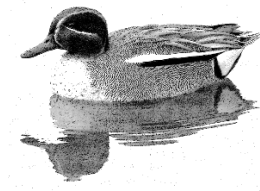


RISLEY MOSS BIRD REPORT 2004



A number of rare or unusual species were recorded during the year and these have been underlined as awaiting confirmation from the rarity committee.

SYSTEMATIC LIST:

LITTLE GREBE Casual - 1 on mossland pools, 13/2, 1/4, 3/4, 20/4, 25/4, 9 to 14/8, 24/9 - 2 there on 24/4.

NORTHERN GANNET adult flew over SW on 21/9.

GREAT CORMORANT Regular diurnal movement peaks - 40 flew S on 12/1- 29 flew S on 29/2 - 16 flew S on 16/11 - 13 flew S, 7/12.

LITTLE EGRET 1 flew NE, 10/8.

GREY HERON 6 noted on 11/7-3 there 25/2, 26/7-2 on 17/3 - otherwise singles regular.

MUTE SWAN scarce - immature landed on pool & then flew N, 26/10-2 on pools, 2/11.

TUNDRA SWAN 2 flew NW on 13/12.

WHOOPEE SWAN 8 flew NE, 16/9.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE Peaks noted: 100 flew NW, 18/1 - 400+ o/h in 4 skeins, 12/2 - 2 flew low over moss, 11/4 - 350 flew S, 23/10 - 200 flew SE, 27/11.

GREYLAG GOOSE flew W, 16/2 - 1 circled o/h, 12/10.

CANADA GOOSE Resident - 3 pair bred - Peak roost counts inc: 32 on 13/1 - 25 on 29/2 - 134 on 6/8.

BARNACLE GOOSE 1 with canada geese on mossland, 6/8 - otherwise 1 flew NE, 27/1 - 1 with PF Geese flying NW, 12/2.

BRENT GOOSE single over moss, 26/2.

BAR HEADED GOOSE 5 flew N on 2/6.

WIGEON 5 flew onto pools (1m/4 fem imm), 21/11.

GADWALL 2 males on pools, 11/5.

TEAL resident - 4 pairs bred - Peak counts inc: 15 on 22/1, 6/2 - 31 on 17/3 - 16 on 23/4 - 23 on pools, 29/8 - 26 on 12/9 - 80+ on pools, 5/10, 23/10 - 27 on moss, 7/11.

MALLARD 7 pair bred - Peak counts inc: 26 on 12/2 - 32 on 6/8 - 28 on pools, 5/10.

PINTAIL 2 circling then flew SW, 12/2.

SHOVELER male on scrape, 11/8.

POCHARD 1 male on pools 14/5 - 1pr there on 1/6.

FERRUGINOUS DUCK 1pr on pools, 1/10.

TUFTED DUCK 1 pair bred - Peak counts inc: 14(8m/6f) on pools, 14/5.

GREATER SCAUP 1 flew over with Tufted Duck, 20/2.

SMEW 1 redhead flew SE, 16/1.

RUDDY DUCK Rare-female present on 7th October, diving, preening & resting.

MARSH HARRIER 3 present (2 juv/1 transitional male), 28/7 - 2 juvenile on mossland on 23/8 - Female & Immature on mossland on 24/8.

HEN HARRIER ringtail on 29/1, 23/12, 24/12 - Adult male & Ringtail, mobbed & then flew South, 9/2 - Juvenile hunting over mossland 17/10.

SPARROWHAWK Bred - upto 2 most days - 4 (2m/1f o/h + 1m perched), 23/3 - 5(3juv + 1pr nearby), 14/8.

COMMON BUZZARD Peak counts on/over mossland inc: 3 on 16/1 - 4 over moss, 7/4, 8/4 - 5 over moss, 23/3 - 6 (4 flew in from N displaying/calling + 2 appeared over NE corner), 24/4 - 9 overhead, 13/6.

ROUGH LEGGED BUZZARD sub adult along south boundary @ 12.07pm, mottled & harrier like, 19/2.

OSPREY 1 flew N, 17/4 - 1 flew NW, 4/5.

KESTREL Resident - 3 on 12/1, 27/1, 18/2, 29/2, 1/8.

MERLIN During winter period Fem/Imm seen regularly - Female seen on 7 dates - Male perched on mossland on 3/11.

HOBBY First bird seen on 24/4 - Last seen on 13/10. Singles seen on 31 dates between April & July increasing to daily in August - 2 present, 10/5, 16/5, 23/5, 17/8, 1/8, 2/8, 15/8, 21/8, 22/8, 28/8, 13/9 - 3(2ads/1sub ad) on moss, 20/7, 16/8 - 4 over moss, 17/8, 28/8.

