

BIRDS RECORDED IN THE MEDINA VALLEY IN 2000

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

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Little Grebe	R	FL	20	18.12	9 at Dodnor on 13.3 (DTB)
Great Crested Grebe	OV	FL	2	1.1	(JE), 2 on 23.1 (JE), first on 13.11 (MP/NC)
Cormorant	R	FL/upper estuary	9	10.3	2 fishing in Newport Harbour on 16.1
Little Egret	R	IH	6	5.10	+ 3 on upper estuary, 4 on 1.10 (JE), 4 on 9.11 (BR)
Grey Heron	R	Dodnor	12	29.8	including 3 immature birds, 2 adults + 1 immature on 23.7 (JE)
Mute Swan	R	Dodnor	28	14.12	7 cygnets at DC on 7.5 (JE)
Canada Goose	R	overhead MVC	13	29.5	5 at DC on 10.3 (DTB), 5 at Pinkmead with 1 gosling on 2.7 (JE)
Brent Goose	OW	FL	76	24.2	(MJ), last 6 on 16.4 (JE), first 20 on 5.11 (JE), 75 at Werrar on 14.12
Egyptian Goose	Escapee	Cowes	1	early April	(CS), also seen on golf course at Osborne on 21.4 (DTB)
Shelduck	R	Dodnor	14	27.1	(MJ), 12 at Dodnor on 24.2 (MJ)
Wigeon	OW	FL	64	17.1	first at FL on 5.10
Teal	OW	DC	15	27.1	(MJ), pair in DCopse on 5.2 (DTB), 9 at FL on 17.1, 5 at Medham Creek on 25.1
Mallard	R	DC/upper estuary	85	27.1	(MJ), 72 at DC/upper estuary on 29.1
Shoveler	OV	Pinkmead	2	27.1	pair in flight (JE)

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Tufted Duck	OW	DC	6	3.4	3 pairs (also on 27.4), pair in DCopse on 13.4 (DTB), duck with 5 ducklings at DC on 23.7 (JE)
Velvet Scoter	OV	FL	1	1.1	
Goldeneye	OW	Dodnor	11	23.1	first at Dodnor on 19.12 (AM)
Red-Breasted Merganser	WV	Dodnor	27	9.12	(CP), 12 on 6.1 (BR), 11 on 2.4 (JE), last 5 in FL on 23.3, first 2 at Dodnor on 23.11
Sparrowhawk	R	Werrar	2	11.6	(JE), Singles at DC on 24.2, 11.3, 3.5, 20.5, 7.11, 1 at MVC on 19.12
Buzzard	R	Werrar	4	16.7	3 over Dodnor on 13.2, 11.3 (MC) and 23.4 (JE), 2 displaying at Werrar on 15.3 (DTB), 1 landed at Cowes Health Centre on 24.3 (DTB), 1 at Werrar on 9.11 (BR)
Osprey	PM	Dodnor	1	19.5	also report of 1 fishing near Cowes in first week of April (CS)
Kestrel	R	DC	2	3.5	(MJ)
Merlin	OW	Pinkmead	1	29.8	
Peregrine	OV	DCopse	1	24.5	(DTB), 1 at Werrar on 7.5 (JE), 1 at Cowes on 13.12 (RG)
Pheasant	R				widespread in Valley
Water Rail	R	DC	3	14.3	2 heard from DCopse on 5.2 (DTB)
Moorhen	R	Dodnor Cottage	25	27.1	feeding on lawn (MJ), 21 at Dodnor Cottage on 17.2 (BR)
Coot	R	Upper estuary	30	4.1	(MC), also 30 in upper estuary on 24.2 (MJ), with young at DC on 7.4
Oystercatcher	R	FL pontoons	99	11.2	46 in upper estuary on 4.1 (MC)
Ringed Plover	OW	Werrar	33	6.1	(BR), 22 at FL on 29.10, 21 at FL on 18.12
Grey Plover	OW	FL	12	17.1	10 at FL on 20.11
Lapwing	R	Werrar	300	6.1	(BR), also 300 at Werrar on 9.2 (DTB), 46 by Rowing Club on 27.1 (MJ)
Dunlin	OW	FL	230	18.12	first at FL on 5.10, 100 remaining on 5.3 (JE)
Jack Snipe	OW	Werrar	2	15.12	1 at Werrar on 17.2 (BR)
Snipe	OW	Werrar	22	14.12	2 at DC on 26.12 (JE)

