Kingfishers at Dunstable Sewer Works

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When Rob was clearing and doing general maintenance around the scrape he noticed huge quants of Sticklebacks in the shallow water near the hide so I thought it a good idea and suggested we put a perch above the area to see if it would bring the Kingfishers nearer the hide.

That was last week and since then we have had nothing but regular visits to the perch by the local Kingfishers with 2 seen hunting/feeding from the same perch at the same time so a success all around on that front. At this rate of predation I am not sure how long the stock of Sticklebacks will last, as I sat in the hide for 2 and a 1/2 hours today and the Kingfisher was feeding in full view for pretty much the duration of my visit.

Also on view today on the scrape where, 2 no Green Sandpipers, 1 no Little Ringed Plover, Grey & Pied Wagtail, Coot, Moorehen, Mallard + 5 surviving chicks, Reed & Sedge Warblers, Reed Bunting, Bullfinch, Goldfinch & Blackcap

