

BIRDS RECORDED IN THE MEDINA VALLEY IN 2002

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
 NH Newport Harbour

RECORDERS

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Birds below recorded by Mr K Marston unless indicated by initials:

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SPECIES	STATUS	LOCALITY	NUMBER (Max recorded)	DATE	REMARKS
Black-throated diver	OV	FL	1	17.2	(GPW); also 1 on 2/3.3 (BR)
Red-throated diver	OV	FL	1	16.2	(DTB); also seen on 27.2 (DTB)
Little Grebe	R	Upper estuary	24	17.2	(DH); 1 in tidal section of R. Medina below Coppins Bridge (RS); 1 juvenile at DC on 30.6; 1 in NH on 14.10 (RS); 2 young on nest at DC on 30.7 (DH)
Great Crested Grebe	OV	FL	1	13.12	(BR); remained until 22.12 (JE)
Red-necked Grebe	OV	FL	1	13.12	also 1 on 22.12 (JE/GPW)
Cormorant	R	FL/upper estuary	11	1.3	10 on MVC pontoon 12.2 and 27.2; 9 on pontoon at Kingston Power Station on 18.2 (MJ); regularly fishing in Newport Harbour (RS); 5 fishing together in upper estuary near NH entrance (DH)
Little Egret	R	Werrar	8	4.10	FL and Island Harbour; regularly feeding in NH, up to Quay Arts (RS)
Grey Heron	R	Heathfield Farm	2	4.10	on ploughed field; 1 chased off Little Egret in NH on 30.7 (RS); 3 along upper estuary on 11.9 (DH)
Mute Swan	R	Upper estuary	37	6.12	1 on nest at DC on 2.4; 7 cygnets off the nest on 15.5; maximum in NH 22 on 2.4 (RS)
Canada Goose	R	Lower estuary	9	5.8	6 on upper estuary on 18.2 (MJ) and 6 on 24.3 (JE/GPW); 2 over NH on 22.3 (RS); pair at nest with 5 eggs at DC on 28.4 (DH), eggs later abandoned

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Dark-bellied Brent Goose	OW	FL	93	12.2	50 on upper estuary on 18.2 (MJ); last 1 on FL on 12.4; first at FL on 20.11(GPW); 1 at MVC on 13.11 (DH)
White-fronted Goose	OV	Heathfield Farm	2	12.1	stayed until 17.2 (JE)
Shelduck	R	Upper estuary	13	03.2	(GPW); 12 on 18.2 (MJ); 5 on MVC pontoon on 9.1; 8 near MVC on 23.2 (DH)
Wigeon	OW	IH	58	18.2	(MJ); 47 on FL/IH on 16.11; 10 on upper estuary on 12.3; first on 29.9 (GPW)
Teal	OW	DC	16	18.2	(MJ); 8 on DC on 27.11
Mallard	R	DC	82	30.7	(DH); 55 on upper estuary on 16.11; first ducklings at DC on 2.4
Muscovy duck	OV	DC	1	18.1	on old railway bridge
Gadwall	OV	Upper estuary	1	18.2	pair (DTB)
Tufted Duck	OW	DC	11	17.3	(JE/GPW); 3 pairs at DC on 1.5 (DTB); pair at DC on 18.2; 2 pairs on 11.5 (DH)
Scaup	OV	Upper estuary	1	29.10	immature male (DH); remained until December
Goldeneye	OW	Upper estuary	11	27.1	(JE); also 6 on 12.2; last 2 on 31.3 (JE); first 2 on upper estuary on 13.12 (KM/BR)
Red-breasted Merganser	WV	Dodnor	21	9.2	(BR); 17 on 1.3; last on upper estuary on 31.3 (GPW); 2 on lower estuary on 22.11; 8 on 2.12
Sparrowhawk	R	over Upper estuary	2	5.12	(DH); regular sightings of single birds; 1 put up 70 B-H Gulls on upper estuary on 13.11; single birds overhead NH on 11.7, 26.7 and 11.11 (RS)
Buzzard	R	Werrar	5	11.9	(DH); 4 high overhead MVC on 26.3; 2 low over MVC on 18.2 (MJ); 2 over Dickson's Copse on 22.4 (MJ); 2 on fence posts at Island Harbour on 6.12
Kestrel	R	DCopse	2	16.4	pair mating (DTB); seen hovering over NH on 25.3 and 11.7
Merlin	OW/PM	Medham	1	9.2	(BR)
Peregrine	OV	over DC	1	7.2	(GPW); also 1 over Dodnor on 7.7 (JE)
Pheasant	R	Werrar	4	31.03	2 at Fairlee on 12.4; 1 at Dickson's Copse on 22.4 (MJ)
Water Rail	R	Lower St Cross creek	1	22.1	(DH); 4 calling at DC on 26.11; 5 pairs raised 11 young at DC (DH)

