

Oystercatcher (Haematopus ostralegus)

Status: Common breeder

Current trend: The current scene with this species suggests continuing success – almost unique as far as wading birds go – with the Oystercatcher demonstrating an ability to make use of both human and natural surroundings. Recent nest sites have ranged from inland rough pasture to the roof of a primary school, and gravel patches on roundabouts.

Follow up: Recording of breeding success, particularly in the more "non-natural" locations, should continue.