

Hertfordshire Website Sightings Archive 2001

December 2001

31ST DEC: 4 redhead Smew, 6 Goosander (3 male), 5 Goldeneye & Brambling at Stockers Lake....7+ Tree Sparrows Tyttenhanger, in maize field at "farm", also Green Sand, 5 Wigeon, 9 Teal, Goldeneye, Snipe, Dunlin, 30+ RL Partridge & Marsh Tit....1200+ Woodpigeons along Coursers Lane, L Colney....2 Green Sands, 8 Teal, 5 Wigeon & female Goldeneye at Tyttenhanger, Tree Sparrow at Tyttenhanger Farm....c20 Golden Plover & 20 Lapwing in field at Sandridge TL164110....up to 100 Golden Plover along Coopers Green Lane, Sandridge

30TH DEC: Covey of 14 Grey Partridge in field adj to phone mast, Potters Crouch....6 Brambling in a Horns Mill garden....Wigeon heard calling over Puckeridge at 2300

29TH DEC: Little Egret at Waterford Marsh....12 Goosander at Wilstone, also male RC Pochard....adult Med Gull at Hilfield Reservoir....male Brambling in a Gustard Wood garden

26TH DEC: Bittern showing well in front of Pochard Hide, North Met Pit, Cheshunt....3 Smew (2 drakes) at Amwell....male Goosander at Stockers Lake....Mixed flock of 300 Lapwing/Golden Plover on farmland W of Hatfield Garden Village....6 Brambling in Horns Mill garden....4+ Brambling nr Wheathamstead at TL195143 on set-aside field

25TH DEC: 5 Brambling (1 nearly in sum plum) in a Horns Mill garden

24TH DEC: At Amwell - 2 female Smew, 6 female Goldeneye, 10 redpoll sp, 3 Ruddy Duck & 1 Snipe....2 male Goosander, 50 Siskin & Water Rail at Stockers Lake....Green Sand at Scotsbridge Mill....Green Sand at East Hyde

23RD DEC: 2 Buzzards at Gorehambury, St Albans, also Kingfisher on Ver....c70 Skylarks at Flowers Farm, Redbourn....male Blackcap in a Bishops Stortford garden....38 Skylarks at Abbots Langley

22ND DEC: 25+ Teal, 2 Snipe, 5 Golden Pvr, Kingfisher at Redbournbury Farm....Buzzard over Stockers Lake, also 3 Goosanders....3 Brambling in a Horns Mill garden....Buzzard over Watton at Stone....2 drake Shovelers at Verulamium Park lake

20TH DEC: 10+ Tree Sparrows in oaks by Tyttenhanger Farm

19TH DEC: 45+ Teal on R Ver at Redbournbury Farm, 200m s of the mill....male Blackcap in a Ware garden

18TH DEC: Female American Wigeon at Amwell NE corner of Amwell 1150 at least....Buzzard over Hatfield House Park, also 10 Redpoll, 30 Mdw Pipit, 6 Mandarin & Reed Bunt

17TH DEC: 9 Lesser Redpoll in a Watford garden....31 Yellowhammers at Abbots Langley....male Blackcap in a Welwyn garden

16TH DEC: Am Wigeon at Amwell + 7 Smew (3 males)....Common Sand on stream next to R Lea at East Hyde....c15 Brambling at Cold Christmas nr Thundridge....escape drake Baikal Teal at Tyttenhanger, 2 Greenshanks also & female Merlin through....3 male Goosander, Water Rail & 100 Siskin at Stockers Lake....3 Brambling with 60 Chaffinch in a Horns Mill garden....2 Stonechat still on Ver Valley fpath 200m S of Verulam End Farm....c1500 in Starling roost at Startops Reservoir, Tring....2 Stonechats at Beech Farm, also 3 Snipe & 3 Shoveler....156 Teal at Coopers Green GPs

15TH DEC: Am Wigeon still at Amwell from main viewpoint at midday, also 4 Smew (3 drakes), 2 Redpolls, 12 Goldeneye & 5 Snipe, Little Egret flew NW at 1100....3 prs Mandarin at Hatfield

House Park, also Little Grebe & Woodcock (Barn Owl reported)....3 Stonechats Redbourn: 2 at Friars Wash, 1 at Scout Farm....2 Green Sands over Shafford Farm, Redbourn at 1315....25 Brambling at Cold Christmas....C Buzzard over Tyttenhanger, also 2 Green Sands, 20 Tree Sparrows, Goldeneye, 5 Snipe, 3 Teal

13TH DEC: Am Wigeon still at Amwell (midday) from main viewpoint favouring reeds at east end of pit, paired with Eurasian Wigeon

11TH DEC: 1050 Golden Plover by A412 Maple Cross....C Buzzard over M10 nr Leverstock Green....2 Brambling in a Horns Mill garden

10TH DEC: Female AMERICAN WIGEON still at Amwell from main viewpoint 2pm at least....8+ Bramblings coming to "seed patch" in Thundridge, also Marsh Tits

9TH DEC: Female AMERICAN WIGEON at Amwell from main viewpoint at TL376127, apparently present for 2+ weeks....Baikal Teal on northernmost pit at Tyttenhanger (the bird has a white/silver ring on left leg)....3 Goosanders (1 male) at Wilstone Reservoir....c6 Siskin at Redbourn along R.Ver

8TH DEC: At Rye Meads - Bittern, 3-5 Woodcock, 2 Green Sands, 2 Chiffchaffs, 10+ Water Rails....drake Baikal Teal (presumed escape) with Mallards on northernmost lake at Tyttenhanger....at Trims Green W of Spelbrook, 110 Skylarks & 6 Corn Bunts....large roost of 1500-2000 corvids (mostly Rooks) at Mathams Wood TL462183

7TH DEC:2 Whitethroats reported in a Blackmoreend garden eating apples from a tree....6+ Stonechats at Beech Farm, also 15 Skylark, 105 Lapwing, 5 Shoveler, 5 Reed Bunts

6TH DEC: 2 drake Smew at Amwell, also 48 Snipe & 3 Water Rail....2 Brambling still in a Horns Mill garden

5TH DEC: Peregrine at Tyttenhanger, also 24 Golden Plover, 1+ Green Sand, female Goldeneye

4TH DEC: 3 Brambling still in Horns Mill garden, Hertford....C Buzzard over Hexton Chalk Pits

3RD DEC: Large mixed finch flock in the maze nr Saawtrees Farm, Cold Christmas inc 1-3 Bramblings....100+ Siskin around Gobions Pond, Brookmans Park....5 Brambling in a Horns Mill garden, Hertford....Stonechat at Woodside, Watford....Stonechat in Abbots Langley

2ND DEC: Black-necked Grebe at Wilstone Resvr, also 2 Little Owls in field to north of cemetery, 2 Stonechats by cemetery, female Goldeneye....2 imm drake Smew at Amwell, also 2 Goldeneye, Water Rail (from hide), 30 Siskin, 7 Snipe, good no. wildfowl....female Lesser Sptd Wdpkr in Post Wood, Ware, also Marsh Tit, Grn Wdpkr, GS Wdpkr, several Treecreepers....560 Golden Plover with 450 Lapwings in fields by A412, Maple Cross....Little Owl & redpoll sp in North Mymms Park....3 Brambling in a Hertford garden....4+ Bullfinch in Cassiobury Park, also 2 GS Wdpkrs

1ST DEC: 2 Ruff at Tyttenhanger, also 4 Green Sands, female Goldeneye, 9 Teal....5 Lesser Redpoll in Harpenden....male Blackcap in a Ware garden

November 2001

30TH NOV: C Buzzard over Hexton....C Buzzard over N Mymms Park, also Woodcock & 20+ Redpoll

28TH NOV: 2 imm drake Smew at Amwell....male Brambling in a Ware garden

27TH NOV: 3+ Blackcaps in gardens of Fourth Avenue, nr Garston rlwy station....pr Teal on pool in Pond Wood, Potters Bar

26TH NOV: At Tyttenhanger - Whooper Swan (in NE corner), 3 Green Sands, female Goldeneye, 2 Kingfishers, also 250 Lapwing & 400 Golden Plover over

25TH NOV: Whooper Swan at Tyttenhanger....Woodcock in Hooks Grove, Bayfordbury

TL314100....Water Rail, Kingfisher, Grey Wag, 20 Redwing around Puckeridge....Kingfisher at Digswell Lake

