

Hertfordshire Website Sightings Archive 2004

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31ST DEC: STEVENAGE: 18 Waxwings outside 10-16 Ripon Road just off Canterbury Way (P Lawrence): PICCOTTS END POOLS: Merlin low over pools briefly, also Green Sand, 15 Fieldfare, 5+ Redwing, Kingfisher (M Parr): STOCKERS LAKE: 4 Red-crested Pochard (3m), 6 Smew (2m), 2 Goldeneye (1m), 6 Goosander (4m), Water Rail, 1+ Siskin in Goldfinch flock (I Williams): MARSWORTH RSVR: Bittern flew on right of reedbed to back of res at 1610 (I Williams): WHEATHAMPSTEAD: 5 Lsr Redpoll in a garden (T Chapman): BROOKMANS PARK: 2 Marsh Tit, 45 Fieldfare, 35 Redwing: ST ALBANS: c50 Pied Wags roosting in tree by Marks & Spencers at 1620 (G Knight): REDBOURNBURY: 400 Golden Plover but mobile (E Leahy)

30TH DEC: STEVENAGE: 30 Waxwings outside 15 Canterbury Way (P Lawrence): HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Little Egret flew from Gade at back of Piccotts End at 1520 (I Williams): SHAFFORD FARM, ST ALBANS: Juv Peregrine over low twds Redbournbury, also 2+ Buzzard, 100+ Redwing, 100+ Fieldfare, 50+ Lapwing, 500+ Golden Plover (J Pritchard): LEMS福德 SPRINGS: Little Egret (T Bristow): BEECH FARM: 3 Stonechat (T Bristow): TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 3 Green Sand, 5 Meadow Ppt, 10 Goldfinch, Reed Bunt, 2 Stonechat, 130 Lapwing (T Chapman) 1st-w Mediterranean Gull, 10 Tree Sparrow : ST PAULS WALDEN: 2 Buzzards (G Dagnall)

29TH DEC: BEECH FARM: Short-eared Owl over airfield, also Woodcock flushed by shooting party but escaped unharmed! 3 Stonechat (W Hatton et al): AMWELL: 3 Little Egrets, Cetti's Warbler from viewpoint, 2 Smew, 2 Marsh Tit, 5 Bullfinch (inc 3 prob Northern Bullfinch) (R Woodward): PICCOTTS END POOLS: Little Egret flew over garden centre car park and headed NW at 1610 (I Williams): TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Green Sand, Stonechat, 5 Tree Sparrow, 40 Linnet (R Flesher): CROXLEY GREEN: Buzzard over Sarratt Rd (A Hodges)

28TH DEC: STEVENAGE: 9 Waxwings outside 1 to 53 Canterbury Way (R Webb)...BEECH FARM: Short-eared Owl mobbed by crow over airfield at 1420, also 3 Stonechat (R Smith): TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 6 Tree Sparrow, 2 Stonechat (S Pearce) 2 Green Sands, 3 Kingfisher: WHIPPENDELL WOODS: 3 Marsh Tit, 100 Redwing (C Everett): WATFORD: Buzzard, Marsh Tit at Juniper Hill (C Everett): ABBOTS LANGLEY: 2 Stonechat on derelict pasture at South Way (C Everett): GOBIONS WOOD: 2 Marsh Tit, Kingfisher, 2+ Siskin

27TH DEC: AMWELL: Bittern on small pit just N of public hide for c 20 mins (D Ling): WILSTONE RSVR: Little Egret (A Lewis): STOCKERS LAKE: 4 RC Pochard, 5 Smew, 3 Goosander, 5 Goldeneye (A Nasir): MUNDENS ESTATE: 10+ Green Sand, Water Rail, 20+ Teal (P Holpin): TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, c210 Lapwing, 16 H Gull (over) (G Knight) 2 Stonechat, 3 Snipe, Kingfisher (S Pearce): BENINGTON: Willow Tit in Oxshott Wood, also Buzzard (A Ford): BROXBORNE WOODS: Marsh Tit, Lsr Redpoll but no sign any Hawfinch (R Facer): HATFIELD GARDEN VILLAGE: c500 Golden Plover, 100+ Lapwing (J Moss): N MYMMS PARK: 9+ Tree Sparrow, 2 Reed Bunt, 14 Yellowhammer, Marsh Tit, 45+ Fieldfare, Buzzard, 4 Bullfinch: ABBOTS LANGLEY: 200+ Golden Plover (B Cripps): PUCKERIDGE: Woodcock flushed from field, also 3 Marsh Tit, 4 Bullfinch, 160 Linnet (M Orchard)

26TH DEC: STEVENAGE: 10+ Waxwings outside 1-53 Canterbury Way adj to pub but very mobile (E Blyth): TELEGRAPH HILL, LILLEY: 10+ Brambling with other finches in beeches along Icknield Way, lower part of nature reserve and on planted maize on corner of Lilley Hoo (N Agar): KINGS MEAD: 85 Wigeon, 100 Teal, 3 Snipe, 2 Stonechat (A Reynolds): ASHRIDGE FOREST: Tawny Owl roosting in full view (A Lewis): BROXBORNE WOODS: Woodcock flushed from edge of bridleway (R Facer): TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Kingfisher, Water Rail, 29 Cormorant, 6 GC Grebe, 49 Canada Gs, 8 Blackbird, 100+ Lapwing (R Flesher): KINGS MEAD: 3 Snipe, 2 Stonechat, 100 Teal, 85 Wigeon (A Reynolds): ESSENDON: 9 Reed Bunt on golf course, also 40+ Fieldfare, Grey Wag, 41 Blackbird: BRAUGHING: Buzzard, f Bullfinch, 8 Yellowhammer (M Orchard)

25TH DEC: TYTTENHANGER: Jack Snipe flew up from scrape, also Greenshank, Green Sand (S Pearce): ST ALBANS: 2 Ravens W over Normandy Road calling at 1115 (P Waldron): BEECH FARM: Short-eared Owl, 3 Stonechat (D Stanley)

24TH DEC: TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Green sand, Tree Sparrow, Kingfisher, 2 Stonechat, 23 Cormorant (S Pearce): WELWYN GDN CITY: Waxwing around 40 Gresley Close at midday (J Braggs): EAST HYDE: Kingfisher (P Unwin): BROOKMANS PARK: 100 Common Gull, 27 Pied Wag, 14 Goldfinch, 11 Skylark, Bullfinch

23RD DEC: BEECH FARM: Short-eared Owl at 1420 for 3 mins, also 4 Stonechat, 3 Shoveler (P Christian): STOCKERS LAKE: 2m Red-crsted Pochard from causeway, also 3 Smew (1m), 4 Goosander (2m), Siskin, 40 Fieldfare (P Christian): VERULAMIUM LAKE: 26 Shoveler (C Glanville): WARE: Buzzard over Widbury Hill (I Edwards): BROOKMANS PARK: Siskin

22ND DEC: BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** at 1445 hunting over grassland nr conveyor belt (D Hutchinson):
BROXBOURNE WOODS: **3 Hawfinch** (D Stanley): NR FURNEAUX PELHAM: Barn Owl & Tawny Owl (M East)

20TH DEC: EAST HYDE: Water Rail showing extremely well along stream (M Russell): PETERS GREEN: 1st-y m
Blackcap ringed (M Best): REDBOURNBURY: Green Sand, 100+ Hs Sparrow (I Williams)

19TH DEC: TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 2 Green Sand, 2 Stonechat (G Knight): WILSTONE RSVR: **Water Pipit**
still (A Lewis): HATFIELD: **Firecrest** on Lane End by Hazelgrove School in hollybush (S Pearce): CODICOTE: **3**
Little Egrets by R Mimram btw Codicote & Welwyn (I Eyre): TURNFORD BROOK: **Bittern** flew out of reedbed by
Nightingale Wood at 1630 (D Booth): ARCHERS GREEN: **Little Egret** by B1000 opp Warrengate Farm (D Booth):
HATFIELD PARK: Buzzard, 4 Bullfinch, Marsh Tit, 7 L Grebe

18TH DEC: EAST HYDE: **Little Egret** flew down river from Beds into Herts, landing briefly by Hyde mill before
continuing twds Batford, also Water Rail (J Chapman): WILSTONE RSVR: **Water Pipit** showed well in E corner (D
Otter) also Egyptian Gs, m Goosander, Dunlin, c350 Golden Plover (J Chapman): BROXBOURNE WOODS: **3**
Hawfinch (G Knight): TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand, 2 Stonechat, 2 Bullfinch, Shoveler, Buzzard, Kingfisher (S
Pearce): WARE: Marsh Tit visiting a private garden frequently (L Goodyear): ASTON, STEVENAGE: 10 Grey
Partridge nr AStonbury Farm (A Ford): BEECH FARM: 2 Gadwall, Teal, imm M Swan, 60+ Lapwing (C Hughes):
HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: 250+ Golden Plover, 250 Lapwing (J Moss)

17TH DEC: PETERS GREEN: **2 Ravens** over N at 1500 (M Best)

16TH DEC: BROXBOURNE WOODS: **2 Hawfinches** flew into roost at 1340 with no more before 1500 at least, also 3
Lesser Redpoll, several Bullfinch & Marsh Tit (L Evans): HATFIELD PARK: **4 Waxwings**, 6 Grey Partridge, 180+
Fieldfare, 60+ Redwing, but no public access (M Ferris): BOREHAMWOOD: Monk Parakeet over Focus DIY store (C
Glanville): ENFIELD: 1000 Golden Plover with Lapwings nr M25 (N Agar)

15TH DEC: HOME WOOD: **RN Parakeet** at Home Wood (T Bristow): AMWELL: 7 Goldeneye, 2 Water Rail (S
Chilton): BROXBOURNE WOODS: **Hawfinch, Mealy Redpoll** with Lesser Redpoll (S Connor): WILSTONE RSVR:
Water Pipit by jetty and further along twds N corner, also Goosander, 2 Pintail, 500 Golden Plover (D Booth): NR
THROCKING: Woodcock flushed from unploughed field (T Fletcher): EAST HYDE: Water Rail along stream down
from bridge, also 5+ SNipe (M Best)

14TH DEC: BROXBOURNE WOODS: **7 Hawfinches**, also 2 Crossbills & few Marsh Tits (L Evans/S Connor):
PETERS GREEN: 3 Woodcock coming out of woods at dusk, also 2 Tawny Owl (M Best)

13TH DEC: HATFIELD PARK: f Goosander, 2 Mandarin (M Ferris): BEECH FARM: 5 Snipe, 23 Meadow Pipit, 7
Stonechat, 3 Bullfinch, Reed Bunt, 60 Fieldfare: OFFLEY: Barn Owl on roadside hedge nr Tea Green at 1650 (A
Banthorpe)

12TH DEC: WILSTONE RSVR: **Water Pipit** in SE corner still, also WF Goose, Goosander, Pintail, Ruddy Dk,
Peregrine (D Booth) 300 Golden Plover (D Otter): OLD HATFIELD: **Firecrest** in garden in Park Meadow for 5 mins
before flying to trees bordering Park Street (J Winterbottom): TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Snipe, 2 Stonechat,
Herring Gull (G Knight), Green Sand, Teal, Kingfisher, 58 Fieldfare, 126 BH Gull: BROXBOURNE: **3 Goosander (2m)**
over Broxbourne church (J Pritchard): ALDENHAM RSVR: f Goosander (C Everett): OTTERSPOOL: Green Sand (C
Everett): LETCHMORE HEATH: 50 Yellowhammer, 50 meadow Ppt, 40 Chaffinch on stubble nr Hilfield Farm (C
Everett): WATFORD LINK ROAD: 2 Water Rails calling from reeds at dusk, also Grey Wag, Chiffchaff (C Everett)

11TH DEC: WILSTONE: **Water Pipit** in SE corner on mud (C Smout/G Knight/I Bennell) **Greater Scaup, Goosander,**
Chiffchaff (G Knight): AMWELL: **2 Smew, 7 Little Egrets** roosted (I Bennell/G Knight), 5 Water Rails calling, 3+
Snipe, no sign Glaucous Gull (I Bennell) & Shoveler x BW Teal hybrid (J Forgham): BROXBOURNE WOODS: **2**
Crossbills in spruces at TL338078 (S Connor): EAST HYDE: 2 Water Rails in ditch to south of river (C Smout):
HATFIELD: f Blackcap in a garden (J Winterbottom): NORTHAW GREAT WOOD: 20 Lesser Redpoll, 7 Marsh Tit,
Buzzard, 10 Nuthatch: TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand, 2 Stonechat, Kingfisher (S Pearce)

10TH DEC: WILSTONE: **Water Pipit** in SE corner but elusive in reeds. Shooting scheduled for today (RBA):
STOCKERS LAKE: f **Smew, 5 Goosander (3m)**, Water Rail, 24 Wigeon, 86 sinensis Cormorants (L Evans):
HATFIELD: f Blackcap in a garden at Park Meadow (J Winterbottom): VERULAMIUM PARK: 2 GC Grebe, 17
Cormorant, Mandarin, 9 Shoveler, 7 Pochard, Kingfisher, 27 Redwing (A Jeffery): NORTON GREEN: m Stonechat,
100+ Lapwing (R Kynman): AMWELL: Water Rail, 2 Bullfinch (J Hawkins): KINGS MEAD: 100+ Lapwing, 2
Shelduck, 20+ Shoveler, 50+ Teal (J Hawkins)

9TH DEC: BROCKET PARK: Woodcock flew across golf course early pm (A Lewis): AMWELL: No sign Glaucous
Gull (BN): N MYMMS PARK: 120 Fieldfare, 70 Redwing, 2+ Lsr Redpoll, 10+ Yellowhammer, Buzzard. At Redwell
Wood Farm: 13 Tree Sparrow, 2 Reed Bunt, 32 Rook: EAST HYDE: Water Rail on old cress bed (D Anderson):
WATTON-AT-STONE: 11 L Grebe, 3 Cormorant, 2 G Heron, M Swan, 71 Wigeon, 2 Gadwall, 3 Teal, 84 Mallard,
Pochard, 185 Lapwing, 9 Common Gull, 20 BH Gull, 4 Fieldfare, Kingfisher all at Woodhall Park Lake (D Wedd):
KNEBWORTH: 300 Golden Plover (P Wilkinson): BRAMFIELD: 11 RL Partridge nr Bacons Farm (L Borg)

8TH DEC: MAPLE LODGE NR: **2 Little Egrets** over, also c50 Wigeon & 25 Stock Dove (P Delaloye): AMWELL: **1st-w GLAUCOUS GULL** in roost, also f/imm Smew (RBA): HARPENDEN COMMON: 2 Brambling under beeches with c50 Chaffinch nr Fire Station (M Russell): HATFIELD PARK: 6 Grey Partridge, 2 calling Tawny Owls, Grey Wag & 30+ Lesser Redpoll (M Ferris)

7TH DEC: GOBIONS WOOD: 9 Siskin, 2 Marsh Tit, 85 Redwing, 70 Common Gull (Little Heath), 8 Song Thrush (7 singing), 3 Bullfinch: EAST HYDE: 2 Water Rails by bridge, Snipe on scrape (D Stanley): CUMBERLOW GREEN: Buzzard (P Lawrence): RUSHDEN: 12 Redwing & 22 Fieldfare btw Rushden & Roe Green (P Lawrence)

6TH DEC: MAPLE CROSS: 2 Egyptian Geese in Lynsters Farm field at 1520, also 2 Wigeon on lake (I Bennell): EAST HYDE: **2 Ravens**, Water Rail, Kingfisher (D Stanley): STEVENAGE: 25 Golden Plover over Mobbsbury School (P Lawrence)

5TH DEC: WILSTONE RSVR: **Ad European White-fronted Goose, Scaup, m Goosander, Black-tailed Godwit** (G Knight/I Bennell/A Dorman) also **Shag & Pink-footed Goose** still present, 2m Pintail, f Goldeneye, c300 M Swan, 2 feral Whoopers, feral Barnacle Gs (A Dorman): HATFIELD PARK: **Waxwing** over avenue leading to House, also 2 Brambling, 2 imm GBB Gull over, 4 L Grebe, Marsh Tit: TRINGFORD RSVR: 2 Mandarin, Teal, 250 Wigeon over (A Dorman): AMWELL: **5 Little Egret, 2 Smew** (T Brownsell): PUCKERIDGE: Marsh Tit, 42 Goldfinch, 3 Yellowhammer, 100 Redwing (M Orchard): PLASHES WOOD: 2 Marsh Tit (M Orchard)

4TH DEC: EAST HYDE: **Jack Snipe** on scrape, also Snipe & Grey Wag (D Stanley): POLICE PIT, CHESHUNT: **4 Smew** (2m) (F Hurst): N MYMMS PARK: 10+ Bullfinch (inc some Northern Bullfinches), Buzzard, 2 Woodcock, 70+ Golden Plover, 100 Redwing, 9 Goldcrest, 12+ Lesser Redpoll: AMWELL: **4 Little Egrets** in trees along R Ask (nr Ash Walk), also 4 SNipe over, Kingfisher, 7 Goldeneye (2m), Water Rail (showing well from reed bed hide), 2f Bullfinch (D Wheatcroft) 3 Water Rails from reedbed hide at 1600, also 2 Wigeon from viewpoint (C Hughes): ASTONBURY WOOD: **Willow Tit, 3 Woodcock**, LS Wdpkr, 4 Nuthatch, 3+ Treecreeper (C Hughes): TYTTENHANGER: 6 Wigeon over twds Coopers Green, also 20 Golden Plover, c200 Lapwing, 4 Stonechat (G Knight) 4 Teal, 2 Snipe, Greenshank, Green Sand, Little Owl, Kingfisher, 21+ LT Tit, 19 Magpies roosting together: COOPERS GREEN GP: 6 Wigeon, 51 Common Gull (G Knight): REDBOURNBURY: 500+ Golden Plover in field off Punch Bowl Lane, also 100+ Lapwing, Buzzard, 100+ Redwing, 50+ Fieldfare (J Pritchard): HERTINGFORDBURY: 10 L Grebe, Buzzard (G Knight)

3RD DEC: NORTHAW GREAT WOOD: **2 Waxwings** over twds Brookmans Park at 1245, also 30+ Lsr Redpoll in birches E of car park, 5+ Marsh Tit, 4 Nuthatch (C Beach): RYE MEADS: No sign of Tundra Bean Geese by 11am at least (D Booth) but Green Sand & Snipe (D Wheatcroft): BEECH FARM: 3 Stonechat, 40+ Fieldfare, 6 Redwing, 2 Kestrel (D Wheatcroft)

2ND DEC: RYE MEADS: **2 Tundra Bean Geese** showing well from Draper Hide at 1320 at least (RBA)

1ST DEC: EAST HYDE: Water Rail, 3 Siskin, Little owl, 2 Green Sands, Sparrowhawk (D Stanley): STEVENAGE: Tawny Owl calling from Collenswood at 0600 (C Hughes)

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30TH NOV: TYTTENHANGER: 50 Fieldfare, 20 redwing, juv Green Sand (colour ringed: white on left, yellow over red on right - ringed at Lemsford Springs on 10th Nov 2004 (B Trevis)), 2 Kingfisher, c75 Golden Plover, 250+ Lapwing, f Stonechat, Grey Wag, 13 Cormorant (A Gardiner)....HATFIELD: **Firecrest** in gardens at Park Meadow, Old Hatfield 1015-1030, also m Blackcap & m Brambling (J Winterbottom)....AMWELL: 2 Water Rails in cleared area in front of hide (N Agar)

29TH NOV: KINSBOURNE GREEN: Barn Owl nr jctn Watery Lane/Cole Lane (P Dear)

28TH NOV: PANSHANGER PARK: **Little Egret, Yellow-legged Gull**, Buzzard (T Hill)....WILSTONE RSVR: **Shag, Black-tailed Godwit, Little Egret, m Goosander**, 2 Ruddy Dk, 3 Snipe, Golden Plover (A Dorman)....KINGS MEAD: **2 Yellow-legged Gulls**, 3 Stonechat, 10 Fieldfare, 2 Redwing (A Reynolds)....HATFIELD PARK: **2 Ravens** in NW area of park, also 4+ Brambling with c70 Chaffinch, 30+ LT Tit, 3 Treecreeper, 8 Nuthatch, Marsh Tit, 7 Tufted, 35 Meadow Ppt....COOPERS GREEN GP: 65 Common Gull (G Knight)....KINGS LANGLEY: COm Bunt, 30+ Yellowhammer, 20 Meadow Ppt, 15 Pied Wag, 40+ Linnet, 25 Skylark (I Bennell)....TYTTENHANGER: c700 Golden Plover, Green Sand, m Stonechat (G Knight)....WALKERN: Red Kite over, also 500 Golden Plover at Churchend Common (J Davies)....MAPLE CROSS: 1300 Golden Plover at Woodoaks Farm by spur to M25, also 300+ Collared Dove in orchard there (J Edwards)

27TH NOV: WILSTONE RSVR: **Shag** roosting with sinensis Cormorants on central causeway opp hide, also **Black-tailed Godwit, juv Pink-footed Goose, juv Greater Scaup, m Goosander, 3f Goldeneye**, 4 Pintail, 1438 Wigeon, 411 Golden Plover, 302 Lapwing, 2 Grey Wag, 2 Kingfisher (L Evans) also **Peregrine**, Redshank, 2 Ruddy Dk, 270 Teal (C SMout)....TYTTENHANGER: 1+ Water Rail from bridge over R Colne nr fisherman's car park, also c1000 Golden Plover & Snipe (G Knight) 2 Tree Sparrow, 6 Bullfinch, 3 Teal....EAST HYDE: Water Rail along river just S of Thrales End Lane bridge (M Russell)....KINGS MEAD: f Stonechat, 225 Lapwing, 34 Wigeon, 2 Shelduck (D Wheatcroft)....POPLARS GREEN: **Little Egret** by R Mimram (D Wheatcroft)....BROOKMANS PARK: Red Kite over

golf course, also Chiffchaff (A & M Gray)...HATFIELD PARK: f Merlin over Hillend Lodge, also Grey Wag & 250+ Fieldfare (M Ferris)...BEECH FARM: 2 Stonechat, 3 Mandarin, 12+ SNipe, 38 Meadow Ppt, 35 Fieldfare, 2 Reed Bunt, 27 M Swan...COOPERS GREEN GP: 80 Golden Plover, 13 Gadwall, 13 Pochard, 28 Tufted, Green Sand...CHORLEYWOOD: 2 Ring-necked Parakeet visiting gardens (G Smith)...HEXTON: 4+ Brambling on drive of Barton Hill Farm, SSW of Hexton & SE of Barton le Clay, Beds. c100 yards inside Beds border but up to 20 Brambling have been rptd here recently (G Knight)...STOCKERS LAKE: 2m Red-crested Pochard, 4 Goosander, 13 Meadow Ppt (M Parr)...KIMPTON MILL: 2 Egyptian Geese, 3 Lsr Redpoll, Siskin, Water Rail (I Bennell)...WATERY GROVE, STEVENAGE: Marsh Tit (A Ford)

26TH NOV: WILSTONE RSVR: SHag, Little Egret, juv Pink-footed Goose, juv/fem Scaup, Black-tailed Godwit, Dunlin (G Knight)...HERTINGFORDBURY: 4 Little Egrets over lake by jctn with Thieves Lane (S Poynter)...KINGS MEAD: 2 Stonechat, 240 Lapwing, 25 Fieldfare (A Reynolds)

25TH NOV: BEECH FARM: Prob juv RC Pochard on farm pond (S Pearce)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 4 Teal, 32 Tufted, 9 Pochard, 2 Wigeon, 6 Gadwall (S Pearce)...AMWELL: Little Egret flew into roost at 1604 (D Jordan)...HATFIELD PARK: 2 Ravens from S side of Hatfield House over deer park, also 66 Fieldfare, Grey Wag, 2 Little Owl, 2 Bullfinch, 3 Brambling (in beeches nr house main car park) (M Ferris)...TYTTENHANGER: 500 Golden Plover, 82 Common Gull, Sparrowhawk (S Pearce) Green Sand, 55 Fieldfare, 5 Bullfinch, 6 Tree Sparrow, 3 Grey Wag, 280 BH Gull, 350 Lapwing, 160 Golden Plover (over), 2 Kingfisher

24TH NOV: TEWIN: Tawny Owl nr Harwood Close calling (L Borg)...STEVENAGE: 50+ Lapwing in field just S of J7 A1(M) (L Borg)...HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: c50 Golden Plover over at 1500 west (J Moss)...KIMPTON MILL: Water Rail (R Smith)

23RD NOV: WILSTONE: juv f Greater Scaup, 2m Goosander, 3f Goldeneye, 6 Ruddy Dk, 4 Pintail, 1456 Wigeon, 108 Golden Plover, 9 Dunlin, Grey Wag, Kingfisher, 7 Fieldfare, 12 Redwing (L Evans)...STOCKERS LAKE: 2m Goosander, m Red-crested Pochard (L Evans/D Stanley)...R LEE, WARE: Little Egret flying twds Meads, also Water Rail in reed patch (I Edwards)...EAST HYDE: 2 Water Rails on main river just down from Thrales End Lane bridge at 0830, also 10 Siskin flew upriver (M Russell) 100 Jackdaw, Grey Wag (B Squires)...KIMPTON: Little Egret, 2 Egyptian Geese (D Stanley) m Blackcap in a garden (R Smith)...RICKMANSWORTH: Little Egret flying across bottom of Scots Hill along line of R Chess at 0800 (C Pashby)...FROGMORE GP, RADLETT: m LS Wdpkr with tit flock (I Williams)...BEECH FARM: 2 Stonechat, 19 M Swan, 2 Shoveler (S Pearce)

22ND NOV: TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sands, Kingfisher, Grey Wag (S Pearce)...HATFIELD: Firecrest in gardens at Park Meadow, Old Hatfield (J Winterbottom)...AMWELL: Little Egret flew into roost at 1608 (D Jordan)

21ST NOV: WELWYN GDN CITY: Firecrest in private garden on Blakemere Road (H Lewis)...FRIDAY LAKE: 2nd-w male & female Smew (R Facer)...TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand, 221 Lapwing, Snipe, 5 Yellowhammer (G Knight)...GARSTON: Brambling over calling (C Everett)...BROAD COLNEY: f Goosander, Kingfisher, Grey Wag, 2 Tufted, M Swan, Cormorant, 5 GC Grebe, L Grebe, Grn Wdpkr (A Dorman)...VERULAMIUM PARK: 8 Cormorant, Marsh Tit (in feeding flock)

20TH NOV: BROXBORNE WOODS: 7 Northern Bullfinches (5 males) in silver birches by path, TL343079 1345-1410, also 3 Marsh Tits (S Connor)...NORTHAW GREAT WOOD: 10+ Lesser Redpoll, Brambling, 11 LT Tit, 15 Nuthatch, 7 GS Wdpkr, Grey Wag, 2 Treecreeper, 17 Goldcrest...EAST HYDE: Water Rail in cress beds to south of road (R Payne)...GRAFFIDGE WOOD, KNEBWORTH: Raven briefly low over wood (A Ford)...FAIRLANDS LAKE: 8 Shoveler (A Ford)...COOPERS GREEN GP: f Wigeon, c350 BH Gull, 47 Common Gull (G Knight)...TYTTENHANGER: 4 Stonechats (S Pearce) Ruddy Dk, Green Sand, 139 Lapwing (G Knight)

19TH NOV: HERTFORD: Little Egret on pit nr jctn Thieves Lane/A414, also 2 Snipe (D Wheatcroft)...VERULAMIUM PARK: Red Kite over at 1150 (P Clack)...POPLARS GREEN, TEWIN: Little Egret by R Mimram (D Wheatcroft)...TYTTENHANGER: Water Rail, 5 Teal, 4 Shoveler, 105 Lapwing, Green Sand, Grey Wag, 2 Tree Sparrow, 3 Bullfinch, 6 Yellowhammer

18TH NOV: CODICOTE BOTTOM: 2 Little Egrets sat in trees mid-am (M Russell)...KIMPTON MILL: 2 Egyptian Geese mid am (M Russell)

17TH NOV: CASSIOBURY PARK: 2 Ring-necked Parakeets over bottom car park and landed in tree halfway up park, 1100 (I Bennell)...WESTON: Buzzard (R Broadie)...CASSIOBURY PARK: Kingfisher, Grey Heron, 3 Pied Wag (M Williams)...MARSWORTH RSVR: Little Egret over at 1630 (T Hill)

16TH NOV: HATFIELD: Peregrine carrying prey just off Comet Way twds Hatfield Gdn Village at 1440 (A Cooper)...BROOKMANS PARK: Woodcock, 2 Marsh Tit, 32 Redwing, 30 Rook over...BEECH FARM: 50+ Fieldfare, 2 Stonechat, 2 Grn Wdpkr (D Waters)...HATFIELD PARK: 2 Brambling, Siskin (M Ferris)

15TH NOV: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 2 Stonechat (D Stanley)...KIMPTON MILL: 2 Egyptian Geese, Kingfisher, Sparrowhawk (D Stanley)...WATFORD: 2 Blackcaps in an Oxhey Hall garden (J Thompson)...HAMPER MILL, WATFORD: 7 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Kingfisher, 3 Water Rail (J Thompson)...WILSTONE RSVR: m Goosander, f

Goldeneye, 250+ Golden Plover, Kingfisher....HATFIELD PARK: 2 Grey Wag, 52 Redwing, 3 Brambling, 2 Siskin (M Ferris)

14TH NOV: CROXLEY GREEN: **Unconfirmed report of Great Grey Shrike** from non-birder but no further details (J Dell)....AMWELL: **7 Little Egrets** flew in at 1628, also **ad Yellow-legged Gull** in pre-roost briefly (T Austin)....WHEATHAMPSTEAD: **Waxwing** in a garden (BN)....TYTTENHANGER: Shelduck, Green Sand, 2 Stonechat, 15 Cormorant (G Knight)....N MYMMS PARK: 2 Buzzard, 16 Tree Sparrow, 15+ LT Tit, 60 Chaffinch....BEECH FARM: 20 M Swan, Kestrel, nrby Green Sand at Coopers Green GP (S Pearce)....WILSTONE RSVR: **Peregrine** (R Andrews)....STANBOROUGH LAKES: 2 Kingfisher, 2 Grey Wag, 7 GC Grebe, Cormorant, 20+ Redwing (roosted) (A Dorman)

13TH NOV: NASHES FARM: **f/imm Black Redstart** in farm machinery compound nr dung heap TL181097, also c430 Golden Plover (G Knight)....HERTFORD: **4 Little Egret** on pit nr jctn A414/Thieves Lane c0915 (D Wheatcroft)....POPLARS GREEN, TEWIN: **Little Egret** by R Mimram (D Wheatcroft)....TYTTENHANGER: f Red-crested Pochard, 3 Green Sand, 3 Wigeon, 5 Shoveler, 10 Teal, Kingfisher () also 2 Stonechat, 101 Lapwing, Green Sand, 109 BH Gull (G Knight) a further 2 Stonechats on rough ground on rim where silt is building up (S Pearce)....BEECH FARM: Wigeon, 8 Grey Partridge, 26 M Swan (G Knight)....HATFIELD PARK: Grey Wag, 6 Jay, 9 Redwing....ABBOTS LANGLEY: 2 Stonechat on derelict pasture at South Way (C Everett)....WILSTONE RSVR: **albientis Chiffchaff** calling and showing well in hedge on W bank, also 2 Dunlin, 3m Pintail & 3 Ruddy Dk (M Wallen) **Spotted Redshank** & 2 Redshank (G Knight) 119 Golden Plover, 4 Dunlin, 17 Pintail, 3 Goosander, f Goldeneye, **juv Pink-footed Goose** (L Evans)....KIMPTON MILL: 2 Egyptian Geese, Green Sand, Grey Wag, f Bullfinch, Buzzard (M Parr)....EAST HYDE: Little Owl in oak in field by Hyde Mill Farm (M Parr)....REDBOURNBURY: 3 Buzzard, 150 Golden Plover, 150 Fieldfare (M Thompson)

12TH NOV: KINGS MEAD: 73 Teal, 40 Shoveler, Shelduck, Water Rail, m 30 Fieldfare (A Reynolds)

11TH NOV: HATFIELD PARK: Buzzard over Hillend Lodge, Woodcock, 2 Siskin (Hatfield Hs gardens), 6 Fieldfare (Hillend) (M Ferris)....OAK FARM, ST ALBANS: c500 Golden Plover, also 80+ Lapwings (W Hatton)....CASSIOBURY PARK: 2 Brambling over at 0900 (I Bennell)

