

Shoveler

Anas clypeata

Löffelente - Pato chucara - Canard souchet – Mestolone – Slobeend - Shirokonoska - Skedand

Present all year, common in winter, regularly breeds

Lowest numbers are generally present during May and June, sometimes increasing during July, and typically peaking in October/November or February/March. Peak counts since 1970 have averaged 124, but numbers were generally low during the early/mid 1970s. The highest counts are generally at Castle Water.

The Great Britain threshold of importance for sites for Shoveler is 148 and this is now often exceeded just at Castle Water. The International threshold figure is 400, which the site does not quite reach, but the wider Dungeness and Rye Bay does.

Since 1983 one or two pairs have usually attempted to breed, but success is poor.



Annual Maximum Counts of Shoveler at Rye Harbour