24TH NOV: Male Goosander & female Goldeneye at Stockers Lake....14 Siskin & 1 Redpoll in Broxbourne Woods....400 Golden Plover, 100 Lapwing & 200 BH Gulls in farmland N of Great Baitch Ln, Hatfield Gdn Village....several Stonechat on grassland west of Hatfield Gdn Village

23RD NOV: Male Goldeneye at Coopers Green GP, also 65 Coot, 12 Shoveler, Snipe, 9 Cormorant & 2 Gadwall....6 Stonechats at Beech Farm, also 12 Grey Partridge....Green Sand & female Goldeneye at Tyttenhanger

22ND NOV: Buzzard over N Mymms Park, also Siskin....pr Stonechat & 7 Grey Partridge nr Hatfield Gdn Village, Barn Owl & LS Woodpecker reported nearby this week....20+ Ring-necked Parakeets in Aberford Park, Borehamwood

21ST NOV: 60+ Teal at Beech Farm, also 2 coveys of Grey Partridge (12 & 7), male Brambling in flock of 50+ Chaffinch

19TH NOV: Hoopoe in Harpenden still - has blue ring on left leg & has been traced as an escape from S Beds in summer, of one of the Asian races....2 Green Sands, Snipe, female Goldeneye & 8 Cormorants at Tyttenhanger, 500 Lapwing + 200 Golden Plover over

18TH NOV: Hoopoe in Harpenden....Jack Snipe flushed from Pond Wood pool, Potters Bar....Water Rail at Amwell, also 9+ Goldeneye, 15+ Redwing & good nos of wildfowl....at Wilstone - Goldeneye, 2 Goosander, Snipe, 100+ Golden Plover, Water Rail, 2 Redshank, 2 Shelduck, 6+ L Grebe, Stonechat....3 Teal on pool adj to Ver at Gorhambury....4 Shoveler at Verulamium Park

17TH NOV: Hoopoe still in Harpenden pm....Ring-necked Parakeet flew north over Rickmansworth golf course at 2pm....no sign RC Pochards Stockers Lake am

16TH NOV: Hoopoe briefly at 1330 before flying into gardens between Beesonend Lane and Burywick....7 Redwing over Hertford N Station

15TH NOV: Hoopoe on south side of Harpenden - present for about 1 week....Buzzard SW of Sarratt

14TH NOV: 2 Stonechats at Abbots Langley....25 Fieldfare in a Horns Mill garden, Hertford

13TH NOV: Brambling in a garden, Horns Mill, Hertford....dawn gull flock at Leggatts College playing field, N Watford: c300, most Black-headed, 10% of flock Common

12TH NOV: Woodcock in Brookmans Park....pr RC Pochard still around Shoveler Hide, Stockers Lake

11TH NOV: Barn Owl at Great Molewood, Hertford, seen on road at 0650....Marsh Tit in Puckeridge

10TH NOV: 4 ROCK PIPITS at Wilstone with Grey Wag on west bank....Jack Snipe at Tyttenhanger, also Green Sand, 5 Teal, 11 Snipe....pr Red-crested Pochard at Stockers Lake....3 Grey partridge at Beech Farm, also female Goldeneye, 2 Snipe, 3 Fieldfare, Teal

9TH NOV: Buzzard & 4 Redpoll at North Mymms Park

8TH NOV: Black-necked Grebe at Wilstone but no sign so far of Lsr Scaup....Osprey at Stockers Lake

7TH NOV: LESSER SCAUP still at Wilstone from jetty, also Yellow-legged Gull on spit, Redshank, Goldeneye & 152 Golden Plover (2 Lsr Scaup-type birds reported, one perhaps a hybrid)....750 Golden Plover over Tyttenhanger

6TH NOV: LESSER SCAUP at Wilstone from hide at 1400, Black-necked Grebe also

5TH NOV: Female/imm LESSER SCAUP at Wilstone Resv from hide 1245 at least - 2nd for the

county! also 1st-w male Greater Scaup on resv nr car park

4TH NOV: Black-necked Grebe, 2 Kittiwakes & pr Stonechat (betw cemetary & resv) at Wilstone....female Ferruginous Duck at south end of Amwell main pit this morning, also Yellow-legged Gull, Egyptian Goose, 26+ Snipe, 150 Lapwing, female Stonechat & Redpoll over....5 Green Sands at Tyttenhanger....at Coopers Green GPs - Green Sand, 6 Shoveler, 26 Pochard, 10 Tufted Dk, 9 Mute Swan & Grey Wag....5prs Stonechat & 2 Snipe at Beech Farm/airfield, up to 500 Golden Plover around & Sparrowhawk Buzzard over Sarratt....45 Fieldfare at Kimpton

3RD NOV: FERRUGINOUS DUCK at Amwell at south end of main pit....Peregrine, Green Sand, Snipe at Rye Meads....Oystercatcher over Cassiobury Park during fireworks display....130 Golden Plover at Wilstone

2ND NOV: 20 Redwing over Horns Mill, Hertford....Black Swan at Stockers Lake

1ST NOV: Crossbill over N Mymms Park, also 7+ Redpoll, 5+ Siskin....Stonechat at Tringford

October 2001

31ST OCT: Wheatear at Beech Farm, in field adj to path along N perimeter of BT site, 2 Stonechats also

30TH OCT: Poss SPOTTED CRAKE reported (via Birdnet) from pond in Pond Wood, Potters Bar....2-3 Bitterns from 70 Acres Lake Watchpoint, also 3-4 Water Rails....71 Wigeon at Friday Lake

29TH OCT: Crake sp. (short-billed, paler bird than Water Rail) flushed from NE corner of the pond in Pond Wood, Potters Bar, also 2 Teal & Grey Wag....Black-necked Grebe at Wilstone, 10am at least....Tree Sparrow in hedge adj to maize field at Tyttenhanger Farm, 3 Green Sands on main lake....Grey Partridge & Grey Wag at Redbournbury Farm

28TH OCT: Raven over Telegraph Hill, Hexton with Buzzard....Black-necked Grebe still at Wilstone....Water Rail calling at Croxley Common Moor, also 7 Redpoll, female Blackcap, 100+ Redwing, 100+ Fieldfare, 50+ Song Thrush, pr Bullfinch, 100s Woodpigeon over, 4 Grey Wags, 10 Reed Bunts

27TH OCT: Little Egret flew low over Ware....Tree Sparrow at Coursers Rd entrance to Bowmans Farm, Tyttenhanger....male Stonechat at Tyttenhanger, also 2 Green Sands, 11 Snipe, Buzzard, Golden Plover, 4 Wigeon, 300+ Lapwings....at Beech Farm - 7 Stonechat & 52 Fieldfare....4 C Buzzards at Offley....3 Stonechats at Abbots Langley....3 C Buzzards around Shafford Farm, Ver Valley, also 2 Little Owls....4 Buzzards over A41 nr Berkhamstead

25TH OCT: CETTIS WARBLER by public hide at Amwell (first seen 24th)....male Brambling in N Mymms Park, also Buzzard, Chiffchaff, 15 Siskin & 5+ Redpoll....2 Greenshank on scrape at Tyttenhanger (now mostly flooded)

24TH OCT: Male Merlin on roof of flats next to Bushey Baptist Church at 1710....charm of c20 Goldfinch at Green Lanes allotments, Hatfield Garden Village

23RD OCT: Ring Ouzel on Coombes Rd, between A505 & Sandon, 200 yds S of A505 (since 22nd)....Redstart calling from sycamore outside 2, Goodrich Close, Garston....male Whitethroat singing in Oxhey Park....3 Green Sands & female Stonechat at Tyttenhanger....at Little Berkhamsted - 14 Redwing, Little Owl, Reed Bunt, Redpoll & Siskin

22ND OCT: At Wilstone - Black-necked Grebe, 2 female Goldeneye, 6 Pintail (inc 2 males), 9 Golden Plover & Dunlin

21ST OCT: c450 mixed Plover flock on farmland west of Hatfield Garden Village (2/3 Golden)....Blackcap in Sherrardswood garden

20TH OCT: Caspian Tern at Wilstone, flyover but seen well

19TH OCT: 2 Green Sands at Tyttenhanger, also 11 Pochard & 9 Snipe....Little Owl & 22 Linnet at Brookmans Park

