

Potteric Carr Nature Reserve

Bird Checklist



Compiled by Dave Carroll

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Species checklist

- Mute Swan *Cygnus olor* **AC**
Bewick's Swan *Cygnus columbianus* **A**
Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus* **A**
Bean Goose *Anser fabalis* **A**
Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus* **A**
White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons* **A**
Greylag Goose *Anser anser* **AC**
† Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens* **AC**
Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* **C**
Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis* **AC**
Brent Goose *Branta bernicla* **A**
Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca* **C**
† Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* **BD**
Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* **A**
Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata* **C**
Wigeon *Anas penelope* **A**
Gadwall *Anas strepera* **AC**
Teal *Anas crecca* **A**
Green-winged Teal *Anas carolinensis* **A**
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* **AC**
Pintail *Anas acuta* **A**
Garganey *Anas querquedula* **A**
Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* **A**
Shoveler *Anas clypeata* **A**
Red-crested Pochard *Netta rufina* **AC**
Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* **A**
Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* **A**
Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* **A**
Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* **A**
Scaup *Aythya marila* **A**
Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* **A**

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- Eider *Somateria mollissima* **A**
Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra* **A**
Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* **A**
Smew *Mergellus albellus* **A**
Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator* **A**
Goosander *Mergus merganser* **A**
Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis* **C**
Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa* **C**
Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix* **AC**
Quail *Coturnix coturnix* **A**
Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus* **C**
* Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica* **A**
Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* **A**
Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* **A**
Slavonian Grebe *Podiceps auritus* **A**
Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* **A**
Leach's Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa* **A**
Gannet *Morus bassanus* **A**
Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* **A**
Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* **A**
Bittern *Botaurus stellaris* **A**
Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* **A**
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* **A**
Great White Egret *Ardea alba* **A**
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* **A**
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* **A**
† White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* **A**
Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* **A**
Honey-buzzard *Pernis apivorus* **A**
Red Kite *Milvus milvus* **AC**
White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* **AC**

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Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* **A**
Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus* **A**
Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus* **A**
Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* **AC**
Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* **A**
Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* **A**
Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* **A**
Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* **A**
Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* **A**
Merlin *Falco columbarius* **A**
Hobby *Falco subbuteo* **A**
Peregrine *Falco peregrinus* **A**
Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus* **A**
Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana* **A**
Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* **A**
Coot *Fulica atra* **A**
Common Crane *Grus grus* **A**
Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus* **A**
Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* **A**
Stone-curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus* **A**
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* **A**
Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula* **A**
Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria* **A**
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* **A**
Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* **A**
Knot *Calidris canutus* **A**
Sanderling *Calidris alba* **A**
Little Stint *Calidris minuta* **A**
Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii* **A**
Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos* **A**
Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* **A**

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- Dunlin *Calidris alpina* **A**
Ruff *Philomachus pugnax* **A**
Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus* **A**
Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* **A**
dowitcher *Limnodromus* sp. **A**
Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola* **A**
Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* **A**
Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* **A**
Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* **A**
Curlew *Numenius arquata* **A**
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* **A**
Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* **A**
Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* **A**
Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* **A**
Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* **A**
Redshank *Tringa totanus* **A**
Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* **A**
Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* **A**
Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus* **A**
Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* **A**
Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus* **A**
Little Gull *Larus minutus* **A**
Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus* **A**
Common Gull *Larus canus* **A**
Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* **A**
Herring Gull *Larus argentatus* **A**
Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis* **A**
Caspian Gull *Larus cachinnans* **A**
Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoides* **A**
Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus* **A**
Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus* **A**