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Black-tailed Godwit	OW	FL	19	18.3	6 by Rowing Club on 27.1 (MJ), 10 at Dodnor on 11.3 (MC), 12 at FL on 9.4 (JE)
Whimbrel	PM	FL	8	5.5	first 2 at Dodnor on 26.4 (BR)
Curlew	R	Werrar	65	14.12	in field at high water
Spotted Redshank	OV	Dodnor	1	27.1	(MJ)
Redshank	R	Werrar	120	9.2	(DTB), 43 in upper estuary on 27.1 (MJ)
Greenshank	PM	MVC	1	8.10	1 at FL on 2.5, singles at Medham on 20.8 (GPW), 17.9 (JE), 20.10 (GPW)
Green Sandpiper	OW	DCopse	1	7.3	flew out calling
Common Sandpiper	PM	Dodnor	4	26.4	first, also 4 at Dodnor on 21.8 (RH)
Turnstone	OW	OW	25	8.4	20 at Dodnor on 10.3 (DTB), 6 on pontoon in FL on 6.10 (RH)
Mediterranean Gull	OV	FL	1	8.3	(DTB), 1 at MVC on 9.4 (RG)
Black-headed Gull	R	Upper estuary	755	10.3	
Common Gull	OW	FL	5	20.11	4 on 8.3 (DTB)
Lesser B.B. Gull	OV	Dodnor	3	10.3	1 at MVC on 27.2 (JE)
Herring Gull	R	Dodnor	12	6.4	12 at Newport Harbour on 9.8
Yellow-legged Gull	OV	Dodnor	2	10.3	possibly overwintered in the Solent
Great B.B. Gull	OV	Cowes	4	18.4	(CS), 2 at FL on 8.3 (DTB), 30.4 (JE) and 2.12 (JE)
Sandwich Tern	PM	FL	10	1.5	first 3 at Werrar Creek on 19.4, 3 at MVC on 23.4 (RH), 10 at Cowes Harbour on 15.5
Common Tern	PM	MVC	1	13.6	also singles on 23.6, 26.6, 23.7
Guillemot	OV	Newport Harbour	1	22.11	following SW gale (NC/MP)
Feral Pigeon	R	Cowes grain silos	583	19.1	
Stock Dove	R	Dodnor	1	16.3	
Wood Pigeon	R	Medina Valley	120	24.2	(MJ)
Collared Dove	R	Werrar Farm	80	2.12	(BR), 55 at Werrar Farm on 2.12 (JE)
Cuckoo	BM	DC	2	3.5	(MJ), first at Dodnor 22.4 (RJM)
Barn Owl	R				breeding in 3 boxes (MP)

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Little Owl	R	Medham	1	21.1	also singles at Dodnor and Pinkmead
Swift	BM	Cowes	16	28.6	first 4 at Pinkmead on 5.5 and Cowes on 5.5 (DTB)
Kingfisher	R	DC	3	17.2	(BR), also 14 single birds reported during the year
Green Woodpecker	R	DCopse	2	27.1	(MJ), 2 with young at Pinkmead on 29.8
Gt. Sp. Woodpecker	R	DCopse	2	16.3	both drumming, 2 at Pinkmead on 24.2 (MJ), 1 heard drumming in DCopse on 5.2 (DTB)
Skylark	R	Heathfield Farm	3	11.2	all in song, 6 in song at Werrar on 9.4 (JE), first in song at Dodnor on 5.1 (DTB)
Sand Martin	PM	Dodnor	12	3.4	first at DC on 14.3
Swallow	BM				first 5 at DC on 3.4 (JE)
House Martin	BM	Dodnor	15	1.10	(JE), first at DC on 5.4
Meadow Pipit	R	Werrar	1	14.12	
Rock Pipit	OV	DC	1	20.10	(GPW), also 1 at DC on 20.4 (GPW)
Pied Wagtail	R	DC	3	27.1	(MJ), 1 in song at DC on 27.1
Grey Wagtail	R	Hurstake	1	23.1	(JE), 1 at Newport Harbour on 27.1 (MJ), 1 at DC on 2.2 (DTB)
Wren	R				21 singing males at Dodnor on 1.5
Hedge Accentor	R				4 singing males at Dodnor on 1.5, 13 between Dodnor and Pinkmead on 24.2 (MJ)
Robin	R				11 in song at Dodnor on 1.5, 16 between Dodnor and Pinkmead on 24.2 (MJ)
Blackbird	R	DCopse	5	27.1	(MJ), 21 in song along cycleway on 24.2 (MJ), 4 in song at Dodnor on 8.4
Fieldfare	R	Pinkmead	1	22.2	
Song Thrush	R	DCopse	2	27.1	(MJ), 3 in song along cycleway on 24.2 (MJ), 2 at Hurstake on 16.7 (JE)
Redwing	WV	MVC	6	9.2	(RG), last at Dodnor on 21.3, first at Dodnor on 24.11
Mistle Thrush	R	Dodnor	2	14.12	1 at Pinkmead on 24.2 (MJ), 1 in song at Dodnor on 6.4
Sedge Warbler	BM	DC	2	24.2	(DTB), first at DC on 23.3 (JE)