18TH OCT: At Wilstone - 6 Pintail (inc 1 male), c300 Wigeon, c60 Fieldfare over & Greenshank

17TH OCT: Lesser Sptd Wdpkr in a Hertford garden

16TH OCT: Jack Snipe & 11 Snipe at Silvermeade, Broxbourne 0840....at Cole Green GPs - Green Sand, 2 Grey Wags....39 Wigeon, 112 Gadwall, 9 Shoveler & 27 Snipe at Kings Meads....at Wilstone - Wheatear, 3 Dunlin, Greenshank, R Plover & 2 Pintail....Whinchat at Croxley Common Moor, also L Grebe & 30 Meadow Pipit....Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone at 0900

15TH OCT: 3 Green Sands at Tyttenhanger....Swallow, C Buzzard, 56 Golden Plover, 25 Lapwing, Chiffchaff, 3 Reed Bunting, 20 Meadow Pipits, 10 Skylark at Shafford Farm

14TH OCT: 27 Monk Parakeets in Welbeck Close, Borehamwood....6 Stonechat at Beech Farm....Male Stonechat at Tyttenhanger, by footbridge nr car park, 2 Green Sands & 2 Teal on scrape....25 Redpoll & 4 Siskin in North Mymms Park....at Wilstone - Goldeneye, 21 Golden Plover, 200 Lapwing & R Plover....at Shafford Farm, Ver Valley - 30 Siskin

13TH OCT: Jack Snipe at Tyttenhanger, also 16 Snipe & Green Sand....Osprey still at Radwell Lake all day....over Goodrich Close, Garston - 2 Fieldfare, 5 Rewing, Siskin, 6 Goldfinch, 5 Meadow Pipit & 100 Woodpigeon, 0800-0900

12TH OCT: Osprey still at Radwell Lake, appeared to roost in trees just north of lake at c1815. During early afternoon it had been seen in a tree 500m along road from Radwell towards Newnham, also prob female Garganey there...just outside Herts, Bittern back at Fishers Green Watchpoint since 4th....3 Hobbies circling Croxley Common Moor, also 2 Stonechat & Water Rail (heard)....2 Hs Martins over H Hempstead....mixed hirundine flock over Hatfield Garden village....6 Redpoll over Colney Heath....Hobby over Stockers Lake

11TH OCT: MANX SHEARWATER at Wilstone Reservoir, Tring, in corner nearest car park, 0935-1035 at least....imm Osprey at Radwell Lake, c2miles N of Baldock, just off old A1. Follow road under motorway thru village, ending at lake. Seen well this morning fishing & present for 4-5 days....Green Sand at Amwell, also Stonechat, 100+ Hs Martins

10TH OCT: 11 House Martin over Brookmans Park

9TH OCT: 6 Knot west over Cassiobury Park at 0915....Black Tern at Wilstone Res, also 8 Dunlin, 11 Golden Plover, 3 R Plover & 4 Pintail....Hobby over Watford Rd, Chiswell Green....Golden Plover over N Mymms park, also 2 Chiffchaff, 70+ Swallow, 100 Meadow Pipit, Siskin, 2 Redwing....43 Hs Martin over Brookmans Park....Stonechat at FP3 Oxhey Hall Farm....Redwing in Hertford

8TH OCT: ALPINE SWIFT flew over south just north of Ware at top of Watton Road by A10 at 1532....Stonechat at Amwell

7TH OCT: Egyptian Goose flew through Kings Langley....At Tyttenhanger - Green Sand, Grey Wag & 23 Mute Swans....Curlew Sand at Wilstone Res, also Little Stint, 6 Dunlin, 3 R Plover, Greenshank, 11 Golden Plover & 100 Lapwing....at Beech Farm - 4 Stonechat, Whinchat, 70+ Meadow Pipits, Siskin....Stonechat at Amwell....Shafford Farm - 6 Redwing with 50 Mistle Thrush, also Buzzard, 40+ Hs Martin, 15 Swallow, Reed Bunt, 40 Mdw Pipit, 7 Snipe....Buzzard over Whitwell....Hs Martin over Danesbury....3 Hs Martin over Brookmans Park

6TH OCT: 3 Green Sands at Tyttenhanger....Blackcap in a Bishops Stortford garden

5TH OCT: 2 Hobbies hunting over Croxley Common Moor, also female Stonechat....Redpoll over N Mymms Park, also Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Grey Wag....Buzzard over Sarratt

4TH OCT: At Croxley Common Moor - Wheatear, 1000+ Hs Martin, 5 Swallow, Water Rail, 7 Siskin....Willow Wbr in Brookmans Park

3RD OCT: 80+ Hs Martins over Tring town

2ND OCT: 3 Redpoll in Brookmans Park, also Little Owl, 70 Hs Martin, 20+ Swallow & 4 Chiffchaff

1ST OCT: Hobby over Hexton Chalk Pits....at N Mymms Park - Buzzard, 25+ Hs Martin, 5 Swallow, Chiffchaff, 2 Redwing & 15+ Siskin

September 2001

30TH SEP: Imm Marsh Harrier over Westfield Common TL286310 at 1505....Hobby, Common Sand at Tyttenhanger....Buzzard over Buntingford....80 Golden Plover & 110 Lapwing at Bowmans Farm, L Colney....Siskin flock in Sherrardswood

29TH SEP: At Tyttenhanger - Ruff, 2 Green Sand, 9 Snipe, 3 Teal, Wigeon....3 Whinchat & 3 Stonechat at Beech Farm....Spotted Flycatcher at Shafford Farm, also c1000 Hs Martins & 50 Swallows over ahead of storm, also 65 Golden Plover, 2 Snipe....over Puckeridge 63 Swallows & 13 Hs martins, also 20 Yellowhammer & 30 Linnet

28TH SEP: Coursers Lane - 6 Yellow Wags, Whinchat & 40 Mdw Pipits....12 House Martin over Bishops Stortford....Buzzard over Sarratt....Buzzard over Prae Wood, St Albans

27TH SEP: Male Redstart in Brookmans Park, also Little Owl

27TH SEP: 14 Pintail at Wilstone, also 150 Teal, 100 Wigeon, juv Hobby, 2 Greenshank, Ruff, R Plover....at Croxley Common Moor - Hobby, Whinchat, Stonechat, 15 Blackcap, 3 Willow Wbr

26TH SEP: Water Rail at Croxley Common Moor

25TH SEP: 2 Redstarts (male & female) in field to west of Brookmans Park rlwy station, also Spotted Fly, Willow Wbr, Chiffchaff, Blackcap, 4 Hs Martin, 17 Linnet & heavy passage of Meadow Pipits....Whinchat at Croxley Common Moor at 1500, also 2 Stonechat, Willow Wbr, Reed Wbr, Sedge Wbr, 4 Blackcap, Grey Wag....Whinchat at Stockers Farm & Spotted Flycatcher in south car park at Stockers Lake....at Coopers Green GPs - 59 Pochard, 140 Lapwing, Green Sand, 10 Stock Dv....at Beech Farm - Curlew, Green Sand....Redwing over Lincoln Rd, Stevenage at 2100

24TH SEP: At Beech Farm - Curlew, 3 Green Sands, 4 Whinchat, 3 Stonechat, Reed Wbr....15 Siskin in N Mymms Park, also 60+ hirundines, 10+ Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcap, 2 Willow Wbr

23RD SEP: Green Sand at Cassiobury Park cress beds but flew NW, also Kingfisher....Hobby & Green Sand at Otterspool, nr Watford....Hobby at colney Heath, also Jay, Green Wdpr & Treecreeper

22ND SEP: 2 Redstarts in gardens of Fourth Avenue, by Garston railway station....Redwing at Wickham Hall Farm, B Stortford

21ST SEP: Hobby, Little Owl, 50+ hirundines & 40+ Linnets at Essendon

20TH SEP: Dunlin & 2 Yellow Wags on flooded field at Stockers Farm....Buzzard over M25 nr J24

19TH SEP: Great Skua north over Great Snipe location nr Harlow....Green Sand at Tyttenhanger (only wader present!)

