

## BIRDS RECORDED IN THE MEDINA VALLEY IN 2003

### 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	Dicksons Copse
FL	Folly Lake
IH	Island Harbour
NH	Newport Harbour

### Recorders

Dr D T Biggs (DTB); Mr M Cammack (MC); Mr N Cantelo (NC); Lt Cdr J Cheverton (JMC); Mr J Edwards (JE); Mr G Gaylor (GG); Dr R Herbert (RH); Mr D Hunnybun (DH); Mr M James (MJ); Mrs A Marston (AM); Mr M Pritchett (MP); Mr B Ransom (BR); Mr R Smout (RS); Mr C Squibb (CS); Mr & Mrs Warke (GPW).

*Birds below recorded by Mr K Marston unless indicated otherwise by initials*

SPECIES	STATUS	LOCALITY	NUMBER (max. recorded)	DATE	REMARKS
Little Grebe	R	FL	21	5.12	20 on 21.2; 16 on estuary on 5.2 (GPW); pair with 2 young at DC on 10.8 (JE); pair with immature bird at DC on 8.9
Great Crested Grebe	OV	FL	1	3.1	JE; also on FL on 2.2, on upper estuary on 16.4 (DH), 20.4 & 4.5 (JE/GPW); immature bird on 2.9
Slavonian Grebe	OV	FL	1	23.2	(DTB/JC)
Cormorant	R	Cowes Harbour	9	23.2	(MJ); 1 regularly fishing in NH (RS)
Little Egret	R	Lr St Cross Farm	6	25.6	6 at FL on 24.9 (DH); 2 in Lr St Cross Creek on 6.4 & 10.6; 3 on estuary below DC on 2.9; 4 on Fairlee side of estuary on 25.10; 9 along estuary on 28.10; 3 at Hurstake on 3.11 (RS); 2 in NH on 16.9 (RS); 1 regularly feeding in NH (RS)
Grey Heron	R	Medham tidal creek	5	7.12	(JE/GPW); 2 at DC on 20.10
Mute Swan	R	Upper estuary	44	22.11	(BR); 2 in courtship & mating on 3.1; 33 at NH on 7.3 (RS); one on nest at DC on 11.4 (DTB); 5 cygnets at DC on 11.5 (JE); 5 cygnets at NH from 23.5 (RS); 36 at Newport Rowing Club on 15.12

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Canada Goose	R	FL	15	9.2	7 on 23 .2 (DTB/JC); pair at DC on 22.4 (DTB); 5 on upper estuary on 7.5; pair with 2 gosling at DC on 27.5; 9 over NH on 8.9 (RS)
Dark-bellied Brent Goose	OW	FL	67	12.1	(GPW); 2 at FL on 13.4 (JE); first returning bird on 25.9; 6 birds over NH on 21.10 (RS)
Domestic goose	R	Dodnor/ Pinkmead	5		up to 5 all white domestic geese at Pinkmead throughout; 3 geese at Riverview Park in Feb/March including a greylag cross
Shelduck	R	Upper estuary	14	23.2	(GPW); 12 on upper estuary on 13.2; 11 on upper estuary on 23.2 (JC)
Wigeon	OW	FL	36		(DH); last 16.3; first 5.10
Teal	OW	Werrar	30	14.12	(JE/GPW); 10 at DC on 3.1; 17 on 23.2 (DTB/JC); 2 pairs on FL on 20.3 (JE); 3 on Dicksons Copse pond on 17.10 (DH); 5 at Pinkmead Creek on 23.10; 26 at Werrar on 11.12;
Mallard	R	Upper estuary	68	28.1	(MJ); 47 on upper estuary on 14.2; first 13 ducklings on 24.3 in NH (RS); first 9 ducklings at DC on 29.3; 2 broods of young ducklings in NH on 2.6 (RS);
Muscovy duck	OV	Dodnor	1	4.3	with 3 domestic geese at Riverview Residential Park
Tufted Duck	OW	Upper estuary	3	9.1	pair at DC on 12.3 (DTB); 2 on DC on 4.5 (JE); 1 in IH on 15.12
Scaup	OV	Island Harbour	1	2.1	(GPW)
Goldeneye	OW	MVC	7	18.2	4 on estuary on 24.1; last on 9.3 (JE/GPW); first returning bird at FL on 15.12
Red-breasted Merganser	WV	Dodnor	14	21.3	1 in NH on 21.1 (RS); 10 on FL on 9.3; last on 11.4 (DTB)
Sparrowhawk	R	Lr St Cross reedbeds	1	6.9	10 sightings over NH during the year (RS)

