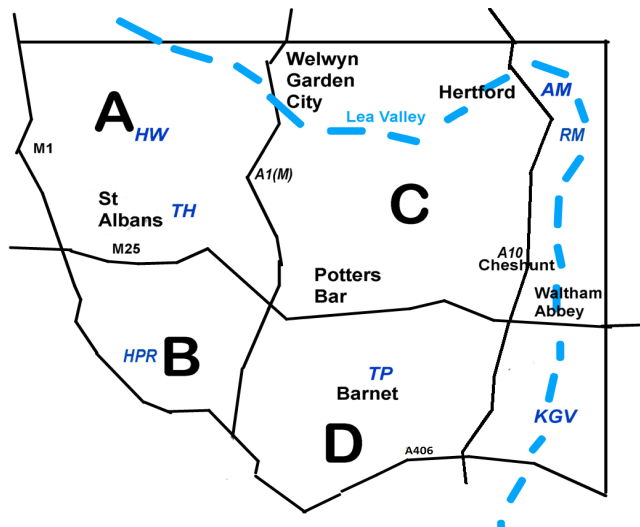


LOCAL BIRD REPORT

from Philip Brown



Our local area is split east to west by the M25 motorway, north to south by the A1 (M), and bordered to the south by the A406 and to the west by the M1 motorway.

The border to the north is OS TL15 and to the east is OS TL40.

For detailed recording it is divided into four areas as shown in the map.

Key

AM Amwell	RM Rye Meads
HPR Hilfield Park Reservoir	TH Tyttenhanger
HW Heartwood Forest	TP Trent Park
KGV King George V Reservoir	

The following account reports the most interesting findings in the above areas during the period from 01 April to 30 September 2022.

At **King George V Reservoir**, the period started with a great northern diver and a red-necked grebe continuing their presence there; these were joined by six Arctic terns on 15 April. The end of the period saw species of a similar rarity value with a red-necked phalarope and a black tern there on 2 September.

An area of farmland broadly between Trent Park, the Ridgeway and the built-up area of Enfield, and straddling the Hadley Road, has thrown up a number of good sightings, with a hoopoe on 3 May, a wryneck on 7 September and a Dartford warbler on 30 September.

In the **Lea Valley**, 3 May was also a good day in the Fisher's Green area when a small pool on the goose fields near Holyfield Weir saw a spotted redshank, a bar-tailed godwit, a greenshank, an oystercatcher and a common sandpiper. This was also the day when a glossy ibis dropped in at Hall Marsh to the south. A cattle egret was on the goose fields from 10 September and a spoonbill was at Seventy Acres Lake on 30 September.

At **Tyttenhanger**, attention is increasingly on the Coursers Road gravel pits which have become a good location for spotting waders. Oystercatcher, little ringed, ringed and grey plovers, lapwing, dunlin, little stint, sanderling, black-tailed godwit, whimbrel, curlew, redshank, greenshank, green, wood and common sandpipers have all been seen there in the last six months.

Elsewhere, some other notable sightings were an osprey at Welwyn Garden City on 9 April, a crane over Sandridge on 16 April, a white stork over Hilfield Park Reservoir on 10 May and a nightjar briefly at Winchmore Hill on 18 May.

Locally, **Totteridge** had a ring ouzel on 12 April and up to twelve stonechats, six whinchats, six wheatears, five spotted flycatchers and four bullfinches at different times over the half year. Other species there included cuckoo, redstart, firecrest, hobby, siskin, yellow wagtail, and little and tawny owls.

Trent Park's best sightings were mostly in the autumn migration when a tree pipit, two pied flycatchers, up to three spotted flycatchers, two whinchats, a stonechat, a wheatear and a firecrest were seen. Other species of interest during the six months were red kites, hobbies, ravens and cuckoos with kingfishers visiting the lakes. A spotted flycatcher and a firecrest were also on Monken Hadley Common.

My thanks go to everyone who has contributed reports for this item (and to the Herts Bird Club and London Bird Club websites). Please keep sending your reports to Philip Brown via the group email: pbandb.rspb@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Due to increased printing costs this issue of the newsletter has been limited to eight pages. As a result, we are unable to include the usual page with the table of recorded sightings in each of the four areas. Philip has compiled the table and it will be made available through the December e-news and also via our group website.

