

Bowden and Ball Bird Ringing Partnership



Annual Report 2024

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Introduction

This is the 13th annual report that has been produced by the Bowden and Ball Ringing Partnership. This annual report is intended to give a brief indication of the activities and some of the results of the following 'members'. Most ringing is undertaken in Lincolnshire, though some of our regular owl box schemes are just over the border into neighbouring counties. In addition Steve Biglands moved to Northumberland when he retired, so his ringing is carried out up there. Daniel now lives and works in Suffolk. Also Andrew Chick still lives near Windermere, so his ringing activities were carried out in Cumbria in 2024.

Brian Leonard, who has been with the group since that start, 'retired' from ringing at the end of 2023, so we are left with the following 'members'.

Name	Permit no		Name	Permit no
Alan Ball	A2544		Daniel Wade	A5842
Bob Sheppard	C2932		Garry Steele	C5857
Steve Biglands	C3948		Jack Dawson	C6640
Andrew Chick	C4074		Ian Willoughby	C7020
Keith Bowden	A4168			

The number of birds processed by group members in 2024 is shown below. Note that this does not necessarily demonstrate ringing effort as, for instance, when Bob and Alan go ringing together, Alan normally does the ringing and Bob the scribing. In addition, the table only includes those birds that are ringed using the Partnership's rings, so again does not indicate individuals total effort during the year, such as Daniel who ringed birds with the Kessinglang RG in Suffolk.

2024 Observer Ringing Totals				
Observer	Full grown	Pulli	Retraps	Total
Alan Ball (AB)	4318	571	643	5532
Keith Bowden (KB)	0	3	0	3
Bob Sheppard (RS)	31	152	17	200
Steve Biglands (SB)	133	0	26	159
Andrew Chick (AC)	32	203	0	235
Brian Leonard (BL)	5	0	0	5
Daniel Wade (DW)	29	0	4	33
Garry Steele (GS)	0	14	0	14
Jack Dawson (JD)	6	2	0	8
Ian Willoughby (IW)	20	151	7	178
Owen Beaumont	2	14	0	16
Others	4	10	7	21
Total	4580	1120	704	6404

2024 Site Capture Totals

The following table contains those sites where over 50 birds were processed in 2024.

	2024 Site Totals	Adults Ringed	Pulli Ringed	Total Ringed	Retraps/ Controls	Total Birds	No of Species
1	Bourne Wood	2303	1	2304	374	2678	28
2	Marston STW	1247	3	1250	145	1395	38
3	Dunsby Fen	225	0	225	11	236	15
4	Dunsby STW	205	0	205	28	233	20
5	Fenwick (SB's garden)	133	0	133	26	159	18
6	Colthouse Heights (Cumbria)	5	133	138	0	138	3
7	Deeping Lakes	89	0	89	5	94	1
8	Northorpe Fen	78	9	87	6	93	9
9	Spring Wood (Cumbria)	3	63	66	0	66	3
10	Anderby Creek	55	0	55	3	58	15
11	Pasture Hill Farm	55	0	55	0	55	1
	** Other sites (327 no.)	182	911	993	106	1099	
	Total	4580	1120	5700	704	6404	68

Note ** High number of 'other' sites is due to isolated nest-boxes spread throughout Lincolnshire and adjacent counties, where just a few chicks and/or up to two adults are normally ringed.



An unexpected Firecrest during the last session of the year – Dunsby 29th December 2024

2024 Annual Ringing Totals – page 1 of 2						
	<i>Species</i>	<i>FG</i>	<i>Pull</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Recapture</i>	<i>Total</i>
		<i>Ringed</i>	<i>Ringed</i>	<i>Ringed</i>	<i>Controls</i>	<i>Captures</i>
1	Little Egret	0	3	3	0	3
2	Eurasian Teal	1	0	1	0	1
3	Red Kite	0	6	6	0	6
4	Sparrowhawk	3	0	3	0	3
5	Buzzard	0	1	1	0	1
6	Kestrel	4	330	334	4	338
7	Peregrine	0	13	13	7	20
8	Water Rail	17	0	17	7	24
9	Moorhen	19	2	21	14	35
10	Oystercatcher	0	2	2	0	2
11	Lapwing	0	3	3	0	3
12	Stock Dove	8	3	11	3	14
13	Woodpigeon	5	0	5	0	5
14	Barn Owl	79	372	451	47	498
15	Little Owl	19	88	107	41	148
16	Tawny Owl	2	13	15	8	23
17	Great Spotted Woodpecker	8	0	8	3	11
18	Sand Martin	107	0	107	5	112
19	Swallow	97	0	97	1	98
20	House Martin	162	0	162	2	164
21	Meadow Pipit	65	0	65	0	65
22	Yellow Wagtail	1	0	1	0	1
23	Grey Wagtail	1	0	1	0	1
24	Pied/White Wagtail	1	0	1	0	1
25	Wren	41	0	41	5	46
26	Dunnock	62	0	62	13	75
27	Robin	59	0	59	16	75
28	Stonechat	1	0	1	1	2
29	Blackbird	31	2	33	6	39
30	Fieldfare	1	0	1	0	1
31	Song Thrush	2	0	2	1	3
32	Redwing	18	0	18	0	18
33	Cetti's Warbler	16	0	16	5	21
34	Grasshopper Warbler	1	0	1	0	1
35	Sedge Warbler	99	0	99	3	102
36	Reed Warbler	201	1	202	14	216
37	Barred Warbler	1	0	1	0	1
38	Lesser Whitethroat	3	0	3	0	3
39	Whitethroat	1	0	1	0	1
40	Garden Warbler	3	0	3	0	3

