

## Turnstone

**1988** – A record of four birds (two in summer plumage) at Otley Gravel Pits on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**1990** – A single was at Chelker Reservoir on 1<sup>st</sup> May while two were seen at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**1991** – Thornton Moor Reservoir held singles on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May; it is thought that two different birds were involved. A single was also at Fly Flatts Reservoir on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

**1992** – An adult male on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May at Thornton Moor Reservoir.

**1993** – There was only one record this year, an autumn passage individual at Stubden Reservoir on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

**1994** – One spent all day at Otley Gravel Pits on 15<sup>th</sup> May and singles were observed at Fly Flatts Reservoir on 28<sup>th</sup> August and Thornton Moor Reservoir three days later.

**1995** – One at Otley Gravel Pits on 7<sup>th</sup> May remained for three days. Two, still in winter plumage, were at Chelker Reservoir on 23<sup>rd</sup> May with one still there the following day. Autumn passage produced two birds, with the first at Chelker Reservoir on 17<sup>th</sup> July. The second at Thornton Moor Reservoir, arrived on 12<sup>th</sup> August in the late evening after heavy rain and was reported again the next day.

**1997** – Nine birds flew south in low cloud over Whetstone Gate on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**1998** – There was just two records of Turnstone in 1998 – both of a single bird (possibly the same bird, given the locations). The first sighting was at Chelker Reservoir on 12<sup>th</sup> May; the bird was busily feeding on insects on the reservoir wall. The second sighting was at Rombald's Moor the following day; this bird was also feeding, this time in the mist.

**1999** – There was just two records; the first was a single bird at Lower Barden Reservoir on 8<sup>th</sup> May (interesting, the reservoir had been extensively drained for repair work, revealing a lot of shore), and the second was of a single bird summer plumage at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

**2000** – This species occurs less than annually in the Group's recording area, but even so, just one record for 2000 is down on the average for recent years. A bird was watched at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 26<sup>th</sup> July as it flew around the reservoir calling.

**2001** – A bird at Otley Gravel Pits on 14<sup>th</sup> May stayed there for a second day, and one overflowed Thornton Moor Reservoir on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

**2002** – Two records this year: single birds at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 25<sup>th</sup> April and at Otley Gravel Pits on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**2003** - A single bird was located at the moorland site of Whetstone Gate on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**2004** - Three arrived at Thornton Moor in the late afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**2005** - Birds were seen at Thornton Moor Reservoir in both passage periods. One was seen on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and four on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**2006** - A reasonable year started with a bird, presumably the same one, at Otley Wetland on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May (MD, BV), and a good total of four birds at Warley Moor Reservoir three weeks later (BS).

As in 2005, autumn passage also produced a bird, seen at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**2008** - There were two May records: a single at Thornton Moor Reservoir on the 5<sup>th</sup> (DCB), and two at Warley Moor Reservoir on the 30<sup>th</sup>.