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Buzzard	R	Little Werrar Wood	4	25.5	also 4 on 30.3 (JE/GPW); 3 at Great Werrar Wood on 27.1; 3 over DCopse on 15.5; 3 over Dodnor on 14.12 (JE)
Kestrel	R		2		(GPW)
Hobby	PM	Dodnor	1	12.10	(GPW)
Merlin	OW/PM	Pinkmead	1	30.11	(JE)
Peregrine	OV	Kingston Power station	1	28.3	(DH); 1 over Dodnor on 25.3; 1 chasing a skylark at Medham on 11.4 (DTB); 1 over NH on 23.6 (RS); over Dodnor on 13.7 (JE/GPW)
Pheasant	R	In Valley	5	13.4	(GPW)
Water Rail	R	DC	2	27.10	(MC); 2 at DC on 16.3 (GPW); 2 at DC on 17.10 (DH);(DTB); 1 at Lr St Cross Creek on 25.3 (DH), 24.8 (JE) & 27.10 (DH)
Moorhen	R	DC	21	28.1	(MJ)
Coot	R	DC/upper estuary	48	5.12	(BR); 40 on 26.10 (JE/GPW) & 40 on 8.12 (DH); 1 with young at DC on 22.4 (DTB); 12 at entrance to NH on 17.10 (RS); 38 in MVC bay on 9.12
Oystercatcher	R	FL/upper estuary	121	11.12	85 at FL on 5.12 (DH); 80 on mooring platforms on 3.1; 26 feeding along upper estuary on 24.2; up to 15 feeding below NH (RS)
Ringed Plover	OW	FL	52	16.8	on shoreline of FL; 38 by FL on 23.10 (DH)
Golden Plover	OV	Werrar saltmarsh	1	10.11	High water roost
Grey Plover	OW	FL	38	9.2	(GPW); 2 by Rowing Club on 8.1 (RS); 25 at FL on 12.1 (JE); 5 at FL on 14.2; first of winter at FL on 4.10 (GPW); 11 by FL on 5.12 (DH)
Lapwing	R	Werrar	162	1.2	1 alarming in field at Werrar on 16.4 (DH); 1 calling in Werrar field on 28.5
Dunlin	OW	FL	225	14.2.	on mooring platforms; 9 on passage at FL on 16.8; 102 by FL on 22.11 (DH)