10TH NOV: TEWIN FISH FARM: **2 Little Egrets** in meadow opp Warrengate Farm at 0745 (T Brownsell)....WILSTONE RSVR: **ad-w Mediterranean Gull** on spit at 1145, also **1st-w Little Stint**, 3 Dunlin, m Pintail (M Wallen) **Peregrine**, **Little Egret**, 3 Pintail & 150+ Golden Plover (B Fagan)....HATFIELD PARK: 3 Marsh Tit, 2 Buzzards, 6 Jay, 2 Brambling, 12 Meadow Ppt (M Ferris)

9TH NOV: SAWBRIDGEWORTH: **Waxwing** E of A1184 at Cutforth Rd/Bullfields jctn in hedge by football pitch at 1009 (BN)....WATFORD: **4 Ring-necked Parakeets** flying btw Cassiobury Park and Croxley Green (L Evans)....WILSTONE RSVR: **1st-w Little Stint & m Goosander** (L Evans/M Wallen) 5 Dunlin, c300 Golden Plover (M Wallen)

8TH NOV: KIMPTON MILL: 2 Egyptian Geese 100 yards N of mill (D Booth)....RICKMANSWORTH: **Little Egret** E over gardens in Moneyhill at 0710 (S Younger)....GT WYMONDLEY: 100+ Fieldfare (R Broadie)

7TH NOV: KINGS MEAD: **Short-eared Owl** (per A Reynolds)....WILSTONE: **2 Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Curlew** (flew in at 1000 for 20 mins only), m Pintail, juv Little Stint, 9 Dunlin, 4 Snipe, also wholly unconfirmed report of m Green-winged Teal from 2 birders but no sign from hide (G Knight) **juv Pink footed Goose**, 14 Dunlin (A Dorman) m Goosander flew over (A Nasir)....TYTTENHANGER: f Pintail, 2 Dunlin, 35 Golden Plover (over), 4 Gadwall, 108 Canada Gs, 18 LBB Gull, 40 Redwing, 50 Fieldfare, Pochard (P Christian) 3 Tree Sparrow, 3 Green Sand, Grey Wag (S Pearce) **Short-eared Owl** flushed by W end of causeway at 1500 and flew twds Tyttenhanger Farm but not relocated, also 95 Lapwing, 4 Teal, 2 Little Owl calling, 78 Golden Plover....ARCHERS GREEN: **Little Egret** in meadow S of Tewin fish farm at 0850 (T Hill)....AMWELL: **3f Common Scoter** (per T Austin)....REDBOURNBURY: 50 Lapwing, 75 Golden Plover (J Pritchard)....PUCKERIDGE: 3 Marsh Tit, Water Rail, 29 Fieldfare, Kingfisher (M Orchard)

6TH NOV: TYTTENHANGER: 11 Teal, 57 lapwing, Green Sand, 110 BH Gull, 2 Stonechat, Tree Sparrow (G Knight)....KIMPTON MILL: 2 Egyptian Geese (A Ford)....KNEBWORTH: Marsh Tit at Graffridge Wood (A Ford)....COOPERS GREEN GP: 18 M Swan, 13 Pochard, Lesser Redpoll....BEECH FARM: Wigeon, 3 Teal, 13 Gadwall, 9 Golden Plover, 5 Snipe, 60+ Meadow Ppt, 3 Stonechat, 1+ Brambling with finch flock, 3 Bullfinch, Reed Bunt....WATFORD: 17 Grey Wag & 13 Reed Bunt entered reedbed roost at duck on Watford Link Rd, also Water Rail calling & Chiffchaff (C Everett)....HATFIELD AERODROME: 2 Grey Partridge (S Pearce)

5TH NOV: TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sands, 2 Snipe, 2 Stonechat, Kingfisher (S Pearce)....WILSTONE RSVR: **juv Pink-footed Goose**, **Peregrine**, **Little Stint**, **ad Mediterranean Gull**, **1st-w Little Gull**, c200 Golden Plover, 2 Dunlin (G Knight)....CASSIOBURY PARK: **Ring necked Parakeet** in 3 horse chestnut trees nxt to chopped down tree btw car park & bowls club calling at 0920 (I Bennell)....WATFORD: **5 Ring-necked Parakeet** over KGV playing fields twds Westfield Community College on Tolpits Lane at 0945 at height of 15ft (I Bennell)....WALKERN: Little Owl by field at TL294277, also albino Pheasant nrby (A Wadsworth)

4TH NOV: TYTTENHANGER: Teal, Shoveler, 225 BH Gull, 218 Lapwing, 10 Golden Plover over, Green Sand, 18

Fieldfare, 30+ Rook....N MYMMS PARK: Lsr Redpoll, 3+ Siskin, 6 Bullfinch, 55 Stock Dv, 120 Golden Plover (over), 2 Tree Sparrow (Redwell Wood Farm), Buzzard, Little Owl (Redwell Wood Farm), 7 MEadow Ppt....REDBOURN: Stonechat, 60 Lapwing at Verlum End (E Leahy)

3RD NOV: STOCKERS LAKE: c40 Ring-necked Parakeet over lake (Watford RSPB)....HATFIELD: Peregrine hunting plovers at 1220 then flew SW twds Hatfield Business Park, also 250 Golden Plover, 200 Lapwing (A Cooper)....LILLEY: 215 Golden Plover btw Lilley & Hexton (B Squires)....BEECH FARM: 2 Stonechat, c40 C Crow, 5 Gadwall, L Grebe, 2 Kestrel, Sparrowhawk (A Gardiner)....WIGGINTON: Tawny Owl calling (I Burrus)....WATER END (S of Welham Green): Buzzard, 35 Linnet, 160 Starling....BROOKMANS PARK: Little Owl

2ND NOV: WILSTONE: 1st-w Little Stint at W end nr hide but no sign of PF Goose here or at Tringford (D Booth)....WARE GP: m Goldeneye (I Edwards)

1ST NOV: PITSTONE No2 QUARRY: Ad Yellow-legged Gull (J Thompson)....CASSIOBURY PARK: 11 Ring-necked Parakeets over twds Rick'wth at 0915 (I Bennell)....WILSTONE: Juv Pink-footed Goose with Greylags, 1st-w Little Stint (for 2nd day) on mud at W end, also Dunlin, m Goldeneye, 17 Pintail, 898 Wigeon, 7 Ruddy Dk, 527 Golden plover, 2 Lsr Redpoll over. The goose has been ranging to Tringford and College Lake too (L Evans)....AMWELL: Jack Snipe on grassy island seen from viewpoint for c30 mins (M Coleman)....BOREHAMWOOD: HERTFORD: 80 Fieldfare at Morgans Walk (A Reynolds)

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31ST OCT: ST ALBANS: PALLAS'S WARBLER reported in a St Albans garden, no further details (BN)....TRING: Waxwing flew over calling at 1700 (A Nasir)....POPLARS GREEN: Little Egret by R Mimram (D Wheatcroft)....TYTTENHANGER: Peregrine flew thru Lapwing flock at 1130 (S Chilton/S Pearce) f Mandarin, m Pintail, 61 Lapwing, 150+ Golden Plover, 2 Green Sand, 4 Kingfisher, Tree Sparrow, 2 Yellowhammer (G Knight) 40+ Redwing, 2 Grn Wdpr, 15+ Meadow Ppt (A Dorman) 6 Teal (S Pearce)....PICCOTTS END POOLS: Peregrine over at 1000, also Green Sand (J Middleton)....BEECH FARM: c200 Golden Plover ocer, 100+ Fieldfare, 40+ Redwng, 10 Skylark, 16 Gadwall, nrby at Coopers Green GP: Buzzard, 185 BH Gull, 42 Common Gull, 26 LBB Gull (G Knight)....KINGS MEAD: Yellow-legged Gull, 26 Shoveler, 126 Lapwing, 4 Snipe, 4 Stonechat (A Reynolds)....BROOKMANS PARK: Buzzard....LITTLE BERKHAMSTEAD: 6 Lesser Redpoll, 12 Meadow Ppt, 80 Redwing, 18 Fieldfare....REDBOURNBURY: 200+ Fieldfare & c100 Redwings (E Leahy)....ASHRIDGE FOREST: 6 Brambling at Frithsden Beeches. 4 Brambling flew S over Prince's Riding. Marsh Tit, Lesser Redpoll (C Everett)....BERKHAMSTEAD: 94 Moorhen along canal btw Berk'd and Tring (C Everett)....GARSTON MANOR: 2 Lesser Redpoll over SW (C Everett)....THERFIELD HEATH: 2 Stonechat, Buzzard (P Dunn)....STOCKERS LAKE: Rred Kite over canal and causeway mid am (M Silk)

30TH OCT: PETERS GREEN: 5 Buzzards, 65 Fieldfare, 40 Redwing (N Bristow)....TYTTENHANGER: 1st-w Sanderling with gull flock briefly before flying high west, also 2 Green Sand, m Pintail, c100 Golden Plover, 320 Lapwing, 240 BH Gull, Little Owl (in model railway compound) & 2 Stonechat (G Knight) Chiffchaff, 22 Skylark (S Pearce)....KINGS MEAD: 4 Stonechat, 25+ Wigeon, Shelduck, Grey Wag (D Wheatcroft)....WARE: 1-2 Marsh Tits in a garden (L Goodyear)....MUNDENS ESTATE: Ring-necked Parakeet flew over calling (C Everett)....OTTERSPOOL: Calling Water Rail, 7 Lesser Redpoll over, 500 Woodpigeon on emerging rape (C Everett)....MERRYHILL: 4 Stonechat, 4 Little Owls calling, nrby 20 Magpies on pasture in Bushey (C Everett)....STARTOPS RSVR: f Goldeneye (M Parr)....WILSTONE RSVR: Little Stint, 2 Redshank, 150+ Golden Plover, 10+ Ruddy Dk (M Parr)....EAST HYDE: 2 Little Owls (C Smout)....RICKMANSWORTH: 2 House Martin S over Valley Road (M Silk)....PUCKERIDGE: 32 Fieldfare, 40 Redwing, Bullfinch (M Orchard)

29TH OCT: WATFORD: 3 Ring-necked Parakeet flew NW KGV playing fields calling at 1040, access off Tolpits Lane, also 250+ Fieldfare flew south with c250 Redwing (I Bennell)....TEWIN FISH FARM: Little Egret (C Glanville)....BEECH FARM: 45+ Fieldfare (D Wheatcroft)....RYE MEADS: 2 Stonechats by HMWT Hide (C Smout)....KINGS MEAD: Yellow-legged Gull, 350 BH Gull, 350 LBB Gull, 49 Wigeon, 23 SHoveler, 5 Stonechat, 30 Fieldfare (A Reynolds)

28TH OCT: RICKMANSWORTH: Little Egret flew S twds Stockers Lake at 1745, also 6+ bat sp over NE corner of Aquadrome at 1755 (S Younger)

27TH OCT: TYTTENHANGER: 2 f/imm Black Redstarts on fenceposts around fishing warden's hut/caravan at 1130 at least, also 4 Tree Sparrow, 2 Grey Wag, 6 Golden Plover, 200 Lapwing, 100 BH Gull, 4 Common Gull (A Gardiner)

26TH OCT: WILSTONE RSVR: 20+ Ruddy Dk, Dunlin, 220+ Golden Plover, 3 Pintail, feral Barnacle Gs, 30 Redwing, Fieldfare, 6 L Grebe (M Parr)....OTTERSPOOL: Brambling over calling, 35 Teal (C Everett)....RADLETT: 3 Grey Wag in town centre (C Everett)....BRAUGHING: m Stonechat on rd bwt Furneaux and Braughing nr "For sale" sign (M East)NORTON, STEVENAGE: 3 Buzzards (A Reynolds)....FRISDEN WOOD: 2 Marsh Tit, many Brambling in beech canopy (E Leahy)

25TH OCT: WADESMILL: swift sp with 2 Hs Martins along Anchor Lane c1530 when headed S over Hanbury Manor

(Nick)....TYTTENHANGER: Buzzard, 130 RL Partridge, c60 Lapwing, Snipe, 2 Green Sand, Kingfisher, 13 LT Tit, 2 Reed Bunt....N MYMMS PARK: 3 Buzzard, 18 Redwing, Chiffchaff, 3 Bullfinch....AMWELL: 5 Wigeon, 3 Jay, 24 Lapwing, 28 Teal (J Forgham)....KINGS MEAD: Stonechat alongside river, also 3 Wigeon, 17 Shoveler, 2 SHelduck (J Forgham)

24TH OCT: HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: 600+ Golden Plover in arable field W of village, E of Coopers Grn Lane and N of N boundary of Hatfield Business Park (S Pearce)....KINGS MEAD: 74 Teal, SHelduck, 22 Wigeon, 17 Shoveler, 110 Lapwing, 33 Gadwall, also 3 Little Egret flew E from Hertingfordbury twds Amwell (A Reynolds)....BROOKMANS PARK: Ad Peregrine seen well, also Marsh Tit, 42 Stock Dv, 17 Linnet....AMWELL: 2 ad Yellow-legged Gulls, Stonechat (T Austin/D Booth) 4 Redwing, 43 Teal, Shoveler x BW Teal hybrid (A Dorman)....HERTINGFORDBURY: 3 Little Egrets on new lake (C Squires)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sand, 3 Stonechat, 4 Bullfinch, Sparrowhawk (R Flesher) feral Barnacle Gs, Kingfisher (S Pearce)....BROCKET PARK: Buzzard being mobbed by crow late pm (D James)

23RD OCT: BRAUGHING: Merlin nr Patient End on road twds Braughing (M East)....COOPERS GREEN GP: 25 M Swan, Green Sand, 3 Gadwall, 5 Pochard, 23 Tufted....BEECH FARM: 12 Golden Plover, 5 Snipe, 75 Fieldfare, 60 Redwing, 45 Meadow Ppt, Buzzard, 35 Skylark, Reed Bunt....ABBOTTS LANGLEY: Lesser Redpoll over calling (C Everett)....SHAFFORD FARM: Stonechat, 50+ Redwing, 10+ Skylark, 10+ Meadow Ppt (J Pritchard)....WILSTONE RSVR: f Goosander, 245 Golden Plover, Water Rail (M Collard)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sand, 163 BH Gulls but little else due to disturbance from dogs and motorbike! (G Knight)

22ND OCT: CODICOTE: Barn Owl nr Codicote (N Cook)....TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand, Sparrowhawk (S Pearce)....RICKMANSWORTH: Buzzard over M25 S of J17 (A Hodges)

21ST OCT: BROOKMANS PARK: c30 Golden Plover over, also Swallow, 11 Yellowhammer, 5 Fieldfare, 11 Redwing....BARKWAY: Barn Owl seen nr Barkway (M East)

20TH OCT: TRING: The Eagle Owl that has been in area for last couple of days has been recaptured (I Burrus)

19TH OCT: WARE: Little Egret flew along old Lea (I Edwards)....BROOKMANS PARK: 25+ Fieldfare over

Late news 9TH AUG: HARPENDEN: Hawfinch in a private garden (J Saxby per D Anderson)

18TH OCT: AMWELL: 1st-w CASPIAN GULL, 3-4 Yellow-legged Gull, Tawny Owl (T Austin)....BEECH FARM: 4+ Stonechat, 15 Skylark, Buzzard, 4 L Grebe, f Wigeon, 2 Gadwall, 20 Lapwing, 5 Redwing, Bullfinch (A Gardiner/W Hatton)

17TH OCT: AMWELL: Cetti's Warbler calling from reed bed (D Booth)....POTTERS CROUCH: Swallow, 150 Linnet, 100 Starling, 20 Skylark, 6 Yellowhammer, 2 Buzzard (A Gardiner)....ALDENHAM: m Stonechat on rough ground at Patchetts Green (C Everett)....ALDENHAM RESERVOIR: 4 Mandarin, 27 GC Grebe, 6 Jay (C Everett)....OTTERSPOOL: m Mandarin, 94 Mallard (C Everett)....BATLERS GREEN, RADLETT: 30 Stock Dv (C Everett)....N MYMMS PARK: 4 Buzzard, 11 Golden Plover over, LS Wdpkr, 9+ Goldcrest, 175 Starling, 10 Yellowhammer....TYTTENHANGER: Pintail circled but did not land, also 2 Green Sand, 350 Woodpigeon, Kingfisher, Reed Bunt....ST IPPOLLITTS: 2 Swallow (M Hooper)

16TH OCT: KINGS MEAD: Green Sand, 20 Snipe, 5 Wigeon, Chiffchaff, 60 Teal, 177 Lapwing, 4 Stonechat, 2 Goldcrest (A Reynolds)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Pintail, 200+ Lapwing, 2 Green Sand, 30 Skylark, 100+ Linnet, 270 Canada Gs (G Knight) 27+ Tree Sparrow, 29 Fieldfare (S Pearce)....COOPERS GREEN GP: 21 M Swan, 3 Wigeon, Teal, aythya hybrid (poss Pochard x RC Pochard), 102 Lapwing, 34 LBB Gull, SNipe, Green Sand....BEECH FARM: 6 Stonechat, 1000 Jackdaw in roost (G Knight) 2 Teal, 750 Golden Plover, 2 Snipe, Green Sand, 70+ Meadow Ppt, 50+ Skylark, 20 Redwing, 39 Stock Dv....ABBOTS LANGLEY: 28 Skylark, 2 Bullfinch, 14 Redwing (B Cripps)....BROOKMANS PARK: Brambling visited a garden feeder

15TH OCT: HATFIELD: Firecrest in trees at back of Park Meadow, Old Hatfield in mixed flock of goldcrests and tits (J Winterbottom)....WARE: 11 H Martin (I Edwards)

14TH OCT: MARKYATE: Jack Snipe flushes from wet meadow at private site nr Markyate (A Banthorpe)....KINGS MEAD: 2 H Martin, Swallow, 2 Wigeon, 16 Snipe, 120 Lapwing, 80 Teal, Stonechat (A Reynolds)....ROTHAMSTED EXP STN: 6 H Martin over at 1655 south (M Russell)

13TH OCT: BOREHAMWOOD: Grey Plover flew in from east calling, circled overhead then headed west at 1100 (J Terry)

12TH OCT: LITTLE BERKHAMSTED: 3 Marsh Tit, 400 Starling, 4+ H Martin, 12 Fieldfare, Redwing, 25+ LT Tit, 150+ BH Gull....TYTTENHANGER: 4 Teal, 2 Dunlin, Green Sand, 120 BH Gull, 17 Common Gull, 4 Meadow Ppt (R Flesher)

11TH OCT: BEECH FARM: 2 SParrowhawk chasing magpies, 70 Lapwing, 5 Meadow Ppt (T Chapman)....TYTTENHANGER: Dunlin, 3 Green Sands, 3 Jay, 10 Teal, 9 Lapwing, 105 BH Gull, 6 Common Gull, 5 GC Grebe, 5 Gadwall (R Flesher)

10TH OCT: TYTTENHANGER: 2 Tree Sparrow, 3 Green Sand, 9 Swallow, 27 Common Gull, Chiffchaff, Teal, 19 M Swan () also Common Sand, 2 Stonechat, Snipe (G Knight)...FAIRLANDS LAKE: Red-throated Diver rptd on larger lake (S Blackmore)...WILSTONE: 3f Pintail, 2 Whooper Swan (unknown origin) (G Knight)...OTTERSPOOL: 3 Green Sand, 15 Redwing, 11 Teal (A Gardiner)...WALKERN: 20 Brambling btw Bassus Green & Clay End (J Davies)...KINGS MEAD: 29 Snipe, Green Sand, Chiffchaff, 84 Teal, 2 Dunlin, 2 Stonechat (A Reynolds)...BRICKENDON: 8 Fieldfare over (L Borg)...STARTOPS END RSVR: 9 feral Whooper Swan (M Wallen)...WARE: Swallow south (I Edwards)...BRICKET WOOD: Buzzard (B Cripps)...KNEBWORTH: f Crossbill at Graffidge Wood, also Buzzard (A Ford)...WATERY GROVE, STEVENAGE: Marsh Tit (A Ford)

9TH OCT: AMWELL: 2 Little Egrets, Cetti's Warbler (B Reed)...TYTTENHANGER: Knot in shingle island at N end of fishing lake till c12.30 when flew south also 4 ad Whooper Swans on wader pit (part of national influx?) (G Knight/L Evans) 18 Golden Plover over, Green Sand, 5 Swallow, 2 Stonechat, 13 Fieldfare, 10 Redwing (G Knight)...OTTERSPOOL: 15 Fieldfare (J Terry)...KINGS MEAD: Green Sand, 57 Teal, 9 Snipe, 3 Stonechat (A Reynolds)...SHAFFORD FARM: 15 Fieldfare, 20+ Redwing, 10 Skylark, 2 H Martin, 25 Meadow Ppt, 3 Buzzard (J Pritchard)...PUCKERIDGE: 18 Fieldfare, 24 Redwing, Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff (M Orchard)...BROOKMANS PARK: Fieldfare, Redwing, Reed Bunt, 31 Linnet, 20+ LT Tit...WILSTONE: Feral Barnacle Gs with Canadas (P Briers)

8TH OCT: OTTERSPOOL: 10 Fieldfare, Green Sand (C Everett)...AMWELL: Stonechat from viewpoint (D Wheatcroft)...RADLETT: 100 Redwing passing NW in many small flocks (C Everett)...BLACKBIRDS FARM, RADLETT: 70 Collared Dove (C Everett)...N MYMMS PARK: 4 Buzzard, 2 Siskin, 29 Redwing, 14 Jay, 28 Stock Dv, Chiffchaff, 10 Meadow Ppt, 140 BH Gull, 80 Jackdaw, 75 Crow...HERTFORD: 2 Chiffchaff, Redwing, 7 Jay (P Lawrence) 2 Buzzards over Thieves Ln/A414 (D Wheatcroft)...BROOKMANS PARK: 4 Chiffchaff, 5 Redwing...KIMPTON: 4 Buzzards at Rye End (A Ford)

7TH OCT: WATFORD: Black Redstart on flat roof of a High Street building (Seen from office window) (P Fearnside)...CASSIOBURY PARK: Buzzard high over N at 1200 (I Bennell)...STOCKERS LAKE: 2 Siskin drinking from puddle by pumping stn, also 30+ H Martin above causeway (P Lewis/S Carter)

6TH OCT: WILSTONE RSVR: 15 Golden Plover S over, 2 Chiffchaff, 500 H Martin, Grey Wag (A Nasir)...ROTHAMSTED EXP STN: 6 RL Partridge, Barn Owl thru, 5 S Martin, 2 Yellowhammer (J Chapman)...SHENLEYBURY: 45 Golden Plover over twds Coursers Farm (J Terry)...STEVENAGE: 6 Swallows south (C Brackenbury)...WELWYN: 11 LT Tit in a garden (M Bridges)

Late news 22ND SEPT: WARE: Nightjar flew south over floodlit astro turf pitches at Wodson Park Sports Centre, Ware at 1905 (R Watkins)

5TH OCT: TYTTENHANGER: 3 Teal, 2 Green Sand, 10+ Tree Sparrow (S Pearce)...WELWYN: 30 H Martin over Fulling Mill (M Bridges)...BROOKMANS PARK: 3 Swallows

4TH OCT: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 5 Stonechat, 20+ Meadow Ppt, 20+ Linnet (D Stanley)...GT GADDESSEN: 93 Stock Dv in ploughed field behind playground (M Parr)

3RD OCT: N MYMMS PARK: Swift over with hirundines (A Gray)...WILSTONE RSVR: Rock Pipit on nr vertical bank just W of jetty at 1130 (J Fearnside)...TYTTENHANGER: 6 Stonechat (S Pearce) Pintail, Common Sand, 22 Tree Sparrow, 226 Canada, 111 Lapwing (G Knight) also f Mandarin, 10 Wigeon, 3 Green Sand, 170 H Martin, c60 Swallow, 4 Chiffchaff...SHAFFORD FARM: Little Egret feeding in a riverside pool twds Redbournbury (J Pritchard)...WALKERN: 7 Buzzards (J Davies)...KINGS MEAD: 19 Snipe, 2 Green Sands, 61 Teal, 40 H Martin, 69 Gadwall (A Reynolds)...BEECH FARM: Buzzard, 118 Lapwing, 9 Skylark, 20+ meadow Ppt, 7 Swallow (A Dorman)...COOPERS GREEN GP: Wigeon, Green Sand, 28 Tufted (S Pearce)

2ND OCT: STARTOPS END RSVR: Rock Pipit in corner by bridge, also c50 H Martin, 12 Swallow (M Parr)...REDBOURNBURY: Little Egret along R Ver (B Kerry)...WILSTONE RSVR: f Whinchat on path btw hide & canal then flew off S, also juv R Plover, 5 Ruddy Dk (M Parr) Red Kite over Wilstone village (M Wallen)...COOPERS GREEN GP: Green Sand, 2 S Martin, 4 L Grebe, 83 Canada, 27 Tufted, Pochard...BEECH FARM: 9 Stonechat, Whinchat, 2 Sparrowhawk (D Wheatcroft) Teal, 2 Buzzard, 6 Swallow, 5 H Martin, 3 Chiffchaff, 48 Meadow Ppt, 2 Reed Bunt, 78 Lapwing...TYTTENHANGER: 24 M Swan, 282 Canada Gs, 2 Wigeon, 2 Pintail, 3 Green Sand, Common Sand, 40 H Martin, 10 Swallow, Tree Sparrow (G Knight)...KIMPTON: Buzzard (A Ford)...KINGS MEAD: 13 Swallows S (I Edwards)...SHAFFORD FARM: 150+ H Martin, 40 Swallow, 2 Buzzard, Chiffchaff, 4 Redwing (J Pritchard)

1ST OCT: KINGS MEAD: 2 Wigeon, 18 Snipe, 40+ LBB Gull, 120 BH Gull, 40+ Teal (P Lawrence)...ST IPPOLLITTS: 30 H Martin, Chiffchaff (M Hooper)...BOWMANS GREEN FARM: Little Owl, 2 GS Wdprk (G Young)...WILSTONE: 20 Ruddy Dk, 3 feral Whoopers (M Wallen)...TYTTENHANGER: 4 Green Sand, R Plover, 4 Swallow, 2 Grey Wag, 2 Teal (R Flesher)...FAIRLANDS LAKE: feral Barnacle Gs, 3 Grey Wag (A Ford)...EAST HYDE: 44 Collared Dv (M Russell)

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30TH SEP: EAST HYDE: f/imm Merlin flew over river and meadow NW at 1800 (M Russell)...WELWYN GDN CITY: 5-6 Redwing over Woodland Rise, calling (M Brown)...GARSTON: Redwing flew over calling at 0915 (C Everett)...WATERFORD: 2 Redwing, Chiffchaff, Green Wdpkr (P Lawrence)...WARE: 20+ H Martin over Widbury Hill (I Edwards)

29TH SEP: BOREHAMWOOD: 5 Redwing over NW, also Teal (J Terry)...CROMER HYDE FARM: juv WHinchat ringed, also c100 Linnets in area, btw Lemsford & Symondshyde (B Trevis)...WATFORD: Redwing over Radlett Rd calling at 1030 (I Bennell)...N MYMMS PARK: Marsh Tit, 5 Grn Wdpkr, 2 Chiffchaff, 25 Swallow, 4 bullfinch...EAST HYDE: 40 Collared Doves on wires by bridge (M Best)

28TH SEP: ELSTREE: 6 Monk Parakeets beside B5183 coming into Elstree from north (A Dorman)...LONDON COLNEY: 7 Grey Partridge along SHelney Lane, S of Napsbury (P Christian)...KINGS MEAD: 2 Green Sand, 8 Snipe, 3 Wigeon, 60+ Teal (P Lawrence)...AMWELL: 12 Wigeon, Hobby, 13 L Grebe, 35+ Teal, 5 H Martin (P Lawrence)

27TH SEP: TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand, Buzzard, nrby 6 Tree Sparrow at Tyttenhanger Farm (A Gardiner)...BROOKMANS PARK: Sedge Wbr flushed from setaside, also 90 Stock Dv, 60+ Hs Martin, 14 Swallow, 4 Chiffchaff, 35+ Linnet, 10+ Meadow Ppt, 5 Yellowhammer...KINGS MEAD: 13 Yellow Wags, 20 H Martin, 2 Green Sand, 17 Snipe, 42 Lapwing, 58 Teal (A Reynolds)

26TH SEP: SHAFFORD FARM, ST ALBANS: Little Egret flying between farm and road to waste plant site, also Buzzard, Green Sand, 3 Teal, Stonechat, 100+ H Martin, Kingfisher (A Gardiner/M Thompson/S Pearson)...TYTTENHANGER: 3 Grey Plover over at 6pm (R Pearson) Water Pipit on scrape S of old causeway from Nettle Hill at 1115, 5 Green Sand, 4 Teal, 192 Lapwing (P Christian/R Flesher) Poss Peregrine soaring over Garden Wood (G Knight) 30+ Tree Sparrow (S Pearce) Common Sand, 199 Canada Gs...KINGS MEAD: 2 Green Sand, 15 Snipe, 7 Yellow Wag, 10 Linnet (A Reynolds)...ST IPPOLLITTS: 4 Buzzard, 50 mixed hirundines, 2 Jay (M Hooper)...PUCKERIDGE: 10 S Martin N, 100 H Martin, 5 Blackcap, 12 Chiffchaff, 60 LBB Gull, Marsh Tit, 5 Jay (M Orchard)...BEDMOND: 60 meadow Ppt (C Everett)...BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 10 Goldfinch, 100 H Martin, 7 Meadow Ppt (T Chapman)...LONDON COLNEY: 46 Golden Plover at Barley Mow Farm, also 2 Little Owls (P Christian)...VERULAMIUM LAKE ST ALBANS: 8 Cormorant, 4 SHoveler, Pochard, 9 Tufted, G Heron (A Dorman)

25TH SEP: TYTTENHANGER: R Plover, 2 Green Sand, 15 Skylark, 30+ Swallow, Chiffchaff, 2 Willow Wbr (G Knight)...COOPERS GREEN GP: Wigeon (G Knight)...NASHES FARM: 63 Linnet (G Knight)...BEECH FARM: 2 Stonechat, 40 Greenfinch, 30+ H Martin, 70+ Stock Dv (G Knight)...GOBIONS WOOD: Teal, 2 Marsh Tit, Grey Wag, 5 Chiffchaff...KINGS MEAD: Buzzard, Green Sand, 10 Snipe, Blackcap, 60 H Martin, 10 Swallow, 40 Goldfinch (A Reynolds)...KIMPTON MILL: 2 Buzzards over, Kingfisher (C Brackenbury)...CHISWELL GREEN: Buzzard & 60+ Linnet W of Dane End (S Pearce)

24TH SEP: N MYMMS PARK: 7 Buzzards, 185 Swallow thru, 20 H Martin, 2 S Martin, 5 CHiffchaff, 2 Blackcap, 65 Chaffinch (sudden influx)...BEECH FARM: 20 Meadow Ppt, 30 Swallow (A Gardiner)

23RD SEP: WILSTONE: c300 mixed hirundines (M Wallen) 5 Pintail, juv R Plover, Common Sand (D Otter)...KINGS MEAD: Garganey, Little Gull, 2 Green Sands, 58 Teal, 150 Swallows thru S (A Reynolds)

22ND SEP: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Turtle Dove at oil storage depot, Buncefield Lane at 1115 (B Fagan)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sand, Common Sand, 15+ H Martin, 10+ S Martin, 25+ Meadow Ppts (M Wurr)

21ST SEP: WILSTONE RSVR: 2 Pintail, Common Sand, 4 L GREbe (A Nasir)

20TH SEP: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 2 Whinchat (D Stanley)...REDBOURNBURY: 2 Spot Fly just E of mill (I Williams)...HITCHIN: Swift (D Booth)...BROOKMANS PARK: Little Owl, 4 Chiffchaff, Willow Wbr, 8 Yellowhammer, 13 Linnet, 27 Stock Dv, Buzzard