PEREGRINE FALCON Birds pass over or hunt around area. Adult on 12/1, 18/2, 22/2, 6/4, 24/4, 22/5, 21/8, 26/8, 6 dates in Sept, 8/10, 7/12 - fem on 14/1, 20/1, 27/1, 12/7, 10/10, 11/11, 13/12, 30/12 - male on 9/7, 23/10, 4/11 - Male & Immature on 10/2 - Behaviour noted: Adult taking juvenile lapwing off scrape, 17/6 - Adult took feral pigeon & dropped it for juv to catch on 15/8.

PHEASANT Casual - Males heard/seen on 9 dates during year.

WATER RAIL 1 calling on 13/2 & 20/2.

MOORHEN 11 pairs bred.

COOT Scarce - 1 on mossland pool on 22/4.

OYSTERCATCHER Casual - birds noted between 29/2 & 10/7. Singles mostly but 2 seen on 12/4, 14/4, 3/6, 24/6, 30/6 with 4 on 6/4.

L.R. PLOVER First noted on 8/4, Last on 26/7 - 1 pair bred - 5 present on 27/4, 26/7 and 4 noted on 19/7.

RINGED PLOVER Scarce - 6 landed on 15/5 - 7 left mossland on 19/5 - 1 left mossland on 12/6.

GOLDEN PLOVER Peak movement of note inc: 140 in 2 flocks passed o/h, 28/2 - 80 flew E, 9/3 - 50 flew NE, 20/11.

LAPWING 2 pairs bred - Peaks on mossland inc: 23 on 6/6 - 40 there on 30/6 - 39 on 7/7 - Peak overflying inc:130 over on 24/2 - 170 flew E, 15/8.

LITTLE STINT 1 on moss, 7/7.

TEMMINCK'S STINT 1 present on 19/5.

DUNLIN Scarce - 1 on moss, 26/7, 3/10.

JACK SNIBE Singles noted throughout winter period with 2 present on 17/2.

COMMON SNIBE 2 pair bred, first time since 2000. Peak numbers noted on mossland inc: 21 on 22/1- 25 on 13/2 - 44 on 31/8 - 100 put up by Hen Harrier, 17/10 - 45 on 15/12.

WOODCOCK Singles noted occasionally.

BLK. T. GODWIT 1 onto scrape & probing mud, 7/5.

WHIMBREL 1 landed briefly on moss, 8/7-5 flew W, 10/8 - 7 flew S, 19/8.

CURLEW 2 left mossland, 10/4, 12/4.

REDSHANK 1 calling from moss at dusk, 12/1 - 1 present on 12/6 - 2 there on 1/7 - 12 flew E, 12/9.

GREENSHANK 3 on mud with other waders, 4/8 - Juv on scrape, 9/8 - 1 on 31/8, 12/9.

GREEN SANDPIPER Not as common as previous years. 2 on 29/7, 5/10 - 1 on 7/7, 28/7, 1/8, 2/8, 3/8, 15/8, 17/8, 3/11, 15/12.

WOOD SANDPIPER 4 present on 4/8.

COMMON SANDPIPER 1 on moss, 28/4, 12/8.

RUDDY TURNSTONE Rare- 8 on mud with wood sands & greenshank, 4/8 - 4 left moss to W, 9/8.

B.H. GULL 1 pr on pools attempting to build nest, 7/5.

L.B.B. GULL 43 circling o/h, 24/1.

HERRING GULL 110 flew W in 2 hrs, 30/12.

COMMON TERN 1 flew W, 29/6.

WOODPIGEON 360 into roost, 12/1 - 500 perched in NE corner, 27/11- 430 into roost, 6/12.

TURTLE DOVE 2 flew over N, 4/5.

CUCKOO First in 18/4 when 2 were present, last noted 12/5 when 3 were on moss, 12/5.

BARN OWL 1 on moss, 13/2, 10/11, 23/12.

LITTLE OWL 1 calling nr bound. on 12/1 at dusk - 1 calling @ dusk on 13/2, 25/2.

TAWNY OWL 1 pair bred.

L.E. OWL Casual, present on 12/1, 23/1, 30/1, 6/2, 13/2, 15/12.

S.E. OWL 1 present on 12/1, 29/1, 13/2, 23/10, 30/10, 3/11, 13/12.

SWIFT First in 26/4 when 4 flew N, last noted 29/8. Peaks hawking over mossland inc: 70 on 24/5 - 120+ over moss, 1/6 - 150 on 29/7 - 100+ on 11/8.

ALPINE SWIFT 1 feeding over mossland with swifts, 8/5.

KINGFISHER Casual - 1 flew in front of OT, 21/7 & perched on mound on 24/7 - 1 seen on 12/8, 30/8, 17/8.