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Jack Snipe	OW	Werrar	1	12.1	(JE/GPW)
Snipe	OW	Werrar	3	12.1	(JE/GPW); 1 out of DC on 1.4; 1 out of MVC saltmarsh on 24.1; 1 at Werrar on 27.11; 1 at Werrar on 21.12 (JE)
Black-tailed Godwit	OW	FL	47	22.11	(DH); 26 on 23.2 (DTB); 32 along upper estuary on 21.3; 5 on 1.4 at MVC (RH); 9 in upper estuary on 16.4 (DH); 36 at Heathfield Farm on 16.11; 17 in MVC bay on 9.12; 28 near MVC on 8.12 (DH)
Whimbrel	PM		11	24.8	(GPW); 8 south of IH on 16.4 (DH); 3 at MVC on 13.4 (JE/GPW); first 2 returning bird along estuary on 20.7 (JE)
Curlew	R	Werrar	60	28.10	37 at Werrar on 23.2 (JC); 45 by FL on 5.12 (DH); 60 at Werrar on 14.12 (GPW);
Redshank	R	Werrar	97	28.11	29 near MVC on 4.1 (DH); 14 below NH on 8.1 (RS); 1 at NH on 15.1 (RS); 47 by FL on 24.9 (DH)
Spotted redshank	PM	Werrar	1	12.9	
Greenshank	PM	Upper estuary	2	11.11	(DH); 1 along upper estuary on 3.9 calling
Common Sandpiper	PM	Upper estuary	3	23.4	(JE); 2 in Cowes Harbour on 6.3 (DH); 1 at NH on 23.5 (RS); 1 on 20.7 (JE/GPW); 2 at DC on 19.8; 1 at DC on 28.8; 1 at NH on 4.9 (RS); 1 at FL on 12.9; 2 at Medham on 28.10
Wood sandpiper	PM	Lr St Cross Creek	1	17.8	(JE)
Turnstone	OW	FL	24	22.11	(DH); 20 by FL on 23.2 (DTB); 13 at FL on 14.2; 16 at FL on 24.4 (DTB); 7 on mooring platform on 14.12 (JE)
Mediterranean Gull	OV	Near MVC	2	13.3	(DH); 1 on 9.2 along upper estuary (JE/GPW); 1 along upper estuary on 24.2 (DH) & 27.2; 1 calling in upper estuary 7.3 & 12.3 (DH); 1 at Dodnor on 21.3 (DTB)

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Black-headed Gull	R	Upper estuary	1485	12.3	(DH); 1133 on upper estuary on 13.1 (DH); 732 on 23.2 (DTB)
Common Gull	OW	near MVC	16	13.1	10 near MVC on 14.2 & 11 on 24.2 (DH); 8 at entrance to NH on 7.1 (RS)
Lesser Black Backed Gull	OV/OW?	Near MVC	3	13.3	1 at Seaclose on 8.1 (RS); 1 near MVC on 9.2 (JE/GPW); 1 at FL on 1.6 (JE/GPW); 2 over NH on 16.7 (RS)
Herring Gull	R	Cowes Harbour	30	25.9	first year birds; 28 on upper estuary on 13.1 (DH); 22 near MVC on 18.2 (DH); pair nesting at NH on 23.5; 2 immature birds at NH on 2.7 (RS) & 14.7 (AM)
Great Black Backed Gull	OV	FL	4	21.3	high above estuary, flying south; 3 on 23.2 (DTB); 3 on 12.1 (GPW)
Sandwich Tern	PM	FL	5	12.9	first 2 at FL on 13.4 (JE/GPW); 1 along upper estuary on 5.6; 3 at FL on 18.6; 1 on FL shore on 18.7; 1 on 14.9 (JE); 3 at FL on 10.10
Common Tern	PM	Upper estuary	2	19.6	1 at FL on 4.5 (JE/GPW); 1 at FL on 8.6 (JE); 1 along upper estuary on 16.8; 2 at FL on 31.8 (JE); 1 at FL on 12.9; 1 on MVC jetty on 3.10 (DH); last on 5.10 (JE/GPW)
Feral Pigeon	R	Cowes grain silos	140	9.3	(DH)
Stock Dove	R	Hurstake	30	7.4	(DTB)
Wood Pigeon	R	Werrar	162	9.2	(GPW)
Collared Dove	R	Werrar	50	9.2	(GPW); 20 at Werrar on 4.4 (DTB)
Cuckoo	BM	Medham	1	8.5	first in Valley (DTB)
Barn Owl	R				pair at box at Fairlee arboretum (NC, MP) 1 at box in DCopse on 15.5 & 3 young on 30.6 (GG, MP); 4 young at box at Pinkmead on 30.6 (GG, MP); 3 young at box at IH on 1.7 & 20.8 (GG,MP); 2 young at box in Whippingham on 1.7 (GG,MP); one flying over DC on 7.7

