

Lytchett Bay 2000

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A relatively quiet year at the Bay. Visits were certainly not encouraged by the extremely wet and windy autumn. The number of regular observers declined compared to previous years and the total number of visits was significantly lower. Despite this, a new species was added to the list: Green-winged Teal. There were also a number of scarce visitors and record counts. My own enthusiasm for the place is greater than ever and I am pursuing a Bay year list in 2001, and possibly the Bay's first ever day list!

The Bay list

The Lytchett Bay List was 201 at the end of 2000 (202 now, thanks to the appearance of Ruddy Duck). The list is based on the current BOU list plus Yellow-legged Gull, which the majority of observers and many other authorities treat as separate species. One species has occurred only as a tide line corpse (Guillemot) and is consequently not included. A copy of the list is appended to the end of this report. Much of the original data was provided by Paul Harvey and Ian Lewis. Mark Constantine's review of "The Birds of Poole Harbour" (in prep) provided valuable information. All bird reports have been examined since 1980 for additional detail.

I would be very interested to hear comments on the list and to receive any additional information. In particular, I would like to receive any information on a Marsh Warbler in 1982. This never appeared in the Dorset Bird Report but was included in the original list of Lytchett's birds provided by Harvey and Lewis.

The 2000 Report

The format of the report follows that of previous years. The Pool refers to the flooded field at the end of Slough Lane. The logbook still proves invaluable in compiling this report. I would urge all visitors to assist me (and grip me) by recording their sightings before they leave.

The Bay was visited on 188 days (210 in 1999, 249 in 1998) as set out below.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
9	9	15	21	19	7	21	22	18	20	12	15

Ringling took place on 7 dates. 108 birds were ringed. No ringling took place between 5th August and 16th December largely due to the appalling weather. Full ringling details appear in the systematic list.

In addition to the Green-winged Teal, the first confirmed Great Northern Diver was seen since 1978. There were record counts of Great Crested Grebe, Mallard, Tufted Duck, Avocet, Little Ringed Plover, Golden Plover, and Swift. 3 Goosanders in August were the first to be seen in Dorset in that month. Kingfisher bred for the first time in the period 1992 - 2000 and Grey Wagtail returned to breed after 3 years absence.

With the exception of Reed Bunting, farmland birds again faired poorly. One singing Skylark, no confirmed Lapwing territories and an almost complete absence of Yellowhammers.

The annual total number of species recorded in each of the last 5 years is as follows;

1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
143	142	144	139	139	129

Acknowledgements

Please remember that the major part of the site is private and that access is at the discretion of the farmer and the estate. Please respect this privilege.

Finally we wish to thank the occupants of Olde Quoins Cottage for their assistance with the log and the landowner Sir Thomas Lees for his kind permission to ring at Lytchett Bay.

Systematic List 2000

Great Northern Diver:

Rare visitor. The first confirmed record since 1978, following a 'probable' in 1997. One was seen off the Turlin Shore early on the 14th Dec. It soon left the Bay, flying towards Wareham (SR).

Little Grebe:

Winter visitor. Present in the first period until 26th April, returning on 26th August. Max only 6 on 14th December. This both latest spring record and the earliest autumn arrival since the recording period began in 1992. Usual departure and arrival dates are in March and October respectively.

Great Crested Grebe:

Occasional visitor. The best year to date. One appeared on the 19th November. Birds were then present until the 16th Dec with a maximum of 4, a record count for the period 1992-2000, on the 14th.

Cormorant:

Present throughout the year. This year's maximum count was 16 in November.

Little Egret:

Common visitor. Seen in every month and on virtually every visit as 1999. However numbers were generally lower than last year. This was probably due to the lack of flooding on the Far Fields for much of the year.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
4	6	7	5	9	4	6	6	5	10	5	6

Grey Heron:

Recorded throughout the year. Considerably scarcer than the previous species. The Far Fields is the favored location. 7 was the maximum count.

Mute Swan:

Increasingly regular visitor. Birds were present in each month from 7th April until the year-end. No sign of breeding though this may occur in the near future. Max was 7 on 3rd October.