18TH SEP: GREAT SNIPE at a presumed private location in Herts nr Harlow....2 Sandwich Terns (ad feeding juv) at Wilstone, also 3 Dunlin, 2 Greenshank, juv Common Tern, 8 Ruddy Duck, 2 R Plovers....c12 Chiffchaffs passing through N Mymms Park, also 3 Willow Wblrs, 5+ Blackcap, 20+ Hs Martins, c15 Swallows

17TH SEP: Hobby over Tring

16TH SEP: Moulting adult Black Tern through Stockers Lake at 1530, also 4 Wigeon & Hobby....4 Whinchat at Beech Farm, also Stonechat, Curlew (briefly), Green Sand & 50+ Hs Martins....at Coopers Green GPs - 4 Wigeon, 35 Pochard, 2 Gadwall

15TH SEP: At Puckeridge - Yellow Wag, 6 Mdw Pipits, 3 Blackcap, Whitethroat, 5 Chiffchaff, 2 Turtle Dove, Grey Wag, 6 Yellowhammer, 2 Bullfinch....3 Green Sands at Tyttenhanger

14TH SEP: Little Stint at Startops Reservoir, also 2 Greenshanks, Common Sand & Hobby

12TH SEP: 2 Snipe & 3 Green Sands at Tyttenhanger....2 Greenshanks at Startops Reservoir, also Green Sand

11TH SEP: C Buzzard over N Mymms Park, also Whinchat, Hobby, 2 Sptd Flycatchers & Little Owl

10TH SEP: C Buzzard over Watton at Stone....Hobby at Elstree Golf Club

9TH SEP: 2 Greenshanks at Wilstone, also 2 Green Sands & Greenshank at Startops....2 Whinchats at Beech Farm, also Green Sand, Yellow Wag & 18 Teal....2 Turtle Doves nr Puckeridge, also 2 Buzzards

8TH SEP: Juv Grey Plover at Tyttenhanger, also Ruff, Greenshank, 3 Green Sands, Common Sand, Hobby, Golden Plover....Greenshank & Hobby around Stockers Farm flooded field

5TH SEP: Female Red-crested Pochard at Amwell, also good nos of House/Sand Martins....2 juv Ruff at Tyttenhanger, also 5 Green & 2 Common Sands, Greenshank, Snipe, Hobby....prob Peregrine over Chiswell Green

4TH SEP: Little Egret at Amwell, also 15 Little Grebes & c200 House/Sand Martin flock

3RD SEP: Ruff at Tyttenhanger, also Green & Common Sand....Marsh Tit at Amwell in paddock before railway line....Hobby at North Mymms Park....3 Lsr Whitethroat at Croxley Common Moor, also 4 Whitethroat, 11 Blackcap, 3 Willow, 1 Sedge, 2 Reed Wblrs, 2 Grey Wags

2ND SEP: At Rye Meads - Green Sand, Common Sand, Turtle Dove, L Grebe incubating....At Beech Farm - 2 juv Hobbies, Yellow Wag, 2 Common & 1 Green Sand, Swift, Ruddy Duck, 150 Lapwing, 10 Grey Partridge, 8+ L Grebe, 2 Wigeon....2 Greenshanks, 7+ Green Sands, 3 Hobbies, 2 Snipe, Common Sand & Grey-headed Gull at Tyttenhanger

1ST SEP: 3 Whinchats, 2 Buzzards, 2 Hobbies, 4 Willow Wblrs at Redbournbury....3 Greenshanks at Wilstone nr hide, also Green Sand, 2 Kingfisher, Buzzard & Hobby....Turtle Dove at Bishops Stortford....fall of migrants in Rib Valley at Puckeridge - 10 Whitethroats, 2 Lsr Whitethroats, 7 Blackcap, Garden Wblr, 10 Chiffchaffs, 1 Sptd Flycatcher....Hobby & C Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone

August 2001

30TH AUG: Little Egret at Rye Meads from Drapers Hide at 1330

29TH AUG: At Rye Meads - Common Sand, 7 Snipe, Little Egret, 70 Gadwall

29TH AUG: SERIN, Watford High Street - male flushed from bushes at jctn of Rickmansworth Road at 1450, flew towards Beechan Grove calling....Osprey over Amwell, circled for few minutes before drifting down valley at 1437....3 Snipe & Greenshank on pools by Redbourn Golf Club....Buzzard over Gatesbury

27TH AUG: 2 ad Yellow-legged Gulls & 1 poss juv in large gull flock in ploughed field along Coursers Lane, Colney Heath....3 Whinchats at Shafford Farm, Ver Valley, also 5+ Willow Wbr, 3 Buzzard....Green Sand at Beech Farm on pool, 6 Yellow Wags over....Ruff, Wood Sand, 12 Green Sands, 3 Greenshank on scrape at Tyttenhanger, 3 Common Sands on main lake, Snipe & Buzzard also rptd....Little Owl & Marsh Tit around Brookmans Park station....Buzzard over Whitwell

26TH AUG: Possible SERIN over Goodrich Close, Garston, calling, flew to cemetery trees at 0930....Wood Sand, 9+ Green Sands, Greenshank, 2 Common Sands, Snipe at Tyttenhanger

25TH AUG: At Tyttenhanger - Ruff, 5 Green Sands, 3 Greenshank....2 Hobbies chasing House

Martins at Shafford Farm, Ver Valley, also Buzzard, Swift, 4+ Sptd Flycatcher, 3 Grey Partridge, Kingfisher....6 Bullfinch at Sawbridgeworth Marsh

24TH AUG: At Wilstone - Greenshank, 2 Green Sands, Hobby, Black Tern, godwit sp (prob Blackwit)....in North Mymms Park - 3 Hobbies, 2 Spotted Flycatchers, 9 Swift, 7+ Bullfinch....at Croxley Common Moor - 3 Lsr Whitethroat, 15 Whitethroat, Willow Wbr, 2 Reed Wbr, Garden Wbr, 2 Blackcaps, 3 Bullfinch

23RD AUG: Little Egret on pools by road, Redbourn by the golf club, 1700 at least....at Tyttenhanger - Wood Sand, Ruff, 2 Greenshank, 5 Green Sands, Common Sand, Snipe, 3 Hobbies....2 Yellow Wags over Elstree Golf Club

22ND AUG: Little Egret roosted at Amwell, flew in from west (prob Kings Mead) at 2020 (had done same the night before)....at Redbourn Golf Club pools - Little Egret, 4 Greenshank, 2 Green Sands & Snipe....2 Green Sands & Greenshank at Wilstone....at Tyttenhanger - 6 Greenshank, 13 Green Sands, Ruff, 2 Common Sands, 2 R Plovers (ad + juv), Hobby....C Buzzard over Patmore Heath

21ST AUG: At Tyttenhanger - 4 Greenshank, 11 Green Sands, 2 Common Sands, 3 Hobbies all around scrape, also 2 R Plover and Ruff....at Amwell - 15+ Little Grebes, Common Sand, Green Sand & Lsr Whitethroat....Little Owl at Essendon

19TH AUG: At Tyttenhanger - Little Stint (SE corner of northernmost pit), Greenshank, 1+ Common Sand, 5 Green Sands, 2 R Plover & Hobby....2 Whooper Swans of presumed captive origin on R Lea at East Hyde....2 C Buzzards over Hitch Wood....Reed Bunting at Beech Farm

18TH AUG: At Tyttenhanger - 7 Green Sandpipers & 2 R Plovers on scrape, also many RL Partridge around scrape. 9+ Common Terns around

17TH AUG: Greenshank at Tyttenhanger....C Sand at East Hyde on R Lea

16TH AUG: At Tyttenhanger - juv Spotted Redshank, 7 Green Sands, Ruff, Greenshank, 2 Hobbies....Hobby over Brookmans Park....C Buzzard over Prae Wood, nr St Albans....Hobby at Therfield Heath below Church Hill

15TH AUG: At Tyttenhanger - Little Stint on main pit & Ruff on scrape, also Greenshank, 5 Common Sands, 5 Green Sands & 2 R Plovers around

14TH AUG: Poss female GOLDEN ORIOLE at "Arsenal fields" London Colney....Whinchat at Whitwell....Little Egret at Kings Mead....Little Egret flew over "Tring Reservoir" at 0730 and appeared to land at College Lake

12TH AUG: Black-necked Grebe & Green Sand at Wilstone....at Tyttenhanger - Little Stint, Greenshank, 8+ Green Sand, 2 Common Sand, Hobby, R Plover

