

Report of Birdwatching Group 2
Visit to Woolston Eyes, April 11th 2018

There were only two of us this morning; the volunteer letting us in said it was the smallest “group” he had received! The weather for the day was overcast but dry with a cold wind. The Black Necked Grebes, for which the reserve is famous, did not disappoint, being around all day and occasionally seen in courtship displays. The other birds in evidence were those normal for a regional wetland, a reasonable total of 35 species given that the smaller birds seemed to be keeping their heads down today.

The full list of 35 for the day was:

Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</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>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>
Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>
Carrion Crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>
Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Pied Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>
Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>