2	2	1	4		

Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).

Ke	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
sighting	1					1		2	3	5		1

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*).

A winter visitor on the Dee marshes.

Me	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
sighting	2	1	1					1	1	1		1

Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*).

Seen on or around the reserve most months.

Pe	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
sighting			4			1	2	3	2	2	1	

Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*).

Uncommon summer visitor. One sighting 25/07 (SH).

Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*).

One flew over the power station 27/03 (SH).

Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*).

Winter resident.

One or two spend each winter on the reserve between August and March.

Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopus major*).

Resident.

A frequent visitor to the peanut feeder.

Nuthatch (*Sitta europaea*).

Rare visitor to the reserve.

One record 20/06 (SH).

Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*).

Resident.

Sightings near reserve entrance.

Magpie (*Pica pica*). (B)

Very common resident.

Reported most months. 30 reported 17/03 (SH).

Jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*).

Very common resident.

Large numbers can frequent marsh and grassland. Opportunist feeder. Takes advantage of winter food put out for sheep.

Rook (*Corvus frugilegus*). (B).

Common resident.

A rookery close to the paper mill has led to larger numbers feeding on the sheep pasture late summer.

Carrion Crow (*Corvus corone*).

Abundant resident.

Large numbers frequent marsh and grassland.

Hooded Crow (*Corvus cornix*).

One sighting 16/11 (AL).

Raven (*Corvus corax*).

Regular visitor.

A loud 'croncking' alerts to the presence of one or two in flight.

Blue Tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*). (B)

Common resident. Main user of reserve nesting boxes.

Great Tit (*Parus major*). (B)

Common resident. Major beneficiary of provided nest boxes.

Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*).

Seen flying over revetment and salt marsh. Brought closer by highest tides as the marsh becomes flooded.

Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*).

Common summer visitor and passage migrant.

First record 24/03 and last 01/09.

House Martin (*Delichon urbicum*).

Common summer visitor and passing migrant.

First 16/04 and last record 04/09.

Sand Martin (*Riparia riparia*).

Common summer visitor and passing migrant.

First sighting 24/03 and last 09/07.

Long-tailed Tit (*Aegithalos caudatus*). (B).

Common resident.

Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochilus*).

Summer visitor.

Very vocal on the reserve in April. Nine were recorded 06/04.

First record 06/04 and last 02/05.

Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*). (B).

Summer visitor.

First heard 16/03 and up until 27/07. Highest count of nine 07/04.

Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*).

Uncommon summer visitor on the reserve.

Two present around Ash pool between 08/06 and 29/08.

Sedge Warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*). (B).

Annual summer visitor to reserve.

Male singing in reeds of Ash pool 11/05 until 17/08.

Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*). (B)

Common summer resident.

First heard 06/04 until 07/07.

Lesser Whitethroat (*Sylvia curruca*).

Uncommon summer resident.

Single male singing 27/04 to 02/05 with brief views (SH).

Whitethroat (*Sylvia communis*).(B).

Fairly common summer resident.

16/04 until 15/06 around the reserve.

Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*).

Uncommon.

Three records of one or two birds 22/02, 23/03 and 23/12.

Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*).(B).

Common resident.

Seen across the reserve holding territory.

Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*).

Abundant visitor.

Large noisy groups roam the reserve, in the winter, and roost in the reeds around the ash pool at dusk.

Highest count of 400 on 30/11.

Blackbird (*Turdus merula*). (B).

Abundant resident. Passage migrant and winter visitor.

Fieldfare (*Turdus pilaris*).

Common winter visitor and passage migrant from November.

Song Thrush (*Turdus philomelus*). (B).

Resident and winter visitor.

Redwing (*Turdus iliacus*).

Winter visitor and migrant from October to February.

Mistle Thrush (*Turdus viscivorus*). (B).

Resident.

Robin (*Erithacus rubecula*). (B).

Abundant resident and winter visitor.

Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*). (B)

Resident and passage visitor.

Ten recorded 19/09.

Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*).

18/04 (MP).

Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*).

Annual passage in spring and autumn.

01/04 to 05/05 and 25/08 to 01/09. Largest count was 12 on 07/04 (SH).

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). (B).

Small breeding population around entrance, meadow trail and railway.

Dunnock (*Prunella modularis*). (B).

Resident. Recorded in all parts of the reserve. Breeding behaviours observed.

Grey Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*).

Resident and winter visitor.

Sometime visitor to Paper mill streams and edge of Ash pool.

Pied Wagtail (*Motacilla alba yarrelli*). (B)

Resident breeding bird.

Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*). (B).

Common on Dee marsh area. Good numbers on reserve during migration periods.

Rock Pipit (*Anthus petrosus*).

Winter.

Two records February.

Chaffinch (*Fringilla coelebs*).

Resident and abundant winter visitor. A large flock spends the winter feeding on the marsh areas.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
80	30					2			12	50	150

Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*).

Rare winter visitor.

Single in March and another in December.

Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*). (B)

Resident. Small numbers seen each month.

Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*). (B).

Resident and small wintering population of about 30 around triangle and garden compound. Use feeders by Dee hide in winter

Siskin (*Spinus spinus*).

Scarce bird for the reserve.

Eight feeding on Alder near West hide 10/02 (SH).

Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*).

Common around feeders.

Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*). (B).

Resident and winter visitor.

Two pairs known to have bred on reserve.

Large feeding flock in winter with 70 recorded 10/12.

Twite (*Carduelis flavirostris*).

Rare winter visitor.

Local numbers have fallen with only six counted in February.

Reed Bunting (*Emberiza schoeniclus*). (B).

Common resident seen most months.

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Bar-headed geese.



American wigeon.



Black-tailed godwit.



Hudsonian godwit (black underwing).



Black tern.

