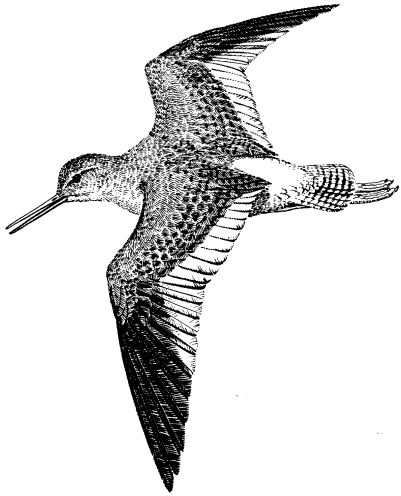


Redshank

Tringa totanus

Chevalier gambette – Rotschenkel – Tureluur - Rodbena

Common breeding resident



Since 1970 an average of 14 pairs has been recorded nesting annually, with the exception of 1974. The breeding population reached a peak in 1983 when 29 pairs nested. This compares with figures ranging from nine to 19 pairs during 1990-2010, with three to six pairs at Wader Pool raising many young. Numbers increase outside the breeding season, with over 100 birds normally present from August to March. At this time the tidal River Rother is the favoured locality, and flocks gather to roost at high tide on Rye saltings adjacent to the river. Smaller numbers are present on the

Nature Reserve throughout the winter. The peak counts relate mainly to birds in the high tide roost: 340 on 15 January 1985, 225 on 27 December 1999 and 220 in August 1978.



Adult in breeding plumage



Nest in a grass tussock



Young chick

Breeding Redshank at Rye Harbour