Canada Goose:

Occasional visitor. Seen on 19 dates between 26th Feb and 11th Sept. Max 4 on 3rd Aug and 11th Sept.

Canada / Barnacle Goose hybrid:

One was present on 7th May.

Shelduck:

Common winter visitor and annual breeder. There was no indication of successful breeding this year.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
56	68	125	110	33	26	28	0	2	11	48	58

Wigeon:

Scarce visitor. A typical year. 2 were seen on the 5th Feb. In autumn birds were present from the 3rd - 8th Oct, max 3. The final record of the year was 5 overhead on 16th Dec.

Teal:

Winter visitor and passage migrant. Another reasonable year with a strong autumn passage. Numbers on the pool were again low.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
108	100	128	78	0	0	2	27	169	60	46	120

Green-winged Teal:

First record for the Bay. A male was present from the 14th - 17th April (SR et al). Presumably the bird that had spent the previous two months at Holes Bay. Previously this North American species was considered to be a race of Eurasian Teal. However from the 1/1/2000 it was granted specific status by the BOU. This is c10th Dorset record.

Mallard:

At least 1 pair bred. Typically the maximum numbers occurred in summer. A record count for the period 92-2000 was made on 28th Aug. 44 surpasses the previous best of 39 in Aug 1996.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
n.c.	n.c.	6	8	4	22	15	44	32	n.c.	20	n.c.

Shoveler:

Scarce visitor, which can occur at any time. As 1999 just one record, strangely of 3 birds in the same week. 3 on 8th Nov.

Pochard:

Scarce winter visitor, recorded just about annually. 2 were in the Bay on the 28th Dec during cold weather.

Tufted Duck:

Rare visitor. Two were seen in flight on the 7th May. One appeared on the 12th Nov and was joined by a second on the 19th. These were present until the 29th Dec; one remained until the New Year. They were joined by 2 more on the 28th. Prior to this there had been only 4 records in the period 1992-2000. 4 on the 28th is a record count!

Goldeneye:

Common winter visitor in small numbers. Present until 9th Mar and from 12th Nov. The maximum was 11 on 28th Dec.

Red-breasted Merganser:

Common winter visitor. Present until 26th April and from 12th Nov. The max of 24 occurred on the 14th Dec.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
15	10	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	24

Goosander:

Rare visitor. Remarkably, 3 redheads appeared in the Bay on the 28th August (SR, SFS). Unfortunately they were too distant to age confidently, though it was considered that 2 were juveniles. 2 of the 3 were seen again on the 4th Sept. These constitute the first County records of this species in either August or September. This is the 3rd year since 1992 that this species has been recorded in the Bay.

Marsh Harrier:

Irregular visitor. A female was seen on 7 dates in the first period and a further 7 in the second. The usual roost was occupied in both periods. All records possibly involving the same bird?

Hen Harrier:

Irregular Visitor. A grey male was seen on 5 dates in Jan, Mar and December.

Sparrowhawk:

Common visitor. Recorded on 23 dates, which was an increase on 1999 given the reduced coverage. Mirroring the previous year there were no records in the first part of the year. The first being on the 12th May.

Common Buzzard:

The commonest raptor of the area. Breeds widely in the vicinity. The most frustrating event of the year was the observation of 11 birds passing west in 20 minutes on the 28th September. At this time, the rest of country couldn't see the sky due the movement of Honey Buzzards!

Osprey:

Annual passage migrant. Another excellent year. Two spring records. Singles on the 2nd and 14th May. In autumn a bird took up virtual residence, spending much of its time roosting on post in the Bay. Present from the 6th August until at least the 25th. The final sighting of the year was single on the 5th September. This species has now been seen at the Bay every year since 1993.

Kestrel:

Common resident. 1 pair bred successfully.

Merlin:

Very scarce winter visitor. A female lingered for over an hour on the 17th December.

Peregrine:

Uncommon visitor. Very poor year with only 2 records, probably involving the same bird. A juvenile seen on 22nd and 26th August.

Pheasant:

Resident. Seen throughout the year.

Water Rail:

Common resident and winter visitor. No effort was made to assess breeding success this year, but many juveniles were again seen in mid summer.