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Little Owl	R	DCopse	1	15.6	(JE); 1 at DC on 15.6
Swift	BM	Werrar	60	6.7	(JE); First 3 at Werrar on 27.4 (JE/GPW)
Kingfisher	R	DC	2	11.11	pair flew into closed window at MVC, stunned for ten minutes and both flew off unharmed; 1 fishing at NH on 7.2 (RS); last of winter seen on 12.3 (DTB); 5 along estuary between Medham & Werrar on 28.10; 1 on foreshore at MVC on 1.9; 2 near MVC on 18.12 (DH); regularly in Cowes Harbour (CS)
Green Woodpecker	R	DC	3	28.9	(GPW); 2 in field adjacent to DC (MJ); 1 at Newport Cemetery on 1.5 (RS)
Gt. Sp. Woodpecker	R	D. Copse	1	6.3	drumming
Skylark	R	Werrar	8	23.3	(GPW); 5 at Werrar Farm on 23.1, first in song (JE)
Sand Martin	PM	DC	30	18.5	(JE); first 3 at DC on 2.4; last at Werrar on 31.8 (JE)
Swallow	BM		38	21.9	(GPW); First at DC on 13.4 (DTB, GPW); last on 23.11
House Martin	BM		30	11.5	(GPW); First on 27.4; last on 28.9 (GPW)
Meadow Pipit	R	Dodnor Farm	18	24.2	6 crossed FL from IH on 12.9; 11 flying north over NH on 21.3 (RS); 14 on 23.11 (GPW);
Rock Pipit	OV	East Bank of FL	6	5.12	1 at IH on 2.1 (GPW)
Pied Wagtail	R	Newport Cemetery	8	3.11	2 at NH on 28.1(MJ)
Grey Wagtail	R		2	7.12	(GPW); 1 at MVC on 16.1, & 28.11 (RS); 1 at DC on 19.9 (DH); at NH on 38 days (RS)
Wren	R	Dodnor	25	28.5	all in song; 3 juvs seen on 4.5 (GPW)

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Hedge Accentor	R	Along cycleway	16	23.11 (GPW); 4 in song at Dodnor on 27.5
Robin	R	Dodnor	16	6.3 all in song; 18 along cycleway on 23.11 (GPW)
Nightingale	PM	DC	1	16.4 (DH); 1 in song at DC from 22.4–30.4 (DTB); also at DC on 4.5 (JE/GPW); at DC on 6.5 & 28.5
Bluethroat	OV	Werrar	1	20.11 immature male on scrub and edge of estuary (DH)
Blackbird	R	East of cycleway, near SP Systems	20	13.1 (GPW); 14 along cycleway at Dodnor on 28.1 (MJ)
Fieldfare	R		54	23.2 (DTB/JC); 4 at IH on 14.11; 20 over MVC on 17.11 (DH); first at Werrar on 26.12 (JE)
Song Thrush	R	East of cycleway, near SP Systems	5	24.2 (DH); 6 along cycleway on 19.1 (GPW); 2 in song at Dodnor on 3.2; 1 in song along cycleway at Hurstake on 27.11
Redwing	WV	Fairlee	20	14.12 first 2 at Werrar on 12.10 (JE/GPW); 9 on 23.2 (JC)
Mistle Thrush	R	Near Newport Cemetery	2	6.1 (RS); 1 in song at Newport Cemetery on 4.3 (RS); pair at DC on 1.4, male in song; 1 with food at Somerton on 11.4 (DTB)
Sedge Warbler	BM	DC	1	30.4 first in Valley (DTB); 1 in song at DC on 4.5; also 1 along cycleway at Dodnor on 4.5; DC on 27.5; first returning on 3.8 (GPW); 1 at Dodnor Farm on 28.5
Reed Warbler	BM	DC	6	27.5 in song; first in song at DC on 19.4 (GPW)
Lesser Whitethroat	BM	Dodnor	1	4.5 first in song (GPW)
Whitethroat	BM	Cycleway	7	23.5 all in song (DTB); first at Werrar on 18.4 (JE)