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Moorhen	R	DC	33	21.1	(DTB); 23 at DC on 22.4 (MJ)
Coot	R	DC/Upper estuary	46	6.12	first with young at DC on 15.4
Oystercatcher	R	FL/upper estuary	90	17.2	(DH); 74 at FL on 6.9; 5 at entrance to NH on 4.4 (RS)
Ringed Plover	OW	FL	46	6.9	31 at Werrar on 1.1 (DH); 36 at Werrar on 24.2 (GPW); 27 at Werrar on 4.10
Golden Plover	OV	MVC	4	6.1	near MVC (DH); 1 at FL on 17.11 (JE/GPW)
Grey Plover	OW	FL	27	17.2	25 at FL on 13.12 (BR)
Lapwing	R	Werrar	440	12.1	150 at MVC on 13.12
Dunlin	OW	FL	520	17.2	(DH); 300 at FL on 3.3 (GPW); 80 on upper estuary on 16.3; first at FL on 6.9
Jack Snipe	OW	Werrar	3	17.2	(GPW); also 3 at Werrar on 27.2 (DTB); 1 by Ryde Queen on 1.1 (BR); 2 at Werrar on 6.1 and 17.2 (DH)
Snipe	OW	Werrar	8	27.2	(DTB); 6 at Werrar on 3.2 (GPW); 2 at DC on 15.9 (JE); 1 at Werrar on 13.12
Black-tailed Godwit	OW	Werrar	45	12.1	35 at MVC on 22.1; 38 at Dodnor on 18.2 (MJ); last flock of 36 at Medham on 21.4 (GPW); first 10 on upper estuary on 11.9 (DH); 25 at MVC on 10.11 (JE); 28 at FL on 14.12 (DH)
Whimbrel	PM	Werrar	3	21.4	first (JE); 2 on upper estuary on 11.9 (DH); 5 over upper estuary on 29.4
Curlew	R	FL	63		
Redshank	R	Werrar	82	1.3	10 in NH on 4.3 (RS); 35 upstream of MVC on 28.11 (DH)
Greenshank	PM	FL	1	15.7	1 passing MVC on 16.8; 1 at FL on 6.9
Common Sandpiper	PM	Upper estuary	5	12.8	2 at Medham on 23.3 (JE/BR), possibly overwintering in the Solent; 3 at Newport Rowing Club on 21.4 (GPW); last at FL on 6.9
Turnstone	OW	FL	31	17.2	(DH); 20 on FL on 12.1; last at MVC on 17.4; first in FL on 22.11
Mediterranean Gull	OV	MVC	2	12.3	2 adults on 22.2 and 21 – 24.3(DH); 2 overhead MVC on 23.3, 3.4 - 6.4; 1 by Rowing Club on 28.7 (JE/GPW)