GREEN WOODPECKER Casual - 1 on 12/1, 14/1, 18/1, 29/1, 12/2, 13/2, 7/5, 14/11.

G.S. WOODPECKER 3 pair bred.

L.S. WOODPECKER Rare - female drumming, 3/2, 4/2 & flying into 5/2 - 1 flew hi N over mossland, 13/3.

SKYLARK Passage/hard weather movement only, peaks inc: 26 on 28/2 - 21 flew N, 9/10 - 33 flew S on 29/10.

SAND MARTIN First in, 4 flew N, 24/3.

SWALLOW First in, 1 flew N, 30/3; Last noted 11/10. Peaks hawking over mossland inc: 40 over moss chasing sparrowhawk, 19/7 - 65 over moss, 22/8 - 23 flew S, 9/10.

HOUSE MARTIN First in on 14/4, 2 flew N with swallows; Last noted 3/10. Peaks: 40 over moss, 21/6 - 30 over moss, 29/8.

TREEPIIT 1 displaying on moss, 7/5 & 17/5 - 1 flew W, 29/8.

MEADOW PIPIT 10 pair bred. Peaks roosting on mossland inc: 28 on 29/2 - 60 onto moss, 20/11.

YELLOW WAGTAIL 1 landed on moss, 5/7.

GREY WAGTAIL 1 on moss pools, 24/1, 14/2.

PIED WAGTAIL 20 into roost on moss, 31/10.

WAXWING 1 flew low to W, 21/1 - 3 low SW, 13/12.

COMMON NIGHTINGALE 1 singing in bushes adjacent to railway lines, 28/5.

WHINCHAT 2 fem/imm on moss, 17/9.

STONECHAT 1pr on 12/1, 7/2, 8/2 - 5 (3m/2f) on 17/3 - 3 on 26/9 - 4 (3m/1f) on 1/10.

FIELDFARE Last out 6/4; First return 140 flew NE, 9/10. Peaks inc: 148 flew W, 23/10 - 550 flew S in 45', 29/10 - 135 into roost, 31/10 - several flocks totalling 150+ passing thru, 7/11.

REDWING First returns: 150 flew N, 9/10 - 1000 flew SE in 45', 29/10.

MISTLE THRUSH 10 flew NE, 9/10 - 2 pair bred.

SEDGE WARBLER Scarce - 1 pair bred. 4 males singing on 7/5.

REED WARBLER Rare - adult skulking in bracken on path towards gorse on CR, 12/8 - First record.

WHITETHROAT First in 18/4, Last noted 8/9. 6 pair bred.

GARDEN WARBLER Casual - 1 singing 10/6, 12/6, 14/6, 19/7.

BLACKCAP First in 6/4, Last noted 18/11. 18 pairs bred.

CHIFFCHAFF First in, 21/3, Last noted 9/10. 7 pairs bred [Main wood area only] [RS].

WILLOW WARBLER First in 13/4, Last 24/9. 28 pairs bred.

GOLDCREST 8 around reserve, 12/10 - 3 with mixed flock, 16/1, 1/11 otherwise singles regularly in winter.

FIRECREST 1 with goldcrests along conifers, 16/1.

LONG TAILED TIT Peak counts: 17 on 1/7 - 22 in mixed flock nr OT, 24/7 - 18 in flock nr OT, 15/8 - 20+ in mixed flock, 12/9 - 20 nr OT, 7/10.

WILLOW TIT 1 pair bred. 3 noted on 4/2, 5/2 - 1 pair occasionally @ Woodland Hide.

COAL TIT 2 pair bred. up to 3 noted on occasions 1/1, 3/1, 20/2, 4/2, 21/3 - 1s & 2s frequently.

NUTHATCH 1 pair bred. Seen throughout year.

TREECREEPER Resident - 1 pair bred.

JACKDAW Overflying peaks inc: 100 on 22/1 - 80 on 12/2 - 222 flew S @ dusk, 31/10 - 20 flew S, 7/11, 27/11.

ROOK Overflying peaks: 50 on 6/2 - 65 flew N, evening, 4/7 - 100 flew S, 27/11 - 140 on 5/12.

RAVEN 1s & 2s overfly occasionally throughout year. 2 tussling with crows over moss, 19/10 - 2 over moss, 12/11.

BRAMBLING 1m @ Woodland Hide, 2/2, 7/2, 17/2 - 1pr there 30/3, 1/4 - 1 fem there, 4/4.

GREENFINCH Roost peaks: 51 in on 6/12 - 60+, 22/12 - 42 on 5/12.

COMMON CROSSBILL 1 calling from Conifers, 6/2.

BULLFINCH Resident - 2 pairs bred.

YELLOWHAMMER Scarce-Male present on 23/3,11/7, 7/7,26/7,28/7,3/8, 1/12.

REED BUNTING 19 pair bred.

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