

## Shag

**1988** - An immature was present at Elland Gravel Pits on various dates from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> April. A bird at Aireworth Bridge, Keighley, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March was photographed. The last reported was again at Elland Gravel Pits, an adult, on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**1989** – Two reports: an immature on River Wharfe in the Knotford Nook/Ogden's Pond area from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September was followed by an adult at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**1993** – A first-year bird was present on 4<sup>th</sup> February at Elland Gravel Pits. Subsequently a similar bird fished the Leeds-Liverpool Canal at Dobson Lock between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February before moving to the River Aire at Baildon Bridge, where it was last seen on 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**1994** – An adult was at Brookfoot Lane, Elland Gravel Pits on 18<sup>th</sup> February with presumably the same bird at the next-door boating lake two days later. Additionally another adult was at Thruscross Reservoir on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**1995** – A single found at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 19<sup>th</sup> June, moved to nearby Leeshaw Reservoir the following day.

**1996** – An excellent year for this scarce visitor began with a first-winter bird in a small pool at the base of the dam wall at Lindley Wood Reservoir, which gave excellent views from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February; the latter date also produced a bird at Swinsty Reservoir. On 4<sup>th</sup> February, two first-winter birds were found at Otley Gravel Pits; these remained until 7<sup>th</sup> February)

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, two birds were at Brookfoot; these were followed by a first-winter bird at Thornton Moor Reservoir and a first-winter bird at Elland Gravel Pits on 29<sup>th</sup> September with a single bird – presumably the same one – present during the following week. The final record of the year was of an adult bird flying above the River Wharfe at Barden during the early morning of 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**1997** – There were just two records this year: the first was a single bird which dropped in and spent an hour at Thornton Moor Reservoir mid-morning on 10<sup>th</sup> August and the second was of an immature bird at Elland Gravel Pits.

**1999** – A single bird was present at Harold Park lake on 11<sup>th</sup> January, it was mobbed by a Black-headed Gull, and climbed out of the water onto the side of the lake to escape, allowing a close approach before flying off.

**2001** – A single adult bird was present on the south pool at Knotford Nook on 1<sup>st</sup> March loosely associating with four Cormorants. It appeared restless and frequently flew around and realighted. When on the water the bird was constantly diving for food.