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- | Little Tern <i>Sternula albifrons</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
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| Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Tern <i>Chlidonias niger</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandwich Tern <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Tern <i>Sterna hirundo</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Roseate Tern <i>Sterna dougallii</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Arctic Tern <i>Sterna paradisaea</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Little Auk <i>Alle alle</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Feral Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i> C | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock Dove <i>Columba oenas</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodpigeon <i>Columba palumbus</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Collared Dove <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Turtle Dove <i>Streptopelia turtur</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| † Ring-necked Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i> C | | | | | | | | | |
| Cuckoo <i>Cuculus canorus</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Little Owl <i>Athene noctua</i> C | | | | | | | | | |
| Tawny Owl <i>Strix aluco</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Long-eared Owl <i>Asio otus</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Short-eared Owl <i>Asio flammeus</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Nightjar <i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Swift <i>Apus apus</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Kingfisher <i>Alcedo atthis</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Wryneck <i>Jynx torquilla</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Green Woodpecker <i>Picus viridis</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Great Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos major</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Lesser Spotted Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos minor</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Sky Lark <i>Alauda arvensis</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Sand Martin <i>Riparia riparia</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| Swallow <i>Hirundo rustica</i> A | | | | | | | | | |
| House Martin <i>Delichon urbicum</i> A | | | | | | | | | |

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Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis* **A**
Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis* **A**
Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus* **A**
Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta* **A**
Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* **A**
Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* **A**
Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba* **A**
Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus* **A**
Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes* **A**
Dunnock *Prunella modularis* **A**
Robin *Erithacus rubecula* **A**
Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos* **A**
Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros* **A**
Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* **A**
Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra* **A**
Stonechat *Saxicola torquata* **A**
Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* **A**
Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus* **A**
Blackbird *Turdus merula* **A**
Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris* **A**
Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos* **A**
Redwing *Turdus iliacus* **A**
Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus* **A**
Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti* **A**
Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia* **A**
Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus* **A**
Marsh Warbler *Acrocephalus palustris* **A**
Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus* **A**
Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla* **A**
Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin* **A**
Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca* **A**

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- Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis* **A**
Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* **A**
Common Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* **A**
Iberian Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus ibericus* **A**
Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus* **A**
Goldcrest *Regulus regulus* **A**
Firecrest *Regulus ignicapilla* **A**
Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata* **A**
Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca* **A**
Bearded Tit *Panurus biarmicus* **A**
Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus* **A**
Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus* **A**
Great Tit *Parus major* **A**
Coal Tit *Periparus ater* **A**
Willow Tit *Poecile montana* **A**
Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris* **A**
Nuthatch *Sitta europaea* **A**
Treetreeper *Certhia familiaris* **A**
Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus* **A**
Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor* **A**
Jay *Garrulus glandarius* **A**
Magpie *Pica pica* **A**
Jackdaw *Corvus monedula* **A**
Rook *Corvus frugilegus* **A**
Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* **A**
Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix* **A**
Raven *Corvus corax* **A**
Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* **A**
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* **A**
Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* **A**
Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs* **A**

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- Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* **A**
- Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris* **A**
- Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis* **A**
- Siskin *Carduelis spinus* **A**
- Linnet *Carduelis cannabina* **A**
- Mealy Redpoll *Carduelis flammea* **A**
- Lesser Redpoll *Carduelis cabaret* **A**
- Common Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* **A**
- Bullfinch *Pyrrhula pyrrhula* **A**
- Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes* **A**
- Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella* **A**
- Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus* **A**
- Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra* **A**

The Potteric Carr Bird List

Scientific names and species order in this checklist follows the British Ornithologists' Union's *The British List* (revised 2011). British (English) vernacular names listed by the BOU have also been used. The total number of countable species recorded at Potteric Carr to 31st December 2011 is 230.

Escape proviso species

The list includes four species with the escape proviso, and these have been marked with a † symbol in the checklist

Potteric Carr's Ruddy Shelduck identification was accepted by the YNU, and there is now a growing feral population in northern Europe.

A Snow Goose (passing over Potteric Carr with 130 Pinkfeet) was at that time the best contender for inclusion as a wild bird in Yorkshire (Wilson & Slack, 1996).

Although Yorkshire records of White Stork are generally thought to originate from the free-flying Harewood House collection, genuine wild birds have occurred in the county.

Ring-necked Parakeet is included in the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union bird report systematic list.

The official Potteric Carr bird checklist is periodically updated by Dave Carroll, keeper of this list.

Cover photograph: *One of two Tundra Bean Geese that arrived on Huxter Well Marsh on 14th November 2011. A new species for the Potteric Carr checklist.* © Steve Furber.

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The Potteric Carr bird recording area — 2012



Great White Egret was seen at Potteric Carr in 2011.

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