**2003** The year started off on 1st January for Shoveler when a 1st winter male and a female were found at Otley Gravel Pits, and another female was at Knotford Nook. The female lingered at the Gravel Pits until the next day and was possibly still there when one was seen on 31st January. A pair was found at Kex Gill on 22nd March. But the highest count of the year belonged to Doe Park Reservoir when 3, 2 males and a female, were observed on 14th April . A female at John O'Gaunts/Beaverdyke Reservoirs was seen from 9th August until the 15th . A single female on 6th November at Cold Edge Dams was the final sighting.

**2004** One of the highest counts was the first record of the year, when five were at Thornton Moor Reservoir as early as 2nd January. Singles were seen throughout the month at Otley Wetland and Fewston Reservoir, the latter holding the high count of seven on 24th January. Lone birds continued to be seen at Otley Wetland until the end of March. On 8th February, three were seen flying up the Aire Valley at Farnhill Ings, and a week later, a pair was at Otley Wetland, with possibly the same birds being seen throughout April and into May. Three flew over Thornton Moor Reservoir on 28th March, and a pair was seen at Denton Park Lake on 30th April.

In summer, there were single juveniles at Lindley Wood Reservoir on 19th July, Swinsty Reservoir on 30th, and at John o'Gaunt's Reservoir on 8th August. Three birds again passed Thornton Moor on 25th July. The floods at Silsden held two immatures on 4th and 5th September, and four were seen flying over Glovershaw three weeks later, with perhaps the same birds at Lindley Wood on 26th. In October, three more birds were on passage at Thornton Moor, and the final sighting of the year was possibly a returning adult at Otley Wetland on 30th December.

**2005** Whilst almost all the spring records came from around Otley, those in autumn were predominantly from the south of the recording area.

Otley Wetland produced most of the early sightings, commencing with a pair on 21st March, followed by two on 30th, and 1st April, and a different individual on 22nd April. At other sites during this period, there were two pairs on Lindley Wood Reservoir on 23rd March (the year's highest count), a pair on Knotford Nook two days later, and two more on Silsden Reservoir on 4th April. Return passage commenced with three birds at Cold Edge Dams on 10th July, with a September record of one at Otley Wetland on 4th, and there were three at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 31st October, and one at a private location on 24th. The final sighting was a single at Redcar Tarn on 6th November.

**2006** All but three of this year's records came from the first five months.

A bird found at Tong Park Reservoir on 13th January was the local observer's first there in over 20 years of monitoring the site, but it clearly found the location to its liking, as it remained until 8th February. Around the same time a male was seen at Knotford Nook on 15th February, and a month later there were two pairs at Otley Wetland. The early months were completed by reports of a bird over Barden Scale on 5th April, pairs at Knotford on 24th April and Stockbridge Nature Reserve on 6th May, plus another bird at Otley just over a week later.

In autumn, two of the records were of singles at Knotford on 23rd September and 2nd October, and three birds over Caldene Fields on 18th October was a good local record.

**2007** A relatively poor year, with only seven records of perhaps 10 birds. On 17th February, a pair was seen at Otley Wetland, and probably the same at Knotford Nook. This was followed by an unusual summer record of two birds on Leeshaw Reservoir on 20th June. December produced the remaining sightings: three birds at Cononley Ings on the 7th, and an unusual find of a male at Manningham Park on the 20th.

**2008** During the first winter period, Cononley Ings had birds on several days in January, including a particularly good total of seven late in the month, and a bird appeared briefly on Tong Park Reservoir. The Cononley/Snaygill area also had up to two birds in May and October. With the exception of a pair at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 14th September, and four on Redcar Tarn in late May, the remaining records came from Otley Wetland, where singles were seen in November and December, and a pair in June.

**2009** During the first winter period, Cononley Ings had birds on several days in January, including a particularly good total of seven late in the month, and a bird appeared briefly on Tong Park Reservoir. The Cononley/Snaygill area also had up to two birds in May and October. With the exception of a pair at Thornton Moor Reservoir on 14th September, and four on Redcar Tarn in late

- May, the remaining records came from Otley Wetland, where singles were seen in November and December, and a pair in June.
- **2010** In Airedale, a pair on the river near Cononley on 4th January were followed by one on Redcar Tarn on 8th February. Otley Wetland had the remaining records: a single on 19th March, three on 3rd April, and two on the 19th.
- **2011** Records were in line with last year. Otley Wetland produced all but two of the sightings: drakes on 6th January and 23rd October, two birds on 13th August and three on 12th November. Two birds were at Warley Moor on 27th March, and the highest count was at Redcar Tarn, with five birds on 9th July.
- All but four of the reports came from the consistently productive Cononley Ings, which provided a particularly good run of records in January. Most birds were seen between the 7th and the 18th, initially eight, then a Group record 14 on the 8th, before peaking at a further record count of 17 two days later. A pair lingered until the 25th, but there were no further records from here until October, when between one and eight were present during the 8th to the 12th. Elsewhere, there was an isolated summer record of five birds on Ogden Reservoir on 26th July, and, more typically, one on Lower Laithe Reservoir on 11th January, and two at Silsden Reservoir a month later.
- **2013** A pair of birds on Leeshaw Reservoir on 17th May (KM & RHP) and three males at Otley Wetland on 6th April were the only records. A disappointing decline after the good run of records in 2012.
- **2014** After a disappointing 2013, when there was only two records, this year there was a big improvement with 12 records consisting of 24 birds, half of them from the prolific areas around Silsden and Cononley Ings. A pair was present on these flooded meadows on 13th January and a drake was there six days later. Two more pairs were noted, one on 30th January and another on 11th February and two days later a further four birds, a female and three males, were present before a final pair completed the season on 4th April. However, this species did appear at other sites. The biggest group was one of six birds, five males and a female at Warley Moor Reservoir (Fly Flatts) on 12th March. A drake was on the canal at Bingley on 21st January and another was feeding on Yeadon Tarn on 7th March. During autumn a male visited Thornton Moor Reservoir on 29th September and two birds were also there on 7th October. The final sighting of the year was a female bird which spent two days at Redcar Tarn on 3rd & 4th November.
- **2015** Of the four sites featured in the reports, Cononley Ings captured most of the attention. The very wet conditions throughout November and December attracted up to six birds at a time, mainly females and sub-adults at first, but towards the year end full adult males were seen. In total 31 birds were recorded here. Elsewhere pairs were seen on Ogden Reservoir on 13th March and Redcar Tarn on 3rd April, with a single male was at the former site on 2nd November and a couple of females for at least two days on Silsden Ings a week later.
- 2016 Cononley Ings again provided most of the records. On 2nd January eight birds were present, and had been replaced by four different individuals twelve days later. In the second winter period, a drake was seen on 22nd and 23rd November. The remaining reports all came from the south of the area, with a drake at Park Dam on 20th March, two birds there on 9th October and a female on Ogden Reservoir on 15th and 17th September
- **2017** A good spread of records, involving a total of about 33 birds, and a maximum count of nine at Silsden Floods in March.
- **2018** Ten widespread locations produced a total of 43 birds, with a maximum count of eight at Silsden Ings in March. An unusually long-staying drake was present at Yeadon Tarn from early March until the end of May.