

Saturday, November 29th 2025 Reculver, Kent  
Start: 10:50 End: 15:30

Andrew Peel writes:

38 people were on the coach (*health and weather forecast bring numbers down from the 51 who'd booked* MH). A couple saw a Marsh Harrier quartering fields as we entered the reserve. It was low tide and Sanderling ran about behind a Little Egret on the beach, with Grey and Ringed Plover nearby. We saw a Pied Wagtail and heard a Grey. Small groups of Meadow Pipits and Linnets flitted between the shingle beach and rough grassland, with frequent Stonechat pairs, and several Cormorants on posts / the sea. On shingle spits were Crows, Oystercatcher, Turnstone, Redshank, and Curlew. Gulls were represented by Herring, Black-headed, and a Greater Black Back. On the sea, 2 groups of Wigeon, some Teal, and a small raft of Common Scoter, and 4 Goosander flew West. 2 Corn Bunting showed on a bramble bank, then a female Reed Bunting. A flock of 60 Lapwing flew over us; at Coldharbour lagoon, several Dabchicks appeared. We ventured inland briefly and found 2 groups of c40 Golden Plover roosting in the fields, and 2 Mute Swans feeding. The rain set in, so we retreated to the café for lunch and drinks and finished early. The group saw a total of 50 species.

Here's the group list which Maria had already submitted to BirdTrack before we got back to Kings Cross. There's an album of photos – and a video – on [Facebook](#).

#### 50 Species

Brent Goose ( <i>Dark-bellied - bernicla</i> ) ( <i>Branta bernicla bernicla</i> )	Herring Gull ( <i>Larus argentatus</i> )
Mute Swan ( <i>Cygnus olor</i> )	Great Black-backed Gull ( <i>Larus marinus</i> )
Shelduck ( <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> )	Lesser Black-backed Gull ( <i>Larus fuscus</i> )
Wigeon ( <i>Mareca penelope</i> )	Cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> )
Mallard ( <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> )	Little Egret ( <i>Egretta garzetta</i> )
Teal ( <i>Anas crecca</i> )	Grey Heron ( <i>Ardea cinerea</i> )
Common Scoter ( <i>Melanitta nigra</i> )	Marsh Harrier ( <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> )
Goosander ( <i>Mergus merganser</i> )	Kingfisher ( <i>Alcedo atthis</i> )
Pheasant ( <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> )	Magpie ( <i>Pica pica</i> )
Feral Pigeon ( <i>Columba livia f. domestica</i> )	Jackdaw ( <i>Coloeus monedula</i> )
Woodpigeon ( <i>Columba palumbus</i> )	Carrion Crow ( <i>Corvus corone</i> )
Moorhen ( <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> )	Blue Tit ( <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i> )
Little Grebe ( <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> )	Starling ( <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> )
Great Crested Grebe ( <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> )	Robin ( <i>Erithacus rubecula</i> )
Oystercatcher ( <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i> )	Stonechat ( <i>Saxicola rubicola</i> )
Grey Plover ( <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> )	House Sparrow ( <i>Passer domesticus</i> )
Golden Plover ( <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i> )	Dunnock ( <i>Prunella modularis</i> )
Ringed Plover ( <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> )	Grey Wagtail ( <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> )
Lapwing ( <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> )	Pied Wagtail ( <i>yarrellii</i> ) ( <i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i> )
Curlew ( <i>Numenius arquata</i> )	Meadow Pipit ( <i>Anthus pratensis</i> )
Redshank ( <i>Tringa totanus</i> )	Linnet ( <i>Linaria cannabina</i> )
Turnstone ( <i>Arenaria interpres</i> )	Goldfinch ( <i>Carduelis carduelis</i> )
Sanderling ( <i>Calidris alba</i> )	Corn Bunting ( <i>Emberiza calandra</i> )
Dunlin ( <i>Calidris alpina</i> )	Reed Bunting ( <i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i> )
Black-headed Gull ( <i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i> )	
Common Gull ( <i>Larus canus</i> )	