



Pennington Flash, 18 February 2014

Fifteen members met on a fine morning with light winds. Our usual tour of the hides and viewpoints gave us a good list of both woodland and wetland birds - 43 species in all.

Highlights were Bullfinch, Reed Bunting, Long-tailed Tits, Nuthatch, Great Spotted Woodpecker and Willow Tit on the feeders together with a surprise flock of 12 Stock Doves.

The flashes held over a dozen Goosanders and displaying Great Crested Grebes as well as a good selection of duck with Snipe, Oystercatcher and Lapwing.

Harold Fielding

Pennington Flash, Tuesday 13 January 2015

Despite a poor weather forecast and a cold wind, seven members gathered at 10.00 a.m. on the Reserve car park.

At the Bunting Hide feeding station, which always produces a good list of birds, we had Willow Tit, Bullfinch (up to 8), Greenfinch, a flock of Reed Buntings, several Stock Doves visited and a single Water Rail fed briefly with the Moorhens.

The pools and lake held a good selection of water birds, including a total of 30 Goosander, 30+ Gadwall and two pair of displaying Goldeneye. However, the high-water levels restricted the waders to a flock of around 50 Lapwing.

Our final count totalled 41 species, a good start for our 2015 bird lists.

Harold Fielding

Pennington Flash, 16th February 2016

A good turnout of 13 members on a bright morning but a cold wind. The Country Park was busy with half-term families but no budding 'birders' amongst them.

Our first stop was the Bunting Hide, with lots of well-stocked feeders to attract the birds and see them close up. The Willow Tit proved elusive but we had excellent sightings of Water Rails, voted the best views ever by several members. Bullfinch, Blue, Great, Coal and Long-tailed Tits with Reed Buntings, Stock Doves and Greenfinch completed our viewing.

As we visited other hides, we added water birds to our growing list. Male and female Goosander, Gadwall, Shoveler, Pochard, Teal and Goldeneye. With high water levels we only had a few waders - Lapwing, Oystercatcher, Black-tailed Godwit and a single Snipe.

Our final count was 54 against a total of only 41 on our last visit there in January 2015.

Valerie & Harold Fielding

Pennington Flash, Tuesday 14th March 2017

Twelve members gathered in the slight drizzle and visited each of the hides in turn. As expected, the range of habitats gave us a wide variety of birds with a good start at the Bunting Hide, a well-stocked feeding station. Highlights included up to 10 Bullfinches, Reed Buntings and a pair of Willow Tits, Greenfinch and several Stock Doves. On the way to the next hide we had our first

Chiffchaff.

A range of duck including several Goosander and Shoveler were on the Flash and a Long-tailed Duck had been reported and was seen briefly. The only waders were a Snipe and 2 Redshank. We also heard a Cetti's Warbler.

38 species recorded

Harold & Valerie Fielding

Pennington Flash, 15 March 2022



Willow Tit



Bullfinch



Water Rail

Eighteen members met at Pennington Flash on a lovely Spring morning for our trip round the Country Park. The hide at Pengy's Pond was a birding treat with Bullfinches and a Willow Tit as the star birds. Simon got a great pic of the Willow Tit on a fence by tempting it down with bird seed he had brought with him. Close by the golf course we got good views of several Mistle Thrush and Song Thrush to compare them. On the way back, several members spotted a Water Rail darting out of cover. A magnificent group haul of 51 species making this a very special birding morning out.

Stephen Williams