19TH SEP: PANSHANGER PARK: Osprey viewed looking up valley from car park off Thieves Lane, Hertingfordbury, also 3 Buzzard, 2 Hobby (T Brownsell)...BATFORD: Osprey SE over village at 1413 (M Russell)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 LRP, Common Sand (3 rptd earlier), 50+ H Martin, Whitethroat, 3 Tree Sparrow (G Knight) 7 Green Sand, Wigeon (D Booth) Snipe, Buzzard (A Dorman)...KINGS MEAD: 35 Yellow Wag, 80 Meadow Ppt, 2 Whinchat, Stonechat, 2 Green Sand, 50 H Martin, 16 Swallow, Whitethroat (A Reynolds)...BEECH FARM: 2 WHinchat, 3 Stonechat, Sedge Wbr, 110+ Meadow Ppt, 115 Swallow, 4 Reed Bunt, 230 Lapwing, 150 Starling, 10 L Grebe...OTTERSPOOL: S Martin, 23 Teal, nrby 4 Yellow Wags at Bushey (C Everett)...WILSTONE RSVR: 3 Hobby, 4 feral Whoopers, 10 Lapwing, Little Owl, GS Wdpkr, 5 Willow Wbr, 4 L Grebe, 3 Ruddy Dk, 500 mixed hirundines (M Clarke) c250 H Martin (M Wallen)

18TH SEP: Just in Bucks; Drayton Beauchamp: Imm Night Heron at a private pond in evening (S Wilson)...MARSWORTH RSVR: Peregrine flew to trees at back of reedbed (M Parr)...TYTTENHANGER: Wigeon, 5 Green Sands, Common Sand, S Martin, 15 H Martin, 20+ Mdw Pipit (G Knight)...WILSTONE RSVR: 2 Hobby, 4 feral Whooper, 3 Ruddy Dk, 6 L GREbe, Grey Wag, 50 H Martin (M Parr)...EAST HYDE: Hobby hunting H Martin mid-am (M Russell)...WARE: 100+ H Martin after rainstorm (I Edwards)

17TH SEP: WILSTONE RSVR: **Imm NIGHT HERON** at dusk nr hide (S Wilson)...KINGS MEAD: Garganey, 20 Wigeon, 47 Teal, 2 Green Sand, 17 Snipe, 40 H Martin (A Reynolds)...BATCHWOOD, ST ALBANS: **HOOPOE** flew N over Ancient Briton crossroads at 0745 (A Jones)...RYE MEADS: **juv Little Gull** from Tern Hide at 1215 (A Hardacre)...ROTHAMSTED EXP STN: 15 Swifts drifted south late am (M Russell)...WILSTONE RSVR: c400 H Maretin, c15 S Martin, 7 Ruddy Dk, feral Whooper & 2 Black Swan (M Wallen)...BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: Wheatear & 5 Stock Dv (D Stanley)

16TH SEP: H HEMPSTEAD: **f/imm Merlin** over Piccotts End Farm, nrby Green Sand at Piccotts End Pools (J Middleton)...BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: Whinchat, Wheatear, 2 Buzzard (D Stanley)...TRING RSVR: No sign of poss DC Cormorant or Shag (B Miller/R Andrew) Photos of the bird are on [Surfbirds](#) and it has been reidentified as a *sinensis* Cormorant...HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: c50 Lapwing, 5 H Martin, Kestrel (J Moss)

15TH SEP: FAIRLANDS VALLEY: M Wheatear at 0720 (A Ford)...TRING RSVR: Poss 2nd calendar yr DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT in dead trees on "south reservoir" 1645-1745 at least, also Shag (M Reid)

14TH SEP: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: Wheatear (D Stanley)...TEWIN: Red Kite west over Burnham Green (D Booth)...TRING RSVRS: 2 Dunlin & juv R Plover at Startops, 2 Spot Fly by Marsworth sluice (L Evans)

13TH SEP: ST ALBANS: **f Pied Flycatcher** in alders on private fishing lake adj to Verulam Golf Course at end of Riverside Road (P Lewis)...TRING: 40+ H Martin W over at 1700 (I Burrus)

12TH SEP: PUCKERIDGE: Hobby, 2 Marsh Tit, 30 Swallow (M Orchard)...KINGS MEAD: Garganey, 5 Wigeon, Teal, 2 Green Sand, 11 Snipe (A Dorman)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Wigeon, 3 Teal, Hobby, LRP, 6 Green Sands, Common Sand, 2 S Martin, 7 Swallow, H Martin (G Knight)...FISHERS GREEN, STEVENAGE: Red Kite over E (G Dagnall)...SHAFFORD FARM: Red Kite over, Whinchat, 100+ H Martin, Yellow Wag (J Pritchard) 3 Hobby, **Peregrine** (per G Ashby)...N MYMMS PARK: 2 Hobby, 52 H martin thru, 22 Swallow thru, Marsh Tit...BURY LAKE: Pintail over (M Silk)...AMWELL: 29 L Grebe (A Dorman)

11TH SEP: VERULAMIUM LAKE, ST ALBANE: **Little Egret** on island c1430 (M Davies)...TRING RSVRS: **Juv Mediterranean Gull** at Startops, later seen at Wilstone (per L Evans), also 3 Dunlin at Startops (L Evans)...WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Hobby over Marshalls Heath (T Chapman)...TYTTENHANGER: LRP, Snipe, Common Sand, 54 M Thrush (G Knight) also 3 Green Sands, 2 Wigeon, 2 Hobby...SHAFFORD FARM, VER VALLEY: **Little Egret** on Ver at Dolittle Mill, later in flight twds Gorhambury, also Hobby, Buzzard (J Pritchard)...RYE MEADS: Hobby (A Hardacre)...BROOKMANS PARK: Marsh Tit

10TH SEP: REDBOURBURY: **Little Egret** flushed from river by bridge to farm, flew twds Redbourn (I Williams)...AMWELL: Hobby, 3 Snipe, Green Sand (G Knight)...TYTTENHANGER: 3 Green Sand (G Knight)...KINGS MEAD: **Garganey**, 10 Wigeon, 4 Whinchat, 8 Snipe, Shoveler x BW Teal hybrid, 97 Lapwing (A Reynolds)

9TH SEP: NEWNHAM: **imm/f Marsh Harrier** low over fields c200yds from A507 (P Howard)...KINGS MEAD: 42 Teal, 4 Wigeon, 50 Lapwing, 2 SNipe (A Reynolds)...TYTTENHANGER: 4 Wigeon, 2 Green Sands, Common Sand, Grey Wag (G Knight)...STARTOPS END RSVR: 2 Dunlin, White Wag (M Wallen)

8TH SEP: PICCOTTS END POOLS: Red Kite over (J Middleton)...BEECH FARM: Wheatear, 2 Mandarin...STARTOPS END RSVR: 3 Dunlin (M Wallen)...WILSTONE: 2 Hobby, 9 Ruddy Dk (M Wallen)...ASHRIDGE FOREST: Siskin nr L Gaddesden (D Forder)

7TH SEP: STARTOPS END RSVR: **Whimbrel** flew S calling at noon, also 4 Dunlin, R Plover, also Swift (M Wallen)...WILSTONE RSVR: c80 Wigeon, Common Tern (M Wallen)...REDBOURNBURY: **Little Egret** downstream at 0830 (R Prue)...FAIRLANDS LAKE: Common Sand (A Ford)...BROOKMANS PARK: 200+ Hs Martin gathering at Bell Lane...TYTTENHANGER: 6 Teal, Wigeon, 2 LRP, 2 Green Sand, 2 Common Sand, 58 Lapwing

6TH SEP: AMWELL: 2 Greenshank flew off S at 1710 (T Austin)...N MYMMS PARK: 2 Hobby

5TH SEP: HITCHIN: **ORTOLAN BUNTING** trapped and ringed at Temple End, Charlton - photo on multimedia page (J Crystal)...STARTOPS END RSVR: 3 Dunlin (M Wallen)...KINGS MEAD: Pintail until 0950 when flew off with Shoveler (C Smout) f Wigeon, Green Sand, 135 Lapwing, 4 Snipe (D Wheatcroft)...BEECH FARM: 4 Whinchat, 31 Linnet (S Pearce)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 LRP, 2 Teal (S Pearce)...BARNET: 3 Hobby, 2 Little Owl

4TH SEP: LONG MARSTON: Red Kite over (D Jenkins)...JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: **Male Redstart** still present (G Knight)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 LRP, 4 Green Sand, Common Sand (G Knight) Hobby (S Pearce)...KINGS LANGLEY: 6 Buzzards circling (D Whitehouse)...BERKHAMSTEAD: Red Kite over cricket club, also Little Owl

3RD SEP: JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: **Male Redstart** still present, also Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Yellowhammer, 2 Blackcap (D Stanley)...BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 6 Whinchat, 13 M Thrush, Buzzard (D Stanley)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Teal, 2 LRP, 5 Green Sand, 30 S Martin but no sign of L Stint (G Knight) 2 Tree Sparrow, Kingfisher, Hobby (D Wheatcroft)

2ND SEP: JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: **Male Redstart** still present, also Lsr Whitethroat (G

Knight)....BEECH FARM: 2 Whinchat, Buzzard, Green Sand (D Wheatcroft)....TYTTENHANGER: **Little Stint** on N side of pit, also 2 LRP, 2 Hobby (G Knight) Buzzard, Hobby (M Wurr)....VERULAMIUM PARK: Mandarin (A Jeffery)....R LEE AT WARE: 2 Swifts, Chiffchaff, LS Woodpecker (I Edwards)....Gt GADDESSEN: 2 Little Owls just downstream from Gt Gaddesden (D Otter)

1ST SEP: JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: **Male Redstart** along N boundary hedge (G KNight)....H HEMPSTEAD: 2 Swifts over (D Forder)....ST IPPOLLITTS: Woodcock (M Hooper)....VERULAMIUM PARK: 7 Swifts over (E Leahy)....REDBOURNBURY: 30+ Yellow Wags among cattle (M Thompson)

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31ST AUG: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 4 Whinchat, 2 Blackcap (D Stanley) 2 Wheatear, 3 Buzzards, 500+ hirundines thru (G KNight)....REDBOURNBURY: Yellow Wag over, Buzzard (E Leahy)....ASHWELL: Corn Bunt, Grey Partridge, 5 Yellow Wag (N Wood)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Green Sand, 6 Cormorant (G Knight)

30TH AUG: WILSTONE RSVR: Red-crested Pochard, 12 Teal, 4 Wigeon, 150+ S Martin (A Dorman)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 5 Whinchat, Whitethroat (D Stanley)....TYTTENHANGER: 3 Hobby (1 juv), 2 Green Sand, Common Tern (S Pearce) Common Sand (D Booth)....COOPERS GREEN GP: 8 Grey Partridge, 7 Stock Dv, 17 H Martin (D Booth)....AMWELL: Hobby, 50+ H Martin, Spot Fly (G Knight)....N MYMMS PARK: 8 Spot Fly, Hobby, 190 Mallard (Redwell Wood Farm), 3 Whitethroat, 5 Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff, 2 Willow Wbr, 2 Bullfinch....GT GADDESSEN: 2+ Buzzards, 2 Hobby, Kestrel (D Forder)....WATFORD: Hobby over Woodside (B Cripps)....KINGS MEAD: 50 H MARTIN, 2 Common Sand, 15 Teal, 2 Wigeon, Hobby (A Reynolds)....PICCOTTS END POOLS: Spot Fly, 2+ Kingfisher, 2 L Grebe, Swift (D Forder)

29TH AUG: WILSTONE RSVR: **3 Crossbill** flew E over res at 1815, also Red Kite over, 2 Hobby, Green Sand, Common Sand, 9 LBB Gull, 3 Grey Wag, 25+ LT Tits accompanied by 4 Chiffchaff, 4 feral Whoopers (I Bennell)....STARTOPS RSVR: Red-breasted merganser reported but no sign when checked out (per I Bennell)....BEECH FARM: Greenshank, Wheatear, Green Sand (S Pearce) **Grasshopper Wbr**, Sedge Wbr, 9 Teal, Hobby, Buzzard, 16 Skylark....KINGS MEAD: Shoveler x Blue-winged Teal hybrid, Common Sand, 2 Swift, 2 Wigeon, L Owl (A Reynolds)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 2 Common Sands, Buzzard, (A Dorman) Green Sand, 10 S Martin (G Knight)....H HEMPSTEAD: juv Hoby over Gadebridge Park, also Swift (D Forder)....PICCOTTS END POOLS: 3 Cormorant, Common Tern, Kingfisher, Spot Fly (D Forder)....BROOKMANS PARK: 2 Swifts over....BROOKMANS PARK: Hobby over....COOPERS GREEN GP: 13 L Grebe, 16 Pochard, 18 Gadwall, 2 S Martin, Swift, 100 Lapwing....ST IPPOLLITTS: 8 Grey Heron by St Ibbs Lake, also Grey Wag & 2 Swifts (C Brackenbury)

28TH AUG: BERKHAMSTEAD COMMON: f Wheatear (S Scott)....WESTON: Hobby, Buzzard (R Broadie)....PICCOTTS END POOLS: **Little Egret** flew off at 1150, also 2 Common Tern, L Grebe & 4 Kingfisher, Spot Fly, Bullfinch, few Willow Wbr, 5+ Stock Dv (D & S Forder)....GT GADDESSEN: 2+ Buzzards, Yellow Wag (D & S Forder)....RYE MEADS: 5 Green Sands, 3 Snipe, Sparrowhawk (A Hardacre)....OTTERSPOOL: 2 Green Sands (C Everett)....TYTTENHANGER: Common Sand, Green Sand (G Knight)....SARRATT BOTTOM: 3 Hobby, 2 juv Little Owl (G Smith)....BRICKET WOOD & COMMON: Buzzard, Yellow Wag (C Everett)....AMWELL: 2 Ruddy Dk (C Smout)....ST PAULS WALDEN: 2 Little OWls calling, Spot Fly (C Brackenbury)....HARPENDEN: LS Wdpkr visiting a garden in Springfield Cres (J Trew)

27TH AUG: BALDOCK: **Poss GREENISH WARBLER** at Ivel Springs, seen and heard to call, but could not be relocated later (B Sawford)....WILSTONE RSVR: Juv Red-crested Pochard viewable from main car park, also 4 Wigeon, 6 Ruddy Dk, 2 Hobby, 2 Common Sand, 30 Lapwing, 2 LBB Gull, 250 H MARTIN, 6 juv Grey Wag, 2 feral Whooper Swan, 2 Black Swan, Barnacle Gs & 2 aythya hybrids: 1 Ferruginous Dk lookalike & 1 resembling drake Lesser Scaup (L Evans)....TYTTENHANGER: Common Sand, 4 Green Sand, LRP, Common Tern, 12 Tree Sparrow, 220 Canada Gs....ST ALBANS: Green Sand over central St Albans calling at 2100 (A Dorman)....HARPENDEN: 10 Swifts (R Cave)....BROOKMANS PARK: 70+ Blue Tits thru a garden

26TH AUG: PANSHANGER PARK: **Little Egret**, Hobby (S Pearce)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: m Wheatear (C Smout)....WATER END, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Kingfisher, 3 Spot Fly (C Smout)....KINGS MEAD: **Garganey**, 2 Common Sand, 20 Shoveler, 2 Wigeon (A Reynolds) 30+ Gadwall, S Martin, 8 L Grebe, Kingfisher, 40+ Lapwing, f Teal, 2 Cormorant (P Lawrence)....AMWELL: 3 Whitethroat, 3 Ruddy Dk, 8 L Grebe, 2 Swallow, 20+ Lapwing, 4 GC Grebe (P Lawrence)....RYE MEADS: 3 Green Sand, 2 SNipe, 4 Stock Dv, 2 Teal (P Lawrence)....RICKMANSWORTH: 2 Spot Fly, Hobby (A Marett)....HERTFORD: At The Goldings - 40 Canada Gs, 4 Tufted, 4 Moorhen, 6 Coot (P Lawrence)

25TH AUG: GT GADDESSEN: 2 Yellow Wags on boggy farmland behind Wyevale Gdn Centre (D Forder)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: Hobby, Buzzard, Sparrowhawk (D Stanley)....MERRYHILL: **male Redstart**, no extra details (J Gundersen)....WILSTONE RSVR: c20 Swift, c200 S Martin, c100 H Martin (M Wallen)....PICCOTTS END POOLS: 2 CommonTern, Kingfisher, 5+ Swift, 4 Buzzards inc very pale bird, 1+ Spot Fly, 4+ Bullfinch (D Forder)

24TH AUG: COURSERS FARM, L COLNEY: 7 Yellow Wags (S Pearce)....TYTTENHANGER: Common Sand, also

Marsh Tit in Coppice Wood (G Knight)

23RD AUG: WILSTONE RSVR: **Little Egret**, Common Sand & 2 Black Swans (J Thompson)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 2 Whinchat, Swift, Sparrowhawk (D Stanley)....TYTTENHANGER: 3 Green Sand, 3 Common Sand (G Knight)

22ND AUG: HILFIELD RSVR: **Honey Buzzard** drifted SE 1040-1047 (HRBR)....TYTTENHANGER: f Mandarin, **juv Peregrine** along causeway sev times, 2 Common Sand (G Knight) 3 Green Sand, also Mink (A Lewis)....KINGS MEAD: **Garganey**, Common Sand (M Parr), 2 Whinchat, Yellow Wag, 16 Mipit, 20 Shoveler (A Reynolds)....AMWELL: **Little Egret**, 13 Shoveler (M Parr)....BROOKMANS PARK: 7 Swifts....ESSENDON: 135 hirundines thru, 23 Linnet....OTTERSPOOL: Green Sand, 2 Spot Fly, 2 Swift, 5 Teal (C Everett)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 3 Whinchat (D Stanley) 2 Buzzards, 2 Grn Wdpkr (A Dorman)....SHAFFORD FARM: Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Buzzards, 1+ Hobby (J Pritchard)

21ST AUG: WALKERN: **Juv/fem Marsh Harrier** drifted south at 1800 (J Davies)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 5 Whinchat, Wheatear (D Stanley)....KINGS MEAD: **Garganey**, 2 Common Sand, 2 S Martin, 20 H Martin, 30 Swift (A Reynolds) eclipse Shoveler, 6 L Grebe, Swallow (M Parr)....ROTHAMSTED: Spot Fly, 6 Swift (M Russell)

20TH AUG: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 3 Whinchat, 3 Buzzard (D Stanley/D Dean)....KINGS MEAD: **Garganey**, Common Sand, 7 S Martin (A Reynolds)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sand, 2 Common Sand, Hobby (over at 1400) (M Wurr)....WILSTONE: c400 hirundines, Hobby (M Wallen)....WHEATHAMPSTEAD: 2 Swifts (D Stanley)....RYE MEADS: c500 hirundines heading through over 2 hours (A Hardacre)

19TH AUG: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 3 Whinchat (D Stanley/G Horn)....TYTTENHANGER: 7 Green Sands, 4 Common Sand, 3 juv Grey Heron, 150+ Lapwing (C Hull) Greenshank, Kingfisher (D Stanley) 50+ RL Partridge, Dunlin, 189 BH Gull, Common Tern....COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 Sand Martin (D Stanley)....CHISWELL GREEN: Swift still visiting a nest box (A Gardiner)

18TH AUG: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 5 WHinchats (D Stanley)....KINGS MEAD: **Garganey**, 3 Common Sand, 20 Swift (A Reynolds)....PICCOTTS END POOLS: 2 Egyptian Geese low over twds Hemel, also Common Tern, Kingfisher, 3 Sparrowhawks (D & S Forder)....WELWYN: Swift south at noon (J Terry)

17TH AUG: KINGS MEAD: **Garganey**, Common Sand, 16 Teal, Kingfisher, 20 Swift (A Reynolds)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Common Sand, 10 Sand Martins (G Knight)....BROOKMANS PARK: 8 Swifts over....AMWELL: Snipe, 19 Lapwing (S Blackmore)....WILSTONE: c15 Swift, c100 Sand Martin, Ruddy Dk, 6 Grey Wag (M Wallen)

16TH AUG: TYTTENHANGER: 5 Greenshank flew off west at 1000, also 3 Common Sand, 4 Green Sand, 2 Kingfisher (J Terry)

15TH AUG: KNEBWORTH: Raven over calling, also 3 Buzzards, 2 Marsh Tits, Lsr Whitethroat (A Ford)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Greenshank, 6 Common Sand, 3 Green Sand, 2 Sparrowhawk, 224 Canada Gs (G Knight) also 403 Lapwing, Teal, Kingfisher, Nuthatch, 2 Grn Wdpkr (A Dorman) also 2 Herring Gull (D Booth) also 35+ Tree Sparrow, Cuckoo (S Pearce)....AMWELL: **Juv Garganey** from watchpoint (R Facer)....SHAFFORD FARM: Hobby, 2 Spot Fly, HUmmingbird Hawk Moth (J Pritchard)....BEECH FARM: Green Sand, Buzzard (D Wheatcroft)....COOPERS GREEN GP: 3 Green Sands, Common Sand, 65 Lapwing (D WHeatcroft)....N MYMMS PARK: Hobby, 3 Spot Fly, Lsr Whitethroat, 26 Stock Dv, 4 passage Willow Wbr, Little Owl (S Pearce)

14TH AUG: KINGS MEAD: **Garganey** on west pool, also Common Sand, 3 Yellow Wag (D Wheatcroft)....TYTTENHANGER: 4 Common Sand, 2 Teal (G Knight) 3 Common Sand, Greenshank, Green Sand, 107 Lapwing, Teal, 25 Tree Sparrow, Reed Wbr (C Smout)....WILSTONE: **Little Egret**, 3 Grey Wag (2 juvs) (D Otter) Shelduck, 2 Common Tern, 5 Sand Martin, 2 Grey Wag, Kingfisher, feral Barnacle Gs, nrby Spot Fly at Marsworth Rsvr (J Champan)....COURSERS FARM: 4 Yellow Wags in hrose field, nrby 3+ Sand Martins still at colony at new pits (S Pearce)

13TH AUG: WILSTONE RSVR: **Black-necked Grebe**, by reeds in SE corner, **2 Little Egrets** roosting, 7 juv Mandarin, 2 Garganey, 5 Ruddy Dk, 2 Wigeon, f Shelduck, 3 Greenshank, 5 Common Sand, 9 Common Tern, Grey Wag, Sedge Wbr, Lsr Whitethroat (L Evans)....KINGS MEAD: **Garganey** till 2000 at least (A Reynolds/G Knight) 4 Common Sand, 8 Teal (A Reynolds)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 7 Green Sand, 6 Common Sand, Redshank, 2 Hobby, 200 Lapwing, Garden Wbr, 7 Tree Sparrow, 2 Sparrowhawk....PATMORE HEATH: Swift, Hobby, c30 Hs Martin (M East)....BROOKMANS PARK: Hobby, Lsr Whitethroat, 17 Linnet, 2 Little Owl, Marsh Tit....TOWNSEND TENNIS CLUB: 12 Swifts over tennis club/Waverley Road area 1810 (B Fagan)

12TH AUG: TYTTENHANGER: 3 Greenshank, 2 Green Sand, 6 Common Sand, 2 Teal, no sign of Black Tern (G Knight)....KIMPTON MILL: Hobby (T Kittle)....FAIRLANDS LAKE: 4 Common Sands flushed and flew SW (A Ford)....CASSIOBURY PARK: 20 M Thrush over council depot (I Bennell)

11TH AUG: KIMPTON MILL: Green Sand (T Kittle)....AMWELL: 2 Marsh Tit, 40+ Lapwing, Ruddy Dk (P Lawrence)....WATEREND, HEMEL: 5+ Willow Wbr, 4+ Whitethroat, m Blackcap, Chiffchaff (D Forder)....PICCOTTS

END POOLS: 2 Sedge Wbr in crop field behind pools (D Forder)

10TH AUG: FROGMORE GP, STEVENAGE: 3 Hobby, Blackcap, 40 Swallows, 4 Linnet (P Lawrence)...GT GADDESSEN: juv WHEATEAR behind Wyevale Gdn Centre, Kingfisher, L Grebe (D Forder)...STARTOPS END RSVR: **5 Common Scoter (3m)** to 1700 at least (G Knight/M Leveridge/M Parr) **3 Black Tern** (I Bennell), 12 Common Tern (M Parr)WILSTONE RSVR: **Black Tern, Little Egret** (M Leveridge) also 4 Common Sand, 12 Hs Martin, 16 Common Tern (M Parr)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Greenshank, 2 Green Sand, 3 Common Sand, Redshank, 2 Sparrowhawk - juv and male carrying food (G Knight)...BEECH FARM: Green Sand (G Knight)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 Green Sand, 3 Common Sand (G Knight)...KINGS MEAD: 4 Common Sand, 18 SHoveler, 2 Teal (A Reynolds)

9TH AUG: WILSTONE RSVR: **2 Black Terns** present at 2015 at least (G Knight)

8TH AUG: TYTTENHANGER: 2f Mandarin on main pit in front of Nettle Hill, also 4 Green Sands (P Christian) Redshank, 3 Greenshank, Snipe, Dunlin (R Flesher/T Smith/G Knight) 4 Common Sand (D Booth)...COOPERS GREEN GP: Common Sand, 8 L Grebe (D Booth)...SHAFFORD FARM: 3 Hobbies chasing Hs Martins (J Pritchard)...HITCHIN: Turtle Dove on Beds border nr Pegsdon (C Brackenbury)...WARE: Hobby chasing hirundines over Wheatsheaf Dv late pm (M Browning)...BROOKMANS PARK: Hobby, 4 S Martins, Willow Wbr

7TH AUG: AMWELL: Little Egret, 3 Green Sands, Common Sand (P Lawrence)...WILSTONE RSVR: **Osprey** flew S over Rushy Meadow twds Tring (S Wilson)...CHORLEYWOOD: 2 Marsh Tit & 4 Spot Fly at Chorleywood Common (G Smith)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Greenshank, 3 Green Sand, 2 Common Sand (S Pearce/G Knight) 3 juv SHelduck, Kingfisher (S Pearce), Cuckoo, 2 ad GC Grebe + juv (G Knight)...KINGS MEAD: 2 Common Sand, Sparrowhawk, Spot Fly, 120 Lapwing, 4 Common Tern (D Wheatcroft)...KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: m Ruddy Dk, 29 Tufted inc 3 broods totalling 19 juvs (C Everett)...GOBIONS WOOD: Marsh Tit...BEECH FARM: 2 Grey Partridge, 3 Kestrel (S Pearce)

6TH AUG: N MYMMS PARK: Buzzard, 6 Grn Wdpkr, 16 Stock Dv

5TH AUG: PICCOTTS END POOLS: **Little Egret** briefly then flew SE (J Middleton)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Greenshank, 2 Redshank, 4 Green Sand, Common Sand (A Gardiner)...WELWYN: Kingfisher in a garden close to Fulling Mill (M Bridges)

4TH AUG: WATEREND, HEMEL: **Peregrine** over field by Leighton Buzzard Rd opp Noake Mill Lane (J Middleton)...FAIRLANDS LAKE: Kingfisher, Cormorant, Grey Wag (A Ford)

3RD AUG: TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sand, 3 Common Sand, Redshank, 3 juv SHelduck (G KNight)

2ND AUG: ST ALBANS: Ad Lsr Whitethroat in a garden (G KNight)

1ST AUG: WILSTONE RSVR: f SHelduck, 3 Common Sand, Dutch ringed Cormorant (green KM ring), 109 M Swan (I Bennell)...PICCOTTS END POOLS, H HEMPSTEAD: **2 Little Egrets**, 2 Kingfisher, L Grebe, 2 Garden Wbr, 2 Lsr Whitethroat (J Middleton)...COOPERS GREEN GP: Greenshank (S Pearce)KNEBWORTH: Hobby over edge of park early evening (C Brackenbury)...TYTTENHANGER: Yellow Wag (I Bennell) 3 juv SHelduck, Redshank, 2 Greenshank, 4 Green Sands, 6 Common Sand, Spot Fly (G Knight)

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31ST JUL: TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret** flew off north at 0845, also Greenshank, 4 Green Sand, 3 Common Sand (G Knight) 3 juv SHelduck (S Pearce)...HERTFORD: **Little Egret** on pit nr jet Thieves Lane/A414, also m Ruddy Dk (D Wheatcroft)...AMWELL: Greenshank, 7 Common Tern (D Wheatcroft)...ST PAULS WALDEN: Little Owl calling (C Brackenbury)

30TH JUL: PICCOTTS END POOLS, H HEMPSTEAD: **Little Egret**, Garden Wbr, 2 Kingfisher, 2 Sparrowhawk, Common Tern (J Middleton)...TYTTENHANGER: **Peregrine** flew over old causeway at 0930 flushing everything. Flew around with flock for c5mins before drifting N over A414, also R Plover, 216 Lapwing, 4 Green Sands, Common Sand, Snipe & 6 WHitethroat (D Booth) **2 Little Egrets**, Greenshank, 2 Sedge Wbr (J Thornley)...KINGS MEAD: Common Sand, 90 Lapwing, 8 L Grebe (A Reynolds)

29TH JUL: BOURNE END: **Imm NIGHT HERON** flying west along Grand Union Canal/ River Bulbourne valley calling at 0825, c80 feet up and heading twds Berkhamstead (D Wrathall)...TYTTENHANGER: 7 Green Sands, juv SHelduck, 3 Redshank, Greenshank & 5 large waders, poss Curlew, flew south (G Knight), 2 Common Sand, 4 Common Gull, LBB Gull, Stock Dv (M Wurr)

28TH JUL: TYTTENHANGER: **Curlew** on sandbank, also 2 Common Sand, 2 Green Sand, 2 Redshank, R Plover (C Hull)...BOURNE END: 900+ Swifts passed west/south-west between 1630-1900 (D Wrathall)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 Green Sands, Ruddy Dk, 25 Tufted, 2 L GREbe, 2 Barnacle Gs...TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 3 Green Sands, Redshank, 2 Common Sand, juv Cuckoo, 4 R Plover, SHelduck (G Knight)...STOCKERS LAKE: LS Wdpkr calling from trees just N of causeway (S Younger)

27TH JUL: HERTINGFORDBURY: **Little Egret**, Common Sand & LBB Gull (S Poynter)...TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 3 Green Sands, Redshank, Common Sand, Shelduck, 2 Bullfinch but no sign of Little Egret, although fishing lakes not checked (A Gardiner)...BRICKET WOOD COMMON: juv Cuckoo, Tawny Owl (C Everett)...OTTERSPOOL: Common Sand (C Everett)

26TH JUL: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: **Whinchat** in crop field S of lane through Little Revel End, which is off B487 btw Hemel & Redbourn at 1615 (D Hutchinson)...N MYMMS PARK: 2 Hobby, Buzzard, 5 Grn Wdpkr, 2 Spot Fly, Little Owl, 4 Whitethroat, 2 Willow Wbr, 15 Stock Dv

25TH JUL: TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret**, Redshank, Greenshank, 8 Green Sands, Common Sand, 100+ Swift (G Knight) Yellow Wag (S Pearce)...BISHOPS STORTFORD: Turtle Dove in flight on edge of town (C Brackenbury)...COLLIERS END: Hobby over A10 (C Brackenbury)...PITSTONE NO2 QUARRY: Green Sand (J Thompson)...POTTERS BAR: Hobby, 40 Swift, Sparrowhawk, GS Wdpkr, pr Pied Wags with 5 yng

24TH JUL: TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret**, 4 LRP, 2 R Plover, Greenshank, 2 Common Sand, Green Sand, Redshank, 15 Common Tern, 170 Lapwing (P Christian/R Flesher) Yellow Wag (S Pearce)...ALDENHAM RSVR: 4 Mandarin, m Ruddy Duck (C Everett)...VERULAMIUM LAKE, ST ALBANS: f Mandarin, 3 Ruddy Dk, Hobby chasing a bat at 2030 (A Jeffery)

23RD JUL: AMWELL: **juv Wood Sand** from viewpoint at 1330, also Common Sand (B Fagan)...RYE MEADS: **Little Egret** mobile around Draper Hide, also m Ruddy Duck from hide (L Borg)...TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret** from old causeway, also 2 LRP, 100+ BH Gull, 12 Common Tern, 40+ Lapwing (B Fagan)...WHIPPENDELL WOODS: Marsh Tit (C Everett)

22ND JUL: ROTHAMSTED EXP STN: Oystercatcher flew south over at 0900 (M Russell)...TRING: **Little Egret** flying along A41 bypass (S Chalkly)...TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret** - can hide in deep gully made by gravel workings, 5 Dunlin, Greenshank, 2 Green Sands, Redshank, Common Sand, 2 Bullfinch (A Gardiner)...AMWELL: **3 Black-tailed Godwits** flew south from Kings Mead direction at 1910 over track off Amwell Lane (R Facer) **Little Egret**, **juv Wood Sand** from watchpoint (A Dorman)...CASSIOBURY PARK: Hobby west over, also 2 Spot Fly around tennis courts (I Bennell)