Moorhen:

An uncommon resident. Status unchanged. Max was 8 on 4th Feb.

Oystercatcher:

A winter visitor and passage migrant. Occurs only in very small numbers at low tide but birds from elsewhere in the harbour roost at high tide on the Turlin Shore or school playing field. Another high total on the 20th November.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
51	32	37	18	3	4	8	0	8	36	287	63

Avocet:

Scarce but increasing visitor. The arrival of the species in the Bay is usually associated with cold weather freezing their favored haunts. Present throughout January with a record count of 96 on the 2nd. The previous record being 65 on the 31st Dec 1999! Seen on 3 dates in December, max 25 on 30th. One bird visited the Pool on the 8th December and became the 26th species of wader to be recorded there!

Little Ringed Plover:

Very scarce but almost annual visitor. An excellent return to form following two blank years. The best total to date. 2 were on the new pools on the 6th April. Further singles were in the same location on the 9th April, 2nd and 7th May. One the surprises of the year was the presence of 5 together in the bay, shortly after dawn, on the 16th July.

Golden Plover:

Very scarce visitor. 40 overhead on the 2nd Jan was the best count in the period 1992-2000. A further 12 were seen on the 8th Jan.

Grey Plover:

Scarce spring migrant. 2 on the 9th Apr and 1 on 5th May.

Lapwing:

A common resident and winter visitor, which occasionally breeds. No confirmed breeding this year, though birds were present in April and May.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
700	800	24	3	3	0	3	40	62	80	300	250

In the second winter period the flock favored the stubble field.

Dunlin:

Common winter visitor and passage migrant. The worst year on record. The first without a substantial 3 figure count.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
52	0	0	7	13	0	0	5	4	0	54	98

Recorded in spring until 14th May and in the autumn from 26th Sept. One summer record, 5 on 7th August.

Ruff:

Scarce migrant, usually in autumn. This species was very scarce in Dorset in 2000. At the Bay, there was only one. A juvenile on The Pool on 26th September.

Snipe:

Common winter visitor? The dramatic decline of this species is as evident at the Bay as anywhere. The Pool was originally known as 'the snipe field'. In the early 90's it was the winter home of between 50 and 100 birds. In 2000 there was rarely a sighting. Even the Far Fields were unattractive; the majority were seen in the bay at low tide.

Monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
4	0	2	3	0	0	0	10	0	22	7	1

Recorded in the first period until 11th April and in the second from 11th Aug.

Woodcock:

The third record in the period 1992-2000. One was flushed from the area of the black pipe on the 31st Dec (MRD). This species still eludes SR after 9 years birding the Bay!

Black-tailed Godwit:

Common passage migrant and winter visitor. Back to normal after 1999's poor numbers. The count of 303 on 26th Sept was the best in autumn since 430 in 1994. The good number seen on the pool in spring was also reassuring. The qualifying number for national importance (70) was passed on 29 dates.

Pool monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
28	186	162	155	140	12	4	28	303	100	120	0

Colour ringed individuals were seen on the 25th March, 1st, 14th, 22nd April & 12th May. Unfortunately no information has been received to date regarding these birds.

Whimbrel:

Passage migrant, most numerous in spring. The first of the year was a single on 15th April. Spring passage lasted until only the 12th May and was the poorest in recent years, peaking at only 22 on the 2nd May.

Autumn passage began on 20th July and consisted of 15 bird days up to 30th Sept.

Curlew:

Common winter visitor and passage migrant. Normally seen in the Bay but occasionally flocks roost on the Pool or Far Fields. In December the flock favored the stubble field at high tide. 50 on 18th Nov is the biggest count since 1997.

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
30	15	43	15	2	7	12	7	18	4	50	35

Spotted Redshank:

This area continues to be the key site for this species in the county, though Holes Bay is favored in winter. The 3rd poor year in a row. The biggest count of the year was on the 30th Sept. The last count over 20 was in 1996. Recorded in spring until 5th May. The first returning bird was seen on the 30th June.

Pool monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
0	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	12	4	1	2

Bay monthly max

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	1	5	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	2

Redshank:

Common winter visitor. Small breeding population. Scarce from late June to early Sept.

