**St John’s Lake and the River Lynher, Torpoint**

For the final field trip of the 2022 season 25 people from the Plymouth Branch made a foray across the water, assembling on Marine Drive and moving on to Chapeldown Road. Four hours before high tide large numbers of duck and geese were visible on the far side of the water. Much closer views of a party of 5 Little Grebe were enjoyed together with a variety of waders, which included Turnstone, several small flocks of Dunlin together with at least 12 Ringed Plover. There were distant views of a Great Northern Diver which was actively fishing.

The group moved on to Wacker Quay as the tide came in and pushed waders on to the salt marsh. Good numbers of Teal and Wigeon were seeking shelter from a bitterly cold wind together with a lone Gadwall. Waders were hunkered down in the marsh vegetation but the predominantly white plumage of a group of approximately 50 Avocets were showing clearly on the distant shore.

Upon returning to Chapeldown Road for the high tide, the group were rewarded with excellent views of 24 dark-bellied and 4 pale-bellied Brent Geese and up to 3 Great Northern Divers. Local residents were keen to share their recent sightings too, with a Black Redstart seen daily on roof tops in the area, although none of the group were lucky on this occasion.

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| Great Northern Diver | Dunlin |
| Great Crested Grebe | Avocet |
| Little Grebe | Great Black-backed Gull |
| Cormorant | Herring Gull |
| Grey Heron | Common Gull |
| Little Egret | Black-headed Gull |
| Mallard | Woodpigeon |
| Teal | Feral Pigeon |
| Gadwall | Great Spotted Woodpecker |
| Wigeon | Carrion Crow |
| Shelduck | Jackdaw |
| Brent Goose (dark-bellied) | Magpie |
| Brent Goose (pale-bellied) | Great Tit |
| Canada Goose | Blue Tit |
| Mute Swan | Long-tailed Tit |
| Buzzard | Wren |
| Kestrel | Blackbird |
| Oystercatcher | Robin |
| Ringed Plover | Goldcrest |
| Turnstone | Dunnock |
| Snipe | Rock Pipit |
| Curlew | Pied Wagtail |
| Black-tailed Godwit | Starling |
| Bar-tailed Godwit | Greenfinch |
| Common Sandpiper | Chaffinch |
| Redshank | House Sparrow |
| Greenshank |  |

Total 53 species