21ST JUL: TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret**, Greenshank, 3 Green Sands, Common Sand (G Knight) 5 Dunlin, Grey Wag (S Pearce)...AMWELL: **juv Wood Sand**, **2 Little Egret (ad + juv)**, Hobby (G Knight)...HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Red Kite over Gadebridge by Warners End Wood at 1730 (J Middleton)...TRING PARK: Buzzard over (L Vaughan)...BROOKMANS PARK: 3 Little Owls & 45 linnet...ST ALBANS: c300 Jackdaw E over a N St Albans garden, pres to Beech Farm roost (G Knight)...BERKHAMSTEAD: 2 Little Owls (S Scott)

20TH JUL: AMWELL: **juv Wood Sand**, **Little Egret**, Yellow Wag (I Bennell)...SHENLEYBURY: 50 Swift through late pm (J Terry)...TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret**, 3 Dunlin, 22+ Common Terns (J Trew) also 4 Green Sands (2 on main pit, 2 on scrape) & Stock Dv (M Wurr)...REDBOURNBURY: Pr Pied Wags around treatment plant yard (J Borgeat)...BEECH FARM: 2 Reed Wbr, 20+ Stock Dv (S Pearce)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 3 Mandarin, Garden Wbr, Common Sand, 3 Green Sand, 2 feral Barnacle Gs (S Pearce)

19TH JUL: HARPERBURY: **imm/f Hen Harrier** flew thru west at 1900 (J Terry)...AMWELL: **Little Egret** 0830-0915 when it flew behind island (J Forgham)...TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret**, Greenshank, 7 Dunlin, Common Sand, 2 Stock Dv (M Wurr) 8 LRP, 3 R Plover, 2 Redshank, 4 Green Sand, juv Yellow Wag, 6 Tree Sparrow, garden Wbr...BROXBORNE WOODS: 2 Buzzards over west car park (L Borg)...WATFORD: Hobby S over Windsor Rd at 1940 (I Bennell)...HERTINGFORDBURY: **Little Egret** (S Poynter)

18TH JUL: EAST HYDE: **Little Egret** briefly along river (M Best)...TYTTENHANGER: **4 TURNSTONES** on main causeway 0900-0905 when 3 flew off, also **Little Egret**, 30 Common Tern, 7 Green Sands, 6 Dunlin, 4 R Plover, 2 Grey Wag, Common Sand (P Christian) 1 Turnstone still present to noon, also 8 Green Sands (G Knight) Turnstone present to 1550, also Yellow Wag, 8 Dunlin (I Bennell)...PITSTONE NO2 QUARRY: **Curlew** flew into Herts from College Lake, also LRP, Common Sand (J Thompson)...WILSTONE RSVR: 2 Common Sands, f Shelduck, 2 Hobby, 2 feral Whooper Swan, feral Barnacle (I Bennell)...POTTERS CROUCH: Corn Bunting on wires nr M1 bridge S of microlight strip. First here for several months (A Gardiner)...RADLETT: 2 Spot Fly (D Stanley/C Baines)...HERTINGFORDBURY: **Grasshopper Wblr** reeling by R Lea road bridge all evening (S Poynter)...TEWIN: Little Owl at Burnham Green nr phone box (L Borg)

17TH JUL: TYTTENHANGER: 3 Greenshank, juv Redshank, 6 Green Sands (J Thompson) 3 Dunlin, Greenshank, 2 Redshank, 20+ Common Tern, juv Cuckoo being fed by DUNNOCK by fisherman car park (G Knight) 6 LRP, 4 R Plover, 5 Green Sands, 2 Greenshank, Common Gull (P Christian)...BRICKET WOOD: 3 young Spot Fly on roof of Training Centre, Drop Lane (G Young) also 2 Spot Fly juvs nr Hanstead House (C Everett)...VERULAMIUM PARK: 4 Ruddy Dk (C Everett)...FAIRLANDS LAKE: Grey Wag at top end of valley (C Hughes)...COOPERS GREEN GP: LRP, Green Sand (G Knight)...BEECH FARM: 3 Green Sands, 3 Grey Partridge (G Knight)

16TH JUL: TYTTENHANGER: Dunlin, Greenshank, 15+ Tree Sparrow nr farm (M Wurr) 12 LRP, 4 R Plover, 3 DUNLIN, 3 Green Sands, 4 Reed Bunt (ad feeding yng)...STARTOPS END RSVR: Little Owl (I Burrus)

15TH JUL: CASSIOBURY PARK: 2 Spot Fly, 12 M Thrush (I Bennell)....PICCOTTS END POOLS: LS Wdpkr, Sparrowhawk, COmmon Tern, Kingfisher (J Middleton)

14TH JUL: AMWELL: **2 Crossbills** over watchpoint (T Austin)....TYTTENHANGER: 4 Green Sand, 2 Redshank, 2 R Plover, 2 Bullfinch (M Wurr) Dunlin, Greenshank, 4 LRP, 11+ Common Tern, juv Cuckoo assoc with Dunnoek nr fisherman car park (G Knight)....PRAE WOOD: Buzzard (B Fagan)

13TH JUL: AMWELL: 20 M Swan, 150 Canada Gs, Common Sand, 3 Reed Bunt (C Hughes)

12TH JUL: TYTTENHANGER: 9 Green Sand, Common Sand, Dunlin, 8 LRP, 3 R Plover, Redshank, Yellow Wag, Hobby, 2 Tree Sparrow

11TH JUL: AMWELL: **9 Crossbill** over at 0920, also 2 Hobby (B Reed)....KINGS MEAD: LRP, 184 Lapwing, 2 Ruddy Dk (C Smout)....PUCKERIDGE: Buzzard, 3+ Grn Wdpkr, 3 GS Wdpkr, Grey Wag, Lsr Whitethroat, 4 Blackcap, f Bullfinch with 2+ juvs (M Orchard)....TYTTENHANGER: Dunlin, Common Sand, 8 Green Sands, m Bullfinch, 1+ Redshank (J Thompson), 7 LRP, 3 R Plover, c20 Common Tern, 25+ Sand Martin (A Dorman)....COOPERS GREEN GP: LRP, L Grebe, 130 Lapwing, Green Sand (J Thompson)....BATFORD: Cuckoo, 3 Ruddy Dk at East Hyde (M Russell)

10TH JUL: HERTINGFORDBURY: Little Egret (S Poynter)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Sedge Wbr, Reed Wbr, Grey Wag, 5 Green Sand, Redshank, 6+ Tree Sparrow (S Pearce)....PITSTONE NO 2 QUARRY: 3 LRP, R Plover, Common Sand, 2 Redshank (J Thompson)....PICCOTTS END POOLS: COmmon Sand, LS Wdpkr, 2 Bullfunch, Kingfisher (J Middleton)....SHAFFORD FARM, ST ALBANS: Buzzard, 45 Lapwing over (J Pritchard)

9TH JUL: COOPERS GREEN GP: **Black-tailed Godwit**, at 1330 (A Lewis) viewed from Coopers Green Cottages on mound on RH side of main pit at 6pm (G Knight) flew off NW at 1850, also R Plover (I Bennell) but no fthr sign of godwit by 2015, though Green Sand, 2 LRP & Redshank (B Fagan)....TYTTENHANGER: 3 Green Sands (A Lewis)....N MYMMS PARK: 2 Spot Fly, Garden Wbr....EAST HYDE: 2 Ruddy Duck on R Lea, also 4 Cormorant & pr Tufted (M Russell)....PUCKERIDGE: c30 around High Street (M Orchard)

8TH JUL: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Common Sand, Green Sand, Kingfisher, Common Tern, 5 juv Pied Wags & 2 Linnet at Piccotts End Pools (J Middleton)

7TH JUL: TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sands, 15+ Common Tern, Sand Martin, Cormorant (M Wurr)

6TH JUL: TYTTENHANGER: 4 Green Sands, 7 Common Tern, 3 LRP, 2 R Plover, 2 Redshank, 3 Stock Dv, 50 Lapwing, Whitethroat (R Pearson)

5TH JUL: WATFORD: Hobby over Watford Junction at 1300 (A Bright)....ASHWELL: 7 Corn Bunts & 6 Yellow Wags (N Wood)....STANBOROUGH LAKES: 3 GC Grebe, Kingfisher, 3 Reed Wbr, 5 Blackcap (G Knight)....TYTTENHANGER: 4 LRP, 4 R Plover, Redshank, 14 Common Tern, Teal (G Knight) also Tree Sparrow, 2 Green Sands (M Wurr)

4TH JUL: COOPERS GREEN GP: Oystercatcher flew off SE at 1130, also 80+ Lapwing, 2 LR Plover, 1 R Plover, also Marbled White (A Lewis)....REDBOURN: Little Owl over M1 at 2134 (S Welch)....COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 Green Sand, 3 LRP, R Plover (S Pearce) feral barnacle Goose, 2 L Grebe, Stock Dv (T Chapman)....SARRATT: Meadow Ppt, 4+ Hs Martin, 6+ Goldcrest family party, RL Partridge (C Everett)

3RD JUL: HUNSDON: Several Yellow Wags at few sites around, also good nos of Skylarks (M Orchard)....AMWELL: 2 R Plover, Common Sand, Spot Fly (D Wheatcroft)....TYTTENHANGER: 6 LR Plover, 6 R Plover, 20 Lapwing, Common Sand, 10 Common Tern, Spot Fly (G Knight), 3-5 Redshank, 3 Green Sand, Hobby, 14 Shoveler (S Pearce)....PRAE WOOD: 3 Buzzards, Sparrowhawk (G Knight)

2ND JUL: KINGS MEAD: Greenshank, Teal, 2 LR Plover, pr Spot Fly, 2 Bullfinch, 84 Lapwing (A Reynolds)

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30TH JUN: KIMPTON: 2 Little Owls along Law Hall Lane (J Trew)....PRAE WOOD: 4 Buzzards, 3 Sparrowhawks (G Knight)

29TH JUN: LONG MARSTON: 2 Little Owls on wires by Great Farm (I Burrus)....BOWMANSGREEN FARM: Little Owl on post by riverside path (G Young)....BERKHAMSTEAD COMMON: 4 Skylark, 2 Yellowhammer, 2 Whitethroat (S Scott)

28TH JUN: M25 Jctn17: Hobby over....HUNSDON: 6prs Skylark, 2 singing Yellow Wags (M Orchard)....PIRTON: Buzzard over Tingley Wood, 4 Grey Partridge at High Down (R Webb)

27TH JUN: HERTFORD: 2 LRPs on pit nr jct Thieves Lane/A414 (D Wheatcroft)....SHAFFORD FARM: Hobby, 2 Buzzards, Sedge Wbr, Whitethroat, Chiffchaff (J Pritchard)....KNEBWORTH PARK: 2 Grey Partridge (C Brackenbury)....COOPERS GREEN GP: Hobby & Ruddy Dk, nrby Green Sand & Grey Wag at Sutton Farm GP (D

Booth)...TYTTENHANGER: 3 Redshank, 8 Common Tern, 4 Green Sand, Sedge Wbr, Reed Wbr (S Pearce)...BARWICK: Buzzard at Latchford, Lsr Whitethroat (M Orchard)

26TH JUN: TYTTENHANGER: R Plover, 3 LRP, 4 Common Tern, 2 Redshank, 4 Reed Bunt, 6 Whitethroat (R Pearson)...GT GADDESSEN: pr Bullfinch, 2 Reed Bunt, 2 Common Tern, L Grebe (J Middleton)...ST IPPOLLITTS: Tawny Owl feeding on a roadkill squirrel (C Brackenbury)...EAST HYDE: Common Tern briefly (M Russell)...BROOKMANS PARK: m LS Wdpkr in a garden

25TH JUN: SARRATT BOTTOM: Barn Owl (D Witton)...BROXBOURNE WOODS: Woodcock over ride at 2120 nr 1st car park S of Brickendon (I Bennell)...KINGS MEAD: 2 LRP, Common Sand, 70 Lapwing, 40 Swift, pr bullfinch (A Reynolds)

22ND JUN: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: 2 Turtle Doves in trees below church at Bowls Green at Gadebridge Park (J Terry)...TYTTENHANGER GP: 2 Green Sand, 4 Redshank, 4 LRP, 16 Lapwing, 2 Bullfinch, Kingfisher (B Fagan)...PRAE WOOD: 3 Buzzard, 3 Sparrowhawk, Kestrel (G Knight)

21ST JUN: STANDON: Mandarin on woodland lake at Westland Green (M Orchard)...PETERS GREEN: 1+ LS Wdpkr (M Best)...N MYMMS PARK: Garden Wbr

20TH JUN: COOPERS GREEN GP: Green Sand, 2 M Swan (S Pearce)...BERKHAMSTEAD: Red Kite over town centre at 0952 (S Chalkly)...KINGS LANGLEY: Red Kite NE over (D Whitehouse)...COOPERS GREEN GP: Hobby (D Wheatcroft)

19TH JUN: ST ALBANS: Juv Siskin in a garden (G Knight)...TYTTENHANGER: 3 Redshank, 2 R Plover, 2 Green Sand, Yellow Wag, 7 Common Tern, Reed Wbr, 2 M Swan, Sedge Wbr (S Pearce)...SUTTON FARM GP: Mandarin with 7 young (S Pearce)...PUCKERIDGE: 2 Lsr Whitethroat, Reed Bnt, 2 Yellowhammer, 2 Blackcap, 2 family parties of Whitethroat, Grey Wag (M Orchard)

18TH JUN: BROCKET WOOD: 2 Turtle Doves on wires Smug Oak Lane/Moor Mill Lane (G Young)...CASSIOBURY PARK: 6 Marsh Tits (2 ads feeding 3-4 young) nr rustic bridge and picnic tables nr river at bottom of park, also 1+ Spot Fly (I Bennell)

17TH JUN: ST ALBANS: Juv Siskin in a garden (G Knight)...STEVENAGE: Buzzard at Norton (C Brackenbury)...WELWYN: Red Kite over A1(M) Clock roundabout (D Pennington)

16TH JUN: AMWELL: **Little Egret**, 3 Hobby, 2 LRP (B Green)...WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Red Kite over (P White)...ALLENS GREEN: Turtle Dove at TL461169, also 3 Yellow Wags, 8 Skylarks, 3 Yellowhammers (M Orchard)...NORTON GREEN: 3 Buzzard (A Reynolds)

15TH JUN: RYE MEADS: 5 Cuckoos on wire fencing around grazing meadow from Lapwing Hide (E Minns)...THERFIELD: Buzzard, 9 Grey Partridge, 2 Lapwing (L Borg)...WATFORD: Red Kite over town centre at 1100 (B Harris)...WELWYN: Buzzard over Fulling Mill (M Bridges)

14TH JUN: CASSIOBURY PARK: Spot Fly by tea pavillion (I Bennell)...TYTTENHANGER: 4 LRP, 4 R Plover, 5 Lapwing, 6 Redshank (G Knight)

13TH JUN: PATMORE HEATH: Willow Tit by bridleway on Patmore Hall (M East)...TYTTENHANGER: 4 LRP, 3 R Plover, 6+ Redshank, Spttd Fly, 3 LBB Gull over, 6 Blackcap, Sedge Wbr, 6 Whitethroat, Garden Wbr, 2 Bullfinch (P Christian)

12TH JUN: PUCKERIDGE: Turtle Dove purring, Marsh Tit (M Orchard)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 Mandarin, r Plover, Green Sand, 2 Yellow Wag, 8+ Stock Dv, Buzzard & feral Barnacle Gs (S Pearce)...TYTTENHANGER: Common Tern, 6 Gadwall, 3 Cormorant, 2 Bullfinch, Reed Wbr, Sedge Wbr (S Pearce)...BEECH FARM: 4 Reed Wbr, Mdw Ppit (S Pearce)...WELWYN GDN CITY: Tawny Owl in a garden, also Bullfinch, Whitethroat & Chiffchaff (A Dorman)...STEVENAGE: Buzzard over A1 (M Brown)...BROOKMANS PARK: Lsr Sptd Wdpkr...ST ALBANS: Lsr Sptd Wdpkr in a garden on Green Lane (S Evans/A Lee)

11TH JUN: HARPENDEN COMMON: Red Kite over (A Callewaert)...KINGS MEAD: 2 LRP, 2 Bullfinch (A Reynolds)

10TH JUN: KINGS LANGLEY: Turtle Dove over A41 nr J20 M25 at 1730 (I Bennell)...THEOBALDS PARK: Red Kite W over J25 of M25 at 0850 (T Hill)...STANBOROUGH LAKES: 5+ Reed Wbr (R Pearson)...HITCHIN: Buzzard over town centre (D Booth)...ASHRIDGE FOREST: Hobby (D Otter)

9TH JUN: TYTTENHANGER: 7 Stock Dv, Kingfisher, 4+ LRP, 3+ R Plover, 4+ Redshank, 12+ Lapwing, 6+ Whitethroat, Sedge Wbr (M Wurr) 2 Garden Wbr, Bullfinch, 6 S Martin, 4 Common Tern (G Knight)...BROOKMANS PARK: Hobby

8TH JUN: HITCHIN: Red Kite over SE of town, flying E (M Walker)...LONDON COLNEY: Little Owl on central reservation btw L Colney & Park Street roundabouts at 0500 (B Fagan)...REDBOURNBURY: Hobby, 2 Grey Wag, 3 Stock Dv, Buzzard, 2 Reed Bunt (D Stanley)

7TH JUN: ST ALBANS: Hobby hunting over Nunnery allotments and watercress beds reserve (C Bowden)...REDBOURNBURY: 2 Turtle Doves- 1 singing by Mill, 2nd bird in trees behind farm (I Williams)

6TH JUN: PUCKERIDGE: Buzzard, Hobby, 1+ Lsr Whitethroat (M Orchard)...ST IPPOLLITTS: Turtle Dove in churchyard, also L Owl & Green Wdpkr (J Thompson)...AMWELL: **Little Egret** with herons, also Reed Bunt (J Gray)...KIMPTON HOO: Little Owl, Tawny Owl (R Webb)...HERTFORD: **Little Egret** on island and scrape on pit nr jet Thieves Lane/A414 Hertford, also Buzzard & Grey Wag (D Wheatcroft)...LEASEY BRIDGE, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Lsr Whitethroat, Willow Wbr (D Stanley)...COOPERS GREEN GP: Turtle Dove over at 1100 (G Knight)...PRAE WOOD: f Sparrowhawk, 4 Buzzards (G Knight)...BRICKET WOOD: 2 Turtle Doves calling from trees nr Riverway car park beside R Ver (B Johnson)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Oystercatcher (S Pearce) 4 R Plover, 4 Redshank, 7 Common Tern, 4 Sand Martin (G Knight)...STOCKERS FARM: Hobby over at 2030 (A Nasir)...BROCKET PARK: Garden Wbr (A DOrman)

5TH JUN: BERKHAMSTEAD COMMON: Woodcock roding over Alpine Meadow at 2100 (S Scott)...TYTTENHANGER: Turtle Dove calling c1915 in trees by metal swing gate twds Tyttenhanger Farm, also 2 Yellow Wag, 4 Reed Bunt (I Bennell) Red Kite over (D Stanley) 2 Oystercatchers on beach to left of farm, also 2 Shelduck, 2 Grey Wag, 2 Pied Wag (M Parr) also Green Sand (A Jeffery)...AMWELL: 5 Shelduck, 2 R Plover, Hobby, Redshank, 27 Common Tern (D Wheatcroft)...HARPENDEN: 2 Tawny Owls in a garden (G Horn)...BAYFORD: Cuckoo...TELEGRAPH HILL: Red Kite over (J Trew)

4TH JUN: WATEREND, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Spot Fly, 3+ Blackcaps (D Stanley)...LEASEY BRIDGE, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Lsr Whitethroat, Whitethroat, Willow Wbr, Blackcap (D Stanley)...EAST HYDE: **Common Crane** drifted over East Hyde sewage works (on Herts/Beds border) at 1230 (M Bridges)...ST ALBANS: 3 Grey Wags by R Ver (R Palser)

3RD JUN: TYTTENHANGER: 2 Oystercatchers (S Pearce/S Chilton) 2 Shelduck, 5+ Redshank, Dunlin (S Pearce)...BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: Buzzard (S Chilton)

2ND JUN: TYTTENHANGER: Dunlin in breeding plumage on spit (M Wurr)

1ST JUN: N MYMMS PARK: 2 Cuckoo, Little Owl, 7 GS Wdpkr, LS Wdpkr, 8 Garden Wbr, 11 Blackcap, 7 Whitethroat, 8 Chiffchaff, 6 Willow Wbr...GORHAMBURY: 4 Buzzards (A Jeffery)

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31ST MAY: TYTTENHANGER: Tree Sparrow, 3 Redshank, 2 Shelduck, 5 Common Tern (S Pearce)...MAPLE LODGE NR: f Red-crested Pochard on pool by social club viewable from road (D Booth)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 8 L Grebe, GC Grebe, 4 feral Barnacle Gs, 2 LRP, 3 Mandarin, Pochard...BEECH FARM: 6 L Grebe, Ruddy Dk, Cuckoo, Sedge Wbr, 5 Reed Wbr, 7 Reed Bunt...ESSENDON: 2 Buzzards...BROOKMANS PARK: Hobby...AMWELL: Spotted Fly, Green Wdpkr (M Browning)...WARE: Garden Wbr in a garden (M Browning)...ST IPPOLLITTS: Turtle Dove calling from orchard close to church, also Spot Fly (M Hooper)...MUNDENS ESTATE: Little Owl, 2 Skylark, 3 Coal Tit (I Bennell)...BERKHAMSTEAD COMMON: Garden Wbr, Cuckoo (M Parr/I Bennell)

30TH MAY: AMWELL: Red Kite S over, also 2 Hobby (D Jordan)...ASHWELL: 2 Turtle Doves (R Broadie)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Shelduck, m Ruddy Dk, 2 Reed Wbr (R Evershed) also 9 Gadwall, 6 LRP, 7 R Plover, 7 Redshank, 3 Tree Sparrow...GARSTON: Red Kite over at 1335 (A Bright)...FROGMORE GP, RADLETT: Hobby, Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Garden Wbr, Bullfinch (S Welch)...WATFORD: 2 Herring Gulls over Watford N train stn (I Bennell)...BEECH FARM: 2 Cuckoo (M Parr)...BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 2 Buzzards over (M Parr)

29TH MAY: TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 3 Redshank 2 Shelduck, 3 Common Tern (S Pearce)...DAGNALL: **Firecrest** briefly in a garden (M King)...BERKHAMSTEAD COMMON: Red Kite over, 4+ Cuckoo, 2 Yellowhammer, Garden Wbr (M Parr)...WATFORD: 2 Herring Gull, LBB Gull over Homebase (I Bennell)

28TH MAY: MAPLE LODGE NR: 2m Garganey, f Red-crested Pochard, LRP, Turtle Dove (J Thompson)...SYMONDSHYDE FARM: 2 Mandarin over, 4 Buzzards, Yellow Wag (W Hatton)...BROOKMANS PARK: Lsr Spotted Wdpkr in a garden...ASTON, STEVENAGE: Little Owl by golf club entrance (T Chapman)

27TH MAY: BROXBOURNE WOODS: 2 Woodcock roding over path from Broxbourne Woods West car park (the one nearest entrance to Brickendon golf course) at 2140, also Little Owl on post in car park (J Forgham)...WHEATHAMPSTEAD: 95 Starling, 2 Whitethroat, Blackcap at local nature reserve (T Chapman)

26TH MAY: WILSTONE RSVR: 3 Hobbies, 3 Common Sand (M Parr)...ASHRIDGE FOREST: Woodcock roding over Rail Copse area (D Otter)...WATEREND, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Spotted Flycatcher (D Stanley, G Horn)...BRICKET WOOD COMMON: Cuckoo calling (S Welch)...GOBIONS WOOD: Lsr Whitethroat, Garden Wbr

25TH MAY: BATFORD: **Crane** circled high over Batford heading east at 1600, poss settling on meadows (C Squires)...MAPLE CROSS: Red Kite over (P Lewis)...TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank on scrape, Ruddy Dk, Reed Bunt (M Wurr)

24TH MAY: WATEREND, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Buzzard, Cuckoo, Mandarin (D Stanley)...TYTTENHANGER: LRP, R Plover, Redshank, 2 SHelduck, m Ruddy Dk (M Wurr)...WELHAM GREEN: 2 Siskins in a garden (D Dean)...BROOKMANS PARK: Cuckoo in a garden....BENTLEY HEATH: Hobby over farm (W Hatton)

23RD MAY: PITSTONE NO.2 QUARRY: Dunlin, Common Sand, 2 LRP, Greenshank all in Herts section (J Thompson)...FROGMORE GP, RADLETT: Turtle Dove singing by Ver at Moor Mill, also Hobby there, Cuckoo, Garden Wbr, m Reed Bunt (S Welch)...POTTERS CROUCH: Cuckoo by Windridge Farm (S Welch)...NR BULBOURNE: Red Kite over (J Thompson)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 SHelduck, 2 Common Tern, 2 Reed Wbr, Sedge Wbr, Tree Sparrow, 3+ Redshank (S Pearce)...BEECH FARM: Reed Wbr, m Ruddy Dk (S Pearce)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 4 Hobbies, 2 presumed feral Barnacle Gs, m Pochard (S Pearce)

22ND MAY: TYTTENHANGER: 2 SHelduck, 2 LRP, 2 R Plover, 4 Redshank, Lsr Whitethroat, 100 Starling (G Knight) also Tree Sparrow (S Pearce)...WILSTONE RSVR: **Male Golden Oriole** singing 0700-0800 in line of poplars N of car park, also **F Blue-headed Wagtail** (BN)...STEVENAGE: **1+ Quail** at Chells Manor in fields SE of radio mast at 1120, TL 273 250 (P Bishop)...LEASEY BRIDGE, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: **Osprey** at 1110, just E of LEasey Bridge and high above R Lea valley, mobbed by crow, also Stock Dv (C Smout)

21ST MAY: WATEREND, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Spot Fly, 2 Garden Wbr, Cuckoo (D Stanley)...REDBOURN: Buzzard (C Shortall)

20TH MAY: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: f Whinchat at Bunkers Park in hedge in Long Saunders field, close to Long Deans HMWT reserve at 0700 (P Clack)

19TH MAY: STEVENAGE: Red Kite over Fujitsu at 1145 (D Beer)...ST ALBANS: Red Kite over Vesta Ave, St Albans at 1715 (M Clarke)...BROXBORNE WOODS: 2+ Woodcocks roding (D Booth)

18TH MAY: SAWBRIDGEWORTH: Turtle Dove calling (J Horgan)...COLNEY HEATH: Hobby, Cuckoo (S Evans/A Lee)...AMWELL: **2 Little Egrets**, 4+ Cuckoo, Hobby, Garden Wbr (N Bristow)...KIMPTON MILL: Egyptian Goose of unknown origin, f Mandarin with 4 young on river, Spotted Flycatcher nr mill (I Eyre) 2 Egyptian Geese at 1930 & 2 Grey Wags (G Knight)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 LRP, Redshank & presumed feral Barnacle Gs (G Knight)...CODICOTE: Buzzard (L Borg)

17TH MAY: ST ALBANS: Red Kite soaring over N St Albans (G Knight)...KINGS LANGLEY: Buzzard over S (B Turner)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: Cuckoo over (B Turner)...TYTTENHANGER: Red Kite (untagged) over at 1902, also **imm Marsh Harrier** over at 1904, also 4+ LRP, 4 Redshank, 4+ R Plover, 2 Reed Bunts, Tree Sparrow, 4 Common Tern...SYMONDSHYDE: Hobby over Hammonds Ln area (W Hatton)

16TH MAY: BROAD COLNEY: **Osprey** over lakes before flying off high NW twds Hatfield at 1737 (B Fagan)...KINGS MEAD: 4 SHelduck, 2 Garden Wbr, Lsr Whitethroat, Willow Wbr, Cuckoo (A Reynolds)...WATFORD: Buzzard NE over Parker Street (P Horne)...WHEATHAMPSTEAD: 2 Yellow Wags on R Lea ford at Sheepcote Lane (P Casper)...JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: Lsr Whiterthroat, 3 Bullfinch, 3 Yellowhammer, 4 Skylark (G Knight)

15TH MAY: BEECH FARM/HATFIELD AERO: 3 Redshank, 2 Meadow Ppt, 19 Lapwing, Cuckoo, Lsr Whitethroat, R Plover, 3 Hobbies (S Pearce)...HERTFORD: **White Stork** circled Cromwell Road btw 1800-1830, mobbed by crow and headed twds Kings Meads/Ware (N Parish)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 LRP, 3 R Plover, 4 Redshank, Common Sand, Garden Wbr (G Knight) also 5+ Sand martin, 3 Common Tern (N Bristow)...PATMORE HEATH: Red Kite over NW at 1215, also Cormorant, GS Wdpr (M East)...BERKHAMSTEAD COMMON: 2 Garden Wbr, 5+ Willow Wbr (M Parr)...N MYMMS PARK: 2 Hobbies, Buzzard, 2 Cuckoo, 4 Garden Wbr (N Bristow)

14TH MAY: STEVENAGE: **Nightingale** Chells Manor, heard singing distantly from Lanterns Lane behind Redwing Farm c. midnight (R Hooper)...TYTTENHANGER: **Oystercatcher** on E short of main pit, also 4 Redshank, 4 LRP, 2 R Plover, 2 SHelduck (M Wurr)...AMWELL: **Oystercatcher** from viewpoint, also Redshank, R Plover, Hobby, 2 SHelduck, Cuckoo, 3 Ruddy Dk (C Smout)...RYE MEADS: **f Whinchat**, 2 SHelduck, Cuckoo, Reed Wbr (C Smout)...NORTHCHURCH COMMON: Marsh Tit, Spotted Flycatcher (C Smout)...WATEREND, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Garden Wbr, m Mandarin (C Smout)

13TH MAY: AMWELL: **Grasshopper Wbr** reeling, 28 Common Tern, Hobby, 2 Cuckoo (G Knight)...N MYMMS PARK: 2 Buzzards, Hobby, Little Owl, 2 Cuckoo, 6 Garden Wbr, Lsr Whitethroat...REDBOURNBURY: 2+ Cuckoos, 2 Grey Wag, Sparrowhawk (A Gardiner)...REDBOURN GOLF COURSE: 2 Grey Partridge (E Leahy))

12TH MAY: NORTON GREEN STEVENAGE: **f Black Redstart**, 2 Wheatear, 4 Grey Partridge, Lsr Whitethroat, 3 Whitethroat (D Booth) Black Redstart still present to 1900 at least at N end of site on low "bank" nr caravans...BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: **Greenland Wheatear** (L Evans), **m Whinchat**, f Wheatear (D Stanley)...REDBOURNBURY: **Marsh Harrier** at 1130, 2 Cuckoo, 3 Buzzards, 2 Sedge Wbr (J Thornley)...WILSTONE RSVR: c1200 Swifts, c300 mixed hirundines, Hobby (M Wallen)...STARTOPS END RSVR: c200 Sand martin, c130 Hs Martin, c70 Swallows (M Wallen)

11TH MAY: BERKHAMSTEAD COMMON: Woodcock roding over Alpine Meadow (S Scott)...STANSTEAD

ABBOTS: **White Stork** appeared to drop down in fields in Cappel Ln/Holycross Rd area at 1500 but could not be relocated in brief search, nrby Little Gull at Amwell in eve (T Austin) also at Amwell 3 Turtle Dove, 2 Cuckoo, Lsr Whitethroat, 10+ Garden Wbr (B Fagan)....WATFORD: Hobby caught a swift over Watford Link Road (C Everett)....WESTMILL: Buzzard N over (M Ricketts)....ST ALBANS: Corn Bunt along Sandridgebury Lane (A Lewis)

10TH MAY: BEECH FARM: 2 redshank, 5 Swallow, Reed Wbr, 2 Lsr Whitethroat, 12 Whitethroat, 2 Garden Wbr, 4m Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff, 6 Willow Wbr, 2+ Reed Bunt (W Hatton)....COLNEY HEATH: CUckoo over at 1730 (A Lee)