10TH AUG: Family group of 4+ Spotted Flycatchers at N Mymms Church

6TH AUG: Little Egret at Rye Meads till 1700 at least....At Tyttenhanger - Ruff, 7 Green Sands, Common Sand & 2 R Plovers

5TH AUG: Greenshank & Hobby at Coopers Green Lane GPs....Imm marsh Harrier south over Amwell....Barn Owl at Wilstone at 0515....Turtle Dove still at Sawbridgeworth Marsh....just in Bucks, Little Egret at College Lake

4TH AUG: Grey-headed Gull still at Tyttenhanger....Whimbrel south over Ware at 1800....Green Sandpiper at Wilstone from hide....Turtle Dove & 2+ Bullfinches at Sawbridgeworth Marsh....Yellow Wagtail at Wakeley Farm TL346267

3RD AUG: Moulting adult Curlew Sand still in NE corner of Tyttenhanger

1ST AUG: Curlew Sandpiper at Tyttenhanger on north side of pit where causeway has been removed, 1950 at least, also R Plover & Common Sand....juv Wheatear in North Mymms Park....at

Water End - Lsr Whitethroat, Grey Wag & Kingfisher

July 2001

31ST JUL: At Tyttenhanger - Ruff, 9 Green Sands, 4 Common Sands, Dunlin, 1+ Redshank, 3 R Plover + chick, 2 LR Plover, & Snipe...at Amwell - 2 Green Sands, Common Sand, R Plover, 2 Egyptian Geese & 135 Lapwing....3 LR Plovers at Stockers Farm

30TH JUL: 2 Turtle Doves flying S along M1 J8 (Hemel) at 1620

29TH JUL: At Tyttenhanger - 4 Green Sands on south pool, 1 on north pool, also 2 Common Sands, Ruff, Snipe, R Plover....3 juv LR Plovers on flood at Stockers Farm....3 C Buzzards at Shafford Farm, Ver Valley, also Hobby & Kingfisher

28TH JUL: Little Egret at Stockers Farm on flood (water diminishing)....Prob Marsh Harrier over Kings Meads at 0915....2 C Buzzards near Watton-at-Stone

23RD JUL: Garganey at Amwell....at Tyttenhanger - Ruff, Common Sand, Green Sand, 2 LR Plovers, 3 R Plovers, Little Owl

22ND JUL: Eclipse drake Garganey at Amwell (for 2nd day), also 2 Common Sands....at Tyttenhanger - Ruff, 4 Green Sands, R Plover, 2 Common Sands, 3 LR Plovers, 2 Redshank, 50+ Lapwing, Hobby....Little Owl in North Mymms Park....2 family of Spotted Flycatchers at Shafford Farm, Ver Valley, also Buzzard & Hobby over...Hobby through a Garston garden

21ST JUL: 4 C Buzzards over Watton-at-Stone

20TH JUL: At Tyttenhanger - Greenshank, Redshank, 3+ R Plover, 2 Green Sands....2 Little Owls at Little Berkhamsted

19TH JUL: At Tyttenhanger - Greenshank, Ruff, 2-3 Green Sands, 4 Common Sands, 2 R Plover & Redshank

18TH JUL: At Tyttenhanger - Ruff, 4 Common Sands, 3+ Green Sands, 3+ R Plover, 2 LR Plover, 3 Green Woodpeckers

17TH JUL: Greenshank on flood at Stockers Farm....Grey Wagtail at Gobions Pond, Brookmans Park, also Marsh Tit & Common Tern

16TH JUL: C Buzzard over N Mymms Park, also Hobby, Garden Wblr & LS Woodpecker....Little Owl at Shafford Farm, also C Buzzard & Hobby nearby....Common Tern on R Lea at East Hyde, also up to 5 C Buzzards in area....at Tyttenhanger - Ruff, Dunlin, 7 R Plovers

15TH JUL: At Tyttenhanger - 4 Green Sandpipers, 2 R Plovers, 2 LR Plovers, 30+ Lapwing, Kingfisher....at Kings Meads - Tufted Duck with 6 young, 3 broods of Gadwall, 1-2 broods Ruddy Duck....Spotted Flycatcher with 2 young at Standon....Grey Wagtail at Moor Mill, Frogmore

14TH JUL: Little Owl at Gatesbury, nr Puckeridge

13TH JUL: Greenshank & Common Sandpiper at road end of flooded field, Stockers Farm

12TH JUL: Male RED FOOTED FALCON, Wilstone Reservoir, Tring....Black Tern still at Amwell....Common Tern on R Lea at East Hyde, also 2 feral Whooper Swans

11TH JUL: Black Tern at Amwell 1630-1730 at least....2 C Buzzards nr Prae Wood

9TH JUL: Green Sandpiper at Burymead Springs, nearby at "Transco site" 5-6 singing Whitethroats & 10 Marbled Whites....Essendon area - Turtle Dove, C Buzzard, 6+ singing Yellowhammers, 60+ Linnets, pr Kingfisher

8TH JUL: 2 broods of Mandarins at Coopers Green GPs, also 3 Green Sandpipers, 2 Ruddy Ducks, nearby at Beech Farm - Green Sand, family group of Grey Partridge, 3 Ruddy Duck....Red Kite over Langley nr Hitchin....Kite sp (prob Red) over Rickmansworth towards Stockers Farm at

1120....Greenshank, 11 Lapwing & 3 Teal on floods at Stockers Farm, also Lsr Whitethroat....at Tyttenhanger - 1+ Black Tern, GH Gull, Dunlin, 9 LR Plovers, Green Sandpiper, 2 Redshank, LBB Gull & 6 Common Terns....family group of Spotted Flycatchers in Brocket Park

3RD JUL: Hobby over Harpenden Common....2 Common Terns on R Lea at East Hyde....C Buzzard over Kentish Lane, Brookmans Park

2ND JUL: Grey-headed Gull at Tyttenhanger, also 11 LR Plovers, R Plover & Yellow Wagtail....family group of Grey Wagtails & 40 Goldfinch at Tring sewage farm

1ST JUL: Hobby over Brookmans Park village centre....C Buzzard over Easeneye Wood, Amwell....Hobby over Beech Farm....family party of Spotted Flycatchers at Shafford Farm, Ver Valley, also Hobby & C Buzzard....C Buzzard over Sacombe Water Works

June 2001

30TH JUN: Green Sandpiper at Fir Tree Farm, Moor Green, flushed from a ditch....Turtle Dove at Northchurch Cricket Club....Grey-headed Gull on centre pit at Tyttenhanger, also several Common Terns

28TH JUN: Marsh Tit in Pryors Wood, Stevenage

26TH JUN: Adult Little Stint at Tyttenhanger, on pit viewable from footpath across river from fishing lakes, also 6 LR Plovers & R Plover....2 Hobbies & Common Tern along R Lea at East Hyde, also 3 feral Whooper Swan....C Buzzard over Hertford

25TH JUN: Marsh Tit in Broxbourne Woods....At Chadwell Meads - Green Sandpiper, Spotted Flycatcher, LR Plover (with 3+ juvs), 7 Ruddy Ducks (with 9 young), R Plover & Redshank....GH Gull still at Tyttenhanger, am at least...Hobby along Stockers Farm Road....at Amwell - 2 R Plover & 2 LR Plovers

24TH JUN: Grey-headed Gull roosting at Tyttenhanger, roosting on pit viewable from bridge by fishermans hut....Common Tern on R Lea at East Hyde, up to 3 C Buzzard in area....Tree Pipit & C Buzzard around North Mymms

23RD JUN: Male Black Redstart in Watford Town Centre briefly

22ND JUN: Spotted Flycatcher in Berrygrove Woods, Roundbush....family party of RL Partridge (8-10 chicks) nr Standon

21ST JUN: Grey-headed Gull at Tyttenhanger from bridge by fisherman's hut at 1950, also 6 LR Plovers

20TH JUN: C Buzzard E over Essendon, also Hobby & several Lsr Whitethroat....no news either way on GH Gull so far today

19TH JUN: Ad Grey-headed Gull still at Tyttenhanger 1145....3 C Buzzards near Flaunden

18TH JUN: Grey-headed Gull at Tyttenhanger commuting between Bowmans Farm Lake and the fields from 1300-1415 when flew back to gravel pits - it is unringed and has been present since 27th May at least

