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1987 - Only five records, involving six birds. In August, singles at Otley Gravel Pits on 19th and Chelker Reservoir on 29th. September records were one at Esholt Sewage Works on 2nd, two at Knotford Nook on 9th and the last at Otley Gravel Pits on 26th.

1988 - One at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 28th May. Leeshaw Reservoir had two birds on 8th August with singles at Leeming Reservoir on 12th and Otley Gravel Pits on 22nd.

1989 - Only seen on autumn passage which began with one at Embsay Reservoir on 13th July. August birds were a single at Esholt Sewage Works on 9th and 10th, two at March Ghyll Reservoir on the latter date, singles at Otley Gravel Pits on 18th and 19th and at Elland Gravel Pits on 20th and 26th while Otley Gravel Pits held another from 26th to 28th and perhaps the same bird was at Knotford Nook on 29th. Three September records involved singles at Otley Gravel Pits, Knotford Nook and Beaver Dyke Reservoir, all on 30th, and possibly related to just one individual.

1990 - At least 26 records, just about double last year's tally. It is possible, of course, that long stayers masked the throughput of birds to some extent. The first were singles at Otley Gravel Pits and Esholt Sewage Works on 13th May with another at Fly Flatts Reservoir on 25th May. Autumn passage began with singles at the last-mentioned site and at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 12th July while, from late July onwards, birds were noted at Thornton Moor, Graincliffe, Weecher, Lindley Wood and Swinsty Reservoirs and Stockbridge, Knotford Nook and Otley Gravel Pits. This last site, along with Lindley Wood and Swinsty Reservoirs, saw singles into November with the final sighting at Lindley wood on 30th of that month.

1991 - The only spring record was a bird at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 24th May while the first of autumn was one at Fly Flatts Reservoir on 2nd/3rd August. Other singles were reported in August from Thornton Moor Reservoir on 15th, Swinsty reservoir on 17th, Thornton Moor and Fly Flatts Reservoirs on 28th (possibly the same bird) and Otley Gravel Pits on 29th and 31st. In September, two frequented Beaver Dyke Reservoirs from 7th to 21st and the last of the year was one at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 13th October.

1992 - The only spring record was of a bird at Chelker Reservoir on 16th May. The first passage bird of the autumn flew east to west through Thornton Moor Reservoir on 2nd July. Two were present at Otley Gravel Pits three days later. Singles were at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 14th July and at Otley Gravel Pits on 16th. A succession of single birds visited Thornton Moor Reservoir from 10th to 19th August with two on 12th. Single birds were at Beaver Dyke Reservoir on 13th August, 5th and 20th September with two on 27th September.

1993 - The only spring record was of a single at Elland Gravel Pits on 16th May. The first autumn passage bird was at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 16th July. It was then more than a month to the next one, again at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 22nd August. This was followed a week later by another at Leeshaw Reservoir. After this an obvious influx occurred. At Thornton Moor Reservoir a single was present on 31st August, four all evening on 1st September, a single flying south-west on 2nd and two on the next day. At Chelker Reservoir one was seen between 5th and 9th September. Again at Thornton Moor Reservoir one was present between 9th and 11th. A single visited Thornton Moor Reservoir on 17th September and the final record was one at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 19th September.

1994 - A moderate spring followed by an excellent autumn. Spring passage birds were present at Weecher Reservoir during the early morning of 12th May and for three days from 29th May at Marley Sewage Works.

The first autumn bird was at Kex Gill on 2nd July followed by one at Otley Gravel Pits on 6th July and another west at Beaver Dyke Reservoir two days later. The main influx didn't commence until 30th July when one arrived at Thornton Moor Reservoir just before a thunder storm at dusk. During the following week records of single birds came from Otley Gravel Pits, Leeshaw and Beaver Dyke Reservoirs. One flew south-east over Oxenhope on 10th August. The following day two single birds flew south-east over Thornton Moor Reservoir and three were at Fewston Reservoir. Throughout the remainder of August not less than three remained at Beaver Dyke, no doubt attracted by exposed shore., peak dates being 19th when the site held six and 26th/27th when five were present. A succession of singles came and went from Thornton Moor Reservoir between 13th and 17th August. On the latter date a single flew over Oxenhope during the early morning. Elsewhere in August singles were at Fly Flatts Reservoir on 14th and 18th, Leeshaw Reservoir on 21st and Lindley wood Reservoir on 26th and 27th. During September numbers at Beaver Dyke gradually reduced and the final record for this site was of a single on 18th September. Two were at Otley Gravel pits on 11th and 15th September and one flew east at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 17th September. The final record for the year was of a single at Leeshaw Reservoir on 2nd October.