SPECIES	AREA				NOTES	SPECIES	AREA				NOTES
	A	B	C	D			A	B	C	D	
GREAT NORTHERN DIVER				X	King George V Reservoir 3 Apr	YELLOW-LEGGED GULL	X				Tyttenhanger
LITTLE GREBE		X	X	X		CASPIAN GULL	X				Tyttenhanger 31 August
RED-NECKED GREBE				X	King George V Reservoir 12-18 Apr & 24 Apr	COMMON TERN	X	X	X	X	
BLACK-NECKED GREBE		X	X		Hilfield Pk Res 8 Apr, 2 on 13May, Rye Meads 2 on 24 May	ARCTIC TERN			X	X	KGV (6 - 15 Apr, 2 - 18 Apr & 24 Jul), Rye Meads (2 on 3 May)
BITTERN			X		Amwell from 26 July, 70 Acres Lake from 7 Sep	SANDWICH TERN	X		X		Bowyers Water 12 Apr, Tyttenhanger (2 on 23 Apr), Amwell
GREAT WHITE EGRET	X		X		Tyttenhanger 17-30 Sep, Rye Meads 23 Sep	BLACK TERN		X		X	King George V Res 2 Sep, Hilfield Pk Res 3 Sep
LITTLE EGRET	X	X	X	X		STOCK DOVE	X	X	X	X	
CATTLE EGRET	X		X		Amwell 12 Apr, T'hanger 2 on 20 May, Holyfield Fm 10 Sep	RING-NECKED PARAKEET	X	X	X	X	
GLOSSY IBIS			X		Hall Marsh 3 May	CUCKOO	X		X	X	Amwell 12 Apr, Sewardstone Marsh 15 Apr, 3 at Rye Meads
WHITE STORK		X			Over Hilfield Pk Res 10 May	BARN OWL	X		X		Wildhill, Amwell, Heartwood Forest
SPOONBILL			X		70 Acres Lake 30 Sep	LITTLE OWL	X	X	X	X	Willows Farm, Stanstead Innings, Totteridge
WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE			X		Amwell 29 Apr to 5 May & 23 May	TAWNY OWL				X	Trent Pk, Totteridge
BARNACLE GOOSE	X		X		Stanborough Lakes, Holyfield Hall Farm	NIGHTJAR				X	Winchmore Hill 18 May
EGYPTIAN GOOSE	X	X	X	X		SWIFT	X	X	X	X	1st 28 Apr -Coopers Green; Last 10 Sep - Hertford
SHELDUCK	X		X	X	Tyttenhanger, Amwell, Rye Meads, Trent Pk	KINGFISHER	X		X	X	Rye Meads, Fisher's Green, Trent Pk, Brimsdown
MANDARIN	X			X	Coopers Green GPs, Trent Pk, Grovelands Pk	HOPOE				X	Vicarage Farm, Enfield 3 May
WIGEON	X	X	X			WRYNECK				X	Vicarage Farm, Enfield 7 Sep, Symondshyde Farm 19 Sep
GADWALL	X	X	X	X		SKYLARK	X	X	X	X	
TEAL	X	X	X	X		SAND MARTIN	X	X	X	X	Last? 24 Sep - St Albans
GARGANEY	X		X	X	Cheshunt GPs 2 Apr, Coopers Green, Rye Meads (up to 6)	SWALLOW	X	X	X	X	
PINTAIL		X		X	Hilfield Pk Res (2 on 3 Apr), KGV 12 Apr	HOUSE MARTIN	X	X	X	X	1st 6 Apr - Amwell
SHOVELER	X	X	X	X		TREE PIPIT	X			X	Coopers Green (2 on 24 Sep), Trent Pk 13 Sep, Totteridge
POCHARD	X	X	X	X		MEADOW PIPIT	X		X	X	
RED-CRESTED POCHARD			X		Rye Meads (10 on 16 May), 70 Acres Lake	WATER PIPIT	X				Coopers Green 3 Apr
SCAUP				X	King George V Res (8 on 4 Apr), 18 & 20 Apr	YELLOW WAGTAIL	X	X		X	Tyttenhanger (8 on 1 Sep), Hilfield Pk, KGV, Totteridge
GOLDENEYE		X		X	Hilfield Pk Res, King George V Res	GREY WAGTAIL	X	X	X	X	
SMEW			X	X	Rye Meads, 70 Acres Lake, KGV	WHITE WAGTAIL	X	X		X	
GOOSANDER			X		Fishers's Green	NIGHTINGALE			X	X	Fisher's Green (4 - various dates), Rammey Marsh
OSPREY	X				Over Welwyn Garden City 9 Apr	BLACK REDSTART	X			X	Marshalswick 1-3 Apr, Coopers Green 3 Apr, Enfield Farms
HONEY BUZZARD		X			Over Elstree 14 July	REDSTART	X		X	X	Coopers Green, Amwell, Enfield Farms, Totteridge
COMMON BUZZARD	X	X	X	X		WHINCHAT	X		X	X	Tyttenhanger, Holyfield Hall Farm, Rammey Marsh, Totteridge
MARSH HARRIER	X		X		Rye Meads 4&6 Apr, Amwell 10 Apr, Tyttenhanger	STONECHAT	X		X	X	Ellenbrook Fields, Enfield Farms, Totteridge (12 on 18 Sep)
RED KITE	X	X	X	X		WHEATEAR	X		X	X	Ellenbrook Fields, Amwell, KGV, Totteridge