9TH MAY: BEECH FARM: 3 Reed Wbr, Redshank, Sedge Wbr (S Pearce)....SYMONDSHYDE GREAT WOOD: Garden Wbr (S Pearce)....ST ALBANS: Turtle Dove in a garden on Dymoke Green (S Evans/A Lee)....AMWELL: **White Stork** reported over am, also 2 Hobby, Dunlin, 4+ Sand Martin (C Hughes)....SHAFFORD FARM, ST ALBANS: Red Kite (wing tagged) flew low over, 2 Cuckoo, 3 Whitethroat, Blackcap, 2 Reed Bunt, 3 Sedge Wbr (J Pritchard)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 R Plover, LRP, 2 Redshank, 5 Common Tern (G Knight)....WILSTONE: 6 Hobby, 2 SHoveler, 3 Gadwall (P Unwin)....BATFORD: LS Wdprk drumming nr allotments (M Russell)

8TH MAY: TYTTENHANGER: Common Sand, Hobby, 4 Common Tern (S Pearce)....EAST HYDE: **Little Egret** by mill, also Common Sand (M Russell)....NORTON GREEN, STEVENAGE: 2 Northern Wheatear, 2 Lsr Whitethroat, f Yellow Wag (T Wileman)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 5 Wheatear, 4+ Stock Dv (D Stanley)....ESSENDON: Lsr Whitethroat, Marsh Tit, Reed Bunt, 12 Whitethroat (R Pyrah)....RYE MEADS: 3 Garden Wbr, 2 Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Ruddy Dk, Cuckoo, 2 Shelduck, Willow Wbr, 5 L Grebe, 3 Reed Wbr, 3 Sedge Wbr (M Parr) but no sign of Garganey (G Knight)....AMWELL: 2 R Plover, 2 Redshank (G Knight)....STANBOROUGH LAKES: Common Sand, 3 Common Tern, 3 Sedge Wbr, 2 Reed Wbr, 2 Grey Wag (A Dorman)

7TH MAY: BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: **4 Wheatears of Greenland/Icelandic form (inc 3m)**, Buzzards & 10 Whitethroat territories (L Evans)....WILSTONE RSVR: **White Stork** over heading N at 1400, also 7 Hobby (S Wilson)....RYE MEADS: **m Garganey** from Draper Hide (per T Hill)....TEWIN: **Little Egret** opp Warrengate Farm nr Tewin Fish Farm this morning (T Brownsell)....PANSHANGER PARK: **Little Egret** by Hertingfordbury roundabout, also Buzzard (T Brownsell)....AMWELL: 3 Hobbies (T Brownsell)....THERFIELD HEATH: Wheatear opp Little Chef (G Dagnall)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 4 Whatear, 4+ Whitethroat, Buzzard (D Stanley)....EAST HYDE: **Little Egret** mid river just down from Thrales End Lane road bridge (M Russell)....NORTON GREEN: 2 Wheatear (S Crockford) 2 Lsr Whitethroat, Yellow Wag but no sign of any Greenland Wheatears (D Booth)....BATFORD: Lsr Sptd Wdprk drumming by R Lea (D Stanley)....LEASEY BRIDGE, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Bullfinch, Willow Wbr (D Stanley)

6TH MAY: NORTON GREEN, STEVENAGE: **m WHinchat** at 1330 (S Crockford)....CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: **GRasshopper Wbr** reeling at 1900, also 2+ Reed Wbr, 3+ Sedge Wbr, Grn Wdprk (D Stanley)....WILSTONE: 4 Hobby, c400 Swifts, Cuckoo (M Wallen)....STARTOPS END RSVR: c150 Swifts, Cuckoo (M Wallen)....ROTHAMSTED EXP STN: Buzzard over twds Harpenden Common at 1210 (M Russell)

5TH MAY: APSLEY: **Nightingale** in scrub nr train station at 1150 sang twice and seen briefly (B Fagan)....JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: Garden Wbr, 5 Skylark, 2 Yellowhammer (G Knight)....NORTON GREEN, STEVENAGE: **2 Greenland WHeatears** with 2+ Northern Wheatears, also 2 Grey Partridge, 2 Lsr Whitethroat, 4 Whitethroat - From J7 of A1(M) exit twds Stevenage. First r'bout (by Glaxo) turn Left (Gunnels Wood Rd?)...next r'bout keep right and go under underpass. Take next left (Bessemer Rd?) and continue under motorway. Wheatears are on old rubbish dump ahead but best access is to turn left, park by gate and walk north (D Booth)....BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: 2 Wheatear (S Chilton)....WILSTONE: 5 Hobby (D Stanley)....ROTHAMSTED EXP STN: Hobby west over (M Russell)....AMWELL: Water Rail, 2 Dunlin, Hobby, Ruddy Dk, Sparrowhawk (D Dean)

4TH MAY: AMWELL: **Little Egret** S over Hardmead lake at 2030, also Hobby (L Borg)....NORTON, STEVENAGE: 6+ WHeatears, Swift & 2 Yellow Wags (D Beer)....CHISWELL GREEN: 2 Goldfinch & Sparrowhawk in a garden (A Gardiner)

3RD MAY: WILSTONE: 3 Hobby, 3 Dunlin, 250+ Swift, Yellow Wag (J Thompson)....MARSWORTH RSVR: **Turnstone** flushed frm path edge by reedbed, also **3 Oystercatcher** over at 0730 heading NE (I Williams)....TYTTENHANGER: **Sandwich Tern** 0830-0910 then flew south west, also **f Whinchat**, Cuckoo, Ruddy Dk (G Knight) Reed Wbr (A Lewis) 3 Dunlin, 2 Hobby, 2 R Plover, 5 Redshank, White Wag, Yellow Wag, 120 Swallow, 120 Hs Martin, 2 Sedge Wbr, 5 Whitethroat....HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: **Raven** over pools at Piccotts End, Leighton Buzzard Rd behind Notcutts at 1730, also **m Blue-headed Wagtail** (2 reported earlier on pager), 6+ Yellow Wags, WHinchat (I Bennell)....AMWELL: 15+ Arctic Terns thru early pm, Garden Wbr (A Dorman) Common Sand, 4 Redshank, 2 R Plover (D Wheatcroft) 3 Dunlin, Lsr Whitethroat (A Gardiner)....EAST HYDE: Common Sand (R Cave)....NORTON, STEVENAGE: **f Whinchat**, **6 Wheatear**, 2 Yellow Wag, Lsr Whitethroat, 5+ Whitethroat, Willow Wbr, 2 Blackcap, 5 Swallow, Buzzard (D Bryant)....WILSTONE: 5 Hobby, 4+ Arctic Tern (M Wallen)....COOPER GREEN GP: LRP, Ruddy Dk, Pochard (T Chapman)....BEECH FARM: 2 Redshank, Cuckoo, 3 Sedge Wbr, 3 Ruddy Dk (T Chapman)....WATFORD: Buzzard over Leavesden Green (S Welch)....BROOKMANS PARK: Cuckoo, 2 Lsr Whitethroat

2ND MAY: N MYMMS PARK: Lsr Redpoll, 8 Garden Wbr, 10 Whitethroat, Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Little Owl, 2 CUckoo,

3 Hobby...PITSTONE No. 2 QUARRY: **Turnstone** in Herts section of quarry (D Otter)...ABBOTS LANGLEY: **2 Whinchats** on E perimeter fence on South Way, Leavesden Airfield (S Welch)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: **Grasshopper Wbr, 2f Wheatear**, Common Sand (A Nasir) 2 Sedge Wbr, Common Tern (P Briers)...STARTOPS END: c10 Yellow Wags (M Wallen)...WILSTONE: WHinchat, 3 Hobby (D Whitehouse) c300 Swifts (M Wallen)...LETCWORTH SEWAGE WORKS: Lsr Redpoll over, 100+ Hs Martin (G Dagnall)...AMWELL: **f Marsh Harrier** for one hour, also brief **Whinchat, 3 Black Terns** through, **6+ Arctic Terns** thru, Dunlin, **Grasshopper Wbr, 5 Little Gulls**, 7 Yellow Wags (T Austin/T Brownsell)...TYTTENHANGER: **Bar-tailed Godwit** til 1800 at least, also Dunlin, 3 R Plover, 4 Redshank, Shelduck (A Dorman) also 3 Sedge Wbr, Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Common Sands, 10 Yellow Wags (S Pearce)...BATFORD: Common Sand flushed on Batford Springs reserve, also LS Wdpkr, Swift, 150+ Hs Martin, 5 Chiffchaff (R Payne)...LEASEY BRIDGE, WHEATHAMPSTEAD: **Little Egret** flying E along river (R Payne)...SHAFFORD FARM: **Whinchat**, 4 Yellow Wags, 3+ Sedge Wbr (J Pritchard)...KINGS MEAD: Hobby, Grey Wag, 2 Shelducks, 2 Common Tern (D Wheatcroft)...ABBOTS LANGLEY: 2 Buzzards over (S Welch)...WELWYN G CITY: Lsr Whitethroat, 3 Bullfinch (M Brown) Tawny Owl, Cuckoo (M Bridges) Hobby after Hs Martins over Knightsfield (J Terry)...BRAMFIELD WOODS: 2 Garden Wblr, 3 Whitethroat, 2 Cuckoo (D Booth)...TEWIN: Lsr Whitethroat, 15 Lsr Redpoll (in Home Wood) (D Booth)...JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: 5+ Skylark, 5 Swallow, 10 Hs martin, Lsr Whitethroat, 6 Blackcap, 5 Chiffchaff, 13 Willow Wbr, 6 Bullfinch, 2 Yellowhammer (W Hatton)...RADLETT: m Wheatear in Little Kendals area TQ165977, also Lsr Whitethroat, 2+ Whitethroat but no sign of any Ring Ouzels (W Hatton)...NASHES FARM: 2 Yellow Wags (W Hatton)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 4 L Grebe, 2 Shelduck, 2 Mandarin, Ruddy Dk, 3+ LRP, Dunlin, 2 Redshank, Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Cuckoo (W Hatton)...BEECH FARM: **male Whinchat**, Redshank (S Pearce)...SANDRIDGE: Turtle Dove at Symondshyde, Park Croft where rd comes out of wood on W side, also 18 Whitethroat in area, 5 Lsr Whitethroat, 3 Yellowhammer, Hobby, 2 Grey Partridge (S Pearce)...GT GADDESSEN: Lsr Whitethroat (D/S Forder)

1ST MAY: BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** 1120 and 1430, also 2 Whinchat, 3 Redshank, 3 Yellow Wag, 5 Fieldfare, 2 Sedge Wbr, Reed Wbr, 7 Reed Bunt, 11 WHitethroat, 2 Garden Wbr...BIRCH GREEN: **5 WHimbrel** in arable field btw old A414 and new A414, flew off and appeared to land at Panshanger, also Lsr Whitethroat (S Pearce)...KINGS MEAD: Common Sand, Shelduck (S Pearce)...JERSEY FARM, ST ALBANS: **Black Kite** west over, mobbed by crow (D Stewart)...HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: **Blue-headed Wagtail** on pools behind garden centre on Leighton Buzzard Rd, Piccott's End, also 20+ Yellow Wag, 2 Common Sand, Green Sand, LRP (R Prue)...RADLETT: **f Ring Ouzel, m Wheatear**, 4 Fieldfare, 2 Lsr Whitethroat (D Stanley) Cuckoo, 2 Yellowhammer (A Dorman)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: **Grasshopper Wbr, 2 Whinchat** (D Stanley) also Turtle Dove flew thru mid-am, 2 Wheatear (A Nasir)...PUCKERIDGE: Greenshank over at 0730, Swift, Reed Wbr, Sedge Wbr, 4 Whitethroat, 3 Blackcap, 3 Willow Wbr (M Orchard)...WILSTONE: **9 Little Gulls, 2 Black Tern**, c1100 hirundines, c300 Swifts, also Turtle Dove in Wilstone village; nrby c700 hirundines at Startops (M Wallen) also Arctic Tern at Wilstone (R Prue) also 2 Hobby, 2+ Arctic Tern mid-pm (A Dorman)...AMWELL: **Grasshopper Wbr** still from watchpoint, also 2 Cuckoo, 100+ hirundines (I Edwards)...STOCKERS FARM: 2 Wheatears, Whinchat, 5 Yellow Wags, 50 Swallow (A Moon)...JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: 4 Whitethroat, 2 Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Yellowhammer, 2 Fieldfare, 2 Grey Partridge, Bullfinch (G Knight)...HATFIELD PARK: m Mandarin (maybe from nrby Hatfield Hs collection), Tawny Owl, 100 Swifts (G Knight)...BOREHAMWOOD: 2m Mandarin on Brook Rd side of Aberford Lake (J Weston)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 6 L Grebe, 2 Redshank, Shelduck, Ruddy Dk

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30TH APR: VERULAMIUM PARK, ST ALBANS: 4 GC Grebe but all young suspected to have perished (G Barnes)...WILSTONE RSVR: **2 Black Tern, 2 Arctic Tern**, c500 mixed hirundines (L Evans/M Wallen); nrby c500 hirundines at Startops End (M Wallen) later 3 Arctics, 30 Common and 1 Black Tern, 17 Yellow Wags, 700+ hirundines (A Moon)...STARTOPS END RSVR: 32 Yellow Wags, 600 hirundines, 200 Swifts (A Moon)...ROTHAMSTED EXP STN: 2 Wheatears (J Chapman)...TYTTENHANGER: LRP, 2 Redshank, COmmon Sand, 5 Common Tern, 20 Sand martins, 50 Swallows, 120 Hs Martin (D Booth)...WELWYN GDN CITY: 6 Swifts (D Wheatcroft)...BATFORD: 12 Swifts (R Pearson)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: 6 Sedge Wbr, 4 Whitethroat, Lsr Whitethroat, 4 Willow WBr, m Reed Bunt, Grey Wag, 2 Common Tern (L Evans)

29TH APR: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Reported at pools behind garden centre on Leighton Buzzard Road: **Red-rumped Swallow, Blue-headed Wagtail**, Common Sand, Green Sand, 12 Yellow Wags (per M Parr)...TRING RSVRS: Wilstone - Common Sand, 2 Yellow Wag; 2 Whooper Swan over Startops, also 6 Yellow Wags (P Lewis/S Carter)...WARE: Hobby over Widbury Hill, 12 Swifts (I Edwards)...ST ALBANS: 10+ Swifts over rlwy stn (J Pritchard)

28TH APR: RADLETT: Ring Ouzel still (G Horn/B Fagan) also Whinchat (S Chilton)...TYTTENHANGER: 15+ Swifts (M Wurr) LRP, Redshank, 6+ Common Tern, 2+ Sedge Wbr (S Chilton)...CHISWELL GREEN: Swift along Watford Rd (A Gardiner)...VERULAMIUM PARK: 125 Hs Martin, 75 Swallows (M Thompson)...ALLENS GREEN: Swift over (M Orchard)

27TH APR: RADLETT: **2m Ring Ouzels** still present to 1000 at least, also Cuckoo (C Baines) female type still present at 1130 (G Knight) 1st-s male at 1730 (I Bennell)...TYTTENHANGER: 3 LRP, 4 R Plover, 4 Redshank, 7 Common Tern, 5 Swift, 20 S Martin (G Knight) 2m Reed Bunt, 6+ LRP, 2 Tree Sparrow, 4+ Whitethroat (M Wurr)...BRICKET

WOOD COMMON: 3 Lsr Redpoll over centre of common calling (S Welch)...N MYMMS PARK: Garden Wblr (D Dean)...FAIRLANDS LAKE: 2 Dunlin on main lake (J Slattery)...HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: 10 Swifts over Piccotts End Sewage Works (D Anderson) nrby 8+ Swifts over Old Town Stevenage (S Crockford)...R LEE AT WARE: 2 Swifts (I Edwards)

26TH APR: LONG MARSTON: **White Stork** soaring over just N of village (D Jenkinson)...RADLETT: **2m Ring Ouzels** 1700-1730, park in lane signposted Hertsmere JPS off A5183 and follow fpath for c600yards. Where the path opens onto farmland, you come to an area of brick and shingle. Stand on brickwork and look N into grassy field approx TQ165977 (G Knight/L Evans)...PRIVATE SITE: Whimbrel till 2045 at least (L Evans)...RUSHDEN: **Turtle Dove** heard (J Dingemans)...AMWELL: **2 Grasshopper Wblrs** 100 yds right of watchpoint showing well, other bird seen from watchpoint, also 2 Cuckoo, 21 Common Tern & Dunlin (G Knight)...WILSTONE: c15 Swifts (M Wallen) Common Sand, Buzzard, 6 Common Tern but no sign of Wood Wblr (G Knight)...CODICOTE: Garden Wblr singing from hedge nr Codicote School (I Eyre)...BLACKBRIDGE LANDFILL: m Wheatear, 2 Cuckoo, 3+ Whitethroat, 2+ Skylark (D Stanley/L Evans)...TYTTENHANGER: 4 R Plover, 4 Redshank, 6 Common Tern, Sedge Wbr, 3 Willow Wbr, 4 Whitethroat (A Gardiner) 20+ Lapwing inc 1+ chick, 5+ LRP, 15+ Sand Martin, Yellow Wag (M Wurr)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: **Grasshopper Wblr** reeled briefly in scrubby area left of river bend, also 3 Lsr Whitethroat, 2 Cuckoo, Reed Wbr, 10+ Whitethroat, 8+ Sedge Wblr (A Nasir)...BISHOPS STORTFORD: 2 Common Tern (C Dee)...HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: 7 Swifts over (J Moss)

25TH APR: KINGS MEAD: 6 Sedge Wbr, Grey Wag, Cuckoo, pr Mdw Ppt, 5 Common Tern, 7 Teal, 33 Gadwall, Shelduck, 2 Whitethroat, 2 Blackcap, Chiffchaff, 4 Reed Bunt, Goldcrest (M Orchard)...WILSTONE RSVR: **Wood Warbler** behind hide at 1750 (I Bennell) 9 Little Gulls thru twds Startops at 0745, also **Curlew** W over at 0700, 3+ Cuckoo (I Williams)...MARSWORTH: 40 Little Gulls passed thru til noon (S Wilson)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: **Grasshopper Wbr** singing at railway bridge end (J Thompson/S Murray)...AMWELL: **Grasshopper Warbler** reeling to right of viewing area, also Oystercatcher, pr Greenshank briefly, 4+ Redshank, 2 R Plover, 15+ Common Tern, Cuckoo, 3 Sedge Wbr, Whitethroat, Reed Wbr, 4 Hobbies (C Dee/D Booth/S Chilton/D Wheatcroft/M Thompson)...VERULAMIUM PARK: 2 Ring-necked Parakeet (E Leahy)...WATFORD: 16 Swifts over Link Road (C Everett)...ALDENHAM RSVR: pr Mandarin in main bay, also RC Pochard x Pochard hybrid & 31 GC Grebe (C Everett)...OTTERSPOOL: pr Teal (C Everett)...MUNDENS ESTATE: Little Owl, 2m Whitethroat (I Bennell)...TYTTENHANGER: Cuckoo, Whiethroat (J Terry)...ASHWELL: Grey Partridge, Yellow Wag, Corn Bunt (C Smout)...KINGS MEAD: Hobby & Cuckoo (A Reynolds)...LETCHWORTH: Lesser Whitethroat (R Broadie)...BERKHAMSTEAD COMMON: 2 Whitethroat, 2+ Cuckoo (S Scott)

24TH APR: PUCKERIDGE: 3 Whitethroat, 5 Blackcap, Chiffchaff, 4 Willow Wbr, Swallow, 2 Grey Wags, 2 Jay, Siskin over, pr Bullfinch, pr Yellowhammer (M Orchard)...RADLETT: **2 Ring Ouzels** in field along fpath opp Hertsmere JP School c0.25ml along fpath looking N at 0730, also 10 Fieldfare & 4 Redwing (C Baines)...WATEREND WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Cuckoo, **Garden Warbler**, Whitethroat (C Smout)...MARSWORTH RSVR: **6 Arctic Terns**, 7 Common Tern, Yellow Wag, 2 Sedge Wbr (M Parr)...STARTOPS END RSVR: **White Wag**, 2 Ruddy Dk (M Parr)...TYTTENHANGER: **Lesser Whitethroat** (D Dean/P Christian) 4 LRP, 2 R Plover, 4 Redshank, 8 Whitethroat, 2 Blackcap, Sedge Wbr, COmmon Sand (P Christian) 6 Common Tern, 4 GS Wdpr, 3 Linnet (A Jeffery)...RYE MEADS: 103 Gadwall, 4m Shoveler, 4 Shelduck, 21 Common Tern, 2 Teal, m Cuckoo, 7 Sedge Wbr (J Chapman)...AMWELL: Green Sand, 2 R Plover, 3 Redshank, 10 Common Tern, m Cuckoo, 7 Sedge Wblr, 2 Whitethroat, 4 Blackcap (J Chapman)...RUSHDEN: Willow Wbr, Whitethroat, 3 Hs Martin, 9 Skylarks, Cuckoo, 2 Blackcap (J Dingemans)...SHAFFORD FARM, ST ALBANS: 2 Yellow Wags, 5 Buzzards, Reed Wblr, Blackcap, Cuckoo, 3 Whitethroats, 10+ Swallow, 8+ Hs Martin (J Pritchard)...GT GADDESSEN: 5 Buzzards, 2 Swallow, Reed Bunt (M Parr)...WHITWELL: Cuckoo, 2 Buzzards, m Mandarin, 2 Stock Dv (D Stanley)...COLNEY HEATH: Cuckoo, 3+ Chiffchaff, Grn Wdpr (J Moss)...REDBOURNBURY: 3 Yellow Wags, 3 Buzzards (P Christian)...BYGRAVE: 4 Corn Bunts, 2 Grey Partridge, 4 Yellow Wag (R Broadie)...JERSEY FARM: 3 Whitethroat, 2 L Grebe, Chiffchaff (A Jeffery)

23RD APR: WILSTONE RSVR: **Osprey** over late pm, also **Grasshopper Wblr** in set aside field nr private signed gate behind reservoir (S Wilson) Common Sand, 7 Common Tern, 2 Sedge Wbr, 2 Blackcap, 2 Brambling (J Chapman)...COOPERS GREEN LANE GP: **f Common Scoter** till 1730 at least, also 2 LRP, R Plover & Redshank (W Hatton)...REDBOURNBURY: 2 Buzzards, 2 Swallows, 6 Linnet, 4 Yellowhammer (D Edwarwrds) Whitethroat, Grey Wag, Stock Dv (J Chapman)...LETCHWORTH: Oystercatcher over sewage treatment works (G Dagnall)...MARSWORTH RSVR: Yellow Wag, 2 Sedge Wbr, 24 Common Tern (J Chapman)...TYTTENHANGER: Teal, Cuckoo, White Wag, Yellow Wag...8 LRP, 4 R Plover, 4 Redshank, 29 Lapwing, 2 Common Tern, Buzzard (J Chapman)...STARTOPS RSVR: 2 Swallow, 2 Hs Martin, Grey Wag (J Chapman)...BATFORD: Cuckoo (M Russell)

22ND APR: STARTOPS END RSVR: **m Blue Headed Wagtail**, 3 Yellow Wags, 2 White Wag, 10+ Pied Wag, Grey Wag, 3+ Swift, Common Sand (I Bennell)...WILSTONE RSVR: Arctic Tern, Common Sand, 2m Wigeon (I Bennell) **3 Hobbies**, 20+ Common Tern, Ruddy Dk (D Stanley)...STOCKERS LAKE/FARM: 9 Swallows, 3 Reed Warblers, Wheatear (on floodmeadow at farm), 6 Common Terns (N Chapman)...MARSWORTH RSVR: **c5 Arctic Terns** present at 0600 but had gone by 0730 when a Swift was present (M Wallen)...TYTTENHANGER: Common Sand, 2 Common Terns, 2 Whitethroats (G Horn/D Stanley) Dunlin, 6 Redshank, 8+ LRP, R Plover, Yellow Wag, 2 Shelduck, 4+

Willow Wbr, pr Bullfinch (N Bristow)...FAIRLANDS LAKE: Common Sand, 2 Common Terns (A Ford)...ST ALBANS: m Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)...JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK: Swallow, 2 Hs Martin, 2m Whitethroat, 4 Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, 9 Willow Wblr, Goldcrest, 25+ Linnet, 3 Bullfinch, Yellowhammer (W Hatton)

21ST APR: STARTOPS RSVR: **Male Blue-headed Wagtail** with wagtails in horse paddock across canal, also m White Wag, 4 Yellow, 15 Pied. 2 Common Sands on Bucks section of rsvr, 53 Hs Martins, 116+ Swallows, 220+ Sand Martins (L Evans)...TYTTENHANGER: **1+ Whimbrel** - one flushed, calling, from eastern scrape at 1430 and flew east. It or another seen flying up from horse paddock at Colney Heath at 1500. Also Whitethroat, Common Tern, Sparrowhawk (M Wurr)...WILSTONE RSVR: **c45 Arctic Terns** with c50 Common Terns, also c120 Swallow, c30 Hs Martin, & 10 Yellow Wags in adj field (M Wallen/L Evans)...DIGSWELL MEADOW: **Little Egret** along Mimram downstream from Digswell twds Hertford (N Agar)...MARSWORTH RSVR: **Reed Warbler**, 4 Sedge Wblrs, Cuckoo (L Evans)...VERULAMIUM PARK: 15+ G Herons nesting, 2 Ruddy Dk, Grey Wag, 5 Swallows, 2 GC Grebe (M Clarke)...STARTOPS RSVR: 2 Swifts prior to dusk (M Wallen)...ST ALBANS: m Brambling in a garden (2 yesterday) (G Barnes)

20TH APR: WILSTONE: 4 Yellow Wag, Common Sand, 3 Brambling (J Thompson)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: Whitethroat, Sedge Wbr, 12+ Willow Wbr (A Nasir)...TYTTENHANGER: Common Sand, 2 Whitethroats (L Evans) Yellow Wag, 2 Shelduck, 4+ LRP, 4+ R Plover, 12 Lapwing, 4 Redshank, 2 Willow Wblr, 2 Bullfinch, 40+ mixed hirundines (A Gardiner/D Stanley)...ASHWELL: 10 Yellow Wags, 2m White Wags, 3 Reed Bunt, Corn Bunt (L Evans)...WHITWELL: Little Owl, Tawny Owl, GS Wdpkr, 3 Swallow, 10 Linnet (D Stanley)...TEWIN: Cuckoo, 3 Blackcap, Green Wdpkr (L Borg)...TRING: 2 Buzzards, one on either side of Tring around 5pm (I Burrus)...BATCHWOOD, ST ALBANS: 2 Lsr Redpoll, 4 Chiffchaff, 2 Grn Wdpkr, 2 Nuthatch, 2 Treecreeper (W Hatton)...ST ALBANS: Swift over btw St.A and M10 (A Jones)

19TH APR: NORTON STEVENAGE: Woodcock in Knebworth Woods, btw Cannocks Wood & the Firs (N Agar)...WILSTONE RSVR: 2 Arctic Terns with Commons, c100 Sand Martin, c30 Swallow, c10 Common Tern (M Wallen)...MAPLE LODGE NR: **12 Swifts** heading north, Willow Wbr (P Lewis)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: Cuckoo, 3 Common Tern (over), 9+ Willow Wbr, m Blackcap, Kingfisher (A Nasir)...ALDENHAM RSVR: m Yellow Wag on dam wall (S Welch)...HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Buzzard nr Potten End & GU Canal (S Harrison)...WHITWELL: 6 Mandarin, 2 Grey Partridge, Buzzard, Whitethroat (D Stanley)

18TH APR: KINGS MEAD: **Grasshopper Wblr** reeling, Shelduck, 2 Common Tern, 3 Grn Wdpkr, 11 Teal (A Jeffery)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Wheatear, 4 Redshank, 7 LRP, 6 Reed Bunts (T Chapman) Hs martin, 2 Yellow Wags, Sedge Wblr, Bullfinch, 3 Shelduck, Reed Bunt, Kingfisher, 5 Teal (S Pearce)...WILSTONE RSVR: c250 Sand Martin, c50 Swallow, c15 Hs Martin in heavy rain early am, nrby c80 Sand Martin & c10 Swallow at Startops (M Wallen) Late pm - 2 Arctic Terns with 41 Commons, 40+ Hs martins (L Evans)

17TH APR: CHESHUNT GP: **Nightingale, Whitethroat**, Sedge Wbr, Cuckoo (A Lewis)...WILSTONE RSVR: Mandarin nr hide, Ruddy Dk, 20+ Common Tern (D Fletcher)...MARSWORTH RSVR: Sedge Wblr, Yellow Wag, White Wag, 10 Pied Wag (D Fletcher)...COOPERS GREEN GP: LRP, m Pochard (S Pearce)...BEECH FARM: Willow Wbr, 9 Lapwing, Reed Bunt (S Pearce)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Common Sands, Snipe, 6 Teal...2 Wheatears briefly on island, White Wag (on scrape below farm), 2 Sedge Wblr (M Parr) 3 Common Tern, 5 Redshank, 4 Teal, Common Sandpiper, 3 Shelduck, Blackcap, nrby 4 Buzzards nr Warren Farm (S Pearce)...ABBOTS LANGLEY: **White Stork** SE over M25 1ml NE of jctn 20 (A Reynolds)...KIMPTON: Red Kite over (R Smith)...LETCHWORTH: 4 Brambling (G Dagnall)...VERULAMIUM PARK: GC Grebe with 1 chick (G Barnes)...STOCKERS LAKE: 2 Buzzards nr Wiggintgon (A Moon)

16TH APR: AMWELL: Swift (M Browning)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: Red Kite N over, Cuckoo, Sedge Wblr, **Whitethroat** (M Parr)...STARTOPS RSVR: 2 Yellow Wag, Little Owl, Hs Martin (M Parr)...THERFIELD HEATH: Pr Grey Partridge in field NE of car park, Blackcap, Willow Wbr (T Chapman)...WHEATHAMPSTEAD: **m Pied Flycatcher** on Lea Valley walk, 0.5ml twds Wheathampstead from Waterend Lane (T Smith)...MAPLE CROSS: Wing-tagged (white) Red Kite W over (P Lewis)...TYTTENHANGER: 6+ LRP, 4+ R Plover, Willow Wbr, Dunlin, Common Tern (M Wurr)...TRING RSVRS: **Ad Little Gull**, White Wag & 4 Common Terns on Wilstone, 4 Blackcaps, 2 Sedge Wbr, 2 Chiffchaff at Marsworth (L Evans) Little Gull, 180 Sand Martin, 20 Swallow, 10 Common Tern (41 dropped in in evening) at Wilstone (M Wallen)...CHISWELL GREEN: f Wheatear (D Dean)...JERSEY FARM, ST ALBANS: 2 Grey Partridge, Sparrowhawk, GS Wdpkr, 3 Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, 2 Willow Wbr, 2 Bullfinch (W Hatton)...GUSTARD WOOD: f Wheatear in horsefield at 1700 (M Collins)...COLNEY HEATH: Buzzard, 2 Willow Wbr (J Terry)...ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)

15TH APR: A41 NR TRING: 2 Ravens over, heading into Bucks, over A41 btw Tring & Berkhamsted at 1355 (B Fagan)...WILSTONE RSVR: **2 Arctic Terns, ad Little Gull**, 19 Common Tern, 3 Brambling (I Bennell/B Fagan)...STARTOPS RSVR: 3 Common Tern, 3 Yellow Wag, White Wag, 15 Pied Wag, 500+ Sand Martin, 2 Hs Martin, 50+ Swallow (I Bennell)...OXHEY: 3 Redwings over, also Swallow (I Bennell)...BEECH FARM: 8 L Grebe, 2 Shelduck, Redshank, 8 Lapwing, 2 Grn Wdpkr, 8 Swallows, 2 Reed Bunt, 2 Willow Wbr (W Hatton)

14TH APR: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Grasshopper Warbler halfway up Potten End Hill, 100yds or so up from

Strathgade Farm on RHS of road, reeling (D Forder)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: m Wheatear at 1230, also 3+ Willow Wbr (S Harrison)...MARSWORTH RSVR: 7 Common Terns (D Forder)...WILSTONE: Common Sand, 2 Swallows (M Parr) 9 Common Terns (D Forder)...STARTOPS RSVR: 2 Yellow Wgs, Little Owl, White Wag, 3 Grey Wag (M Parr)...PRAE WOOD: 7 Buzzards over (G Knight)...TYTTENHANGER: Dunlin, Greenshank, 2 Green Sands, 6 Redshank (G Knight)...OAKMERE PARK, POTTERS BAR: 3 Mandarins, nrby 2 Marsh Tits in Fir/Pond Wood (R Pyrah)...WHITWELL: 2 Buzzards, f Mandarin, 2 GS Wdpkr, 20+ Fieldfare (D Stanley)