17TH JUN: Adult Grey-headed Gull (unknown origin) all day at Tyttenhanger GPs on pit to left of bridge (past warden's hut), also Curlew, 4 Redshank....2 Corn Buntings and 2 Yellowhammers around Potters Crouch Farm

16TH JUN: At Tyttenhanger GPs - 2 Redshank, 4 R Plover, 6 LR Plover, Green Sandpiper

14TH JUN: C Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone....Spotted Flycatcher at Ardeley Church....2 Hobbies over Amwell GPs, also Egyptian Goose, Redshank, R Plover & many Common Terns

11TH JUN: 2 pairs of GS Woodpecker in Oxhey Woods

10TH JUN: Around Shafford Farm, Ver Valley - C Buzzard, 3+ Reed Wblr, 2+ Sedge Wblr & Tawny Owl....4 pairs Corn Buntings between Chiswell Green and Potters Crouch, also 3 Yellowhammers

8TH JUN: Barn Owl seen near Digswell....Red Kite drifted SW over Moneyhill, Rickmansworth at 1700

7TH JUN: C Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone

6TH JUN: 7 Hobbies at Wilstone Reservoir, also 250+ Swift, 30 Common Tern & Barnacle Goose

4TH JUN: Firecrest singing in Bramfield area....C Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone at 1700...just inside Essex, Cetti's Warbler still at Hall Marsh Scrape in channel by noticeboard

3RD JUN: HONEY BUZZARD SE over Oxhey village towards South Oxhey at 1310....Red Kite over Met Police Pit, Lea Valley....Trecreeper feeding young at Sawbridgeworth Marsh, also Common Tern & Kingfisher

2ND JUN: Singing Cetti's Warbler just outside Herts at Hall Marsh Scrape, opp Plover Hide

1ST JUN: Colour-ringed Shag in Ware on R Lea behind library car park....LS Woodpecker in Brookmans Park calling, also Common Tern....larger than normal number of Pochards noted at Marsworth & Startops Reservoirs (3m, 6f, 14 yng), also pr Ruddy Duck with 3yng there

May 2001

31ST MAY: At Tyttenhanger - 2 LR Plover, 2 R Plover, 2 Redshank, 2 Shelduck & Lsr Whitethroat....3 Kingfishers at Water End

30TH MAY: Red Kite over A602 by Sacombe at 0730....Red Kite reported over Mill End, Rick'worth....2 C Buzzards drifted over Furneux Pelham @ 1350....Hobby at Watton-at-Stone

29TH MAY: Yellow Wagtail along Coursers Lane....Spotted Flycatcher at N Mymms Church

28TH MAY: Hobby over Ashwell Station....At Amwell - 5 Hobbies, 2 R Plover, Redshank, Turtle Dove & Egyptian Goose....C Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone

27TH MAY: Tree Pipit in large clearing in Bricket Wood Common

26TH MAY: Hobby over Watton-at-Stone

25TH MAY: Spotted Flycatcher at Sollershott West, Letchworth

24TH MAY: 7 Common Sandpipers on tern raft at Stockers Lake....2 Spotted Flycatchers in Pond Wood, Potters Bar....Grey Wagtail in Ickleford

21ST MAY: C Buzzard over Cassiobury Park....Burymead Springs, Hitchin - several Reed Wblrs, Sedge Wblr, 4 Willow Warblers, L Whitethroat, Garden Wblr, Cuckoo. 1500 House Martins & 800 Swallows over Burymead Road Sewage Works....Hobby and Lesser Whitethroat at Ickleford

20TH MAY: Red Kite over Tring....Drake Garganey at Amwell from watchpoint, also male Wheatear, 2 Shelduck & 2 Hobbies....Turtle Dove on Hanbury Manor Golf Course

19TH MAY: Hobby, Cuckoo & Redshank at Amwell

18TH MAY: 2 Turtle Doves, Cuckoo & 6 wblr species between Essendon & West End

17TH MAY: At Tyttenhanger - 2 Redshank, 2 Common Terns & Yellow Wagtail....8 Hobbies at Wilstone late morning

16TH MAY: 2 Black Terns at Wilstone

15TH MAY: Dunlin & Spotted Flycatcher at Amwell

13TH MAY: Turnstone at Amwell GPs from viewpoint at 1500....3 Black terns at Wilstone till

1100....around Stockers Lake - Cuckoo, 5 Common Terns, Ruddy Duck and "good numbers of warblers"

12TH MAY: Osprey over Thundridge at 1430....Wood Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper & sum plum Dunlin at Amwell....3 Black Terns over Marsworth at 0900....Nightjar flushed at Sawbridgeworth Marsh at 0730....Red Kite north over Rye Meads at 1604

11TH MAY: Osprey north over Patmore Heath at 1627....at Sawbridgeworth Marsh - 2 Cuckoos, 15-20 Sedge Wblrs, few Whitethroats & "Commic" Tern over....at Chadwell Meads - 2 Common Terns, 15 Gadwall, Spotted Flycatcher

10TH MAY: Grasshopper Warbler singing and seen at Sawbridgeworth Marsh am

9TH MAY: 40+ Commic Terns (1+ Arctic) & 2 Little Gulls at Marsworth Reservoir....2 Bar-tailed Godwits at Amwell....4 Common Terns over Brookmans Park village....2 Cuckoos at Bridgedown Golf Club, Barnet....at Croxley Common Moor/Long Valley Woods - 2 Cuckoos, 7+ Whitethroats, 4+ Sedge Wblrs, Reed Bunting

8TH MAY: Turtle Dove at Bygrave TL267378....at Amwell - 1-2 LR Plovers, 3 R Plovers, Common Sandpiper, 2 Redshank, Water Rail, Grey Wag feeding 3 young, Cuckoo & 12+ Common Tern....Cuckoo calling at Bayfordbury

7TH MAY: Ring-tail Harrier sp over Rye Meads at 0730....2 Firecrests in Broxbourne Woods....Blue-headed Wagtail with 7 Yellow Wags and Bar-tailed Godwit on River Lea at East Hyde, on floods by river viewable from Thrales End Lane & B653, also Whitethroat & up to 6 C Buzzards in area....Garden Warbler at Colney Heath, also Lsr Whitethroat, Whitethroat, Blackcap, Willow Wbr & Chiffchaff

5TH MAY: Red Kite nr Stevenage....2 Common Terns on Lea navigation, Broxbourne

6TH MAY: Greenshank on floods at Shafford Farm, just off Redbourn Rod, Ver Valley...Firecrest at Aldbury Nowers....at Amwell - Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, Dunlin, 2 Grey Wags, 4 Ringed Plovers, 2 Redshank & Cuckoo....C Buzzard seen circling nr Green End....just over in Essex - Gannet with 2 LBB Gulls in Fishers Green

5TH MAY: 8 singing Corn Buntings in Allens Green area

4TH MAY: At Tring - Female Marsh harrier slowly N over Startops & Marsworth at 1030, also 2 Hobbies & c300 Swifts there. 1st-summer Little Gull at Marsworth briefly at 0945

April 2001

29TH APR: At Amwell - Hobby, Cuckoo, Swift, 50+ Swallows, 25+ Sand & House Martins, 2 LR Plovers, 3 Common Terns

28TH APR: At Amwell - Turnstone, 2 Common Sands, Cuckoo & 8 Common Terns

26TH APR: Hobby circling A412 at Maple Cross at 1745....at Wilstone - 100+ Swifts, Hobby, Sparrowhawk & 50 House Martins....25+ Swifts over Stockers Lake with hirundines, 3 Common Terns also

24TH APR: 2 Common Terns at Amwell

23RD APR: At Brookmans Park - 2 Redpoll, Siskin, Lesser Whitethroat....many Sedge Warblers at Amwell

22ND APR: At Amwell - 3 LR Plovers, 3 R Plovers, 4 Redshank, 2 Grey Wagtails, 2 Snipe, Ruddy Duck....C Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone....Swift over Wilstone Reservoir....at Tyttenhanger - 2 Green Sands, Greenshank, 3 Redshanks, 3 LR Plovers, 2 Dunlin, Sedge Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat

21ST APR: Cetti's Warbler singing at south end of Friday Lake, Cheshunt, also Sedge Warblers....At

