



THE OBSERVER

SECOS Newsletter

Promoting and fostering an interest in ornithology by observation, research and record-keeping



Fanny's Croft - Jean Harrison

July 2023

Summer Walk

Wednesday 12 July

Fanny's Croft, Alsager

Meet at 7 p.m.

This pleasant countryside walk is around the farmland to the south of Alsager, and includes a small wooded area known as The Sprink. Past sightings have included green woodpecker, tree sparrow, whitethroat, linnet and yellowhammer, and recently there have been wheatear, skylark and yellow wagtail.

Trip leader: Jean Harrison

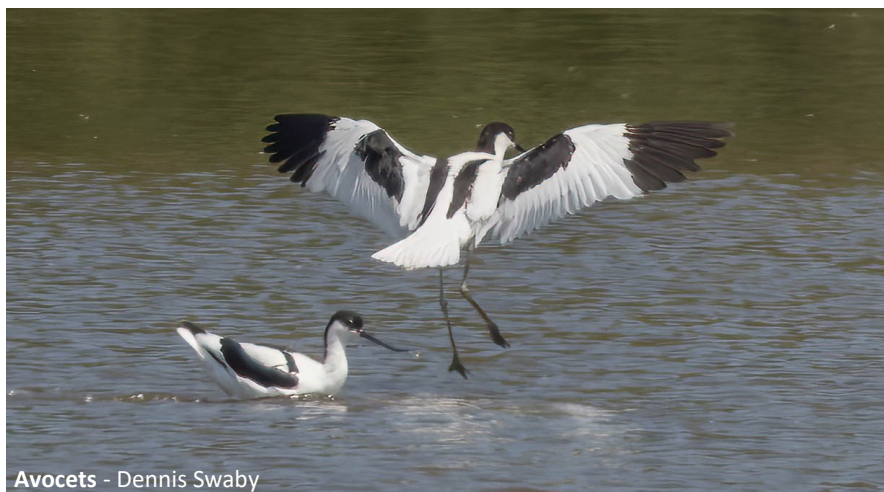
Sightings - June

Highlights (first reports this month)

1st Mandarin Duck, Redshank, Redstart; 2nd Common Tern, Oystercatcher, Red Kite, Yellow-legged Gull; 3rd Dipper; 4th Spotted Flycatcher; 5th Avocet, Great White Egret, Little Ringed Plover; 6th Barnacle Goose, Kingfisher, Yellow Wagtail, Yellowhammer; 7th Common Sandpiper; 8th Green Sandpiper, Greenshank, Little Owl; 9th Cuckoo, Hobby; 17th Curlew, Goldeneye; 20th White Stork; 27th Egyptian Goose; 28th Quail; 29th Black-tailed Godwit.

EHF/PHF

Gulls & Terns	Count
Black-headed Gull	regular, max 18
Lesser Black-b Gull	regular, max 15
Herring Gull	regular, max 6
Yellow-legged Gull	1, 2 nd
Great Black-b Gull	1, 23 rd
Common Tern	max 2, 7 th



Avocets - Dennis Swaby

For trip details, refer to the Chairman's Note email, visit the SECOS website or contact the trip leader.

Sightings - June

Wildfowl	Count
Shelduck	regular, max 30
Mandarin Duck	1, 1 st
Wigeon	regular, max 1
Gadwall	regular, max 20
Teal	regular, max 11
Mallard	regular max c300
Shoveler	regular, max 10
Tufted Duck	2, 17 th , 18 th
Goldeneye	1, 17 th , 18 th , 25 th
Greylag Goose	regular, max 2
Canada Goose	regular, max 20
G C Grebe	1, 2 nd , 18 th
Little Grebe	1, 28 th
Coot	regular, max 22
Moorhen	regular, max 10
Mute Swan	regular, max 22

Herons & Egrets	Count
Grey Heron	regular, max 5
Little Egret	
Great White Egret	regular, max 4



Great White Egret - Dennis Swaby

EHF/PHF

Raptors & Owls	Count
Sparrowhawk	1, 17 th
Buzzard	3, 25 th
Kestrel	1, 29 th
Hobby	1, 9 th



Reed Warbler - Dennis Swaby



Great White Egret - Dennis Swaby

Waders	Count
Oystercatcher	regular, max 4
Avocet	1, 5 th
L Ringed Plover	regular, max 8
Black-tailed Godwit	1, 29 th
Lapwing	regular, max 144
Curlew	max 4, 18 th
Redshank	1, 7 th , 27 th
Greenshank	1, 8 th
Common Sandpiper	1, 7 th
Green Sandpiper	1, 8 th , 18 th , 25 th

EHF = Elton Hall Flash

FFF = Fields Farm Flash

GF = Groby Flash

MGT = Maw Green Tip

PHF = Pump House Flash

RF = Railway Flash

WLF = Watch Lane Flash

Blue text indicates place first seen.

Underline indicates high flock count (see Feb 2020 Newsletter, page 8).

Regular means 4+ days per month.

Sightings Elsewhere



Reed Bunting - Dennis Swaby

EHF/PHF: **Cuckoo**, Black-tailed Godwit, Willow Warbler

WLF: Curlew, Gadwall, Goldeneye, Green Sandpiper, Little Ringed Plover, Oystercatcher, Redshank

Alsager - Borrow Pit Meadows: Bullfinch, Kestrel, Reed Bunting, Swift

Arclid: **White Stork**

Congleton – Mossley: Red Kite

Congleton - River Dane: **Dipper**, Goosander, Grey Wagtail

Crewe - Quakers Coppice: **Spotted Flycatcher**

Doddington: **Red Kite**, Garden Warbler, Little Grebe, Oystercatcher, Yellow Wagtail

Rode Heath - Rode Pool: **Egyptian Goose**, Mandarin Duck

Sandbach - Bradwall, Fields Farm: **Barnacle Goose**, **Kingfisher**, **Little Owl**, **Yellow Wagtail**, Kingfisher, Little Owl, Oystercatcher, Yellow Wagtail

Sandbach- Bradwall Green: **Quail**, Yellowhammer

Sandbach - Elworth: Little Ringed Plover

Sandbach - Sandbach Park: **Redstart**, Blackcap

Walgerton - Lea Forge: Cetti's Warbler, Common Whitethroat, Garden Warbler

Winterley - Winterley Pool: **Yellowhammer**, Oystercatcher

Swettenham Valley - 21st June

12 members attended a pleasant morning walk through the woodland and meadows at Swettenham Valley. Species seen/heard were:

Blackbird, Blackcap, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Buzzard, Dunnock, Garden Warbler, Goldfinch, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Grey Wagtail, Jackdaw, Kestrel, Mistle Thrush, Red-legged Partridge, Robin, Skylark, Song Thrush, Swallow, Woodpigeon, Wren.

2023 SECOS Field Trips Total = 162 species



Diary Date

12th July 7.00 p.m.

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SECOS Website: www.secos.org.uk

SECOS Blog (to read/record local sightings): www.secos.org.uk/sightings

Sandbach Flashes: This medium does not do justice to the images that Dennis Swaby captures at Sandbach Flashes. Some of the images have been uploaded to www.sandbachflashes.co.uk