13TH APR: TYTTENHANGER: Yellow Wag, Common Tern, Snipe, 5 Redshank, Dunlin, 3 Shelduck, Blackcap, White Wagtail, 2 Hs Martin, 2 Green Sand, 10+ S Martin, 10+ Swallow, 11 LRP, 4 R Plover, 2 Yellow Wag, Greenshank, Willow Wbr (L Evans/M Parr/W Hatton/G Knight/D Stanley)...WELHAM GREEN: 4 Siskins singing in a garden (D Dean)...EAST HYDE: 2 Little Owls (G Knight)...STAFFORD FARM: 40 Fieldfare (J Pritchard)

12TH APR: AMWELL: **Little Egret**, Water Rail, Cuckoo, Common Tern, 2 Willow Wbr (M Collins)...STEVENAGE: Red Kite over Fishers Green at 1300 (G Dagnall)...BEECH FARM: SHort-eared Owl, 3 Snipe, 2 Grey Partridge (D Stanley) 2 Redshank, 3 L Grebe, Swallow, 5 Gadwall (S Pearce)...STOCKERS LAKE: 2 Common Tern, Swallow, 2 Blackcaps, Chiffchaff (S Ward)...BROOKMANS PARK: Brambling & 4 Siskins on a garden feeder (R Pyrah)...N MYMMS PARK: Marsh Tit, Lsr Redpoll, 2 Little Owl, 3 Blackcap, 9 Chiffchaff (R Pyrah)...TYTTENHANGER: Yellow Wag, Dunlin, Greenshank, Green Sand (G Knight/R Pyrah/D Stanley) 100+ Golden Plover (over), 7 Redshank, 8+ LR Plover, 3 R Plover, 8 Tree Sparrow, c10 Swallow, Sand Martin, 9 Teal, 2 SHelduck (R Pyrah/D Stanley)...WILSTONE: Cuckoo, 10 Common Tern, Buzzard (S Wilson) c5 Redshank, R Plover, Teal (C & P Langsdon)...AMWELL: Cuckoo (D Booth/S Crockford) 2 Redshank, Common Tern, 2 Willow WBr, Sedge Wblr, Blackcap (D Booth)...GT GADDESSEN: 3 Buzzards, Swallow, Yellowhammer (M Parr)...HERTINGFORDBURY: **Little Egret** flew twds Panshanger at 1830, also m Mandarin, pr Ruddy Dk, R Plover, 6 L GREbe (S Chilton)...ST ALBANS: 4 Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)...HITCH WOOD: Buzzard over (C Brackenbury)...WHEATHAMPSTEAD: 3 Willow WBrS (D Stanley)

11TH APR: WILSTONE: Yellow Wag, 2 Common Terns, f Brambling, Buzzard (J Thompson)...KNEBWORTH: **Raven** over A1 heading east at 1100 (R Smith)...WARE: **Prob White Stork** again, in flight high over S side of Ware around midday (T Austin)...TYTTENHANGER: **Cuckoo**, 2 Shelduck, 6 Redshank, Greenshank, Green Sand, Willow Wbr, 6 Swallows, 12+ Sand Martin (I Eyre/D Booth/G KNight) 4 Chiffchaff (D Booth) also Dunlin, 6 Yellow Wags, Buzzard, Snipe (G Knight), 11 LR Plover, 5 R Plover (A Dorman)...FAIRLANDS VALLEY LAKE, STEVENAGE: Unconfirmed rpt of Raven & Red-throated Diver (S Blackmore)...BEECH FARM: 3 Snipe, 2 Grey Partridge, 3 Reed Bunt (R Pyrah)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 SHelduck, 2 LR Plover, 2 R Plover, Green Sand, Redshank, 2 Teal (R Pyrah)...JERSEY FARM, ST ALBANS: Buzzard, 3 Swallows (W Hatton)...PETERS GREEN: 2 Bramblings in a garden (M Best)

10TH APR: WELWYN GDN CITY: **2 Little Egrets** in stream by Digswell viaduct (D James)...HAMPER MILL WATFORD: **Little Egret** appeared to be roosting on Hampermill at 2000 (J Thompson)...KINGS MEAD: **WHITE STORK** circled high overhead from 1105-1120 when it landed, then disturbed by crows at 1140 and flew high south (A Reynolds)...STARTOPS END RSVR: Yellow Wag on causeway by road (M Parr)...WILSTONE: **Little Egret** roosting in heronry, also **Common Sand** (S Wilson)...Yellow Wag, White Wag (with 4 Pieds nr jetty), Reed Bunt, 3 Common Terns (M Parr)...TYTTENHANGER: 7 LR Plover, White Wagtail, 4 R Plover, 4 Redshank, Greenshank, 2 Green Sand, 6 Yellow Wag, Snipe, 6 Swallow, 3 Hs Martin (P Christian)...BEECH FARM: **Curlew** over at 1830 heading N, then back heading W at 1845, also 2 Redshank & Green Sand (P christian)...OAKMERE PARK< POTTERD BAR: 4 Mandarins (B Fagan/R Flesher)

9TH APR: SUTTON FARM GP: 3 L Grebe, Buzzard, also 2 Redshank nrby at Beech Farm (S Pearce)...AMWELL: **WHITE STORK** seen distantly circling N of Ware for 15 mins before drifting S at 1830, also **Osprey** flew N at 1900 (T Austin) also 4 Redshank, R Plover, 6 Lapwing, Sand Martin, Blackcap, Willow Wbr, SNipe, Chiffchaff (H Lewis)...COOPERS GREEN LANE GP: 3 LR Plover, Green Sand, 2 Redshank, Shelduck (J Thornley)...MARSWORTH RSVR: **Cetti's Wblr** heard well by sluice, also 2 Common Terns, m Ruddy Dk (M Parr)...STARTOPS END RSVR: 5 Swallows, 4 Sand Martin, Hs Martin, Yellowhammer, Reed Bunt (M Parr) 2 Common Terns, Wheatear, Yellow Wag (I Bennell)...WILSTONE RSVR: **Merlin** perched on hedge before flying into Bucks (S Wilson) 40 Swallows, 40 Sand Martins, Hs Martin, Willow Wbr, Blackcap (M Parr), 8 Wigeon, 2 Shelduck, 2 White Wagtails, f Wheatear (in field with black barn conversion across road from NE corner) (I Bennell)...TYTTENHANGER: **Yellow Wag**, 3 SHelduck, 6 R Plover, Greenshank, Green Sand, Common Tern, 12 Swallow, Hs Martin, 2 Sand Martin (R Flesher) 11+ LR Plover, 9 Teal, 6 Redshank, 7 Tree Sparrow (R Pyrah)...CODICOTE BOTTOM: **Little Egret**, Buzzard, 3 Swallow, 3 Grey Wag, m Blackcap, 4+ Chiffchaff (I Eyre)...AMWELL: Willow Wbr, f Brambling (feeding stn), 2 Redshank, 2 Sand Martin, 2 Shelduck (G KNight)...BEDMOND: 50 MEadow Pipits at Hyde Farm (C Everett)...N MYMMS PARK: Buzzard, Swallow, Little Owl, 54 Meadow Ppt, Lsr Redpoll (R Pyrah)...JERSEY FARM, ST ALBANS: Swallow, 5 Chiffchaffs, 2 Willow Wbr, 2 Bullfinch, 2 Yellowhammer (W Hatton)

8TH APR: TYTTENHANGER: **White Wagtail**, **2 Yellow Wags**, 7 Swallow, 80 Mdw Pipit, Green Sand, 2 Shelduck, 7 Redshank, 10+ LR Plover, 6+ R Plover, 4 Tree Sparrow (R PYrah) Greenshank (P Christian/S Pearce)...WARE: **Ring-**

necked Parakeet over Widbury Hill (I Edwards)...HITCH WOOD, ST PAULS WALDEN: 3 Ravens flew from E side of Hitch Wood to Frogmore (TL173227) where they landed in trees and viewable from minor rd to Frogmore (M Ilett)...RICKMANSWORTH: Little Egret in flight, from A412 just E of Maple Cross about at 0750 (S Younger)...BATFORD: Swallow, 2 Grn Wdpkr, 2 GS Wdpkr, 3 Jay (D Stanley)...CHISWELL GREEN: 4 Siskin on a garden feeder (A Gardiner)...PUCKERIDGE: Willow Wbr, Chiffchaff, pr Bullfinch (M Orchard)...ESSENDON: 2 Marsh Tit, 27 passage Meadow Ppt, 17 Stock Dv, 6 Chiffchaff, Grey Wag (R Pyrah)

7TH APR: AMWELL: 3 Brambling (inc 2 males in breeding plumage) at the feeding station (D Anderson)...WILSTONE: 2 Yellow Wags, White Wagtail (in field by NE bank), 4 Hs Martin, 200+ Sand Martin, 2 Swallows, 3 Common Tern (G Knight)...MARSWORTH RSVR: Cetti's Warbler heard by sluice at 0745 (G Knight)...TYTTENHANGER: 6 Shelduck, Yellow Wag (on main pit), Greenshank, 8 LR Plover, 5 Teal (P Christian) 3 R Plover, 7 Redshank, Green Sand, 3 Swallow, 2 Shelduck (G Knight)...HERTINGFORDBURY: 3 Little Egrets (S Chilton)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: 2 Willow Wbr, 9 Chiffchaff, Water Rail & m Blackcap (A Nasir)...TRING: pr Siskin in a garden (I Burrus)...WARE GP: Swallow over (I Edwards)...CASSIOBURY PARK: Water Rail (J Terry)

6TH APR: WILSTONE: White Wagtail, 6 House Martin, 20 Swallows, 200 Sand Martin, 3 Common Terns (A Moon)...BROAD COLNEY: 3 Willow Warblers & 3 Chiffchaff (P Christian)...CHISWELL GREEN: 3 Siskin (A Gardiner)...NORTON STEVENAGE: 80 Fieldfare (D Beer)...TYTTENHANGER: 10 Swallows (J Terry)

5TH APR: TYTTENHANGER: 2 Brambling in trees btw Tyttenhanger Hall & fishing lakes, also 3 Hs Martin, 6 Swallows, 7 Sand Martin, 7 LR Plover, 2 R Plover, 4 Teal, 4 Redshank, Marsh Tit (Tyttenhanger Hall), m Ruddy Dk (P Christian)...BROOKMANS PARK: 4 Siskin in a garden (R Pyrah)

4TH APR: SOPWELL MILL, ST ALBANS: 5 Little Egrets viewed from Butterfield Lane at 1415 but flew off c1430 (P Tweedale)...REDBOURNBURY: Peregrine around Redbournbury treatment plant and nrby fields at 0900, also up to 6 Buzzards in area (S&D Forder)...MARSWORTH RSVR: 2 Sandwich Terns flew in from NE then W over Startops and lost to sight twds Wilstone at 0738, also singing Cetti's Warbler btw 0800-0840 from jctn of reeds/scrub c30=50m from sluice bank at SW corner, also Swallow, 2 Willow Wbr (S Welch)...HERTINGFORDBURY: 4 Little Egret, 3 LR Plover (S Poynter/P Unwin) 5 Buzzards, 3 Sand Martin (P Unwin)...AMWELL: 2 Willow Wbr, Swallow, Hs Martin, Sedge Wbr, Green Sand, LR Plover (M Baverstock)...WILSTONE: Swallow, Hs Martin, 30+ Sand Martin, 5 Ruddy Dk, 4+ Chiffchaff (I Eyre)...TYTTENHANGER: 3 LR Plover, 4 R Plover, 3 Redshank, Green Sand (G Knight)...BATFORD: m Lsr Sptd Wdpkr behind batford Mill, Blackcap, 2 GS Wdpkr, Grn Wdpkr (D Stanley)...BRICKET WOOD: Swallow at Smug Oak Lane (C Everett)...CHISWELL GREEN: Grey Partridge in 1st field on left after Rose Gardens (I Bennell)...STOCKERS LAKE: pr Goldeneye, 4 Swallows, Hs Martin, 4 Sand martin, 17 Fieldfare, m Ruddy Dk (S Younger)...VERULAMIUM PARK: 3 Swallows, Chiffchaff (I Bennell)...BEECH FARM: 3 Snipe, Swallow, 2 Grey Partridge, 25+ Skylark, 15+ Meadow Ppt, nrby 2 Shelduck at Coopers Green GP (A Dorman)...TRINGFORD RSVR: Swallow with 5 Sand Martin (I Williams)...PICCOTTS END: Swallow (S&D Forder)...GORHAMBURY: 4 Buzzards (S&D Forder)

3RD APR: RYE MEADS: f Black Redstart in disturbed area at E end of car park 1215, also Willow Warbler, 2 Blackcap, 4 Shelduck (P Christian)...STEVENAGE: m Ring Ouzel at Norton Green (M Ilett)...WILSTONE: Winter plum Little Gull, 3 Common Tern, 7 Sand martin (I Bennell/M Parr)...PUCKERIDGE: Willow Warbler, Swallow (M Orchard)...AMWELL: Sedge Wbr, 2f Goldeneye, LR Plover, 3 Redshank (P Christian)...TYTTENHANGER: 2 Shelduck, 2 Teal, 4 R Plover, Snipe, 6 Redshank, Greenshank, Green Sand, 2 Sand Martin, 4 Tree Sparrow (G KNight) Red Kite over SW at 1642 (S Murray) 9 LR Plover, 4 Sand Martin (S Pearce)...N MYMMS PARK: Buzzard, 3 Marsh Tit, Little Owl, 4 Redwing, 18 meadow Pipit thru, 6 Chiffchaff (R Pyrah)...GARSTON: 16 Lsr Redpoll nr Garston manor, also singing Blackcap (C Everett)...CHORLEYWOOD: 2 Lsr Redpoll, 15 Siskin, Blackcap on feeders in a garden (G Smith)...SHAFFORD FARM: Buzzard, 50 Fieldfare, 3 Chiffchaff (J Pritchard)...WATERY GROVE STEVENAGE: Marsh Tit in Cannocks Wood, also 25 Fieldfare, 2 Redwing (A Ford)...STANDON: Hs Martin (M Orchard)...COURSERS RD, COLNEY HEATH: Swallow (S Pearce)

2ND APR: BEECH FARM: 2 Short-eared Owls on aerodrome site nr Notcutts 1845 onwards, also 2 Mandarin, Green Sand, Snipe (W Hatton)...TYTTENHANGER: 9 R Plover, 6 LR Plover, 5 Redshank, Green Sand, 2 Shelduck, 13 Wigeon, 2 Teal, 11 Tree Sparrow (R Pyrah) also White Wagtail at E end of fishing lake (D Booth) and it or another on the scrape, Sand Martin, 2 Chiffchaff (A Dorman)...CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: 3 Water Rail, 5 Chiffchaff, 2 Kingfisher (A Nasir)...HABERDASHERS SCH: Red Kite W over at 1513 (S Murray)...BOWMANSGREEN FARM: 250+ Golden Plover (P Unwin)

1ST APR: TYTTENHANGER: Avocet in shallows in large bay on eastern side of pit, also White Wagtail with Pied Wag flock on scrape nr Tyttenhanger Farm (R Hicks) 2 Teal, Little Owl, 6 Redshank, 4 LR Plover, 3 R Plover, 4 Snipe, 4 Brambling (btw Tyttenhanger Hall & lakes in trees) (P Christian) No sign of Avocet 1715 - 1830 but 2 Shelduck (G Knight)...HARMERGREEN WOOD: 10+ Brambling with Chaffinches at field edge on SE boundary of woods, SW from Welch's Farm (D Pennington)...REDBOURN: 16 Lsr Redpoll in silver birches on Redbourn Common (E Leahy)...WILSTONE: 4+ Swallows, Hs Martin 5+ Sand Martin (I Bennell) No sign of any BN Grebe or Little Gulls (G Knight)...CHISWELL GREEN: m Siskin singing in a garden (A Gardiner)...N MYMMS PARK: c50 Redwing & Chiffchaff (J Moss)

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31ST MAR: COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 Mandarin flew in at 1030, also 3 LR Plover (G Horn)....AMWELL: **Avocet** till 1430 at least, no frthr details (BN)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Green Sand, 5+ LR Plover, 4 R Plover, 3 Shelduck (G Knight)....NORTON, STEVENAGE: **2 Wheatears** (D Booth)....VERULAMIUM PARK: 4 GC Grebes (G Barnes)....GARSTON: Red Kite W over (A Bright)....CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: Red Kite W over at 1245 (A Nasir)....ST ALBANS: 2 Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)....GT GADDESSEN: 2 Buzzards over Bridens Camp 1225 (B Fagan)....ROTHAMSTED EXP STN: Red Kite over at noon (A Martin)

30TH MAR: COOPERS GREEN GP: 3 LR Plover, 2 Mandarin (D Anderson)....TYTTENHANGER: 4 LR Plover, 3 R Plover, 6 Redshank, 10+ Tree Sparrow, 2 Teal, 2+ Chiffchaff, 2 Bullfinch (M Wurr)....CASSIOBURY PARK: **m Mealy Redpoll** nr fishing lake, also 4 Lsr Redpoll, 2 Marsh Tit, 4+ Chiffchaff, LS Wdpkr (N Bristow)....WILSTONE: **2 BN Grebes, pr Common Scoter**, 352 Wigeon, Chiffchaff (L Evans)....CODICOTE BOTTOM: **Little Egret** E of Codicote Bottom Farm in tree by R Mimram, also 5 L Grebe, 2 Sand Martin, Buzzard, Little Owl, 2 Gadwall & 6 Tufted (I Eyre)....REDBOURN: Red Kite over at 1300 (J Best)....CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: 4 Water Rails, Grey Wag, 3 Chiffchaff, 3 Reed Bunt, m Blackcap, 2 Kingfisher (A Nasir)....TRING: 2m Brambling & f Yellowhammer in a garden (I Burrus)....WORMLEY WOOD: 2 Marsh Tits (P Rhodes)....AMWELL: Barn Owl at 0800 (R Cousins)....REDBOURN: 65 Golden Plover at Flowers Farm, many in full summer plumage (E Leahy)

29TH MAR: BOWYERS GP: **Firecrest** showing well in trees on W side of Bowyers Water at 1800 (D Bradnum)....WILSTONE: **Pr Common Scoter**, 2 BN Grebe, 50 Sand Martin at 3pm (R Woodhead/I Bennell)....POPLARS GREEN, TEWIN: **3 Little Egrets** in R Mimran from B1000 (S Chilton)....STEVENAGE: f Blackcap by St Mary's Church Shephall (C Hughes)....ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)....BEECH FARM: **2m Wheatear** nr conveyor, 2 Redshank, 19 Snipe, c100 Fieldfare, Chiffchaff, Reed Bunt, c20 Meadow Ppt, 2 GS Wdpkr, 3 L Grebe, 2 Shelduck, 8 Teal, Buzzard, 10 Lapwing (W Hatton)....BATFORD: LS Wdpkr drumming close to Harpenden sewage farm (M Russell)....ST IPPOLLITTS: 2 Grey Partridge in field by B656 (D Booth)

28TH MAR: BUCKNEY WOOD: **m Firecrest** by underground reservoir, also 3 Marsh Tit, 4 Nuthatch, 7 Chiffchaff, TL390170 (M Browning)....BEECH FARM: **2 Short-eared Owls** over rough ground between Notcutts & Hatfield Rd (A1057), flushed Jack Snipe (D Fletcher) **2m Wheatears** by footbridge over conveyor belt, also Snipe, 3 Fieldfare, 3 L Grebe (G Knight)....AMWELL: **Marsh Harrier** flew up valley twds Ware (T Austin)....OTTERSPOOL: Green Sand (C Everett) 15+ Teal, 2 Redshank (A Gardiner)....NORTON, STEVENAGE: **2m Wheatear** & Stonechat (D Beer)....TYTTENHANGER: **Curlew** circled for c3 mins before flying off, also Greenshank, LS Wdpkr (drumming in Garden Wood) (J Thompson) 3 R Plover, Green Sand, 2 Redshank, Kingfisher, 12 Meadow Ppt, 2 Tree Sparrow, 3 Reed Bunt, 2 Wigeon, 2 Shelduck, 2 Snipe (over), 14 Golden Plover (over) (T Chapman) 4 LR Plover, m Bullfinch, 2 Green Sand (on north pits), 6 Teal (S Pearce)....WATFORD: m Blackcap along Gypsy Lane (C Everett)....PETERS GREEN: m Brambling in a garden (M Best)....PUCKERIDGE: 2 Grey Wags, 2 Fieldfare, 7 Redwing, singing Chiffchaff, 4 Bullfinch (M Orchard)....KINGS MEAD: Water Rail & 2 Stonechat (A Reynolds)....BOWYERS GP: 40 Sand Martin, nr by f Wheatear from Plover Hide at Hall Marsh Scrape (Essex)

27TH MAR: HATFIELD: **2 Firecrests** in a garden in Old Hatfield (J Winterbottom)....TYTTENHANGER: **Ad Peregrine** flew SW along edge of Coppice Wood at 0820, also 2 R Plover, 3 Redshank, Green Sand, 22 Tree Sparrow (G Knight) 2 Green Sand, Reed Bunt, 2 Fieldfare, 36 Tree Sparrow 4 Redshank, 6 Teal (A Dorman) 6 LR Plover (A Lewis/M Parr)....CASSIOBURY PARK: **f Mealy Redpoll** with c15 Lsr Redpolls, but birds were mostly high in alders and diff to see, also Snipe on cressbed (J Thompson)....BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl, Jack Snipe**, 3 Chiffchaff, 9 Teal, 2 Grey Partridge, 25 Snipe, 2 R Plover (R Pyrah)....SCOTSBRIDGE MILL: **Little Egret** (C Everett)....TYTTENHANGER FARM: 20+ Tree Sparrow, R Plover, 4+ Skylark, Redshank, sev GC Grebe (C Hughes)....COOPERS GREEN GP: **Swallow** with c5 Sand Martins, also Green Sand (A Lewis) Redshank, LR Plover, 30 Linnet, 3 Sand Martin, 21 Tufted, Pochard, 14 Gadwall (R Pyrah) 2 Shelduck (G Knight)....KINGS MEAD: 2 Shelduck, Chiffchaff, 23 Wigeon, 5 Gadwall (G Knight)....WELWYN GDN CITY: LS Wdpkr on feeder in a garden (M Brown)....HERTINGFORDBURY: **Little Egret** NE over A414 (M Worby)....MARSWORTH RSVR: m Ruddy Dk & 2m Reed Bunts (J Chapman)....WILSTONE RSVR: **Oystercatcher** circled calling 0945-1045, unable to land and flew off twds marsworth, also m Goldeneye, c200 Wigeon, Chiffchaff, m Teal, 6 Sand martin (J Chapman)

26TH MAR: WILSTONE RSVR: **m Lady Amherst's Pheasant** calling nr cressbeds at 0700 (S

Wilson)....BURY LAKE: **Ad w Little Gull** with BH Gulls (P Lewis)....CASSIOBURY PARK: **Little Egret, 2 Mealy Redpoll** amongst flock of 12 Lsr Redpoll, Chiffchaff (D Stanley)....AMWELL: **f Goldeneye**, R Plover, LR Plover, 4 Redshank, 22 Sand Martin, 6 Reed Bunts, 3 Chiffchaff (H Vaughan)....WARE GP: 8 Sand Martins over at 1030 (I Edwards)....TYTTENHANGER: 3 LR Plover, Buzzard, Greenshank (D Stanley) 2 LR Plover, 2 R Plover, 2 Redshank, Green Sand, 4 Tree Sparrow, 2 Shelduck (D Booth)....GARSTON: 3 Lsr Redpoll nr rlwy stn (A Bright)....STOCKERS LAKE: 2f Goosander (J Thompson)

25TH MAR: TYTTENHANGER: **1st-s Merlin** perched for 20 mins nr Church Lane entrance, also 2m Wheatear, 30+ Meadow Ppt, 30+ RL partridge, 3 LR Plover (I Bennell)....CASSIOBURY PARK: **Little Egret**, Lsr Redpoll, m LS Wdpkr, Marsh Tit, Chiffchaff, 2 Redwing, Grn Wdpkr, GS Wdpkr (D Stanley) 2 Little Egrets, 17 redpolls inc 14 Lesser & 3 Mealies (2m) (L Evans)....AMWELL: Red Kite over at noon (D Gompertz)....N MYMMS PARK: Marsh Tit, Buzzard, 2+ Little Owl, 27 Meadow Ppt, 3 Chiffchaff, 3 Siskin (R Pyrah)....EAST HYDE: 2 Teal, 7 Gadwall, 3 L Grebe, Cormorant (M Best)....HARMERGREEN WOOD: LS Wdpkr (D Booth)....ALDBURY: 2 Mandarins (D Otter)

24TH MAR: COOPERS GREEN GP: 4 Sand Martin, Green Sand & Redshank (G Horn/D Stanley)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 R Plover, 3 Redshank, 6+ Tree Sparrow (G Horn/D Stanley)....WILSTONE: **2 ad Kittiwakes** in pre-roost gathering of gulls 1700-1720 but no sign at 1740, but **Swallow** there (per L Evans)....MARSWORTH RSVR: 600+ Starlings roosting (L Evans)....VERULAMIUM PARK: Singing Chiffchaff, 2 Redwing, 3 GC Grebe, 4 Jay (A Jeffrey)....CHISWELL GREEN: f Blackcap visitng garden feeder (A Gardiner)....NORTON GREEN, STEVENAGE: Marsh Tit (T Chapman)....OTTERSPOOL: 3 Redshank (J Terry)

23RD MAR: CASSIOBURY PARK: **Mealy Redpoll** with 9 Lsr Redpoll (B Phillips)....BROOKMANS PARK: 50 Siskin in a garden (R Pyrah)....PETERS GREEN: **Wheatear** in afternoon (M Best)....TYTTENHANGER: **3 Little Ringed Plover**, 5 R Plover, 2 Redshank, Greenshank, Green Sand, 10+ Tree Sparrow, 14 Gadwall, 2 Teal (R Pyrah)....STEVENAGE: singing Chiffchaff (T Chapman)....PETERS GREEN: m Brambling, 7 Buzzards, 2 Sparrowhawk (M Best)....EASTHYDE: 75 Meadow Ppt, 34 Canada Gs, Sparrowhawk (M Best)

22ND MAR: TYTTENHANGER: **2 Wheatear, 6 Little Ringed Plover**, 2 Redshank, Green Sand (J Thornley/B Fagan) 4+ R Plover, 40+ Tree Sparrow, 2 Teal, 11 Gadwall (R Pyrah)....BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** quartering airfield nr business park at 1730 (D Thomas)....HERTFORD: **2 Swallows** flew past County Hall at 1025 (A Moss)....BOWYERS GP: **30+ Sand Martin** & 5 singing Chiffchaffs (T Dick)....COLNEY HEATH: Lsr Redpoll, Buzzard, 25 Fieldfare, 60 Redwing (R Pyrah)....SHAFFORD FARM: 60+ Golden Plover, 4 Buzzard, 50 Fieldfare, 10 Meadow Ppt, 150 Stock Dove (groups of up to 20 flying along Ver Valley) (J Pritchard)....PRAE WOOD: 2 Buzzard, 20 Fieldfare, 100+ Redwing (B Fagan)....WILSTONE: **31 Sand Martins** & 11 Wigeon (L Evans)

21ST MAR: ELSTREE: **Brent Goose** by pond at east end of runway at 1000 but had gone by 1215 (C Everett)....AMWELL: **2 Little Gulls** (J Gray) presumably inc adult seen for 20mins at 1620 on main lake (R Facer), **1st-w Iceland Gull** on main lake at 1100 but no further sign by 1150 (BN) **2 Little Egrets** behind main island, also 3 Redshank, 14 Lapwing, 2 Buzzards (B Fagan)....CASSIOBURY PARK: **2 Mealy Redpolls, Little Egret**, 22 Lsr Redpoll, LS Wdpkr (B Harris)....LETCHEMORE HEATH: m Mandarin on wooded pond at Bhaktivedanta Manor (C Everett)....PETERS GREEN: m Brambling in a garden (M Best)....POTTERS CROUCH: 2 Buzzards soaring together, nrby Chiffchaff singing in plantation (A Gardiner)....OTTERSPOOL: 40 Teal & singing Chiffchaff (C Everett)....BROOKMANS PARK: 24 Siskin, 18 Redwing & Marsh Tit in a garden (R Pyrah)....TYTTENHANGER: **Wheatear** on grass bank in NE corner at 0730, **4 Little Ringed Plover**, Greenshank, 2 Chiffchaff, 2 Kingfisher (I Williams) 11 R Plover, Green Sand, 4 Redshank, 10+ Fieldfare (D Stanley) 9 Tree Sparrow, 2 Shelduck (S Pearce)....COOPERS GREEN GP: **10 Sand Martin** (D Stanley)....REDBOURNBURY: 5 Brambling on Ver Valley fpath 500m N of Dolittle Mil (E Leahy)....CHISWELL GREEN: f Blackcap & 4+ Siskin in a garden (A

Gardiner)....GUSTARD WOOD, WHEAT'STEAD: 2 Buzzards towards golf course (L Borg)....KINGS MEAD: 61 Wigeon, 2 Stonechat (A Reynolds)....TROY MILL: 6 Sand Martin, singing Chiffchaff (A Moon)....SPRINGWELL LAKE: (just outside Herts) Chiloe Wigeon (G Wakeman)....TRINGFORD RSVR: 2 Sand martins flew over at 0630 (I Burrus)....WELWYN GDN CITY: m Brambling in a garden (T Hill)

20TH MAR: AMWELL: 1st summer Iceland Gull (T Austin) also 2 poss Mealy Redpoll with 3 Lsr Redpoll (A Lewis)....CASSIOBURY PARK: 2 Mealy Redpoll with Lsr Redpoll. 7 Lsr Redpoll by Gade Ave bridge, c12 around cress bed by canal. Little Egret at cress bed. Marsh Tit, LS Wdpkr, 6 GS Wdpkr, Grn Wdpkr, 3 Jay, Chiffchaff (M Parr)....TYTTENHANGER: f Wheatear, 4-5 Redshank (S Pearce) 4 Little Ringed Plover, Greenshank, Green Sand, 4 R Plover, Chiffchaff (C Smout/G Knight) 20 Tree Sparrow, 3 Teal, Fieldfare (R Pyrah) Dunlin, 35 Golden Plover over (S Welch)....POTTERS BAR: 3 Mandarin, Monk Parakeet (G Knight)....COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 R Plover, 9+ Sand Martin (G Knight) Green Sand & 2 Shelduck (S Pearce)....STARTOPS END RSVR: 2 Sand Martin (M Parr)....CHISWELL GREEN: 25 Golden Plover over (A Gardiner)....TRINGFORD RSVR: Mandarin (I Williams)....ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)....HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: 3m Brambling in an Adeyfield garden (J Rimes)

19TH MAR: WILSTONE: c20 Sand Martins at midday (M Wallen) also m Goosander, nrby 4 Sand Martin at Startops (I Bennell)....MARSWORTH RSVR: Cetti's Warbler singing nr canal end of rsvr, also 50+ Corn Bunts & 500+ Starlings roosted in reeds (I Bennell)....STOCKERS FARM: 2 Little Egret over, appeared to drop over lake, also 130+ Fieldfare, 35 Redwing, singing Chiffchaff, 26 Wigeon (A Nasir)....CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: Sand Martin, 2 Stonechat, 2 singing Chiffchaff, 100+ Goldfinch (A Nasir)....EAST HYDE: m Stonechat, also Snipe & Kingfisher just outside county border (D Dean)

18TH MAR: GORHAMBURY: 6 Buzzards in area (13 along Ver Valley), Little Egret on private fishing lake at Cotton Mill (E Leahy)....WILSTONE: 9+ Sand Martins in poor weather (M Wallen)....NORTHAW GREAT WOOD: 4 singing Chiffchaffs around car park (C Beach)....POTTERS CROUCH: Singing Corn Bunting by microlight airstrip at Plaistows Farm, also 70 Linnet nr M1 bridge, S of airstrip (A Gardiner/J Thompson)....BRICKET WOOD: Buzzard high over Bucknalls Drive at 1145 W (S Welch)....CROXLEY GREEN: Water Rail, Snipe, 3 singing Reed Bunt, 2 Kingfisher, drumming GS Wdpkr (A Nasir)....RUSHDEN: 3 Marsh Tits, Tawny Owl, Buzzard, 2 drumming GS Wdpkr, Green Wdpkr all in a private wood, also 8 Yellowhammers & Corn Bunt in a nrby garden (J Dingemans)....WELWYN GDN CITY: LS Wdpkr calling halfway up N side of Woodland Rise, also 5+ Siskins on feeders (M Brown)....CASSIOBURY PARK: Red Kite S over car park at 1250 (Ian Bennell)