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Black-headed Gull	R	Upper estuary	1020	17.2	(DH); 920 on upper estuary on 24.1; 115 at entrance to NH on 4.3 (RS)
Common Gull	OW	South of MVC	128	24.1	(DH); 21 along estuary on 12.2; 16 in NH on 7.1 (RS); 18 at Pinkmead on 18.2 (MJ); 20 at MVC on 22.2; last on 24.3 (GPW)
Lesser B.B. Gull	OV/OW?	NH	2	1.3	(RS); 1 near MVC on 20 - 22.1 (GPW/DH); 2 near MVC on 8.3 (DH); 1 by Riverway on 21.4 (JE); singles in breeding season on roof tops behind NH (RS)
Yellow-legged gull	OV	FL	1	18.2	(DTB); 1 at Medham on 5.5 (GPW)
Herring Gull	R	MVC	110	13.2	including 88 immatures, loafing on estuary; 33 at MVC on 29.11, including 27 immatures (DH)
Great B.B. Gull	OV	FL	3	6.1	(JE); also 3 at MVC on 12.3; 2 at MVC on 7.2 and 21.3 (DH)
Sandwich Tern	PM	FL	3	5.5	2 at Cowes Harbour on 22.4 (MJ); first at MVC on 5.4; 3 at FL on 11.8 (JE); 1 over NH on 19.7 (RS); last at FL on 4.10
Common Tern	PM	MVC	5	11.9	3 along upper estuary on 12.8 and 11.9 (DH)
Feral Pigeon	R	Cowes grain silos	251	6.2	(DTB); 140 on 23.11
Stock Dove	R	DC	2	20.3	(DH)
Wood Pigeon	R	Heathfield Farm	160	13.12	
Collared Dove	R				pair nesting at MVC
Turtle Dove	PM	Medham	2	19.5	(GPW)
Cuckoo	BM	Werrar	2	21.4	first (JE/GPW); last seen on 16.6 (GPW)
Barn Owl	R	DC	2	12.7	at dusk; 1 at Fairlee on 16.6 (JE/GPW) and at Werrar hunting at noon on 7.7 (JE)
Little Owl	R	Fairlee/Dodnor	1		
Swift	BM	DC	10	16.6	(GPW); first at DC on 24.4 (JE); last at NH on 8.8 (RS)
Kingfisher	R	DC	2	24.9	also 2 together south of MVC on 27.11 & 29.11 (DH); 3 birds in upper estuary on 6.12; a pair regularly seen at Cowes 8.1 – 20.3 & from 1.10(CS); 1 on 28.7 (JE/GPW)
Green Woodpecker	R	Werrar	7	21.7	(GPW); adult and immature at MVC on 12.7; 2 at MVC on 22.4 (MJ)
Gt. Sp. Woodpecker	R	DCopse	1	6.4	1 drumming at Dodnor on 11.4; 1 at MVC

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Skylark	R	Werrar	8	17.1	(GPW); 4 in song at Werrar on 4.4; first song at Heathfield Farm on 23.1	
Sand Martin	PM	DC	15	24.4	(JE); first at DC on 10.3 (AM); last on 29.9	
Swallow	BM	DC			first 4 over DC on 10.4	
House Martin	BM	DC	7	9.6	(JE); first 1 at Werrar on 14.4 (GPW); last at NH on 20.10 (JE)	
Meadow Pipit	R	Werrar	2	28.10	2 on barge off Island Harbour on 6.12	
Rock Pipit	OV	FL	2	17.2	(DH); 1 on MTF jetty on 29.11, 12.12 and 13.12 (DH)	
Pied Wagtail	R	Medina High School	20	19.2	(RS); also 20 at Fairlee on 20.10 (GPW); 12 at Seaclose on 30.7 (RS)	
Grey Wagtail	R	Cowes	1	18.2	along cycleway (MJ); 1 on 9.4 and 13.12 (BR); singles throughout breeding season at NH (RS); 1 in song at NH on 27.6 (RS); 1 near MVC through November (DH)	
Yellow Wagtail	PM	Dodnor	2	29.9	(GPW)	
Wren	R				23 in song at Dodnor on 10.5	
Hedge Accentor	R	Dodnor	7	18.2	all in song (MJ); 6 in song at Dodnor on 27.3	
Robin	R				24 in song at Dodnor on 27.3	
Blackbird	R	Ecological Park	10	3.11	(GPW); birds from Europe in hedgerows at Dodnor on 11.12 (all black bills)	
Fieldfare	R	Folly Lane	85	12.1	first over MVC on 13.11 with Redwings; last at Dodnor on 17.3 (GPW)	
Song Thrush	R	Lower St Cross Creek	4	21.2	(DH); 1 in song at Hurstake on 7.11 (DH); in song at MVC on 22.1; 4 along cycleway on 18.2 (MJ)	
Redwing	WV	near MVC	25	6.3	(DH); 20 on Folly Lane on 12.1; 22 near MVC on 5.11 (DH); 1 in song in Dickson's Copse on 11.3 (DTB); last at Medham on 17.3 (GPW); first at Medham on 20.10 (GPW)	
Mistle Thrush	R	DC	2	11.4	2 at MVC on 30.10 (DH); 1 at Medham on 17.1 (GPW); 1 at Werrar Farm on 16.3 (BR); 1 near MVC on 5.11 (DH)	
Sedge Warbler	BM	DC	1	9.4	first (BR)	

