

## Grey Plover

**1987** – A single bird in company with Golden Plovers on moorland near Alder Carr Wood, Keighley on 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**1988** – At Chelker Reservoir, four noted on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and one on 14<sup>th</sup>. A lone bird flew west at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**1989** – A single at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**1990** – From Thornton Moor Reservoir: two on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, one on 27<sup>th</sup> September and another on 7<sup>th</sup> October. All were juveniles. In addition a fourth bird put in an appearance at Otley Gravel Pits on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**1992** – There was just two records. Firstly a weather-bound winter plumaged bird was on Oxenhope Moor on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Secondly an adult in breeding plumage was present for ten minutes at Thornton Moor Reservoir during the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> August before leaving to the south-west.

**1993** – A single adult in full summer plumage was present at Leeshaw Reservoir from early morning until lunchtime on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**1994** – A summer-plumaged adult was at Thornton Moor Reservoir during the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> May and two flew north here on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. A juvenile was at Fly Flatts Reservoir on 11<sup>th</sup> September. A single was at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 12<sup>th</sup> September and was recorded daily until 16<sup>th</sup> September when three were present. The final record of the year was of a single bird at Fly Flatts Reservoir the following day.

**1995** – Only one record: a single briefly on the shore at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**1996** – The only spring record was of a single adult at Chelker Reservoir on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Autumn produced one bird calling and flying ESE above Weecheer Reservoir on 30<sup>th</sup> August. A single bird was resting on the shore Thornton Moor Reservoir with a European Golden Plover on 27<sup>th</sup> September; at the same site, two juveniles were present on the shore opposite the hide on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Finally six birds flew over Barden on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**1997** - There were no spring records in 1997, and only three records during the summer/autumn period. One bird flew over Kex Gill on 16<sup>th</sup> August, one in winter plumage was seen at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 16<sup>th</sup> October, and one bird flew over Lower Barden Reservoir on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**1998** – There was only one record in 1998, from Thornton Moor Reservoir – where, at 20:45 hours on 12<sup>th</sup> May, a single bird flew low over the water, calling as it went.

**1999** – All four 1999 records came from Thornton Moor Reservoir in August and September. On 12<sup>th</sup> August a single bird was seen flying west, and on 31<sup>st</sup> three birds were seen flying in the same direction. In September, two birds were seen on 11<sup>th</sup> and a single bird on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2000** – There were three records, all of single birds – two from Thornton Moor Reservoir, on 21<sup>st</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, and one from Otley Gravel Pits on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**2001** – There were just two records. A bird was heard calling as it flew over Kex Gill on 29<sup>th</sup> September, and one was at Kex Gill Quarry on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**2002** – Four records for four birds is about average for area.

The first was a calling fly-over at Midgley Moor on 14<sup>th</sup> February and the second was at Chelker Reservoir, where a bird was observed flying south and calling on 21<sup>st</sup> August. On 29<sup>th</sup> September, a single bird flew west over Denholme Clough and the final bird was watched at Timble Ings as it also flew east on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**2003** - The year started well with a single recorded at Otley Gravel Pits on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. One flew south over Cold Edge Dams on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Another was noted at Leeming Reservoir on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**2005** - There were four records after a blank year, all single birds on autumn migration.

They were seen at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 21<sup>st</sup> August, and 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September, and Denholme Clough on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

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**2006** - Most of our records are of birds flying over, and the two in 2006 were so referable. Both related to autumn migration, when singles passed Denholme Clough on 2nd October, and Timble Ings on the 18th.

**2007** - There was just one record: a bird flying west over Otley Wetland on 13th October.

**2008** - Three autumn records of singles: at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 17th August, Kex Gill on 8th September, and High Moor Plantation on the 26th.