17TH MAR: BEECH FARM: pr Reed Bunt, 2 L Grebe, Cormorant, 2 drumming GS Wdpkr, 5 Meadow Ppt (T Chapman)....HARPENDEN: Lesser Sptd Wdpkr drumming in woods adj to BUPA Hospital (G Horn)....TROY MILL: 9 Sand Martins & 2 Little Egrets, Egrets on bank of R Colne (P Lewis)....REDBOURNBURY: 2 Wheatears (m+f) in rape field behind Redbournbury Farm (N of bridge) at 1240 (I Williams)....PANSHANGER AERODROME: 2+ Chiffchaff, 2 Yellowhammer, 2 Grn Wdpkr, 2 GS Wdpkr, Sparrowhawk (S Chilton)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank (apparently trying to pair with a Redshank), 4 Redshank, Green Sand, Chiffchaff, 8 R Plover (G Knight)....HERTFORD: Singing Chiffchaff & Blackcap at Hertford North Station (A Reynolds)....BATFORD: 2 Chiffchaffs singing around Harpenden sewage farm (M Russell)....PETERS GREEN: 2 Bramblings in a garden, also 7 Buzzards in area & c30 Yellowhammers nr Gt Plummers Farm (M Best)....BRICKET WOOD: Woodcock at a private site but flew W towards Bricket Wood Common at 1300 (S Welch)....R LEE AT WARE: Singing Chiffchaff (I Edwards)....BALDOCK: Siskin in a garden (T Brown)....RADLETT AERODROME GP: 200+ Golden Plover (J Pritchard)....VERULAMIUM PARK, ST ALBANS: 8+ occupied Heron nests on island in lake, m Shoveler, f Ruddy Dk, 2 GC Grebe (G Barnes)....JERSEY FARM: Chiffchaff in a garden (W Hatton)

16TH MAR: AMWELL: **Brent Goose** briefly at 1720, also **2 Sand Martins** thru at 1620 (T Austin)...TYTTENHANGER: **2 Little Ringed Plover**, 7 R Plover, 3 Redshank, Greenshank, 11 Tree Sparrow, Kingfisher, 2 Green Wdpkr (L Evans)...KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: **Med Gull** still present with BH Gulls (M Parr)...JERSEY FARM ST ALBANS: 5+ Skylark, 5 Meadow Ppt, pr Bullfinch, Redwing & 7 occupied nests in a rookery at Sandringham School (G Knight)...PETERS GREEN: Stonechat on Farr's Lane at 1045 (M Best)

15TH MAR: HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: **Raven** over A41 towards Boxmoor at 1700 (A Jones)...KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: **Med Gull** still present at midday (G Horn)...CASSIOBURY PARK: White Wagtail with Pied Wags by bowling green/tennis courts but mobile (I Bennell)...COOPERS GREEN GP: 2 Shelduck, R Plover, Dunlin (G Knight)...TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 2 Redshank, 7 R Plover & poss Raven over A414 (G Knight)...ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden still (G Barnes)

14TH MAR: MARSWORTH RSVR: **Bittern**, 8 Corn Bunts & Water Rail (L Evans)...WILSTONE: 6 LBB & 13 Common Gulls in roost (L Evans)...CASSIOBURY PARK: **2 Mealy Redpolls** by bridge to fishing lake off Gade Ave, also 9 Lsr Redpoll (G Knight)...KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: **Ad Med Gull** with BH Gulls at 1125 (B Fagan/G Nash)...STOCKERS LAKE: **5 Goosander, 12 Goldeneye**, 30 Wigeon, 150 Shoveler, 50 Fieldfare, 90 Jackdaw, Kingfisher (J Thompson)...POTTERS BAR: 6 Mandarins at Oakmere Park (R Pyrah)...TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand, 3 Redshank, Kingfisher (S Pearce)...CHISWELL GREEN: 6 Siskins on garden feeders (A Gardiner)...BROOKMANS PARK: 32 Siskin at garden feeders (R Pyrah)...GOBIONS WOOD: 2 Marsh Tit, 15 Stock Dv, 35 Fieldfare, Kingfisher (R Pyrah)...WHIPPENDELL WOODS: Tawny Owl (J Thompson)...PUCKERIDGE: Yellowhammer, 2 L Grebe, 6 Meadow Pipit, singing Coal Tit, 6+ Bullfinch (M Orchard)...PLASHES WOOD: 100 C Crow, 150 Jackdaw in roost (M Orchard)...COURSERS FARM: 450 Golden Plover on ploughed field (J Terry)...STANBOROUGH LAKES: Water Rail calling from reedmarsh, 13 GC Grebe, 2 Grey Wag, 2 Kingfisher, 3 Reed Bunt, 27 Fieldfare, 4 Redwing (A Dorman)

13TH MAR: MARSWORTH: **Bittern** on far bank at top of reeds 0930 at least (I Williams)...COOPERS GREEN GP: **Peregrine**, Oystercatcher, 2 Shelduck, 185 Lapwing, 2 L Grebe, 7 Pochard, 25 Tufted, 9 Gadwall (R Pyrah) also Green Sand & R Plover (S Pearce)...BEECH FARM: **Jack Snipe**, m Mandarin, 2 Shoveler, 8 Snipe, 23 Teal, c40 Skylark, 50+ Linnet (R Pyrah)...CASSIOBURY PARK: **Little Egret**, Reed Bunt, Kingfisher (M Parr) **f/imm Mealy Redpoll**, Marsh Tit singing btw green footbridges, and 5 Tawny Owls calling 0545-0625 (S Welch)...TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Redshank, 4 Dunlin, 8 R Plover, 2 Shelduck, 11 Golden Plover over (G Knight)...STANBOROUGH LAKES: 3 Lsr Redpoll, 4 Grey Wags & 3 Barnacle Geese of unknown origin (P Thornley)...BOXMOOR: Water Rail on small reed-fringed cressbed (C Everett)...PRAE WOOD: Buzzard beside M10 (B Fagan)...KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: m Mandarin, m Ruddy Dk (M Parr)...STANDON: 2 Mandarins flushed from woodland lake at Westland Green (M Orchard)...CHORLEYWOOD: 4 Lsr Redpoll, 3 Blackcap & 40 Siskin on garden feeders (G Smith)...COURSERS LANE: 300+ Golden Plover (J Dingemans)...SHAFFORD FARM: Buzzard, 20 Fieldfare, 25+ Stock Dv (J Pritchard)

12TH MAR: STOCKERS LAKE: **f Smew, 2 Goosander** & 2 Shelduck (J Thornley)...TYTTENHANGER GP: **f Merlin** at Tyttenhanger Farm, also Greenshank, 2 Green Sands, Redshank, Dunlin, 6 R Plover, 17 Teal, 35+ Tree Sparrow (R Pyrah)...CASSIOBURY PARK: **Mealy Redpoll, Little Egret**, 20 Siskin & 10+ Lsr Redpoll (J Thompson)...HITCH WOOD: Buzzard over (C Brackenbury)...COLNEY HEATH: 260 Fieldfare, 180 Redwing (R Pyrah)

11TH MAR: CASSIOBURY PARK: **2 Mealy Redpolls** with 6 Lsr Redpoll by bridge to fishing lake at Gade Avenue (B Phillips) also **Little Egret**, 2 Lsr Sptd Wdpkr, GS Wdpkr (J Thompson)...R LEE AT WARE: **4 Little Egrets** in shallows, also 4 Teal, Lsr Redpoll & 2 Cormorants (I Edwards)...STEVENAGE: 11 Lsr Redpoll in "The Paddocks", Shephall (C Hughes)...TEWIN: **Little Egret** in fields adj to R Mimram at Poplars Green, also 23 Yellowhammer, 100+ Redwing, 25

Fieldfare (T Hill)

10TH MAR: CASSIOBURY PARK: **Little Egret** on old cressbed, also **Mealy Redpoll** with Lsr Redpoll in dead reeds by gate to fishing lake (I Bennell) also 2 Siskin (G Horn)....KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: **Adult Mediterranean Gull** still present w/ 120+ BH Gull & 97 Common Gull (G Knight)....HERTFORD: 400 Fieldfare at Horns Mill (A Reynolds)....CHISWELL GREEN: 4 Siskins & 2f Blackcaps on garden feeders (A Gardiner)

9TH MAR: KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: **Ad Med Gull** still present (L Evans)....CASSIOBURY PARK: m Lsr Sptd Wdprk 100 yds from rlwy bridge in Gade Ave, nrby alders at TQ091964 held 10+ Siskin, **2 MEALY REDPOLL** & 6 Lsr Redpoll, Water Rail (cressbeds) (L Evans) 8 Teal, Snipe, 2 Kingfisher (I Bennell)....MARSWORTH RSVR: **Cetti's Warbler** in bushes by sluice, 4 Water Rails calling & Woodcock flew over reedbed calling (L Evans)....TYTTENHANGER: 5 Dunlin, Greenshank, 5 R Plover, 2 Redshank, 17 Tree Sparrow (Tyttenhanger Farm) & Buzzard (L Evans)....BROXBORNE WOODS: 2 Siskin & Marsh Tit (L Evans)....N MYMMS PARK: Buzzard & Siskin (L Evans)....WATFORD: 15+ LBB Gull around YMCA, also 2+ H Gull (I Bennell)....LETCHWORTH: At Radwell Meadows - 3 Snipe, 2 Grey Partridge, 60 Redwing, 7 Fieldfare (R Broadie)....KINGS MEAD: Dunlin, 9 Snipe & 4 Shelduck (D Booth)

8TH MAR: BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** (D Dean)....VERULAMIUM PARK: 3 Lsr Redpoll on ground nr running track, also pr GC Grebe on Lake (G Barnes)....ALDENHAM: Lsr Sptd Wdprk at Wall Hall pumping station (J Terry)....RADLETT: Buzzard over (J Terry)....SHAFFORD FARM: 30+ Fieldfare, Cormorant over (J Pritchard)

7TH MAR: EASTHYDE: **Jack Snipe** flushed from hedge by road and flew down into water channel, also 2 Cormorants & 2 Gadwall (M Harvey)....KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: **Ad summer Mediterranean Gull** (A Gardiner)....STOCKERS LAKE: **2 Little Egrets** on river at bridge W end of Stockers 0730 (I Williams) **3 Smew, 5 Goldeneye** & Kingfisher (A Dorman)....N MYMMS PARK: 2 Woodcocks, Marsh Tit, 3 Bullfinch, 30 Redwing (R Pyrah)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 7+ R Plover, 2 Redshank, 3 Dunlin, Snipe, 2 Green Sands, 300 Lapwing, 3 Greylag (S Pearce)....KINGS MEAD: Dunlin, 7 Snipe, 61 Teal, 113 Wigeon, 2 Stonechat, 22 Lapwing, 31 Gadwall, 20 Meadow Ppt (A Reynolds)....HERTFORD: Marsh Tit on feeders in a Ladywood Rd garden, also f Blackcap, Brambling & 5 Siskin (B Phillips)....SHERRARDSPARK WOOD: pr Marsh Tit, Bullfinch, 3 Siskin (D James)....CHISWELL GREEN: f Blackcap & 3 Siskin in a garden (A Gardiner)....POTTERS CROUCH: 10 Yellowhammer, 80 Chaffinch & 10 Linnet by airstrip (A Gardiner)....BROOKMANS PARK: 38 Siskin on garden feeders (R Pyrah)....GT GADDESSEN: Buzzard over village, also 2 Grey Wags (M Parr)....SHAFFORD FARM: 5 Buzzards, 250+ Golden Plover (J Pritchard)....WELWYN GDN CITY: 12+ Redwing by Waitrose (R Roberts)....BROCKET PARK: Buzzard nr Water End (D James)....WESTMILL QUARRY, WARE: Buzzard over, Kingfisher, 2 Bullfinch, 20 Fieldfare, Coal Tits displaying (M Browning)

6TH MAR: TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 8+ R Plover, 2 Green Sands, Dunlin, 4+ Snipe, 2 Grey Wags, 4+ Tree Sparrow, 2 Redshank, 600+ Lapwing, 25+ Teal, 2 Shelduck (R Flesher) also Brambling (J Fearnside) 67 Skylark (S Pearce) no sign of Little Egret (G Knight)....WILSTONE: f Smew, 3 Goldeneye, 8 Golden Plover over (G Knight) 2 Pintail, 2 Ruddy Dk, 150+ Lapwing, Grey Wag (D Morris)....ABBOTS LANGLEY: f Stonechat at South Way (C Everett)....HARROCKS WOOD, WATFORD: Marsh Tit singing at entrance (C Everett)....CASSIOBURY PARK: 10 Siskins in alders, also 70 Redwing (C Everett)....REDBOURN: m Blackcap in a garden (E Leahy)....HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: Buzzard over (J Moss)....STANDON: 130 Fieldfare in fields SE of village (M Orchard)....STEVENAGE: Buzzard over Fairlands Valley (C Brackenbury)....WHIPPENDELL WOODS: 4 GS Wdprk, 15+ Siskins (I Burrus)

5TH MAR: BULBOURNE CANAL: **Curlew** E at 1555 (seen later at College Lake) (L Evans)....WILSTONE: Lsr Redpoll in Drayton Bank corner, also f Smew, 2m Goldeneye, 603 Wigeon, 20 Teal, no sign of Lady A Pheasant, L Egret or Oystercatcher (L Evans)....HILFIELD PARK RSVR: 5500 BH Gulls, 400 Common Gulls, 72 Herring, few LBB, 52 GBB, 32 Wigeon, 88

Ruddy Dk (L Evans)....OXHEY WOODS: Woodcock (J Thompson)....ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a St Albans garden (G Barnes)....WHEATHAMPSTEAD: Buzzard over Brewhouse Hill/Wick Ave at 1305, also Blackcap in a nrby garden (M Collins)

4TH MAR: WATFORD: 7 Rooks calling & displaying in a plane tree along The Parade (C Everett)....ST ALBANS: f Brambling still in the same St Albans garden (G Barnes)

3RD MAR: R LEE AT WARE: 5 Little Egrets in shallows (I Edwards)....WATFORD: **2 House Martins** NW over dome roundabout on A41 N Watford at 1435 (I Bennell)....WILSTONE RSVR: **M Lady Amherst's Pheasant** calling from thicket next to cress beds (S Wilson)....BLOODHOUND WOOD: Woodcock (A Hardacre)....STANBOROUGH LAKES: 2 Barnacle Geese of presumed captive origin (S Poynter)....WICKHAM HALL: 72 Fieldfare (A Hardacre)....ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)....ABBOTS LANGLEY: 150 Wdpn, 40 Lapwing, 10 Common Gulls in fields by Langlybury Sch (I Burrus)

2ND MAR: CODICOTE BOTTOM: **3 Little Egrets**, L Grebe, Buzzard (I Eyre)....TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret** (J Thompson) Greenshank, 3 Green Sands, 8 R Plover, 5 Snipe, 26 Tree Sparrow, 28 Teal, 2 Shelduck, 15 Gadwall (R Pyrah)....BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl**, 2 Stonechat, 44 Meadow Ppt (J Thompson)....PRAE WOOD: 3 Buzzards, 3 Sparrowhawk, 300 Wdpn (J Thompson)....SCOTSBRIDGE MILL: **2 Little Egrets** & Water Rail (J Thompson)....BLOODHOUND WOOD: 1+ Buzzards, 2 Marsh Tit, 4 Fieldfare, 13 Skylark (A Hardacre)

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29TH FEB: TEWIN: Willow Tit calling in Home Wood nr Tewin at 1330, also 3 Buzzards over Bramfield Pk Wood & 14 Skylarks over fields SE of Tewin (T Hill)....TYTTENHANGER: **Peregrine** flew across field N of Tyttenhanegr Farm at 1545, circled high and drifted east, also 2 Shelduck, Greenshank (D Booth) also **Little Egret** in overgrown stretch of water btw scrape & Main lake, 8-10 R Plover, 2 Green Sands, 6 Snipe, 9 Tree Sparrow, 20 Teal, 31 Cormorant (S Pearce)...Late afternoon L Egret still present, also up to 20 Tree Sparrow, 9 R Plover, 3 Green Sand, Snipe & Greenshank (A Dorman)....CODICOTE BOTTOM: **8 Little Egrets** in fields next to Mimram (R Smith)....AMWELL: **f Smew, 7 Goldeneye**, 2 Shelduck (G Knight)....STOCKERS LAKE: **6 Goosander (3m)** (J Thompson) also **8 Smew (2m)**, Water Rail & f LS Wdpkr (A Moon)....SHAFFORD FARM, ST ALBANS: 5 Buzzards, 3 Sparrowhawk, 6 Teal, 150 Golden Plover, 40 Lapwing, 100 Fieldfare, 2 Stonechat (in water meadows), 30 Meadow Ppt (J Pritchard)....BEECH FARM: 5 Teal, 3 Buzzards, 100 Golden Plover, 6 Snipe, 46 Meadow Ppt, 2 Stonechat, 70 Fieldfare, 15 Gadwall (R Pyrah)....STEVENAGEL Buzzard over Fishers Green area (G Dagnall)....ABBOTS LANGLEY: 18 Golden Plover & 50 lapwing just N of Hunton Bridge (S Welch)....GT GADDESSEN: Buzzard, 25 Fieldfare, Grn Wdpkr, Shoveler, 4 Teal, Grey Wag (M Parr)....SHERRARDSPARK WOOD: Marsh Tit (A Dorman)

28TH FEB: AMWELL: Poss Mealy Redpoll (seen to have very grey flanks, greyish wings & distinctive wing bar) with 2 Lesser Redpoll (A Reynolds) 3 Goldeneye, Brambling, 2 Siskins (J Forgham)....TYTTENHANGER: **Short-eared Owl** nr feeder station at farm 0800, also 10+ Tree Sparrow, 2 Green Sands, 4 R Plover, Greenshank, 2 Shelduck & GBB Gull (I Williams)....EAST HYDE: Green Sand on cress beds to S of road (R Payne) Water Rail, 2 Snipe, Grey Wag, 4 Teal (B Squires)....N MYMMS PARK: Woodcock, Marsh Tit, Buzzard, 33 Fieldfare, 14 Redwing, 2 Bullfinch (R Pyrah)....OTTERSPOOL: m Mandarin in private pond, 33 Teal (C Everett)....KINGS MEAD: 72 Teal, 2 Shelduck, 4 Stonechat, 10 Snipe, 40 Lapwing (A Reynolds)....CHISWELL GREEN: 3 Blackcaps & Siskin in a garden (A Gardiner)....BROOKMANS PARK: m Blackcap singing (R Pyrah)....WESTON: Buzzard at Halls Green (R Hooper)

27TH FEB: KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: **nr sum plumage Mediterranean Gull** with other gulls 1325-1415 at least, also m Ruddy Dk, 5 L Grebe, 250 BH Gull, 100 Common Gull (I Bennell)....N MYMMS PARK: Woodcock (D Dean)....VERULAMIUM PARK: 2 GC Grebe, Mandarin, 2 Tufted,

14 Shoveler (A Jeffery)

26TH FEB: REDBOURNBURY: Greenshank, 2 Green Sands, Woodcock, 5 Snipe, 150 Golden Plover, 150 Lapwing (E Leahy)....THUNDRIDGE: **1st-w CASPIAN GULL** in fields behind Ware tip at fairly close range (T Austin)....WEST HYDE: **Ad Iceland Gull** in field N of Mopes Farm bridleway TL025908 with gull flock, arrived 1540, flew off 1555. Access off A412, follow bridleway twds M25 (J Edwards)....AMWELL: 2 Chiffchaff in buddleias by wooden bridge over Lea, also 2 Bramblings at feeders by hide (D Pennington)....OFFLEY: Barn Owl on post by roadside (A Bandthorpe)....GT WYMONDLEY: 60 Golden Plover (R Broadie)....CHISWELL GREEN: 2 Blackcaps in a garden (A Gardiner)....VERULAMIUM PARK: 2 GC Grebes (G Barnes)....CHISWELL GREEN: m Stonechat by roadside on Blunts Lane 100m E of M1 bridge 0800 (P Waldron)....HARPENDEN: m Blackcap & Siskin in a garden (R Pearson)

25TH FEB: RICKMANSWORTH: **Little Egret** NE over Moneyhill at 0700 (S Younger)....CODICOTE: **6 Little Egrets** in field by R Mimram below Codicote, also Buzzard (I Eyre)....REDBOURNBURY: Greenshank, Snipe, Buzzard & 6 Linnet (I Williams)....TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret**, Green Sand, 42 Cormorant, 8 Teal, 5 Tree Sparrow (N Bristow) 5 R Plover (D Stanley)....PANSHANGER PARK: **Little Egret**, 3 Buzzards, 3+ Snipe, 2 LBB Gull (D Stanley)....KINGS MEAD: 2 Shelduck, 3+ H Gull, 1 GBB Gull, 4 LBB Gull, 1 Snipe (D Stanley)....AMWELL: 2 Brambling on feeders by hide, Reed Bunt, 2 Shelduck (D Stanley)

24TH FEB: THUNDRIDGE: **1st-w CASPIAN GULL** in fields behind Ware tip (roosted at Amwell last night) (T Austin)....STOCKERS LAKE: **7 Smew (4m), 5 Goosander**, nrby 105 Lapwing, 120 Starling & 31 Linnet at Stockers Farm (J Thompson)....CASSIOBURY PARK: LS Wdpkr 50 yds N of green bridge, also 2 GS Wdpkr, Treecreeper, 4 Nuthatch, Siskin (A Grimsey)....TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret** flew in from SW at 0810 to Colne stream nr jct of main lakes, also Greenshank (flew off NE at 0845 - to Beech Farm?), 2 Green Sands, c530 Lapwing, 2 R Plover, 6 Teal, Shelduck, 32 Cormorant, 3 L Grebe (S Welch)....CHESHUNT GP: **Bittern & 2 Smew** (BN)....ST ALBANS: f Brambling still in a private garden with Chaffinches (G Barnes)

23RD FEB: RICKMANSWORTH: **Ad Iceland Gull** at West Hyde in field off A412 from Tilehouse Lane at 1605. From A412 take Tilehouse Lane till road starts to widen. Park and take bridleway for c500yds til sharp right turn and view field on left looking twds M25 TQ026903, also ad Yellow-legged Gull, 2 Buzzards & Yellowhammer (Ian Bennell)....WATFORD: f Blackcap in a Woodside garden (B Cripps)....WARE: m Blackcap in ivy by Widbury Hill allotments, and Jay (I Edwards)....REDBOURNBURY: 3 Buzzards in area (I Williams)....CHISWELL GREEN: f Blackcap in a garden (A Gardiner)....NR TRING: Buzzard soaring over A41 outside Cow Roast (I Burrus)

22ND FEB: WILSTONE RSVR: **2f Smew, m Goldeneye**, 3 Snipe (I Bennell)....MARSWORTH RSVR: **Bittern** in flight briefly at 1740, also 100+ Corn Bunts roosted (I Bennell)....THUNDRIDGE: **1st-w Caspian Gull** in fields N of Ware Tip mid-pm, flew towards tip but not relocated. Did not roost at Amwell that night (T Austin)....TEWIN: **Little Egret** viewable from B1000 feeding in R Mimram (A Dorman)....ASHRIDGE FOREST: **m Merlin** perched on fence (R Jack)....TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret, Greenshank**, R Plover, Green Sand, pr Shelduck, 2 Tree Sparrow, 20 Teal & 41 Rook (S Pearce)....OTTERSPOOL: 15 Teal (A Gardiner)....AMWELL: **m Smew**, 4 Brambling (at feeding station), Water Rail & Treecreeper (A Dorman)....POTTERS CROUCH: m Stonechat by microlight airstrip at Plaistows Farm, also 80 Linnet, 10 Yellowhammer & 15 Chaffinch there (A Gardiner)....ALDENHAM RSVR: 12 Lsr Redpoll & m RC Pochard x Pochard hybrid, nrby 77 Fieldfare & 74 Redwing on pasture (C Everett)....HABERDASHERS SCHOOL: 95 Fieldfare on playing field (C Everett)....ELSTREE: 44 Stock Dove on aerodrome (C Everett)....REDBOURNBURY: 2 Buzzards, 6 Teal, Grey Wag (C Smout)

21ST FEB: HITCHIN: **2 Waxwings** at jct of Burford Way and Bedford Road (G

Goodall)....AMWELL: **1st-w CASPIAN GULL** (also present eve Thurs 18th) (T Austin) 2 Jack Snipe, 3 Brambling, 2 Lsr Redpoll, 5 Shelduck (G White)....KINGS MEAD: **m Merlin** chasing Meadow Pipits, 154 Wigeon, 13 Shoveler, 26 Gadwall, 84 Teal, 2 Stonechat, 40 Mdw Ppt (A Reynolds)....TYTTENHANGER: **Little Egret**, 27 Teal, Buzzard, 3 Ringed Plover, 22 Golden Plover, 12+ Tree Sparrow (R Pyrah) Greenshank, 2 Green Sands, 2 Shelduck, 50+ Skylark, 20+ Linnet, 2 L Grebe (G Knight) 37 Rook, GBB Gull, 90 Fieldfare, 60 Linnet (S Pearce)....BERKHAMSTEAD: Woodcock flushed from long grass by Alpine Meadow, also 6 Skylark & 10+ Yellowhammer (S Scott)....CASSIOBURY PARK: 1+ LS Wdpkr, Grn Wdpkr, 2 GS Wdpkr (G Knight)....EAST HYDE: 3 Little Owls, 2 nr farm (C Smout) Grey Wag (A Jackson)....BROOKMANS PARK: 90+ StockDove, 110 Chaffinch, 36 Redwing, 20 Magpie in a flock, Buzzard (R Pyrah)....OTTERSPOOL: 4 Snipe & Shelduck (C Everett)....ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden still (G Barnes)

20TH FEB: KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: **Ad sum Mediterranean Gull** at 1340-1355 only, also m Ruddy Dk & Chiffchaff (C Everett)....GOLDINGS, HERTFORD: **5 Little Egrets** on R Beane (A Reynolds)....AMWELL: **Cetti's Warbler** heard, **Little Egret** from watchpoint, c8 Goldeneye, 3 Brambling, 3 Reed Bunt, 30+ Cormorant (C Hughes)....WATERFORD: **4 Little Egrets** on meadow (regularly seen here) (K Smithg)....TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand & Shelduck (A Gardiner)....GORHAMBURY, ST ALBANS: Brambling in flock of 100+ Chaffinch (R Evershed)....ABBOTS LANGLEY: 100 Redwing & Lsr Redpoll (C Everett)....WELWYN GDN CITY: At Commonswood NR: 40+ Linnet, 8 Redwing, 11 Fieldfare (L Borg)....BRICKET WOOD: 70 Redwing along Smug Oak Lane (S Pearce)

19TH FEB: AMWELL: **Peregrine** briefly over viewpoint, also **Little Egret** & 3 Brambling (on feeders next to hide) (D Jordan)....REDBOURNBURY: **Little Egret** on R Ver from A5183 between Redbourn and Redbournbury at 1740 (J Chapman)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Green Sand, 2 R Plover, m Shelduck, 15 Teal (L Evans) 4 GC Grebe, Kingfisher, 24+ Pied Wag, 22 Cormorant, 2 Shelduck (L Borg)....TYTTENHANGER FARM: 750 Golden Plover and 150 Lapwing (J Terry)....CASSIOBURY PARK: m Lesser Sptd Wdpkr in small coppice just beyond green bridge, 100 yds down from main car park, also 3 GS Wdpkr, 4 Green Wdpkr, 4 Nuthatch, 4 Treecreeper, 15 Redwing, pr Bullfinch, Grey Wag & pr Kingfisher (L Evans)....WELLPOND GREEN: 150+ Fieldfare, 2 Buzzards (J Moss)....BROOKMANS PARK: 60+ Siskin on feeders in a garden (R Pyrah)

18TH FEB: BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** briefly at 1735, 80 Golden Plover over at 1700 (A Grimsey)....BISHOPS STORTFORD: Stonechat on banks of R Stort nr Gaston Green marina, also 6 Reed Bunt (J Forgham)....HERTFORD: **5 Little Egrets** on R Beane at Goldings (A Reynolds)....MARSWORTH RSVR: **Bittern** briefly over reeds at 1650, also 120+ Corn Bunts in roost (D Stanley)....WILSTONE RSVR: **f Smew, m Goldeneye**, Grey Wag, Kingfisher, Chiffchaff (D Stanley) 5 Ruddy Dk, 250 Lapwing (D Anderson)....TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand, 2 Shelduck, 20 Golden Plover (over) (P Clack)....TEWIN: 3 Grey Partridge in field adj to Hertford Rd (L Borg)....OTTERSPOOL: 30 Teal, Shelduck & pr Greylag Gs (J Terry)

17TH FEB: REDBOURN: **Little Egret** on R Ver by A5183 Watling Street (D Anderson)....MARSWORTH RSVR: **Cetti's Warbler** calling, **Bittern** flew out of and over reedbed at 1722, 61 Corn Bunts roosted & 2 Ruddy Dk (P Clack)....WARE: Ring-necked Parakeet in trees at Widbury Hill during morning (I Edwards)....STOCKERS LAKE: **4 Smew (1m), 4 Goosander (2m)**, 2 Kingfisher & Lsr Redpoll (J Thompson)....ST ALBANS: f BRambling in a garden (G Barnes)

16TH FEB: RICKMANSWORTH: **Adult Iceland Gull** 2mls SW of Rick'wth in fields nr A412 at West Hyde 1640 at least (BN)....HARMERGREEN WOOD: LS Wdpkr on eastern side of wood, also 2 Marsh Tit (D Pennington)....SAWBRIDGEWORTH: Tawny Owl, Little Owl & Reed Bunt (J HOrgan)

15TH FEB: BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** & 23 Gadwall (G Knight)....MARSWORTH RSVR: **Black-necked Grebe** seen from 0900-1000, also 4 Ruddy Dk (C Smout)....TYTTENHANGER:

Greenshank, Green Sand (S Pearce/R Pyrah) Buzzard, 17 Tree Sparrow, Shoveler, 29 Golden Plover, Kingfisher, 25 Greenfinch, 20 Meadow Ppt (R Pyrah)....SHAFFORD FARM< ST ALBANS: 450 Golden Plover over, also 20 Meadow Ppt (J Pritchard)....JERSEY FARM OPEN SPACE, ST ALBANS: 4 Stock Dv, 10 Skylark, 2 Goldcrest, 6 singing Song Thrush, 4 Bullfinch, 10 Yellowhammer, 5 Reed Bunt (G Knight)....LONG MARTSON: 4 Buzzards circling over (D Jenkinson)

14TH FEB: SHERRARDS PARK WOOD: 3 Tawny Owls calling (A Dorman)....AMWELL: **1st-w Iceland Gull** in roost (had been present at tip during day) (J Thompson et al) **10 Little Egrets** in a field btw Amwell GP & Stanstead Abbots/Ware Rd (Opposite the entrance to the Christian College) at 1130 (M Browning)....MAPLE CROSS: **Little Egret** flew over path between lakes N of W Hyde House (M Parr)....CASSIOBURY PARK: 2 Water Rails at cress beds, 2 LS Wdpkr, Green Wdpkr, GS Wdpkr, Kingfisher, 4 Siskin (J Thompson/M Parr)....70 ACRES LAKE: (just in Essex) Bittern & 9 Smew (2m) (M Orchard)....BISHOPS STORTFORD: 15 Yellowhammers flushed from roadside hedge at Green Street (M Orchard)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, Green Sand, 8 Teal, 19 Cormorant, 16+ Tree Sparrow (S Pearce) c300 Golden Plover & c500 Lapwing, 2 Nuthatch (G Knight) 2 Yellowhammer, 6+ Tree Sparrow, 2 Kingfisher, nrby in field over river WNW of Bowmansgreen Farm, a mixed flock of 20+ Corn Bunts, 20+ Linnet, 20+ Goldfinch (M Parr)....EAST HYDE: Reed Bunt & Little Owl & 10 Goldfinch (J Chapman)