Pool monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
0	0	0	6	6	1	0	0	8	20	25	95

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
141	150	170	25	6	8	25	4	10	100	75	103

Greenshank:

Common passage migrant, which occasionally winters. Recorded much more frequently than Spotted Redshank. Spring passage ended on the 21st May. The first returning bird was noted on 30th June. Autumn passage was slightly below recent averages and continued until 19th Oct. Max 15 on 8th Aug and 27th Sept. The last of the year was seen on the 18th November. The draining of the Far Fields made that habitat for this species much less attractive.

Pool monthly max;

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	15	6	0	0

Bay monthly max:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	0	1	2	3	1	11	15	7	5	1	0

Green Sandpiper:

Common autumn migrant, occasional in winter and spring. One was seen on 3 dates up to the 26th Feb. Another appeared on 3 dates between 8th and 14th April. The second half of the year was very poor with only 12 bird days between 5th July and 15th Oct, max 2 on 4 dates. The worst year since 1993.

Common Sandpiper:

An uncommon passage migrant. 4 bird days in spring between 8th and 14th April. A much better autumn than 1999 with 25 bird days between 5th July and 2nd September, max 3 on 14th - 16th July. The vast majority of these were seen around the main sluice.

Mediterranean Gull:

Uncommon visitor. 14 birds on 19 dates. The age split was 10 adults, 2 second years and 1 first years and 1 Juv (23rd July). Max 3 on the 26th March.

Little Gull:

Very scarce spring migrant, not annual. Back to normal after last years record number. 1 adult overhead on 26th March.

Black-headed Gull:

A very common visitor. No specific counts this year though 1000's present on many days in winter.

Common Gull:

A common winter visitor and passage migrant, especially in spring. Counts of 500 were made in Feb but the biggest count of the year was 660 on 12th November. There were no records between 7th May and 30th July.

Lesser Black backed Gull:

A very common passage migrant and common winter visitor. Birds that occur in the Bay are *L.f. graellsii* almost without exception. A single considered to be *L.f.intermedius* was present on 14th March. Little effort was made to count this species throughout the year. Max was 400 on 4th Oct.

Herring Gull:

Increasingly common winter visitor and passage migrant. The opening of the nearby landfill site at Corfe Mullen has no doubt contributed to the increase. 1000 were present on the 24th Jan. Numbers remained high throughout the first winter period. Not so common in the second winter period, max 50 on 29th December.

Yellow legged Gull:

Frequent visitor throughout the year, peaking in late summer. The 'discovery' era for this species is almost over. The range expansion of the 90's continues but at a lesser pace. The acceptance that Caspian Gull (*L.cachinnans*) is unlikely to be identified at an evening gull roost in Dorset has reduced interest in the large white-headed gull group for some Dorset birders, including SR.

Scarce in the early part of the year with 1 on 22nd Feb and 2 on 15th April. Seen regularly from 10th July until the year-end. Max 20 on 25th August.

Great Black backed Gull:

Increasing visitor throughout the year, undoubtedly due to the presence of the landfill site (see Herring Gull). Max 20 on 1st April.

Sandwich Tern:

Uncommon summer visitor. Very poor, only one record. A single on the 10th July. This was undoubtedly a result of the species abandonment of Poole Harbour as a breeding site in

2000.

Common Tern:

Uncommon summer visitor. Recorded on only 14 dates between 5th May & 9th Aug. The max was 2 on several dates.

Stock Dove:

Uncommon Resident. One pair believed to have bred. Seen throughout the year never more than 2 birds on any one day.

Wood Pigeon:

Common resident. No specific records.

Collared Dove:

Uncommon resident. Rarely seen in the rural parts of the Bay, but regular on the urban fringe, particularly Beach Road and Lytchett Way.

Turtle Dove:

Very scarce visitor. One was in shallows at Border Drive on the 7th Sept.

Cuckoo:

Uncommon summer visitor. A typical year. Recorded on 8 dates between 7th and 27th May.

Barn Owl:

Very Scarce visitor. One was seen on the Far Fields on the 12th-13th October (TM). This is the 4th bird in the period 1992-2000.