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	A	B	C	D			A	B	C	D	
GOSHAWK				X		RING OUZEL	X			X	Totteridge 12 Apr, Coopers Green 2 May
SPARROWHAWK	X		X	X		FIELDFARE	X	X		X	Last 27 Apr - Ellenbrook Fields
KESTREL	X	X	X	X		REDWING	X	X		X	Last 26 Apr - Gorhambury Estate; 1st 21 Sep - Totteridge
HOBBY	X	X	X	X	Tyttenhanger (5 on 30 Apr), Elstree, Rye Meads, T'teridge	CETTI'S WARBLER	X		X		
PEREGRINE	X	X	X	X	St Albans Cathedral, Elstree, Amwell, KGV	GRASSHOPPER WARBLER			X		Kings Meads 20 Apr, Rye Meads 2 May, Ware 5 June
WATER RAIL	X		X		Tyttenhanger, Ellenbrook Fields, Fisher's Green	REED WARBLER	X		X	X	
CRANE	X				Over Sandridge 16 Apr	SEDGE WARBLER	X		X	X	
OYSTERCATCHER	X	X	X	X	Tyttenhanger, Hilfield Pk Res, Amwell, Brimsdown	LESSER WHITETHROAT	X		X	X	
LITTLE RINGED PLOVER	X	X	X		Cooper's Green, Hilfield Pk Res, Amwell, Rye Meads	WHITETHROAT	X	X	X	X	
RINGED PLOVER	X	X	X		Tyttenhanger, Cooper's Green, Aldenham CP, Amwell	BLACKCAP	X	X	X	X	
GOLDEN PLOVER	X		X		Cooper's Grn (59 on 2 Apr), London Colney (97 on 5 Apr)	GARDEN WARBLER	X		X	X	
GREY PLOVER	X				Tyttenhanger 27&28 Apr	CHIFFCHAFF	X	X	X	X	
LAPWING			X	X	Amwell, Rye Meads, Totteridge	WILLOW WARBLER	X	X	X	X	
RUFF	X				Tyttenhanger (30 Aug into Sep, 2 on 9 Sep)	SPOTTED FLYCATCHER	X	X	X	X	Ellenbrook Fields, Munden Estate, Rye Meads, Trent Pk
DUNLIN	X		X		Amwell, Rye Meads, Tyttenhanger	PIED FLYCATCHER	X		X	X	How Wood 6 May, Amwell 28 Aug, Trent Pk (29 July)
LITTLE STINT	X				Tyttenhanger 5 June, 4 on 29-30 Sep	GOLDCREST		X	X	X	
SANDERLING	X		X		Tyttenhanger, Cooper's Green, Fisher's Green	FIRECREST				X	Totteridge, Trent Pk, Monken Hadley Common
SNIPE	X		X		Tyttenhanger, Cooper's Grn, King's Meads, Rye Meads	MARSH TIT	X		X		The Commons, WGC 18 June, Easneye Wood (2 on 1 Sep)
BLACK-TAILED GODWIT	X		X		Tyttenhanger, Rye Meads	NUTHATCH	X	X	X	X	
BAR-TAILED GODWIT	X		X		Cooper's Green, Holyfield Lake (Goosefields), Amwell	TREECREEPER		X	X	X	
WHIMBREL	X		X	X	Amwell, Cooper's Green, Sewardstone Marsh, KGV	RAVEN	X		X	X	Tyttenhanger, Amwell, Enfield Farms, Trent Pk
CURLEW	X				Cooper's Green 10 Apr, Tyttenhanger 24 Apr	BRAMBLING	X	X	X		Lemsford Springs, Tyttenhanger, Holyfield Hall Farm
SPOTTED REDSHANK			X		Holyfield Lake (Goosefields) 1-3 May	SISKIN	X			X	Heartwood Forest, Totteridge
REDSHANK	X	X	X		Tyttenhanger, Hilfield Pk Res, Amwell	LINNET	X	X	X	X	
GREENSHANK	X		X		Cooper's Green, Holyfield Lk (Goosefields), Rye Meads	LESSER REDPOLL				X	Totteridge
GREEN SANDPIPER	X	X	X		Lemsford Springs, Aldenham Country Pk, Rye Meads	BULLFINCH				X	Totteridge
WOOD SANDPIPER	X		X		Cooper's Green 2&7 May, Amwell 2&12 May, T'hanger	YELLOWHAMMER	X		X	X	Coopers Green, Holyfield Hall Farm, Wildhill
COMMON SANDPIPER	X	X	X	X	Tyttenhanger, Hilfield Pk Res, Amwell, KGV	REED BUNTING	X	X	X	X	
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE				X	King George V Reservoir 2 Sep	CORN BUNTING	X				Coopers Green, Redbournbury, Stanborough Gravel Pit
MEDITERRANEAN GULL	X	X	X		Hilfield Pk Res, Rye Meads, Amwell, Cooper's Green						
LITTLE GULL		X	X	X	Hilfield Pk (4 on 29 Apr), Amwell (6 on 24 Apr), KGV						