

## Ruff

**1987** – Just one record of a bird at Chelker Reservoir on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**1988** – Poorly represented with two at Leeshaw Reservoir on 26<sup>th</sup> July and a juvenile reeve at Otley Gravel Pits on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

**1989** – A male with Lapwings at Yeadon airport on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**1990** – A male was at Leeshaw Reservoir from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April with another there on 23<sup>rd</sup> of that month. In May, two were at Chelker Reservoir on 3<sup>rd</sup>. On autumn passage, a female and two juveniles were at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 7<sup>th</sup> September whilst four consorted with Lapwings at Chelker on 9<sup>th</sup>. Further September birds were singles at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 23<sup>rd</sup> and Knotford Nook on 24<sup>th</sup>.

**1991** – A male was seen at Knotford Nook on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March, with the only other spring record being a male at Otley Gravel Pits on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Thornton Moor Reservoir produced two autumn passage birds on 28<sup>th</sup> August with one there three days later. Finally, a single stayed at Beaver Dyke Reservoirs from 8<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September while a second bird was also present on 10<sup>th</sup>.

**1992** – A good year with 13 received. At Otley Gravel Pits one was present on 10<sup>th</sup> April, eight on 20<sup>th</sup> and nine on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Elsewhere singles were seen at Clayton Heights on 24<sup>th</sup> April and at Waterstalls, Crag Vale on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. A further two dropped into Otley Gravel Pits on 18<sup>th</sup> May and were still present the following day. A single was at the same site on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Autumn passage was first represented by one located in the plover flock on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Thornton Moor Reservoir. The bird was left to the north-west. One was at Beaver Dyke Reservoir on 16<sup>th</sup> August. The final record of the year was of a single at Thornton Moor Reservoir during the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**1993** – The first four records probably related to the same autumn passage individual present at Chelker Reservoir between 29<sup>th</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September. Next came a single at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 7<sup>th</sup> September and finally there were four records of a juvenile present at Otley Gravel Pits on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**1994** – Two springs: two were at Silsden Reservoir on 7<sup>th</sup> May no doubt attracted to the newly exposed mud, and a single at Thornton Moor Reservoir on the following day fed with Redshanks. There was a good autumn passage with records from several sites starting with one at Fly Flatts Reservoir on 16<sup>th</sup> August and followed by singles at Kex Gill four days later, Thornton Moor Reservoir on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and Fly Flatts on 28<sup>th</sup> August. A male and two females were at Beaver Dyke Reservoir the next day and one was at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August. In September a juvenile visited Beaver Dyke on 4<sup>th</sup> and finally a single was recorded at Thornton Moor on 11<sup>th</sup>.

**1995** – There was just two records, both at Thornton Moor Reservoir: a single on 29<sup>th</sup> June and one which left to the east on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**1996** – A single bird present at Thornton Moor Reservoir during the early morning of 27<sup>th</sup> July soon moved off in a south-westerly direction. Two birds were located on the shore at this site through the mist and rain on the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> August. A single bird was feeding with Sanderling on the shore again at the same site during the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> August. The following day, amidst the general wader influx, a juvenile appeared at Lindley Wood Reservoir; this bird stayed until 5<sup>th</sup> September, and was reported daily by many observers. Another single bird flew east above Chelker Reservoir on 21<sup>st</sup> September, and the year's final record of this species was of a single bird – again at Chelker Reservoir – two days later, on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**1997** – A single bird was seen by several observers at Dowley Gap Sewage Works between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January, and a first-winter male bird was at Silsden Reservoir on 4<sup>th</sup> of that month. The next record, again of one bird, came from Leeshaw Reservoir on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Four months later on 16<sup>th</sup> August, a single bird was seen at Lindley Wood Reservoir flying eastwards; this was the final record of the year.

**1999** – This year, records came from just one site (Thornton Moor Reservoir), where a single bird was seen on 24<sup>th</sup> September and three birds early the next day.

**2000** – There were two records of single birds: a juvenile at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 20<sup>th</sup> August, and one at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**2004** - Otley Wetland hosted three on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April, reducing to two on 20<sup>th</sup> and one the following day.

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**2005** - Two birds were seen flying east at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 15th September (MD), and another two were observed at Northowram on 29th December.

**2006** - Three records now represents a reasonable return for the species. The first was a bird at Otley Wetland on 12th May (BV), followed by another which flew past Thornton Moor Reservoir on 11th September. Finally, there was a scarce winter record, when three females, probably 1st-winters, were found at the flooded Cononley Ings on 8th December.