

## BIRDS RECORDED IN THE MEDINA VALLEY IN 1999

### KEY TO STATUS IN THE MEDINA VALLEY

R Resident  
 OW Overwintering  
 PM Passage migrant  
 BM Breeding migrant  
 WV Winter visitor  
 OV Occasional visitor

### LOCALITY KEY

MVC Medina Valley Centre  
 DC Dodnor Creek  
 DCopse Dickson's Copse  
 FL Folly Lake  
 IH Island Harbour

RECORDERS Miss J Ager (JA), Dr D T Biggs (DTB), Mr M Cammack (MC), Mr N Cantelo (NC), Mr J Edwards (JE), Mr J Gloyn (JG), Mr & Mrs K Ham (KH), Mr R Herbert (RH), Ms C James (CJ), Mr M James (MJ), Mr K Marston (KM), Mr M Pritchett (MP), Mr C Squibb (CS), Mr & Mrs G Warke (GW)

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Little Grebe	R	Upper estuary	22	11.1	2 families at DC on 25.6
Great Crested Grebe	OV	MVC	2	14.2	2 on FL on 28.12 (JE)
Cormorant	R	Upper estuary	7	6.1	
Little Egret	R	Werrar	9	11.1	together with 3 Grey Heron (NC/MP)
Grey Heron	R	Heathfield Farm	3	13.8	together in field
Mute Swan	R	Upper estuary	37	6.1	6 newly hatched cygnets at DC on 21.5
Canada Goose	R	FL/IH	4	20.3	pair nest searching at DC on 19.3
Brent Goose	OW	FL	77	19.2	first at FL on 11.10
Barnacle Goose	OV	Pinkmead	2	7.11	(JE)
Shelduck	R	Central estuary	15	19.2	also 11 on young cereal, Kingston on 11.1
Wigeon	OW	FL/Kingston	59	11.1	first 3 at IH on 11.10
Teal	OW	Medham	16	14.2	
Mallard	R	Upper estuary	69	29.11	
Gadwall	OV	DC	1	3.2	male
Tufted Duck	OW	DC	6	6.1	1 with 6 young at D.Copse pond on 17.7 1 with 6 young at DC on 23.7 (DTB)
Pochard	OW	IH	1	4.2	

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Velvet Scoter	OV	Upper estuary	1	16.12	
Goldeneye	OW	Dodnor	10	4.2	first 3 on upper estuary on 16.12
Red-Breasted Merganser	WV	FL	27	6.1	last at Werrar 16.4, first at Dodnor 7.12
Sparrowhawk	R	DC	1	7.4	(MJ) 1 male at MVC on 7.12, sitting on oak bough
Buzzard	R?	Gt Werrar Wood	2	6.5	1 in tree at DCopse on 19.4 (DTB) 1 over upper estuary on 5.12 (MC)
Kestrel	R	Fairlee	5	21.6	pair with young at nest (NC/MP)
Merlin	OW	DC/Fairlee	1	22.2	also 1 at Medham on 20.12 (DTB)
Hobby	PM	Dodnor	1	30.5	(JE) also 1 at DC on 6.6 (GW) and 1 flying south over MVC on 24.9
Peregrine	OV	Pinkmead	1	12.9	(JE) also 1 over estuary on 26.12 (JG)
Pheasant	R				bred in Valley
Water Rail	R	DC	4	8.11	many clear sightings at DC
Moorhen	R	DC	29	8.1	
Coot	R	Upper estuary	37	15.11	
Oystercatcher	R	FL	145	29.4	23 opposite MVC on 16.2 (MJ)
Ringed Plover	OW	Werrar	28	20.12	20 at same roost on 28.2 (JE)
Grey Plover	OW	FL	28	11.1	
Lapwing	R	FL	400	6.1	on autumn sown cereal
Dunlin	OW	FL	335	13.2	first at Werrar on 16.11
Jack Snipe	OW	Werrar	4	10.11	1 at Werrar on 10.2 (DTB) 2 at Werrar on 20.12
Snipe	OW	Werrar	27	26.11	(JG) also 4 at Werrar on 5.1 (DTB)
Black-tailed Godwit	OW	MVC	31	19.11	11 in breeding plumage at Dodnor on 19.3
Whimbrel	PM	Fairlee	8	26.4	first at Fairlee on 26.4
Curlew	R	Estuary	34	11.1	low water count
Redshank	R	FL	100	17.3	(DTB)
Greenshank	PM	Upper estuary	2	5.10	also 2 at Medham on 5.9
Common Sandpiper	PM	Dodnor	1	4.7	(JE) also 1 at Dodnor on 5.9 (JE)