Little Owl:

Breeding resident, though rarely seen this year. One pair present at the usual site but breeding was not proven.

Tawny Owl:

Uncommon resident. No specific records but at least one pair were present in the Beach Road area.

Swift:

Passage migrant. Recorded between 4th May & 10th August. Max of 113 moving NE shortly after dawn on the 23rd July was the only significant count and the largest in the period since 1992.

Kingfisher:

Uncommon winter visitor. One seen carrying food on the Far fields on the 3rd June was one of the best sights of the year. The bird headed towards the Sherford and was the first record suggestive of local breeding in the period since 1992. This species did breed in the 1970's (ESB pers comm.).

Recorded throughout the year, with 2 at the north shore, and at least one more at Turlin Moor, during each winter period.

Green Woodpecker:

Breeding resident. Bred successfully. At least 2 pairs within recording area, as 1999.

Great Spotted Woodpecker:

Breeding Resident. Seen regularly around the Cottage throughout the year. Two were at Turlin Moor hump on the 12th Nov.

Skylark:

Breeding resident and winter visitor. As 1999, only one singing bird. Singing not heard until 27th April. Breeding success unknown. The wintering situation was as bad with none in the first winter period and a max of 5 in the second. Migration was hardly detectable with occasional birds overhead in late Oct.

Sand Martin:

Common passage migrant. First record was 1 on 23rd March. Autumn migration was poor for the 3rd year in a row. There were no significant roosts in July. The last record of the year was 3 on 14th Sept.

Swallow:

Common passage migrant. First record of spring was one on 8th Apr. Spring migration peaked with 256N in 90 minutes on 6th May. Autumn migration noted until 1st Nov. Max 350 on the 4th Oct.

House Martin:

Breeding colonies on edge of recording area at Watery Lane and Turlin Moor. Also common passage migrant. The first of the year was seen on the late date of 2nd May. The size of the breeding colony at Watery Lane decreased to 10 (15 in 99). The colony at Turlin Moor was not surveyed. Migration was poor in both periods. Max 80 on 15th Oct, the last day on which the species was recorded.

Tree Pipit:

Scarce passage migrant. 2 records. Singles on 29th Aug & 8th Oct (The first record in that month).

Meadow Pipit:

Breeding resident and common passage migrant. One territory this year. Up to 40 were present in January. Autumn passage lasted from 28th Sept to mid November. Max 60 on 12th Oct. Up to 20 were present throughout December.

Rock Pipit:

Scarce winter visitor. 1 on the 24th Jan.

Water Pipit:

Winter visitor and spring passage migrant. As predicted in last years report, 2000 was a very poor year for this species. All records: 1 on 25th Mar, 2 on 30th Mar, up to 3 on 6th- 8th Apr, 2 on 25th Nov, 1 on 16th Dec & 1 on 30th Dec.

Yellow Wagtail:

Uncommon passage migrant. Recorded on 6 dates. Seen on 4 dates in spring, the first on the 19th Apr, max 3 on 2nd May. In autumn, present on only 2 dates. 1 on 25th Aug and 10 on 30th .

Grey Wagtail:

Breeding resident. A pair bred inside the water works for the first time since 1996. Occasional migrants noted in other parts of the Bay.

Pied Wagtail:

Recorded throughout the year, common in autumn. Bred successfully but no further details available. Max counts were 40 in Spring (10th Apr) and 107 going to roost in Autumn (8th Oct).

White Wagtail (*M.a. alba*)

Scarce spring migrant. 4 were seen. 1 on 30th Mar, 1 on 10th Apr & 2 on 14th Apr. The best year to date for this distinctive race.

Wren:

Common resident. 10 ringed.

Duncock:

Common resident. 4 ringed.

Robin:

Common resident. 12 ringed.

Whinchat:

Scarce passage migrant. One on 10th May was only the 2nd spring record in the period 1992 - 2000. In autumn 6 bird days between 30th Aug and 2nd Sept. Max 3 on 31st Aug.

Stonechat:

Breeding resident. At least 3 pairs bred successfully this year. In autumn, groups of up to 13 were noted in late August and early September. Up to 5 still present at the year-end.