1995 - A moderate spring followed by an excellent autumn. The first spring record came from Knotford Nook on 19th March while the second was at Leeshaw Reservoir on the more typical dates of 7th and 8th May.

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10th July saw commencement of autumn passage when two were resting on the shore at Thornton Moor Reservoir and two flew west over Otley Gravel Pits. A single arrived at the latter site on 12th and stayed for two days. This was followed by another single at Leeshaw Reservoir on 20th July. During August the species was recorded on ten dates from seven sites including two in-from-the-east at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 18th, two at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 21st, two at Beaver Dyke on 23rd and two juveniles at Lindley on 29th. During September more birds arrived and passed through the area in twos and threes at five localities, in particular at Lindley Wood Reservoir where three juveniles remained between 2nd and 10th and where the year's final sighting was made on 24th.

1996 - There were no spring records this year, but autumn made up for it with an exceptional passage. The first record on 11th July, was of a single bird, calling from the pitching at Thornton Moor Reservoir, this was followed by a bird at Kex Gill on 17th July. Two adult birds were at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 22nd July, and one flew south over Oxenhope on 25th, one at Thornton Moor on 11th August left to the north-west.

The next record was of a single bird at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 12th August, followed by a distant calling bird flying south-west at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 14th August. One was at Beaverdyke Reservoir on 21st August, and another at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 22nd. At Thornton Moor Reservoir, a group of five birds arrived separately from the east within 15 minutes of each other on the 23rd August, and these stayed until the following day, a sixth bird arrived at the adjacent lagoons within minutes of the others, but flew on west after only a short stop-over.

Four birds arrived at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 24th August, and were recorded on most days up to 31st August, when five were present. Single birds passed through Thornton Moor Reservoir on 25th and 27th August, and one was at Fewston Reservoir, with two birds on 4th September being the last record for this site.

A single bird was at Chelker Reservoir on 5th September and one at Thornton Moor Reservoir was moved on by a Peregrine Falcon on 19th September. The year's final record was of a single bird at Otley Gravel Pits on 22nd September.

1997 - As in 1996, there were no spring records. All the year's records fell in the period from July to September, with one unusual sighting in November. Also, except for very occasional sightings of two birds, all the records were of single birds, coming from a total of 11 different birds.

The first July records came from Thornton Moor Reservoir, where a bird was heard calling from the lagoons on 19th, two birds were seen on 20th, and a juvenile bird was present on 28th. Most of the August records also came from this site, where birds were reported between 3rd and 28th, with a noteworthy two juveniles on 15th and a ringed bird on 22nd. Other August records came from Leeshaw Reservoir, Norwood, Lindley Wood Reservoir and Otley Gravel Pits.

All the September records were of single birds, and came from a variety of sites. At Knotford Nook, a bird was heard on 1st, one was seen at Leeming Reservoir on 5th and another at Leeshaw Reservoir on 7th. Subsequently, single birds were also seen at Fly Flatts Reservoir on 12th, Chelker Reservoir on 22nd, and at Hewenden Reservoir on 24th, as well as at Leeshaw and Thornton Moor Reservoirs, where sightings occurred more or less throughout the month. The year's final record came from Burley Moor, where a bird was heard calling on 13th November.

1998 - This year birds were reported from six different locations, which produced at least 25 separate records in all: however, several of these almost certainly referred to the same bird.

The first record of the year, of a single bird, came from Lindley Wood Reservoir on 30th July. There followed a string of records from ten observers, all of a single bird at that same site during the period between 31st July and 15th August, and the general feeling was that they all referred to the same bird, which two of the observers identified as a juvenile.

At Beaverdyke and John O'Gaunt's Reservoirs, a single bird was first recorded on 28th August, with subsequent records of a single bird (the same one?) on several occasions up to 17th September. Then, at Beaverdyke Reservoir, two birds were present on 26th September, and a single bird seen there two days later constituted the year's final record of this species.

1999 - This species was recorded in May, July, August and September at five locations. The May record was of a single bird at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 3rd. Then, July produced only one record, again a single bird at Thornton Moor Reservoir, on 30th. The bulk of the records came in August, with birds seen at Beaverdyke, Leeshaw and Thornton Moor Reservoirs and at Otley Gravel Pits. Most of these records were

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of ones and twos, with the notable exception of the seven birds present at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 5th, and nine birds seen at the same site on 11th. There were just three records in September: a single bird was seen flying and calling over Otley Gravel Pits on 6th, two birds were present at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 26th.