Amwell - Cuckoo, C Buzzard over....at Tyttenhanger - 4 Green Sands, 3 Dunlin, 2 R Plover, LR Plover, 2 Redshank, 2 Yellow Wagtails....C Buzzard south over N Watford

20TH APR: At Tyttenhanger - Greenshank, 4 Green Sands, 2 LR Plovers, 2 Dunlin, Snipe, Yellow Wagtail, 1-2 House Martin....11 Yellow Wagtails at Startops Reservoir, also 1 LR Plover

19TH APR: Cetti's Warbler at south end of Friday Lake, Lea Valley

18TH APR: 16 Arctic Terns at Startops End Reservoir, Tring in the evening

17TH APR: At Bayfordbury - 11+ Swifts, Little Greb with chick & Chiffchaff....Lesser Whitethroat at Amwell, also 2 LR Plover, 2 R Plover, Yellow Wagtail, 4 Redshank & many Swallows

16TH APR: Oystercatcher flying around Wilstone, 2 Ruddy Duck also....8 Waxwings along Osborn Way, Welwyn Gdn Cty early pm....Lesser Whitethroat, 5 Green Sandpipers, Greenshank, 3 Redshank, White Wagtail, Sedge Warbler & Yellow Wagtail at Amwell....10 Swallows at East Hyde

15TH APR: Red Kite and 2 C Buzzards over Watton-at-Stone....at Amwell - 2 LR Plovers, 3 R Plovers, Green Sandpiper, Yellow Wagtail, 3 Redshank

13TH APR: Drake Mandarin on a pond in Hitch Wood....at Amwell - 4+ LR Plover, Ringed Plover, 2 Redshank, 4 Swallow, 30+ Sand Martin, 1+ Sedge Warblers, 4+ Willow Warblers....at Hitchin Sewage Works - 12 Swallows, 2 H Martins, S Martin, 2 Yellow Wags, 4 Grey Wags, 3 Chiffchaff, 3 Willow Wblr, 4 Blackcaps (site off Burymead Rd, Hitchin)

12TH APR: 2 Waxwings in Cotswold Ave, Bushey at 0900....Osprey NNW over Wilstone Res at 1430....Wood Sandpiper at Tyttenhanger, also 8 Yellow Wags, 3 LR Plovers, 2 Green Sandpipers & White Wagtail....4 Siskins still visiting garden feeder in Brookmans Park....Greenshank at Amwell briefly

10TH APR: c500 Sand Martins over Wilstone Reservoir

8TH APR: 12 Waxwings along Osborn Way, WGC at 1300 with plenty of berries left....calling Cuckoo in Kimpton early am

7TH APR: At Kingsmeads - 35 Sand Martin, 2 House Martin, Willow Warbler, 30 Gadwall, 12 Teal & 5 Shoveler....at Shafford Farm, Ver Valley - 2 Swallow, 2 Sand Martin, 50+ Stock Dove, C Buzzard (from layby on Redbourn Rd)

6TH APR: 5 Waxwings in Bishops Stortford on A1184 St James Way by B1104 r'bout at 1400

4TH APR: 10 Redpoll at Tewin fish farm but no sign of Osprey 1230-1330....35 Fieldfare around Brookmans Park vet college, also 6 Meadow Pipit & 6 Yellowhammers

3RD APR: Osprey around Tewin Fish Farm (present for one week)....11 Waxwings along Osborne Way, WGC at 1000....3 Siskin in Sherrardswood garden

2ND APR: Red Kite in Hitchin over Stevenage Rd towards St Ippollitts at 1520

1ST APR: Osprey over Amwell towards Ware at 1005

March 2001

31ST MAR: Prob Hen Harrier over Tring from over Wilstone at 1020 - anyone else see this to support?....At Amwell - 500+ Sand Martins, 1 House Martin, 3 Yellow Wagtails, 10+ Chiffchaffs, Blackcap, LR Plover, 4 Redshank, 3 Shelduck and Brimstone....C Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone

29TH MAR: 14 Waxwings feeding halfway along Osborne Way, WGC at 1530

25TH MAR: 8 Waxwings in Osborn Way/Longcroft Gdns area of Welwyn Gdn City, am at least....singing Blackcap in Brookmans Park....16 Siskins in garden in Templewood, WG City...."dozens" of Sand Martins over Amwell GPs (seen from road)

24TH MAR: 11 Waxwings on east side of Comet Way, Hatfield at 1400....singing Chiffchaff in Garston

23RD MAR: 8 Sand Martins over flooded fields at Hampermill, Watford....1 Golden Plover off Coursers Rd, L Colney....Chiffchaff singing in Sherrardswood

21ST MAR: At Verulamium Park, St Albans - 3 GC Grebes, 4+ Chiffchaffs, 2prs Grey Wagtail. Some flooding around lake and many muddy margins - potentially good for waders in the spring but get there early!....17 Siskin in Brookmans Park garden

20TH MAR: 100 Yellowhammers in NW corner of Patmore Heath....2 Chiffchaffs at Two Waters, Hemel Hempstead

19TH MAR: 2 Long-eared Owls in hedges by 2nd hole of Chesfield Downs Golf Club....Male Black Redstart briefly in Lawrence Close, Sele Farm, Hertford

18TH MAR: 8 Waxwings in Osborne Way/Longcroft Gardens area, Welwyn Gdn City - best viewed from long stay car park off Osborne Way....10 Waxwings at private site in Mill Green, Hatfield....2 Bramblings in Bishops Stortford garden....flock of Siskins in Oakfield Ave, Hitchin....20 Golden Plover N over A120 nr Bishops Stortford....escaped White Pelican at Tringford Reservoir, also 7 Sand Martins - view from road between reservoirs

17TH MAR: 8 Waxwings in Welwyn Gdn City in Osborne Way/Longcroft Gdns area off A6129 til 1320 when flushed by Sparrowhawk

16TH MAR: 5 Waxwings in Bishops Stortford on B1004 Great Hadham Road in trees by roundabout at Oriole Rd junction at 1140 at least....Waxwing NE of Welwyn Gdn City at Tewin in bushes by 30 Lower Green

15TH MAR: At Verulamium Park - 3 Grey Wagtails, 6 Common Gulls and tame female Mandarin on river....in Gobions Wood, Brookmans Park - Chiffchaff, 2 Marsh Tits, Blackcap & 5 Siskins, 200 Common Gulls in paddocks of Royal Veterinary College

14TH MAR: 11 Waxwings at a private site in Mill Green, nr Hatfield

12TH MAR: Red Kite over A41 near Tring at 1700....6 C Buzzards over A4146 in Gade Valley....11 Siskins in a Brookmans Park garden

10TH MAR: 3+ Siskin in Sherrardswood garden, also Bullfinch, Marsh Tit, 2 Nuthatches and 2 GS Woodpeckers

9TH MAR: 10 Waxwings near Garston railway station in gardens on Peregrine Close....C Buzzard N over Furzebushes Lane, Chiswell Green

8TH MAR: Male LS Woodpecker in rear garden of house in Brookdene Ave, Oxhey....male Brambling in Bishops Stortford garden since 3rd

7TH MAR: At Kimpton, along Whiteways Bottom Lane, C Buzzard over & Stonechat

6TH MAR: 3 Waxwings just east of Wheathampstead by B653 at 1525 but mobile

5TH MAR: 11 Waxwings on private site near Mill Green, Hatfield, early am only (also 4th)....male Black Redstart at Old Hale Way allotments, Hitchin to 4pm at least....female Stonechat at Brookmans Park on Hawkshead Ln by rlwy bridge, also female LS Woodpecker at Gobions Pond....C Buzzard over J18 of M25 at 0800

4TH MAR: Lesser Spotted Wdpkr at Bushey Arches (Oxhey Dell), drumming....Blackcap in Brookmans Park garden

3RD MAR: At Amwell - 4 Smew, 18 Goldeneye, 2 Grey Wagtails....4 C Buzzards over Prae Wood....new rookery established along M10 nr St Albans, 12+ nests....male Blackcap in Broomhills, WGC....C Buzzard over Watton-at-Stone....2 Siskin in Sherrardswood garden, also Marsh Tit heard

