

June 2008[<< Back to Sightings](#) | [Printer friendly version](#)**30th**

On a day dedicated more to watching insects than birds (take a look at the [insects page](#)), there was nevertheless the spectacular sight of the local Sparrowhawks food-passing over their breeding site and it seems from the appearance of a Lesser Whitethroat in the Haven that a few migrants are still moving through, or just shuffling about in search of a mate.

29th

At least 100 Sand Martins passed through in the morning, followed in the afternoon by 700 more, together with 1,800 Swifts, though the bird of the day was a Common Treecreeper that was trapped near the Observatory. Even though it didn't turn out to be an example of its rarer cousin this is still a very unusual bird at the Bay.

27th

At least 4,700 Swifts flew in off the sea in the early afternoon, 60 Sand Martins passed through, a Crossbill flew over Pegwell and there was the unexpected news of 2 juvenile Wheatears on the beach, hinting at local breeding.

26th

So back from SE Europe, expecting the familiar soporific tone of a late June morning. However, a few Sand Martins (30 or so) were buzzing about, 40 Swifts drifted over, the local Sparrowhawks were feeding young and there was the not insignificant discovery that Restharrow Scrape has hosted breeding Tufted Ducks for the first time. Add to that at least one Scarce Chaser dragonfly and it was actually a very enjoyable day.

22nd

During a morning seawatch a Balearic Shearwater and later a further Shearwater sp. both seen flying south.

21st

The Boat Trip this morning produced 50 Shelduck, 11 Little Egret and a Med. Gull, 44 species in total also 27 Common Seals.

20th

A typical June with breeding birds but nothing out of the ordinary - no wonder Ian's gone to Bulgaria.

16th

137 Lapwing moving within our recording area. Seen hunting for the last few days 2 Kestrel, 1 Sparrowhawk and a Hobby.

15th

Three Black-tailed Godwits on Restharrow Scrape, 3 Yellowhammers 1 male Bullfinch and 150 Swift on Worth Marshes.

14th

In the morning 17 Crossbills were recorded in our area. A pair of Turtle Doves and numbers of Swift and House Martin have increased.

13th

Record of the day at 19.00hrs 3 Bee-eaters flying over Mary Bax.

12th

A late round of the Estate saw an increase to 82 Lapwing, if you want to brush up on gull identification we have 85 Herring Gull, 22 Great Black-backed Gull and 15 Black headed Gull - sorry folks I can't make this any more exciting!

10th

A hot and humid start to the day, single Med. Gull flew over Restharrow Scrape and 35 Lapwing in the area. Across the golf course a hobby was seen flying N.

9th

Starling numbers are increasing around the estate as the juveniles take to the wing. House Martins also increasing with a count of 60 across the Estate.

8th

.....And that's exactly where he's gone! So you've now got my less poetic lines until Ian returns and even less birds! Four adult Med. Gulls were spotted early morning flying S over Restharrow Scrape with possibly 2 more adults seen 45 minutes previously over Dixon's Corner.

6th

A morning of gloom and drizzle was enlivened by the presence of a Black-tailed Godwit on the scrape before the umbrellas went up and the umpires called everyone off. It's enough to make you want to go to Bulgaria.....

5th

It was another day of bits and pieces moving on - 19 Chaffinches flew N over the Estate and in Pegwell, where the American Golden Plover was not seen after first thing in the morning, 15 Ringed Plovers and 4 Dunlin were seen leaving high to the NE.

4th

Despite the late date, migrants are still arriving or moving through the area - there were 2 Lesser Whitethroats and a new Reed Warbler on the Estate today, a Spotted Flycatcher was near the Observatory and a Common Buzzard flew N towards Pegwell.

3rd

On a dismally dull morning there was little to tell, although a Lesser Whitethroat was singing on the Estate and the American Golden Plover was seen again in Pegwell.

2nd

The American Golden Plover remained in Pegwell and a Crossbill flew over the Estate before rain set in yet again. Still, it'll do the garden good.

1st

The mood of an overcast and rather miserable morning was lifted entirely by the news of an adult **AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER** in full summer plumage in Pegwell Bay. It showed splendidly, in the company of a Temminck's Stint, reasonable numbers of Ringed Plovers and a few Whimbrel and smartly summer-plumaged Dunlin.