2000 - In line with the regular pattern, autumn passage records far outnumbered those for the spring, the only spring record being a bird seen on 14th May at Weecher Reservoir. Return passage commenced with two July records from Otley Gravel Pits, and all other records came from the period between 13th August and 10th September, when a single bird was at John O'Gaunt's Reservoir.

Birds were seen at seven reservoirs, and whilst single birds predominated, groups of two, three or four were seen on 12 occasions and a party of five once.

2001 - A reasonable scattering of records at seven locations commenced with single birds at Otley Gravel Pits and Ben Rhydding Gravel Pits on 3rd May and ended with a bird which was at John O'Gaunt's Reservoir for most of September. This was probably the one seen there on 6th October, a late date for this species. Unusually, all the records were of single birds.

2002 - Recorded from May to October from seven locations, and probably involving nine birds, all of them singles, except a record of two birds at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 1st August. All the five May records came from Otley Gravel Pits, followed by birds at Queensbury, Silsden Ings, Lindley Wood Reservoir, John O'Gaunt's Reservoir and Kex Gill Quarry. The last bird of the year was seen during a visible migration watch at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 5th October.

An individual which did not live up to its name, was noted at Lindley Wood Reservoir. It had reddish-brown legs!

2003 - An average selection of records reflecting our lack of suitable wader habitat. The only spring record concerned one bird on the river Wharfe near Bolton Abbey on 16th April.

The first returning migrant was at Kex Gill on 10th July followed by singles at Thornton Moor and Doe Park Reservoirs exactly a month later. One was at Leeshaw Reservoir the following day with a single on 12th August at Otley Gravel Pits. Up to three birds frequented Beaverdyke Reservoirs from 20th August to 6th September with further singles at Knotford Nook on 26th August and the last of the year at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 27th September.

2004 - The only spring record received was of one at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 26th April.

On 6th July, the first returning migrant was seen over Oxenhope. At nearby Thornton Moor Reservoir, a minimum of 24 birds was seen between 21st July and 14th August, but as birds came and went, the exact number is difficult to determine. On 10th August, the year's highest flock of seven was present here, and another two passed through west.

Elsewhere, one was at Kex Gill Quarry on 8th August, another spent three days at Leeshaw Reservoir from the ninth of the month, two were seen on the 14th at Silsden floods, and the final sighting was at Otley Wetland on 25th September.

2005 - This was a rather poor year. There were no spring records, only 14 records in all, and it is probable no more than eight different birds were seen.

What records there were came almost entirely from Thornton Moor Reservoir. A single was seen on 31st July, and another on 8th August, with sightings of what was almost certainly the same bird until the 13th. After a short gap, another was there on 21st August, with the year's final record a single on 29th September.

The remaining records consisted of individuals at John O' Gaunt's Reservoir on 12th July, at Cold Edge Dams on 20th, at Warley Moor Reservoir on 8th August, and at Doe Park Reservoir on 8th September.

2006 - Whilst 16 records represents only two more than in 2005, the 20 or so birds seen is a considerable improvement on last year.

Since 2002, spring records seem to be getting scarcer, and the only two were singles at Otley Wetland on 19th April, and at a private site the following day. Returning birds were seen from 6th July, when there was one at Thornton Moor Reservoir, but this often prolific location produced only another three records during that month, one in August, and another on 8th September: all were of single birds.

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Nearby Warley Moor Reservoir had a bird on 9th July, and another on the 31st, but Doe Park Reservoir was the best of the southern locations, having a good count of four on 3rd September. The remaining records came from Otley Wetland, which had a bird on 18th July, Lindley Wood Reservoir, where up to two birds were seen at the end of August, and the same number on 5th September, and John o' Gaunt's Reservoir, with a bird on 12th August.

2007 - Only three records displays the pattern applicable to many other waders this year. The reasons are, hopefully, exceptional, but, sadly, 2007 was the worst year on record for the species.

The one spring record was a bird at Otley Wetland on 22nd April, and autumn passage's contribution was one passing Draughton Heights on 16th July. However, the gloom was pierced by a rare winter report of a single at Warley Moor Reservoir on 9th December.

2008 - A slight improvement on last year, but still only a few birds were seen. Thornton Moor had singles on 25th July and 24th August, and the others were at Kex Gill Quarry on 22nd August and Doe Park Reservoir on 21st September.