Northern Wheatear:

Uncommon passage migrant. First noted on 1st April then 6 bird days up to 22nd. In autumn just 1 bird on 30th Aug.

Blackbird:

Common Resident. The max count was 20 in any one part of the recording area. 6 ringed.

Fieldfare:

Winter visitor. Another very poor year. Only one record from the first winter period, a single on 9th Mar. Regularly recorded in December. Max 35 on 14th Dec.

Song Thrush:

Breeding resident. Biggest number in any one location was 10 on 12th Nov.

Redwing:

Winter visitor. Present until the 9th Mar. Not recorded again until 2nd Dec. Very scarce in both winter periods. Max 13 on 29th Dec.

Mistle Thrush:

Breeding resident. One pair bred successfully. The biggest flock was 8 on 4th Nov.

Cetti's Warbler:

Breeding resident. At least 5 singing males again this year. In December 1 bird was present around the water works.

Sedge Warbler:

Passage migrant. Only one in spring on 21st Apr. 13 in autumn between 23rd July and 30th Aug. The lack of records surely reflects the poor weather rather than any true decline? 5 ringed.

Reed Warbler:

Common summer visitor. Present between 21st Apr and 8th Oct. No change in status noted. 20 ringed.

Dartford Warbler:

Breeding resident. 1 pair bred successfully.

Lesser Whitethroat:

Scarce passage migrant. 1 on 21st Aug at Border Drive.

Whitethroat:

Passage migrant. Recorded on 4 dates. Extreme dates 22nd April & 30th Aug. Max 3 on 20th Aug.

Garden Warbler:

Scarce passage migrant. 2 on 8th Aug at Border Drive.

Blackcap:

Passage migrant, might occasionally breed. The first of the year was on 9th Mar, presumably a wintering individual. The next was not until 21st Apr. Singles were then recorded throughout the Bay until the 27th May. Returning birds were seen from 23rd July until 12th Sept. Max 3. 2 ringed.

Chiffchaff:

Breeding summer visitor and passage migrant. A single in winter on 2nd Jan. The next was on the 24th Mar. Breeding pairs were noted in most parts of the Bay. Small numbers were noted throughout the autumn. The last was on the 15th Nov.

Willow Warbler:

Breeding summer visitor and passage migrant. First recorded on 6th Apr. Present during the breeding season at Lytchett Way, Max in autumn at any one location was 10 on 8th Aug. The last record of the year was very late, one on 28th Sept. The latest record in the period 1992 - 2000. 1 ringed.

Goldcrest:

Passage migrant, which occasionally breeds. Singing birds were noted during March and April. Then none noted until 4th Oct. Max 5 at any one site.

Spotted Flycatcher:

Passage migrant, might occasionally breed. Seen on 4 dates between 5th July and 30th Aug. Max 3 on last date.

Pied Flycatcher:

Rare passage migrant, not annual. Singles on the 24th and 30th Aug.

Bearded Tit:

Rare breeder. At least one pair again bred successfully. Max count was 5 on 10th Oct.

Long tailed Tit:

Uncommon resident. 4 ringed.

Coal Tit:

Uncommon resident. The only records concerned birds in Aug and Nov, though the regular breeding site was not visited.

Blue Tit:

Common resident. 22 ringed.

Great Tit:

Common resident. 11 ringed.

Nuthatch:

Uncommon resident. Typically seen only at the cottage. One in young oaks on the sea wall in June was therefore very unusual.

Treecreeper:

Uncommon, presumably resident. Recorded around the cottage and the water works.

Jay:

Resident. Regularly seen throughout the year but most often in autumn.

Magpie:

Common Resident.

Jackdaw:

Resident. Recorded throughout the year.

Rook:

Breeds on edge of recording area. Max 100 in stubble on 12th Nov.

Carrion Crow:

Common Resident.

Raven:

Rare visitor. Annual since the first record in 1995. An excellent series of sightings, the best year to date. All records: 1 on 19th Mar, 1 on 21st May, 1 on 27th May, 1 on 22nd Aug, 2 on 4th Oct & 2 on 2nd Dec.