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Reed Warbler	BM	DC	5	10.5	all in song; first in song at DC on 5.5 (JE/GPW)
Lesser Whitethroat	BM	MVC			first on 16.5
Whitethroat	BM				first in Valley on 12.4 (DTB)
Garden Warbler	BM	MVC	1	5.5	(GPW); 1 at Medham on 12.5 (JE); 1 at Fairlee on 17.5
Blackcap	BM	DCopse	6	22.4	all in song (MJ); first in song in Dickson's Copse on 11.3 (DTB); 3 near MVC on 28.10 (DH)
Chiffchaff	BM	Cycleway near MVC	5	11.9	(DH); first at DC on 20.3 (DH); singles near MVC on 28.10 and 5.11 (DH)
Willow Warbler	BM	DCopse	5	22.4	(MJ); first at DC on 31.3, in song (DH/BR); last at MVC on 29.8
Whinchat	PM	Werrar	2	8.9	(JE); pair at Werrar on 11.9 (DH) and 10.11 (GPW); first at Werrar on 12.5 (JE/GPW)
Stonechat	OW	Werrar	2	13.12	pair (JE); also pair at Werrar on 13.12; 1 at DC on 29.10 (DH)
Wheatear	PM	Werrar	1	19.5	female (JE/GPW)
Black Redstart	WV	Dodnor Industrial Estate	1	24.11	female (JE)
Goldcrest	R	near MVC	6	28.10	(DH); 2 males in song at MVC on 26.3
Firecrest	OW	Hurstake	1	6.1	(DH); also in same area on 28.1 (DH)
Spotted Flycatcher	PM	DCopse	1	5.5	(JE); also 1 at Hurstake on 5.5 (GPW); 1 in DCopse on 22.9 (JE)
Long-tailed Tit	R	Pinkmead	18	17.2	(GPW); 17 at Werrar on 17.2 (JE); 12 near MVC on 22.1(DH); 8 at MVC on 16.10, all using bird bath
Coal Tit	R	N. Rowing Club	1	13.12	(BR)
Blue Tit	R				25 along cycleway on 18.2 (MJ)
Great Tit	R				14 along cycleway on 18.2 (MJ)
Treecreeper	R	DCopse	1	6.4	also 1 in DCopse on 22.4 (MJ)
Raven	OV	over Upper estuary	2	8.1	(DH); 2 landed on pylon at Dodnor on 15.11(NC); 1 over NH on 31.1 (RS), attacked by Herring Gull
Jay	R	Pinkmead	1	18.2	(MJ); 1 at MVC on 28.10 (RH)

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Magpie	R				11 along cycleway on 18.2
Jackdaw	R	MVC	45	8.2	
Rook	R	Dodnor Farm	160	4.1	
Carrion Crow	R				
Starling	R	Lower St Cross	300	10.3	(GPW); 200 on wires at Lower St Cross on 8.2
House Sparrow	R	Hurstake	19	28.12	roosting (DH); 2 at Dodnor Cottage on 5.4
Chaffinch	R	Cowes grain silos	15	23.11	16 in song at Dodnor on 11.4; 26 along cycleway on 18.2 (MJ)
Greenfinch	R	DC	6	18.2	(MJ)
Goldfinch	R	Dodnor	40	28.3	roosting in willow on cycleway
Linnet	R	Werrar	45	4.12	40 at Werrar on 8.9 (JE/GPW); 2 at Seaclose on 1.8 and 2 on edge of NH on 12.3 (RS)
Bullfinch	R	near MVC	6	27.11	(DH); 5 along cycleway at Werrar on 20.1 (JE); 4 at Pinkmead on 18.2 (MJ); 3 near Cowes grain silos on 16.2 (DH)
Brambling	OV	Medham	1	22.3	(JE); also 1 at grain silos on 24.3 (GPW); 1 female at Cowes grain silos on 13.12 (BR)
Siskin	WV	near MVC	2	31.10	1 in alder by estuary at Seaclose on 16.11
Yellowhammer	R	Cowes grain silos	5	24.3	(JE/GPW); 2 near Folly Inn on 3.3 (BR); 1 at Cowes grain silos on 23.11
Reed Bunting	R	DC	2	15.4	in song; 1 in song at DC on 2.4 2 at Werrar on 13.12 (BR)

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