

Report of Birdwatching Group 2
Visit to Middleton Lakes, March 14th 2018

There were six this morning to set out down the M6. The weather for the day was mostly sunny but with a cold wind that made the closed hide at the far end of the reserve a welcome refuge for lunch. The Herons were setting up in the heronry and the Rooks in the rookery. The feeding station provided the normal woodland birds and splendid views of Reed Buntings. There was a wide variety of wildfowl on the lakes including a lone Goosander and there were 2 waders settled at a distance which we decided were Green Sandpipers but it may have been wishful thinking!

The full list for the day was:

Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>
Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>
Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>