Starling:

Common resident. The first juveniles were noted on 3rd June. In autumn birds roosted in the reed beds in the west of the Bay. Max was a poor 300 on 4th Oct.

House Sparrow:

Resident. Usually recorded around the urban fringe. Particularly at the allotments.

Chaffinch:

Breeding resident and winter visitor. Flocks in both winter periods were scarce. Max 50 on 17th Dec. 1 ringed.

Greenfinch:

Common breeding resident. Border Drive, Turlin Moor and the cottage remain the favored areas. 1 ringed.

Goldfinch:

Uncommon breeding resident and passage migrant. At least one pair bred successfully. Frequently recorded in the autumn, max 20 on 21st Oct. 2 ringed.

Siskin:

Scarce passage migrant. Singles on 3 dates; 9th Mar, 4th Oct & 29th Oct.

Linnet:

Uncommon breeding resident. No attempt to assess breeding but birds were present at Lytchett Way and the Far Fields. No flocks present in spring. Scarce in autumn. Max 11 on 29th Oct.

Bullfinch:

Scarce visitor. A good year with birds present in Jan, June, July, Aug, Nov and Dec. Seen on 11 dates.

Yellowhammer:

Bred as recently as 1993. Just two records. 3 on 18th Jan and one on 7th Sept. Disappointing given the presence of wheat stubble in both winter periods.

Reed Bunting:

Breeding resident. 9 males were present in the area of the new pools on the 1st April. Further males were seen at Lytchett Way, Border Drive and Turlin Moor during the breeding season. In August many juveniles were in the hedges around the Far Fields, suggesting a good breeding season. 7 ringed.

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Lytchett Bay List @ 01/02/01

Species	BOU	Status	Species	BOU	Status
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Red-throated Diver	A	85, 98	Common Pheasant	C	C
Black-throated Diver	A	77	Water Rail	A	C
Great Northern Diver	A	78, 00	Spotted Crake	A	83, 92
Little Grebe	A	C	Corncrake	A	96
Great Crested Grebe	A	A	Moorhen	A	U
Slavonian Grebe	A	89, 98	Common Coot	A	R
Black-necked Grebe	A	94	Common Crane	A	75, 99
Great Cormorant	A	C	Oystercatcher	A	C
Great Bittern	A	81, 98/99	Avocet	A	S
Little Egret	A	C	Little Ringed Plover	A	A
Grey Heron	A	C	Ringed Plover	A	A
Purple Heron	A	92	European Golden Plover	A	A
Glossy Ibis	B	1842	Grey Plover	A	A
Eurasian Spoonbill	A	94, 95	Northern Lapwing	A	C
Mute Swan	A/C	U	Red Knot	A	S
Bewicks Swan	A	76, 78, 97	Little Stint	A	A
Pink-footed Goose	A	81	Pectoral Sandpiper	A	92
White-fronted Goose	A	R	Curlew Sandpiper	A	R
Greylag Goose	A/C	R	Dunlin	A	C
Canada Goose	A/C	U	Ruff	A	S
Barnacle Goose	A/D	R	Jack Snipe	A	R
Brent Goose	A	R	Common Snipe	A	C
Common Shelduck	A	C	Woodcock	A	R
Eurasian Wigeon	A	S	Black-tailed Godwit	A	C
Gadwall	A	R	Bar-tailed Godwit	A	A
Common Teal	A	C	Whimbrel	A	U
Green-winged Teal	A	00	Eurasian Curlew	A	C
Mallard	A	C	Spotted Redshank	A	C
Pintail	A	R	Common Redshank	A	C
Garganey	A	92, 93, 94	Greenshank	A	C
Northern Shoveler	A	A	Green Sandpiper	A	U
Common Pochard	A	A	Wood Sandpiper	A	R
Tufted Duck	A	R	Common Sandpiper	A	U
Greater Scaup	A	86	Turnstone	A	95
Common Scoter	A	81	Grey Phalarope	A	78, 99
Common Goldeneye	A	C	Mediterranean Gull	A	S
Smew	A	R	Little Gull	A	A
Red-breasted Merganser	A	C	Black-headed Gull	A	C
Goosander	A	R	Ring-billed Gull	A	R
Ruddy Duck	C	01	Common Gull	A	C
European Honey-buzzard	A	92, 99	Lesser Black-backed Gull	A	C
Red Kite	A	93, 97	Herring Gull	A	C
Marsh Harrier	A	S	Yellow-legged Gull		C
Hen Harrier	A	S	Iceland Gull	A	97, 98
Montagu's Harrier	A	95	Great Black-backed Gull	A	C
Northern Goshawk	A/C	94, 96, 97	Kittiwake	A	82, 98, 99
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	A	U	Sandwich Tern	A	U
Common Buzzard	A	C	Common Tern	A	U
Osprey	A	A	Arctic Tern	A	R
Common Kestrel	A	C	Little Tern	A	R
Merlin	A	A	Black Tern	A	91, 95, 97
Hobby	A	A	Common Guillemot	D	79
Peregrine Falcon	A	S	Rock Dove/Feral Pigeon	A/C	C
Grey Partridge	A/C	99	Stock Dove	A	U
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Wood Pigeon	A	C	Willow Warbler	A	C