13TH FEB: AMWELL: **1st-w Iceland Gull** (per J Thompson)....STOCKERS LAKE: **5 Smew (3m), 2 Egyptian Geese, 2 Goosander (1m)**, 5 Lsr Redpoll (J Thompson)....WELWYN: 2 Blackcaps in a garden (M Bridges)

12TH FEB: CASSIOBURY PARK: Little Egret on old cress beds (rptd by Watford RSPB Group) (1st record for park), also m LS Wdpkr drumming, 3 Treecreeper & 3 Nuthatch (I Bennell)....R LEE AT WARE: **7 Little Egrets** feeding in shallows mid am (I Edwards)....STOCKERS LAKE: **10 Smew (4m), 4 Goosander (2m)**, 2 Lsr Redpoll, 2 Reed Bunt (J Thompson)....STOCKERS FARM: 10 Meadow Ppt, 14 Linnet, 35 Wigeon (J Thompson)....AMWELL: 8 Brambling - 6 on feeding station, 2 close to hide, also Chiffchaff & 3 Lsr Redpoll (D Jordan)

11TH FEB: STEVENAGE: **6 Waxwings** reported behind Canterbury Way shops (RBA)....WARE GP: **3 Little Egrets** flew over towards town mid pm, also 6 Goldeneye (I Edwards)....WILSTONE RSVR: **f Smew, 6 Pintail**, 3 Chiffchaff, 450 Lapwing (J Thompson)....GORHAMBURY, ST ALBANS: 5 Buzzards (D Anderson)....REDBOURNBURY: Greenshank on Ver just S of mill, also L Grebe, Water Rail, 50+ Lapwing & 100+ Fieldfare (I Williams)....HITCH WOOD, ST PAULS WALDEN: Marsh Tit (D Booth)....HARPERBURY: 150 Fieldfares on sports pitch (J Terry)

10TH FEB: STOCKERS LAKE: **5 Smew (inc 3 displaying males), 12 Goosander** (D Dean)....AMWELL: 3 Brambling with chaffinches feeding in water meadow from hedge bordering towpath of Lea Navigation (N Agar)

9TH FEB: WARE GP: **2f Smew, f Goldeneye** (I Edwards)....TYTTENHANGER FARM: **Peregrine** killed and ate a Woodpigeon, also 4 Buzzards (R Clements)....LEAVESDEN: M Stonechat opp Ashfields in fenced off compound adj to South Way by airfield (L Evans)....EAST HYDE: 2 Brambling, Buzzard, 2 Greylags, Treecreeper also Little Owl at Hyde Home Farm (L Evans/D Stanley)

8TH FEB: ARCHERS GREEN: **Little Egret** by B1000 opp Warrengate Farm (D Booth)....AMWELL: **2 Little Egrets, m Smew, 10+ Goldeneye**, 5+ Brambling, 15+ Reed Bunts, 30+ Chaffinch (I Bennell) & 2 Green Sands around pit W of railway (P Rhodes)....TYTTENHANGER: 5 Ringed Plover, 14 GC Grebe (R Pyrah) Greenshank, Dunlin, 200+ Lapwing, 2 Kingfisher, 25+ RL Partridge & 30+ Fieldfare, nrby 2000+ Golden Plover & 100+ Lapwing at Coursers Farm (I Bennell) & 2 Green Sands & Grey Wag on N Pit (S Pearce)....POND WOOD: 4 Marsh Tit & 6 Teal (R Pyrah)....STOCKERS LAKE: **10 Goosander**, 15 Ruddy Dk, m Blackcap, nrby 55 Wigeon, 130 Fieldfare & 35 Redwing at Stockers Farm (J Thompson)....HARPENDEN: 2 Blackcaps in a garden

(M Russell)

7TH FEB: TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 3 R Plover, 3 Green Sands, 200 Redwing, 3 Fieldfare, 2 displaying prs GC Grebe, SHelduck, 8 Cormorant (P Christian) & 60+ Linnet & 60+ Skylark (S Pearce)....KINGS MEAD: 45 Teal, 2 Stonechat, 30 Fieldfare, 140 Wigeon, 33 Gadwall (A Reynolds)....COOPERS GREEN GP: Green Sand, 30 Tufted & 8 Pochard (R Pyrah)....BEECH FARM: 2 Mandarin, 4 Teal, BUZZARD, pr Stonechat, 32 Fieldfare, 20 Golden Plover, 30 Skylark, 18 Gadwall (R Pyrah)....AMWELL: 3 Brambling at feeding station, also 2 Smew & Water Rail (A Dorman)....BENINGTON: 2 Grey Partridge at Burns Green (A Ford)....DIGSWELL LAKE: 50 Goldfinch in alders, 2 GS Wdpkr, Kingfisher (S Warrington)....STANBOROUGH LAKES: 5 G Heron, 2 Kingfisher, 3 GC GREBE, 25 Goldfinch, 8 LT Tit (S Warrington)

6TH FEB: R LEE AT WARE: 2 Water Rails (I Edwards)....AMWELL: 6 Brambling at LVRPA feeding station in the field btw canal & railway, also 50+ Chaffinch & 9 Reed Bunts (T Hill)....BROOKMANS PARK: 33 Siskin in a garden (R Pyrah)

4TH FEB: AMWELL: **Bittern** in small reedbed nr public hide N of main viewpoint, also 12 Siskin, **f Smew, 6 Goldeneye**, 2 Common Sand (P Lawrence)

4TH FEB: MAPLE LODGE NR: 2 Egyptian Geese on cricket pitch by reserve, also GS Wdpkr (J Thompson)....STOCKERS LAKE: **3f Smew, 7 Goosander, 7 Goldeneye** (D Stanley)....MAPLE CROSS: 2 RC Pochard (D Stanley)

3RD FEB: TEWIN: **3 Little Egrets** on old cressbeds in front of Warrengate Farm (M Neal)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sands (D Stanley)....STOCKERS LAKE: **11 Smew (5m), 9 Goosander (5m), m RC Pochard, 20 Goldeneye**, 95 Shoveler, 106 Pochard, 6 Ruddy Dk, but no sign of any redpoll (L Evans)....WILSTONE RSVR: 856 Wigeon, 220 Teal, 72 Gadwall, 403 Lapwing, 15 G Heron, 2 Goldcrest but no sign any Pintail, Goldeneye or Peregrine in windy conditions (L Evans)....COOPERS GREEN LANE GP: **Greenshank** showing well from cottages (L Evans)....CODICOTE BOTTOM: **2 Little Egrets** at TL211167 (R Smith)....MAPLE CROSS SEWAGE WORKS: pr Egyptian Geese on meadows (L Evans)....PUCKERIDGE: 115 Greenfinches in a pre-roost gathering in village (M Orchard)

2ND FEB: STOCKERS LAKE: **7 Smew (2m), 9 Goosander, 8+ Goldeneye** & 10+ Lsr Redpoll (D Stanley)....WILSTONE: **Peregrine** (M Campbell) **3m Pintail, m Goldeneye** (D Stanley)....MARSWORTH: **Bittern** & Corn Bunting (D Stanley)....TRINGFORD RSVR: 4 Mandarin (D Stanley)....COURSERS FARM, LONDON COLNEY: 2000 Golden Plover arriving from direction of Hatfield joined 80 already present, also 250 Lapwing, 250 Fieldfare (J Terry)....KINGS MEAD: **Ad Yellow-legged Gull**, 53 Wigeon (L Evans)....AMWELL: **f Smew, 20 Goldeneye, 3 Green Sands** (L Evans)....TYTTENHANGER: 2 Green Sands but no sign of Greenshank (L Evans)

1ST FEB: BEECH FARM: **Curlew** heard calling but not seen, also 3 Snipe & 21 Magpie (J Thompson)....TYTTENHANGER FARM: **Curlew**, flew NW at 1530 (A Lewis)....REDBOURNBURY: **juv Peregrine** seen well for c5 mins over quarry before drifted N, also 2 Buzzards, 15+ Teal in pool S of mill, 15+ Yellowhammer in finch flock in stubble next to quarry (M Thompson/S Pearson)....AMWELL: **6 Little Egrets, 2 Smew, 9 Goldeneye** & Water Rail (G Knight)....TYTTENHANGER: **Greenshank, 2 Green Sands**, Tree Sparrow, 5 Yellowhammer, Wigeon, GBB over (G Knight/R Flesher)....COOPERS GREEN LANE GP: **Greenshank (presumed same as Tyttenhanger), Green Sand** (S Pearce)....AMWELL: **2 Smew, 2 Green Sands** on Farm Pit, also poss Jack Snipe there, **Bittern** showing well on small pool N of public hide, Chiffchaff, 2 Brambling (R Facer)....STOCKERS LAKE: **7 Smew, 10 Goosander, 15+ Goldeneye**, Lsr Redpoll, 15+ Siskin, 17 Ruddy Dk (A Moon)....N MYMMS PARK: 2 Marsh Tits, 68 Fieldfare, 2 Little Owls (R Pyrah)....PUCKERIDGE: MARsh Tit in a garden, also 2 Grey Wags on R Rib nrby (M Orchard)....BROOKMANS PARK: m Blackcap in a garden (R Pyrah)....COLD CHRISTMAS: 66 Fieldfare at Sawtrees Farm (M Orchard)....KINGS LANGLEY LAKE: Chiffchaff, m Ruddy Dk &

Ruddy Shelduck of presumed captive origin (C Everett)....ABBOTS LANGLEY: 2 Stonechats at South Way (C Everett)....EAST HYDE: Little Owl, 2 Shoveler, 90+ Fieldfare (D Stanley)....A10/M25 JCTN: 400+Golden Plovers with Lapwings opp Little Chef (R Facer)

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31ST JAN: TYTTENHANGER: **Greenshank**, **Jack Snipe**, Kingfisher, 200 Jackdaws (S Pearce)....WILSTONE RSVR: **f Smew**, **m Goldeneye**, **m Pintail**, 3 SHoveler, 120+ Teal, 300+ Wigeon, Kingfisher (J Chapman)....NR RADLETT: **Poss Merlin** seen from car by A5183 north of Radlett, carried by high winds low through industrial units just south of M25 (J Weston)

30TH JAN: WATFORD: Eagle Owl of presumed captive origin on a rooftop in Carpenders Park (A Self)....HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: **6 Waxwings** in Mark Road then flew towards Maylands Avenue at 1145, not seen since, also f Blackcap in a nrby garden (J Rimes)....KINGS MEAD: **4 Yellow-legged Gulls**, 78 Teal, 111 Wigeon, 3 Snipe & **Jack Snipe** (A Reynolds)

29TH JAN: CHISWELL GREEN: m Blackcap in a garden & 4 Fieldfare (A&J Gardiner)....BERKHAMSTEAD: m Blackcap in a garden (S Scott)

28TH JAN: CHISWELL GREEN: f Blackcap in a garden (A Gardiner)

26TH JAN: STOCKERS LAKE: **2 Smew**, **9 Goosander**, **3 Goldeneye**, 2 Lsr Redpoll & 2 Wigeon (M Rose)....BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** on post in SW corner nr wood at 1555 & Stonechat (B Fagan)....ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden, nrby Black Swan at Verulamium Lake (G Barnes)

25TH JAN: AMWELL: **Bittern** feeding at edge of reeds in small pool all morning (A Lewis)....TYTTENHANGER: Greenshank, 2 Green Sands, 10 Gadwall, 2 Teal, L Grebe & Grey Wag (S Pearce)....BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** (A Gardiner/I Bennell), also 7 Mandarin over (4m), c10 Skylark, 30+ Meadow Ppt & m Stonechat (I Bennell)....TRING RSVRS: **Bittern** at Marsworth & 5 Mandarin (3m) at Tringford (J Thompson) at Wilstone - pr Pintail, 3f Smew, 86 Golden Plover (L Evans), also an adult Med Gull has roosted at Wilstone recently, also 3+ Chiffchaffs inc Scandanavian & prob Siberian (per L Evans)....KIMPTON MILL: 2 Water Rails, 1 on Mimram, 1 on old cress beds, also 8 GS Wdpkr in area (R Smith)....MERRY HILL WATFORD: pr Stonechat, 22 Meadow Ppt, 7 Green Wdpkr, 9 Jay & singing Skylark, nrby 25 Meadow Ppt on rough grassland at Bushey Heath (C Everett)....ALDENHAM RSVR: 3 Mandarin (2m) & hybrid RC Pochard x Common Pochard (C Everett)....STEVENAGE: No sign of any Waxwings but m Blackcap behind shops (I Bennell)....CHISWELL GREEN: 2 Yellowhammer, 3 RL Partridge, f Sparrowhawk & Buzzard along Chiswell Grn Lane (I Bennell)

24TH JAN: TYTTENHANGER: R Plover, Greenshank, 2 Green Sands, 40 Linnet & 10 Yellowhammer (G Knight)....AMWELL: **3 Little Egrets (roosted)**, **2 Smew**, **5 Goldeneye**, 2 Shelduck (G Knight)....BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** from 1500 onwards, also 32 Fieldfare, 3 GS Wdpkr, Grm Wdpkr, 2 Redwing, 12 Gadwall (N Taylor) also c500 Golden Plover & c100 Lapwing over (J Chapman)....HARPENDEN: Red Kite circled at 1330 (T Hill)....POTTERS CROUCH: 2 Brambling & Buzzard (A Lewis)....CROXLEY COMMON MOOR: m Stonechat, 2 Water Rails, Kingfisher, 3 Reed Bunts, 40 Siskin, 3 L Grebe & pr Bullfinch (A Nasir)....COURSERS RD: 18 Tree Sparrows, 52 Skylark, 40 Fieldfare (R Pyrah)....ABBOTS LANGLEY: 150+ Golden Plover (B Cripps)....FROGMORE GP, PARK STREET: Chiffchaff, 25 Gadwall (C Everett)....NR BATCHWORTH LAKE: Red Kite over NW at 1640 (A Moon)....PRAE WOOD: 2 Buzzards talon grappling, also Sparrowhawk & GS Wdpkr (J Thompson)....MERRYHILL WATFORD: m Stonechat, 44 Redwing, singing Skylark (J Thompson)....BRAUGHING FORD: m Mandarin, Grey Wag (M Orchard)....HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: c70 Pied Wags west over, also Buzzard lover over (J Moss)

23RD JAN: STOCKERS LAKE: **m RC Pochard**, **7 Smew (1m)**, **7 Goosander (3m)**, drumming GS Wdpkr, 2 Siskin (J Thompson)....AMWELL: **Bittern** feeding in reed edge in pool to N of public hide at 0830 (T Hill)....BROOKMANS PARK: 7 grey geese (not Greylag) over at 0930 (any sightings elsewhere?), also 90 Linnet & 150 Redwing (R Pyrah)....CHISWELL GREEN: f Blackcap in a garden (A Gardiner)....HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: 250+ Lapwing over (J Moss)....POTTERS CROUCH: 120 Golden Plover over (A Grimsey)

22ND JAN: ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)

21ST JAN: AMWELL: **Grey Plover** flew towards Ware late pm (T Austin)....BEECH FARM: **F Merlin** chased a Meadow Ppt from one side of site to the other at 1630, also **Short-eared Owl** appeared at 1648, 54 Greenfinches & 2600+ Jackdaws in roost (L Evans)....SCOTSBRIDGE MILL: **Little Egret**, 2 Water Rails & Lsr Redpoll (J Thompson)

20TH JAN: STOCKERS LAKE: **2 Smew**, **9 Goosander**, **9 Goldeneye** & 30+ Siskin (D Stanley)....AMWELL: **8 Little Egrets** roosting on island at S end of main pit, also 3 Smew & 22 Goldeneye (M Ilett)....REDBOURNBURY: Greenshank on main section of river flushed by Mallard and flew high south, also 14 Teal, Water Rail (behind farm), Snipe, L Grebe (I Williams)....COOPERS GREEN LANE: 100+ Golden Plover & 100+ Lapwings (D Waters)....R LEE AT WARE: Water Rail in patch of reeds (I Edwards)

19TH JAN: RIVER LEE AT WARE: 2 Little Egrets flew from Amwell direction over town (I Edwards)...DIGSWELL: 4 Little Egrets flew W (L Stoter)...STEVENAGE: 3+ Waxwings behind Canterbury Way shops (I Eyre)

18TH JAN: PUCKERIDGE: Woodcock flushed, also Marsh Tit (M Orchard)...BEECH FARM: 2 Short-eared Owls from 1500-1545, also Stonechat (D Booth) also Snipe & Bullfinch (S Pearce)...STEVENAGE: 5 Waxwings behind Canterbury Way shops, St Nicholas, also Lsr Redpoll & 6 Redwing (P Lawrence)...STOCKERS LAKE: 7 Smew (3m), 10 Goosander, 8 Goldeneye, m Red-crested Pochard (A Nasir)...AMWELL: 3 Smew, 9 Goldeneye, SHelduck (P Lawrence)...WILSTONE: 3f Smew, 2 Dunlin & Snipe (J Thompson)...POTTERS CROUCH: 3 Brambling in sunflower field opp Hollybush Pub and East Farm, with Chaffinches (A Gardiner)...TYTTENHANGER: 5 Wigeon, 4 Gadwall, 10 Yellowhammer & 2 Reed Bunt (R Pyrah)...FROGMORE GP, ST ALBANS: 4 Shoveler, 10 Gadwall, 4 Cormorant (A Gardiner)...REDBOURNBURY: 8 Golden Plover, 150 Lapwing & 80 Fieldfare (E Leahy)...COOPERS GREEN LANE: 700 Golden Plover (D Booth)...GORHAMBURY: 3 Buzzards, 100 Skylark & 70 Fieldfare (C Everett)...ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)...KIMPTON MILL: Marsh Tit (C Smout)

17TH JAN: WILSTONE: Bearded Tit by path between hide and overflow, also Raven over (RBA)...EAST HYDE: Bewick's Swan at Hyde Farm at 1400 (A Jackson), earlier 18 flew N over at 0918 (B Squires)...HILFIELD RSVR: Ad winter Mediterranean Gull in roost at 1425 (S Welch)...BEECH FARM: Short-eared Owl at 0800 (R Evershed) and again at 1030 (P Unwin)...STEVENAGE: 6 Waxwings behind Canterbury Way shops (P Lawrence)...ARKLEY: Ring-necked Parakeet over Galley Lane nr rugby pitch (C Everett)...BROCKET PARK: 3 Little Egrets in heronry at 1200 (B Trevis) also 2 Buzzards (J Chapman)...TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand, 3 Wigeon, 18 Cormorant, 50 Linnet (S Pearce)...LEMSFORD SPRINGS: Green Sand (B Trevis)...BROOKMANS PARK: Woodcock, 150+ Fieldfare, 350+ Redwing, 2 Marsh Tit, Lsr Redpoll, 5 Bullfinch, 10 Siskin, 40 Linnet (R Pyrah)...KINGS MEAD: 73 Teal, 100 Wigeon, 4 Stonechat, Water Rail, 2 Grey Wag, 60 GBB Gull & 2 Kingfisher (A Reynolds)...BATFORD: 40+ Siskin, 2 Kingfisher, 10 Fieldfare (D Stanley)...HORNS MILL: 150 Redwing, 20 Fieldfare (A Reynolds)...RYE MEADS: Shelduck, 56 Teal, m Ruddy Dk, 2 Snipe, Kingfisher, 4 Reed Bunt (J Chapman)...AMWELL: Water Rail & 4 Siskin (J Chapman)

16TH JAN: WELWYN GDN CITY: 3 Waxwings in front of Panshanger Community Centre, Hardings (P Clark)...MARSWORTH RSVR: Bittern flying over reedbed, also m Brambling & c100 Corn Bunts roosted (G Knight)...HERTFORD: Buzzard over flooded area by Thieves Ln/A414 r'bout (K Cotton)...POTTERS CROUCH: 4 Brambling (2m) with finch flock in sunflower field opp Hollybush Pub (D Stanley)

15TH JAN: AMWELL: 2 Smew (1m), 5 Goldeneye, 5 Little Egrets, 2 Snipe, 2 Siskin, Water Rail (D Stanley)...STOCKERS LAKE: 2m Red-crested Pochard, m Pintail (J Thompson)...WILSTONE RSVR: 3f Smew, 2 Chiffchaff (inc one greyish individual), pr Pintail & Dunlin (M Wallen)...WALKERN: Little Owl in dead 2nd tree in field by LHS of B1037 at TL294277 betw Cromer & Walkern 0830 (A Wadsworth)...REDBOURNBURY: 10+ Teal, Kingfisher & Grey Wag (A Gardiner)

14TH JAN: HILFIELD PARK RESERVOIR: Drake WHITE-HEADED DUCK noon at least. View from footbridge over M1 adj to A41 TQ155.955 (BN)...SARRATT BOTTOM: 9 Little Egrets in Chess river valley (L Evans)...STEVENAGE: 6 Waxwings behind Canterbury Way shops at 1300 (P Barron/D Stanley/G Horn)...LEMSFORD SPRINGS: 4 Little Egrets, 2 Water Rails & Grey Wag (D Stanley/D Bryant)...BEECH FARM: 2 Short-eared Owls, 2 Stonechat, 1000+ Golden Plover (D Stanley)...CASSIOBURY PARK: 25 Lsr Redpoll around paddling pool wuth Siskins, also 6 Jay (I Bennell)

13TH JAN: BEECH FARM: Short-eared Owl at 1330 (J Trew)...HERTINGFORDBURY: Little Egret (D Strachan)...POTTERS CROUCH: 3 Brambling in mixed finch flock at East Farm, field opp Hollybush pub (A Gardiner)...HATFIELD GARDEN VILLAGE: c1000 Golden Plover & c500 Lapwing on bare field N of Gdn Village (J Moss)

12TH JAN: CHESHUNT: 2 Waxwings in High Street opp Somerfield supermarket (S Standbridge)...BEECH FARM: 3+ Short-eared Owls from 1430 till dusk, also 2 Stonechat & 400 Golden Plover (Alan Gardiner)...EAST HYDE: Water Rail in ditch by river still (C Smout)...ST ALBANS: f Brambling in a garden (G Barnes)

11TH JAN: STEVENAGE: 6-5 Waxwings still behind Canterbury Way shops but mobile (R Hooper)...AMWELL: Bittern flew in at 1550, also 3 Little Egrets, Jack Snipe & 2 Water Rails (G Knight) also 5 Smew (I Bennell)...STOCKERS LAKE: 19 Goldeneye, 5 Smew (3m), 13 Goosander (7m) & 2m Red-crested Pochard (Ian Bennell)...BEECH FARM: Short-eared Owl hunting at 1145 (D Hutchinson)...STOCKERS LAKE: 10 Goosander (6m) & 2m RC Pochard from Kingfisher Hide (G Knight)...WATEREND S OF WELHAM GREEN: Buzzard, Kingfisher, Grey Wag & Bullfinch (R Pyrah)...BROOKMANS PARK: 50 Stock Dv, 225 Common Gull feeding on pasture, Marsh Tit & 45 Linnet (R Pyrah)...POTTERS CROUCH: 4 Brambling with 200+ mixed finches opp Hollybush Pub in sunflower field (M Parr)...EAST HYDE: Water Rail in channel W of mai stream at 1530 (R Payne)...TYTTENHANGER: Green Sand (on north pit), 2 Wigeon, 14 Cormorant (S Pearce)...BOREHAMWOOD: 8 Monk Parakeets in Whitehouse Ave (A Hobson)

10TH JAN: STEVENAGE: 6 Waxwings behind shops on Canterbury Way (J Thompson)...AMWELL: 7 Little Egrets flew in to roost, also 8 Smew (3m) (G Knight), also Water Rail (from hide), 6 Siskin, Shelduck, pr Ruddy Dk & 160

Lapwing (C Smout)....SCOTSBRIDGE MILL: **2 Little Egrets**, Water Rail & Lsr Redpoll (P Clack)....ARCHERS GREEN: **Little Egret** by B1000 opp Warrengate Farm (David Booth)....WILSTONE: **3f Smew, 2m Goldeneye, m Goosander**, 205 Golden Plover with 500+ Lapwing, Dunlin, Kingfisher & Chiffchaff by hide (S Younger)....PETERS GREEN: Woodcock in flight over woods at 1650 (M Best)....BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** (J Thompson)....TYTTENHANGER: 5 Tree Sparrow, 2 Wigeon, Kingfisher, 12 GC Grebe, 10 Gadwall, 7+ Shoveler (R Pyrah) also f Brambling (with finch flock), 42 Cormorant (G Knight)....PANSHANGER PARK: 4 Buzzards over (M Worby)

9TH JAN: AMWELL: **Ad Caspian Gull** reported, also Jack SNipe (BN)....KINGS MEAD: **Yellow-legged Gull**, 95 Wigeon, 180 Lapwing, Stonechat, Water Rail (Alan Reynolds)....STOCKERS LAKE: **2f Smew, 11 Goosander (7m), 6 Goldeneye (1m)**, 20+ Siskin (Darin Stanley)....STEVENAGE: **5 Waxwings** near 167 Canterbury Way at 0900 (Dave Beer)....SCOTSBRIDGE MILL: **Little Egret** & Water Rail (J Thompson)....LEMSFORD SPRINGS: **2 Little Egrets**, 2 Water Rails & Grey Wag (Les Borg)....BEECH FARM: **2 Short-eared Owls** betw 1500-1530 (Les Borg)....TYTTENHANGER: imm m Goldeneye flew N, also pr Kingfisher (J Terry)

8TH JAN: AMWELL: **Prob sub-ad Caspian Gull** (3rd/4th winter) - a different bird to the one present on and off recently, also **2 ad Yellow-legged Gulls** (Toby Austin)....CHISWELL GREEN: 2 Blackcaps in a Watford Rd garden (Alan Gardiner)....BARNET: m Blackcap in a High Barnet garden (Roger Buxton)

7TH JAN: STOCKERS LAKE: **3f Smew, 13 Goosander (7m), 6 Goldeneye (1m)**, 2 Wigeon, c10 Siskin (Jason Chapman)....BOREHAMWOOD: 28 Monk Parakeets (+ 1 Maroon-tailed) in Whitehouse Avenue, also 3 Buzzards in area (Jason Chapman)....MARSWORTH RSVR: 85 Corn Bunts in roost, also c30 Reed Bunts, Water Rail calling, Chiffchaff, 24 SHoveler but no sign of any Bitterns (Jason Chapman)....BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** mobbed by crows ayt dusk, also 400+ Golden Plover over (Geoff Horn/Graham Knight)....AMWELL: **4 Little Egrets** flew in to roost at S side of main pit at 1620, also 2 Lesser Redpoll (Dave Jordan)....BROXBORNE WOODS: 2 Hawfinch (Dave Jordan)....LEMSFORD SPRINGS: **Little Egret** (Geoff Horn)....ASHRIDGE FOREST: **2 Ravens** flew over National Trust estate yard at Ashridge (Don Otter)....STEVENAGE: **5 Waxwings** behind Canterbury Way shops at 0900 at least (Robin Smith)....REDBOURNBURY: Buzzard, 8 Teal, 8 Gadwall & Kingfisher (Ian Williams)....HATFIELD GDN VILLAGE: c250 Golden Plover over, also c150 Lapwing over (John Moss)....HOLYFIELD LAKE (just inside Essex): 7 Smew, 3 Goosander & 5 Ruddy Dk (Dave Jordan)

6TH JAN: AMWELL: **Ad Caspian Gull** from main viewpoint in gull roost, also **7 Smew (3m)** (Ross Facer)....WELWYN GDN CITY: **5 Waxwings** feeding in sorbus clump in tree belt on junction of Raymonds Plain and Chequers, 1230 at least (Chris Beach/Trevor Chapman)....STEVENAGE: **3 Waxwings** still on Canterbury Way outside nos. 350-356, 1320 at least (David Booth/Simon Crockford)....HOOKS MARSH: **4 Smew (1m)**, Chiffchaff (Ross Facer)....WELWYN GDN CITY: m Blackcap in a garden on Ramblers Way (M Worby)

5TH JAN: STEVENAGE: **5 Waxwings** behind Canterbury Way shops 1345 at least (Paul Lawrence)....COLNEY HEATH: c100 Siskin in alders along bank of R Colne, COLney Heath Common, also 12 Goldfinch, GS Wdprk, 6 LT Tit (Steve Evans/Ann Lee)

4TH JAN: AMWELL: **3 Little Egrets, Jack Snipe, 6 Smew (2m), 2+ Goldeneye**, Green Sand & Siskin (Alan Gardiner)....STEVENAGE: **5 Waxwings** by Canterbury Way shopping precinct, and at 177 Canterbury Way (several observers)....PETERS GREEN: Woodcock flew over a garden (Matt Best)....STOCKERS LAKE: **3-5 Smew, Goosander, 4 Goldeneye**, c100 Golden Plover, Kingfisher, m Blackcap, Chiffchaff, 7+ Lsr Redpoll with Siskins, nrby Chiloe Wigeon on Springwell Lake (outside Herts) (Steve Younger)....KINGS MEAD: **2 Yellow-legged Gulls**, 59 Teal, 86 Wigeon, 20 Mdw Ppt, 117 Lapwing, Stonechat (Alan Reynolds)....REDBOURN GOLF COURSE: 8 Snipe, 40 Skylark, Stonechat (Ernest Leahy)....WATFORD LINK ROAD: 3 Water Rail calling from reedbeds, 15 Grey Wags entered reeds at dusk, 12 Reed Bunts roosted in reeds, Chiffchaff (CM Everett)....BUSHEY HALL GOLF COURSE: m Brambling with 60 Chaffinches (CM Everett)....OTTERSPOOL: Green Sand (CM Everett)....BROOKMANS PARK: m Blackcap (Rupert Pyrah)....EAST HYDE: Little Owl (Clifford Smout)

3RD JAN: BEECH FARM: **Short-eared Owl** at 1100, also 10 Teal, 4 Snipe, Marsh Tit, 160 Golden Plover (over), 26 Fieldfare (Rupert Pyrah)....STEVENAGE: **5 Waxwings** behind Canterbury Way shopping precinct, also 15 Lesser Redpoll in a nrby garden (Darrel Bryant)....STOCKERS LAKE: **2 Goosander**, 7 GC Grebe, 50 M Swan (Sean Blackmore)....CASSIOBURY PARK: 2+ Water Rail on old cress beds, also 2 Snipe, 16 Teal, 24 Siskin, 60 Redwing (CM Everett)....WATFORD: 3 Blackcaps in a garden on Windsor Rd (Ian Bennell)....WELWYN GDN CITY: m Blackcap in a Sherrardpark garden (Tim Hill)

2ND JAN: WILSTONE: Ruff present late pm with Lapwing flock from hide (Dave Bilcock)....AMWELL: **3 Smew (2m)**, Bullfinch (Alan Gardiner) also **7 Goldeneye (1m)**, Green Sand, Water Rail, 65 Lapwing & 13 Shoveler (Rupert Pyrah)....VERULAMIUM LAKE: 15 Shoveler, 5 Tufted & 9 Pochard (AP Jeffery)....LITTLE BERKHAMSTED: 5 Lesser Redpoll (Rupert Pyrah)

1ST JAN: ASHRIDGE FOREST: **Raven** flew calling from pine in woods behind Ringshall (Martin Parr)....WILSTONE RSVR: **pr Goldeneye, m Pintail**, Dunlin, Kingfisher, Chiffchaff, 2 Mdw Ppt (Ian Bennell)....TRINGFORD RSVR: **2f Smew**, m Mandarin (Ian Bennell)....STARTOPS END RSVR: **f Smew** (Ian Bennell)....TYTTENHANGER: Snipe, Grey

Wag, 5 Shoveler, 23 Gadwall, 24 Pochard, 50 Tufted, 36 Cormorant (Steven Pearce) 14 GC Grebe, Wigeon, Tree Sparrow, 11 Hs Sparrow (Rupert Pyrah)...OXHEY: f Blackcap in gardens (Jack Fearnside)...HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Blackcap in an Adeyfield garden (Martin Parr)...GT GADDESSEN: Water Rail, Buzzard, L Grebe & Kingfisher (Martin Parr)...FROGMORE GP, RADLETT: Water Rail & 5 Goldcrest (CM Everett)...SOPWELL MILL: m Mandarin on R Ver nr Cottonmill Bridge, nrby 15 Siskin on alders on housing estate in SW St Albans (CM Everett)...ALDENHAM GOLF COURSE: Lesser Redpoll over (CM Everett)...STOCKERS LAKE: 7 Smew (4m), 7 Goosander (4m), 6 Goldeneye (1m) & LS Wdpkr (Martin Searle)