2ND MAR: Redpoll with Siskins in Brookmans Park

February 2001

26-28TH FEB: 11 Waxwings in Mill Green, Hatfield

25TH FEB: 2 Jack Snipe at Amwell....2 C Buzzards over Hexton Woods

24TH FEB: Male Blackcap in Gustard Wood, Wheathampstead

23RD FEB: 2 Green Sandpipers on scrape at Tyttenhanger

20TH FEB: 3 Waxwings in Waitrose car park, Bishops Stortford, along Old River Lane at 5pm....Stonechat at Ware Marsh Reserve, TH354141

18TH FEB: At Tyttenhanger - 2 Green Sandpipers, 4 Tree Sparrows, Snipe, Grey Wagtail, 16 Gadwall & up to 100 Fieldfare by Bowmans Farm car park

17TH FEB: C Buzzard drifted NW over Abbots Langley at 1240

16TH FEB: In North Mymms Park - male Stonechat, 2 Little Owls, c50 Fieldfare, c25 Redwing & 11 Siskin

15TH FEB: Woodcock in Brocket Park, flushed from below boundary in open woods on E side c1500

14TH FEB: At Amwell - Bittern (close to hide), 10 Smew, Green Sandpiper, 2 Water Rails, 2 Egyptian Geese, 250+ Lapwing, 11+ Goldeneye...Egyptian Goose at Verulamium Park, St Albans

13TH FEB: Lesser Spotted Woodpecker & 3 Marsh Tits in Gobions Wood, Brookmans Park....at Kings Meads - 110 Wigeon, 80 Gadwall, 61 Shoveler, 36 Teal, 5 Snipe....Chiffchaff in Puckeridge

11TH FEB: Ad Mediterranean Gull (near summer plumage) & ad Yellow-legged Gull at Hilfield....Firecrest with mixed tit flock in centre of Post Wood, Ware, at c1055....Bittern at Amwell, seen in flight from watchpoint at 1200, also 12 Goldeneye, Ruddy Dk & small mixed flock Redpoll & Siskin....5 Waxwings in Turnford Brook car park, 1 mile N of Cheshunt rlwy stn

9TH FEB: Barn Owl feeding by roadside at Coopers Green Lane/Sandpit Ln roundabout at 0530....at Kings Meads - 83 Wigeon, 61 Gadwall, 45 Shoveler, 36 Teal, 27 Tufted Dk, 18 M Swan, 2 Stonechat, Water Rail & Chiffchaff....Little Owl at north end of Brocket Park

8TH FEB: At Amwell - 2 Bitterns (both calling, not booming), 2 Smew, 2 Goosander & 35 Snipe

7TH FEB: 4 Waxwings in Turnford Brook opposite school at 1030 and later over railway bridge....male Lsr Spotted Woodpecker heard in Lower Plantation, Wymondley TL214298....male Blackcap in Cheshunt garden

5TH FEB: 5 Waxwings still in Turnford Brook car park & Bittern showed well from Pochard Hide....150 Fieldfare at Hertford Heath

4TH FEB: 5 Waxwings still in Turnford Brook car park this afternoon....3 Red-crested Pochards (2 drakes) at NW end of Stockers Lake, also drk Goosander

3RD FEB: Little Egret on River Chess at Scotsbridge Mill, also Green Sandpiper....Barn Owl hunting along road verge at Cromer, TL302286....at Stockers Lake - drk RC Pochard, 7 Goosander, 10 Goldeneye & 10 Redpoll....Chiffchaff in Puckeridge garden

2ND FEB: 5 Waxwings in Turnford Brook car park then 3 at 1430 in trees left of access road....at Kings Meads - 117 Wigeon, 46 Teal, 57 Shoveler, 86 Gadwall, 25 Tufted, 34 Mute Swan, 6 Pochard, 3 Snipe, Water Rail & 3 Reed Buntings

January 2001

29TH JAN: Lesser Spotted Woodpecker along Little Bushey Lane at jctn with Aldenham

Rd....mixed flock of 400 Golden Plover and Lapwing at Symondshyde Farm

28TH JAN: 17 Snipe & 2 Green Sandpipers at Tyttenhanger on scrape, also Ruddy Duck, Grey Wagtail, female Goldeneye & 3 Wigeon....8 Goosander at Stockers Lake with c200 Lapwing/Golden Plover in fields by approach road....C Buzzard high west over Tring

27TH JAN: At Chadwell Meads - 2 Stonechat, 93 Wigeon, 21 Shoveler, 87 Gadwall, 5 Teal & 3 Little Grebes

26TH JAN: Large falcon sp. mobbed by crows over Southgate House, nr fire station, Stevenage (had 1+ primary missing)

25TH JAN: 2 C Buzzards over Telegraph Hill

22ND JAN: Male Black Redstart in car park of Wilbury Way Ind Est, Hitchin briefly but not later....5 Waxwings in Turnford Brook car park....50 Lapwing, 50 Golden Plover & 25 Fieldfare at Symondshyde Farm

21ST JAN: 5 Waxwings Turnford....at Tyttenhanger GPs - Brambling, Goldeneye, 13 Snipe, 2 Green Sandpipers & Kingfisher

20TH JAN: 5 Waxwings in Turnford from Thomas Rochford Way in trees on other side of railway....7 Goosander on Stockers Lake & 75 Siskin....Green Sandpiper, Water Rail & Kingfisher on watercress beds, Scotsbridge Mill, Rickmansworth....Blackcap, 5 Bullfinches 9 LT Tits, Chiffchaff in Puckeridge garden....Little Owl at Cheshunt Park Golf Club....no sign of Ferruginous Duck in Ware recently

18TH JAN: 5 Waxwings in Turnford, Cheshunt, on Canons Gate off Thomas Rochford Way til noon when flew over railway....Bittern (near hide), Water Rail & 16 Egyptian Geese at Amwell....10 Smew (6 drakes) at Netherhall GPs, Lee Valley....50 Golden Plover & 60 Lapwing at Stanborough Farm....7 Grey Partridge at Nomansland Farm....c100 Golden Plover in fields N of Sandridge W of B651

17TH JAN: Adult female Firecrest trapped in Codicote garden....5 Grey Partridge on Hatfield airfield

16TH JAN: Green Sandpiper, Snipe, 10 Golden Plover, 30 Wigeon & 2 Gadwall on scrape at Tyttenhanger....4 Waxwings Cheshunt....15 Teal & 6 Snipe around Beech Farm (no sign of any owls)....Buzzard over Gorhambury

14TH JAN: 1st-w male Scaup at Hilfield Park Reservoir....Bittern in front of central hide, Amwell....3 Green Sandpipers at Tyttenhanger in SE corner of scrape....18 Waxwings along Canterbury Way/Ripon Rd....4 Smew (2 drakes) & drake Goosander on Stockers Lake....no sign of Waxwings nr M25 Junction 20 since initial sighting despite plenty of berries!....4 Waxwings in Lee Valley in garden west of Turnford Bridge

13TH JAN: Smew & Pintail at Hilfield Park Reservoir....12 Waxwings on Ripon Road & Canterbury Way, Stevenage....30 Fieldfare at Wickham Hall Farm....5 Marsh Tits (with mixed tit flock) in Bloodhound Wood....200+ Fieldfare by Broom Farm, Hare Street....Redpoll and Marsh Tit in Sherrardswood garden

10TH JAN: 20 Waxwings commuting between Canterbury Way & Ripon Road, Stevenage

9TH JAN: 18 Waxwings by 175 Canterbury Way, Stevenage....at Amwell - drake Smew, adult Yellow-legged Gull & 3 Shelduck

8TH JAN: Siberian Chiffchaff reported at Amwell (from Birdnet)....4 Waxwings by 187 Canterbury Way, Stevenage....Waxwing by M25 just south of junction 20 at c0820

7TH JAN: Waxwing in Welwyn Village....Waxwing in Puckeridge at 0940 before flying NW....c10 Waxwings flew SW over Batford sewage works towards Harpended at 1225....4 Waxwings in

Canterbury Way, Stevenage, quite mobile....pale C Buzzard at Watton-at-Stone....at Stockers Lake - 10+ Goosander (8 males), 2 RH Smew, Little Owl, Kingfisher & flock Siskin....2 Long eared Owls roosting in SE corner of 70 Acres Lake

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5TH JAN: 3 Waxwings in Canterbury Way, Stevenage (same road as last year's!)

4TH JAN: Escaped Lesser White-fronted Goose nr lock on R Lea at Ware

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