Collared Dove	A	C	Goldcrest	A	C
Turtle Dove	A	A	Firecrest	A	R
Common Cuckoo	A	U	Spotted Flycatcher	A	U
Barn Owl	A	R	Pied Flycatcher	A	R
Little Owl	C	U	Bearded tit	A	U
Tawny Owl	A	U	Long-tailed Tit	A	C
Short-eared Owl	A	R	Marsh Tit	A	R
European Nightjar	A	R	Willow Tit	A	82, 98
Common Swift	A	U	Coal Tit	A	U
Common Kingfisher	A	C	Blue Tit	A	C
Hoopoe	A	94	Great Tit	A	C
Green Woodpecker	A	C	Nuthatch	A	U
Great Spotted Woodpecker	A	C	Treecreeper	A	U
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	A	A	Penduline Tit	A	98
Woodlark	A	97, 99, 01	Golden Oriole	A	93
Skylark	A	U	Red-backed Shrike	A	88
Sand Martin	A	U	Jay	A	C
Barn Swallow	A	C	Magpie	A	C
House Martin	A	C	Jackdaw	A	C
Tree Pipit	A	S	Rook	A	C
Meadow Pipit	A	C	Carrion Crow	A	C
Water Pipit	A	U	Common Raven	A	S
Rock Pipit	A	S	Common Starling	A	C
Yellow Wagtail	A	S	House Sparrow	A	C
Grey Wagtail	A	C	Tree Sparrow	A	81, 95
Pied Wagtail	A	C	Chaffinch	A	C
Bohemian Waxwing	A	96	Brambling	A	A
Wren	A	C	Greenfinch	A	C
Duncock	A	C	Goldfinch	A	C
Robin	A	C	Siskin	A	U
Rufous Nightingale	A	70	Linnet	A	C
Bluethroat	A	71	Twite	A	83
Black Redstart	A	96, 98	Lesser Redpoll	A	S
Common Redstart	A	R	Common Crossbill	A	R
Whinchat	A	S	Bullfinch	A	U
Common Stonechat	A	C	Snow Bunting	A	93
Northern Wheatear	A	U	Yellowhammer	A	S
Ring Ouzel	A	85, 93, 97	Reed Bunting	A	C
Blackbird	A	C			
Fieldfare	A	U			
Song Thrush	A	C			
Redwing	A	C			
Mistle Thrush	A	C			
Cetti's Warbler	A	U			
Grasshopper Warbler	A	R			
Aquatic Warbler	A	83			
Sedge Warbler	A	U			
Reed Warbler	A	C			
Dartford Warbler	A	S			
Lesser Whitethroat	A	S			
Common Whitethroat	A	S			
Garden Warbler	A	S			
Blackcap	A	U			
Wood Warbler	A	98			
Common Chiffchaff	A	C			

C - Common during season of occurrence
U - Uncommon, even during season of occurrence
S - Scarce, recorded in small numbers each year
A - Annual, recorded on 1 to 5 dates in most years
R - Rare, not recorded most years
Number- Less than 3 records, year in which recorded.

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