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Garden Warbler	BM		1	15.6	(GPW); first heard at DC on 30.4 (DTB); 1 on 18.5 (GPW); 1 at Medham on 1.6 (JE)
Blackcap	BM	In Valley	8	19.4	(GPW); First in song at DC on 19.3 (DTB); 1 in song in DCopse on 1.4
Chiffchaff	BM	In Valley	8	19.4	(GPW); 6 in song at Dodnor on 17.3 & DC on 25.3 (DH); first in song at DC on 12.3 (DTB); 1 with nest material at Somerton on 23.4 (DTB); last in song near NH on 7.10 (RS)
Willow Warbler	BM	DC	1	31.3	first in Valley (DTB); 1 at MVC on 27.8; Last at Lr St Cross on 7.9 (JE);
Whinchat	PM	Werrar	1	27.4	male (JE)
Stonechat	OW	Werrar	2	5.1	pair (JE); 1 near Folly Inn on 24.1 (JE); pair on scrub at Werrar on 27.11; 1 female FL to IH on 10.11; pair at Werrar on 28.12 (JE)
Wheatear	PM	Heathfield Farm	2	16.8	1 female on 24.8 (JE/GPW)
Black Redstart	WV	Stag Lane	1	28.4	1 male (DTB)
Redstart	PM	Lr St Cross	1	28.8	(JE/GPW)
Goldcrest	R	Werrar	4	19.1	(GPW); 1 with nest material in DCopse on 14.4 (DTB); 2 in DCopse on 2.12
Spotted Flycatcher	PM	Medham	1	7.9	(JE/GPW); 1 at Dodnor on 7.9(JE); last at Lw St Cross on 21.9 (GPW)
Pied Flycatcher	PM	Werrar	1	31.8	(JE/GPW)
Long-tailed Tit	R		13	23.11	(GPW); 12 south of MVC on 14.1 (DH); nest in bramble south of MVC on 26.3; pair nesting in blackthorn at DC on 20.4 (JE); 9 at MVC on 15.7 using bird bath; 8 at Newport Cemetery on 2.9 (RS)
Blue Tit	R	In Valley	18	19.4	14 along cycleway at Dodnor on 28.1 (MJ); 10 all in song on 6.3; 1 at nest along Stag Lane on 11.4 (DTB)
Great Tit	R	In Valley	9	23.11	(GPW)

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Treecreeper	R	DCopse	1	17.3 (DTB); 1 at DCopse on 29.3
Raven	OV	Over upper estuary	1	11.9
Jay	R	DCopse	5	19.8 family group; 2 in DCopse on 1.4; 1 at Medham on 23.4 (DTB)
Magpie	R	Lw St Cross Farm	11	11.1 (DH); 3 pairs with families at Dodnor on 27.5
Jackdaw	R	MVC	25	2.4
Rook	R	In Valley	29	23.11 (GPW)
Carrion Crow	R	In Valley	70	21.9 (GPW)
Starling	R	Fairlee	40	9.2 (GPW); 10 at Fairlee on 23.2 (JC)
House Sparrow	R	Hurstake	23	11.1 4 at Dodnor Cottage on 15.4; 20 in Valley on 3.8 (GPW)
Chaffinch	R	Newport Rowing Club	8	28.1 (MJ); 37 in Valley on 9.2 (GPW); 19 in song at Dodnor on 6.5
Greenfinch	R	Newport Rowing Club	12	28.1 (MJ); 9 at MVC on 22.1; 4 in song at Dodnor on 16.6
Goldfinch	R	Dodnor	32	5.12 calling in tree tops at Medham on 5.12
Linnet	R	In Valley	60	23.3 (GPW); 40 at Werrar Farm on 22.3 (JE); 30 at Werrar on 5.1 (JE); 17 at Werrar on 4.3 (DTB); 3 pairs at Dodnor on 15.5
Bullfinch	R	Werrar	4	14.12 together on cycleway (JE/GPW); 3 at MVC on 18.2 (DH); pair at Medham on 14.3 (DTB); 3 in DCopse on 19.9 & 17.10 (DH); pair at MVC bird bath on 12.8; pair at MVC bird bath on 30.10
Yellowhammer	R	In Valley	5	19.1 (GPW)
Reed Bunting	R	DC	7	19.1 (GPW); 1 in song at DC on 6.3 & pair on 25.3 (DH); 2 males at DC on 8.6 (JE); pair at DC on 17.10 (DH)

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