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Reed Warbler	BM	DC	7	29.5	all in song, first at DC on 26.4
Lr. Whitethroat	BM				first at DC on 26.4
Whitethroat	BM	Cycleway	7	1.5	all in song, first at DC on 6.4 (DTB)
Garden Warbler	BM	Fairlee	2	2.5	first at Dodnor on 13.4 (DTB)
Blackcap	BM	DCopse	2	30.3	first in song at Dodnor on 22.3 (DTB)
Chiffchaff	BM	DCopse	2	3.5	(MJ), first in song at DC on 23.2, 1 wintering at Medham on 17.12 (JE)
Willow Warbler	BM				first at DC on 28.3 (DTB), 1 at DCopse on 31.3 (BR)
Redstart	PM	Medham	1 ^o	9.4	(GPW), 1 immature bird at Medham on 27.8 (JE)
Whinchat	PM	Medham	1	22.10	(JE)
Stonechat	OW	Werrar	2	27.2	(JE), pair at Lower St Cross on 22.10 (JE) and 24.12 (GPW) pair at Werrar on 12.11 (JE)
Wheatear	PM	Werrar	3		all males
Goldcrest	R	MVC	6	12.11	(JE)
Firecrest	OW	MVC	1	14.1	1 in DCopse on 5.2 (DTB)
Long-tailed Tit	R	MVC	17	15.9	10 in ecological park on 27.1 (MJ)
Coal Tit	R	MVC	1	22.9	in song, also 1 at MVC on 26.4 (RH), and at Shamblers Copse on 19.1 (DTB)
Blue Tit	R	DCopse	10	27.1	9 singing males at Dodnor on 1.5, 29 along cycleway on 24.2 (MJ)
Great Tit	R				15 along cycleway on 24.2 (MJ)
Treecreeper	R	DCopse	2	3.5	feeding young at nest (MJ), 1 at Medham on 19.1 (DTB) and 2.4 (JE), 1 at Pinkmead on 24.2 (MJ)
Jay	R	Pinkmead	2	24.2	(MJ), also 1 in DCopse on 27.1 (MJ)
Magpie	R	Dodnor	4	27.1	(MJ), 4 families at Dodnor on 17.6
Jackdaw	R				Large roost at Kingston, East Cowes
Rook	R				Large roost at Kingston, East Cowes
Carrion Crow	R	Rowing Club	7	27.1	(MJ)

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Starling	R	MVC	4	24.2	(MJ)
House Sparrow	R	Newport Quay	20	17.1	roost by Bargeman's Rest, 9 at Rowing Club on 27.1 (MJ)
Chaffinch	R				36 along cycleway on 24.2 (MJ)
Greenfinch	R	Ecological Park	18	27.1	(MJ)
Goldfinch	R	Werrar	30	17.12	(JE), 15 at MVC on 5.4
Linnet	R	Pinkmead	5	24.2	pair at Dodnor on 14.4
Bullfinch	R	Dodnor	5	17.12	(JE), 4 at Pinkmead on 27.1 and 24.2 (MJ), pair feeding on leaf buds at DC on 9.3
Yellowhammer	R	Pinkmead	3	24.2	1 at Werrar on 30.4 (GPW)
Reed Bunting	R	Werrar	3	15.12	1 in song at DC on 27.4, 1 at Lower St Cross on 14.5 (JE), pair at Werrar on 2.7 (JE), 1 at DC on reed mace on 15.2

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