

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2012

A very quiet period, with seabird work dominating proceedings for the Obs staff. However a pleasant source of entertainment was the presence of both the lingering **RIVER WARBLER** and **PADDYFIELD WARBLER** together in the Observatory plantation along with 2 Marsh Warblers and a Reed Warbler! Somewhat surreal at times...

A single summering Greylag Goose remained throughout while ducks included a Teal was on Utra Scrape (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>), 3 Common Scoter in Furse (2<sup>nd</sup>) and 4 Red-breasted Mergansers (3<sup>rd</sup>). A Red-throated Diver passed the Observatory (2<sup>nd</sup>). Waders for this period include 4 Dunlin (2<sup>nd</sup>), 2 Whimbrel (5<sup>th</sup>) and 7 Redshank (2<sup>nd</sup>).

A Collared Dove was present throughout and a House Martin passed through (2<sup>nd</sup>) while warblers included 2 summering Chiffchaffs, plus an additional 2 (2<sup>nd</sup>), 2 **Marsh Warblers** and a Reed Warbler at the Observatory (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>). A Whinchat appeared at Da Water (2<sup>nd</sup>) while both singles Robin and Dunnock appear to be summering.

6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Both the **PADDYFIELD WARBLER** and **RIVER WARBLER** remain faithful to the Observatory plantation, showing well throughout the day.

A female Red-breasted Merganser lingered in the Havens on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> while 2 Grey Herons arrived on 7<sup>th</sup> along with a Golden Plover. One Purple Sandpiper was on Bunes on 10<sup>th</sup> while 6 Dunlin arrived on 8<sup>th</sup> and 3 Whimbrel passed through on 9<sup>th</sup>.

Two Swifts over Meones were the first of the month while an unusual midsummer occurrence concerned single Whitethroats on 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. A Whinchat arrived on 7<sup>th</sup> and lingered throughout while a pair of Linnets also arrived on 9<sup>th</sup>.

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Unexpected highlight of the period was the appearance of a **COUE'S ARCTIC REDPOLL** in the Observatory Plantation. The bird looked good for this species in the field and was soon confirmed when it was followed down the island and trapped in the Plantation Heligoland. The **PADDYFIELD WARBLER** was last seen on 11<sup>th</sup> while the **RIVER WARBLER** remained until the end of the period.

A male Common Scoter and female Red-breasted Merganser arrived on 13<sup>th</sup> with a Heron on 14<sup>th</sup>. A total of 16 Ringed Plovers at north Light on 11<sup>th</sup> suggested a few migrants while other waders included 2 Golden Plovers on 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 Purple Sandpipers on 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 Dunlin on 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 Whimbrel on 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 Curlew travelling south on 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 Redshank on 19<sup>th</sup> and 9 Turnstones on 14<sup>th</sup>.

Two Swifts passed through on 13<sup>th</sup> with a House Martin on the same day. Other small migrants were obviously thin on the ground with just the lingering Whitethroat, 2 summering Chiffchaffs, 2 Robins, the lingering Whinchat, a Dunnock on 15<sup>th</sup> and a lingering Linnet being of note.

16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July 2012

A very quiet period, with birds of note including a Common Scoter and 2 Red-throated Divers south on 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 Leach's Petrels trapped (17<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) plus another seen around the nets on 22<sup>nd</sup>, a female Peregrine over Guidicum on 18<sup>th</sup>, a peak of 4 Golden Plovers, 3 Sanderling, 24 Redshanks and 18 Turnstones on 23<sup>rd</sup>, Whimbrel on 19<sup>th</sup> and Common Sandpiper in the Gully on 24<sup>th</sup>.

A Woodpigeon arrived on 16<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Collared Dove on 21<sup>st</sup> while 2 Swifts were present on 16<sup>th</sup>. A Willow Warbler arrived on 17<sup>th</sup>. Two Siskins and a Redpoll sp. arrived on 21<sup>st</sup>, with 2 Mealy Redpolls on 23<sup>rd</sup> trapped in the Plantation.

26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July 2012

A female Tufted Duck arrived on Utra Scrape on 31<sup>st</sup> while seabirds included a Sooty Shearwater seen from the Good Shepherd on 28<sup>th</sup> and a Storm Petrel off the Foghorn on 26<sup>th</sup>. Two Grey Herons arrived on 26<sup>th</sup> while waders included peaks of 6 Purple Sandpipers (28<sup>th</sup>), 4 Dunlin (27<sup>th</sup>), a Ruff on Da Water (29<sup>th</sup>), 5 **Black-tailed Godwits** (27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>), a Whimbrel (29<sup>th</sup>), **Wood Sandpiper** on Da Water from 27<sup>th</sup> and up to 8 Redshanks and 22 Turnstones. Gull numbers are beginning to build with 9 Black-headed and 80 Common Gulls the peaks from this period.

A Sand Martin arrived and was seen on 3 dates while other small migrants included 3 Chiffchaffs on 27<sup>th</sup>, a Blackcap at Schoolton on 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 3 Robins on 29<sup>th</sup> and a Mealy Redpoll on 31<sup>st</sup>.