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Turnstone	OW	FL	23	16.4	roosting on wreck
Black-headed Gull	R	Upper estuary	1480	26.12	(JG) also 1250 on upper estuary on 11.10
Common Gull	OW	MVC	5	1.12	
Herring Gull	R	MVC	80	3.2	72 immature birds
Great B.B.Gull	OV	FL	3	26.12	(JG) also 2 at FL on 2.5(JE) 2 at Werrar on 15.10
Sandwich Tern	PM	FL	2	2.5	first (JE) last off Werrar on 10.10 (JE)
Common Tern	PM	FL	2	4.1	singles at FL on 12.9 and 26.9 (JE)
Feral Pigeon	R	Cowes grain silos	400	20.12	(DTB)
Stock Dove	R	Werrar	25	18.9	(JE)
Wood Pigeon	R	North Fairlee Fm.	50	29.11	breeding in Valley (DTB)
Collared Dove	R	Fairlee	8	5.12	(MC)
Turtle Dove	PM	Werrar	2	13.5	(DTB)
Cuckoo	BM	MVC	2	1.5	first at Medham on 25.4 (DTB) and Werrar
Barn Owl	R	IH	4	21.6	pair with fledged young (NC/MP) 1 hunting in MVC grounds on 30.4 (RH)
Little Owl	R	Fairlee	3	8.2	all calling
Swift	BM	Cowes	25	22.7	first at Cowes on 1.5 (DTB)
Kingfisher	R	Estuary mouth	2	14.9	23 records in Jan and Aug-Sept at estuary mouth (CS), last record on 16.3 (JE), first record at Cowes on 24.8 (CS)
Green Woodpecker	R	D.Copse	1	7.4	(MJ)
Gt.Sp.Woodpecker	R	MVC	2	14.6	(RH) 1 drumming in DCopse on 19.3
Skylark	R	Werrar	12	28.3	(JE) all in song in rape field
Sand Martin	PM	DC	50	14.8	first at DC on 24.3, last 3 at DC on 27.9
Swallow	BM				first on 1.4 at DC (DTB)
House Martin	BM	MVC	25	30.7	first at DC on 10.4 (JE)
Meadow Pipit	R				overwintering at Werrar

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Pied Wagtail	R				present throughout Valley
Grey Wagtail	R	Dodnor	3	27.9	1 on 24.11 at DC (DTB)
Yellow Wagtail	PM	Newport Harbour	1	30.9	dead by building (CJ)
Waxwing	OV	Northwood	1	25.11	(DTB) 1 at Northwood on 26.11(KM)
Wren	R	Dodnor	23	3.5	all in song
Hedge Accentor	R	Dodnor	5	20.3	all in song
Robin	R	Dodnor	15	3.5	all in song
Nightingale	BM	Pinkmead	1	1.5	in song on passage, 1 at Medham on 3.5 (JA)
Stonechat	PM	Dodnor	2	14.4	(JE) also 1 at Werrar on 26.9 (JE)
Blackbird	R	Dodnor	17	16.2	DC, Cycleway andDCopse (MJ)
Fieldfare	R	MVC	25	23.11	first at Dodnor on 3.11
Song Thrush	R	Dodnor	2	13.3	1 in song at DC on 13.3
Redwing	WV	MVC	30	23.11	first on 3.11 at Dodnor
Mistle Thrush	R				bred in Valley (DTB)
Sedge Warbler	BM	Dodnor	2	19.5	first at Medham on 2.5 (JE) family party at Dodnor on 30.7
Reed Warbler	BM	DC	4	13.5	first in song at MVC on 28.4
Lr. Whitethroat	BM	Dodnor	4	16.6	first in song at Medham on 30.4
Whitethroat	BM	Cycleway	10	4.5	first in song at Dodnor on 8.4
Garden Warbler	BM	Pinkmead	1	4.5	first in song at Fairlee on 1.5
Blackcap	BM	D.Copse	2	7.4	(MJ) first in song at DC on 22.3 (DTB)
Chiffchaff	BM	D.Copse	2	7.4	(MJ) first in song at DC on 13.3, last calling at DC on 23.11
Willow Warbler	BM				first in song at Fairlee on 16.3
Goldcrest	R	MVC	2	16.1	2 pairs bred at MVC, also in Shamblers Copse (DTB)
Firecrest	OW ?	MVC	1	30.11	with mixed flock of tits (KM)
Long-tailed Tit	R	MVC	12	26.10	4 pairs at Dodnor on 18.3

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Blue Tit	R	Dodnor	10	16.7	3 pairs bred in MVC grounds
Great Tit	R	Dodnor	11	20.2	all in song
Treecreeper	R	D.Copse	3	15.3	(DTB) 2 at Medham on 6.6 (JE), 1 at MVC on 16.11, 1 at Fairlee on 5.12 (JE)
Jay	R	D.Copse	2	7.4	(MJ) 2 at Werrar on 4.4 (JE)
Magpie	R				1 with nest material on 12.2
Jackdaw	R	Kingston	90	18.11	
Rook	R	Heathfield Farm	180	13.8	
Carrion Crow	R				bred in Valley
Starling	R	Dodnor	30	9.9	on pylon
House Sparrow	R	Dodnor	6	7.4	(MJ)
Chaffinch	R	Cowes grain silos	60	20.12	also 60 on 12.1 (DTB), 11 in song at Dodnor on 3.5
Greenfinch	R	MVC	7	16.2	(MJ)
Goldfinch	R	DC	60	15.10	in alders by Creek, 1 in song at MVC on 15.4
Linnet	R	Werrar	90	23.8	flock on playing field, 45 at Werrar on 2.8
Bullfinch	R	Dodnor	4	18.3	species increasing again
Yellowhammer	R	Pinkmead	2	2.5	(JE) Cowes grain silos on 12.1
Reed Bunting	R	Lower St Cross reedbeds	3	4.4	(JE) 1 in song at DC on 13.3, 2 males at DC on 19.5

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