2024 Annual Ringing Totals – page 2 of 2						
	<i>Species</i>	<i>FG</i>	<i>Pull</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Recapture</i>	<i>Total</i>
		<i>Ringed</i>	<i>Ringed</i>	<i>Ringed</i>	<i>Controls</i>	<i>Captures</i>
41	Blackcap	30	0	30	0	30
42	Chiffchaff	128	0	128	0	128
43	Willow Warbler	14	0	14	0	14
44	Goldcrest	24	0	24	0	24
45	Firecrest	1	0	1	0	1
46	Pied Flycatcher	2	57	59	0	59
47	Bearded Tit	1	0	1	0	1
48	Long-tailed Tit	75	0	75	11	86
49	Marsh Tit	4	0	4	1	5
50	Coal Tit	35	0	35	7	42
51	Blue Tit	1267	99	1366	252	1618
52	Great Tit	510	47	557	110	667
53	Nuthatch	4	0	4	5	9
54	Treecreeper	2	0	2	0	2
55	Jackdaw	2	75	77	0	77
56	Starling	1	0	1	0	1
57	House Sparrow	17	3	20	5	25
58	Chaffinch	126	0	126	2	128
59	Brambling	48	0	48	0	48
60	Greenfinch	79	0	79	1	80
61	Goldfinch	180	0	180	2	182
62	Siskin	708	0	708	65	773
63	Linnet	2	0	2	0	2
64	Common Redpoll	3	0	3	3	6
65	Lesser Redpoll	65	0	65	27	92
65a	Redpoll (Common/Lesser)	1	0	1	1	2
66	Bullfinch	8	0	8	3	11
67	Yellowhammer	55	0	55	1	56
68	Reed Bunting	49	0	49	2	51
	Total:	4580	1120	5700	704	6404



Barred Warbler – a new species for the Group 31st August - Anderby

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	<i>species</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Tot</i>
1	Little Egret	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
2	Eurasian Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
3	Red Kite	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
4	Sparrowhawk	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
5	Buzzard	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
6	Kestrel	-	-	-	-	1	267	66	-	-	-	-	-	334
7	Peregrine	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
8	Water Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	8	1	17
9	Moorhen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	3	1	2	21
10	Oystercatcher	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
11	Lapwing	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
12	Stock Dove	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	11
13	Woodpigeon	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	5
14	Barn Owl	-	1	-	7	12	279	115	29	1	6	1	-	451
15	Little Owl	-	2	-	6	20	78	1	-	-	-	-	-	107
16	Tawny Owl	-	-	-	2	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
17	Gt. Sp. Woodpecker	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	8
18	Sand Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	11	7	-	-	-	107
19	Swallow	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	45	46	-	-	-	97
20	House Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	103	4	-	-	-	162
21	Meadow Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	13	1	1	65
22	Yellow Wagtail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
23	Grey Wagtail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
24	Pied/White Wagtail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
25	Wren	-	-	4	2	-	1	2	7	11	9	4	1	41
26	Dunnock	5	14	5	4	1	-	-	5	6	9	7	6	62
27	Robin	3	10	2	3	2	2	2	11	7	3	7	7	59
28	Stonechat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
29	Blackbird	1	7	6	7	2	1	1	1	1	-	2	4	33
30	Fieldfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
31	Song Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
32	Redwing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	16	-	18
33	Cetti's Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	4	1	1	16
34	Grasshopper Warbler	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
35	Sedge Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	64	21	-	-	-	99
36	Reed Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	103	65	3	-	-	202
37	Barred Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
38	Lesser Whitethroat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
39	Whitethroat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
40	Garden Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
41	Blackcap	-	1	1	4	-	3	2	6	13	-	-	-	30
42	Chiffchaff	-	-	6	3	-	-	1	52	45	19	2	-	128
43	Willow Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	-	-	-	14
44	Goldcrest	3	-	5	-	-	2	-	1	1	5	4	3	24
45	Firecrest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
46	Pied Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	24	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
47	Bearded Tit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
48	Long-tailed Tit	6	12	1	2	1	-	-	-	30	8	2	13	75
49	Marsh Tit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	4
50	Coal Tit	1	5	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	14	3	7	35

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	species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot
51	Blue Tit	160	321	109	8	97	11	19	11	24	345	148	113	1366
52	Great Tit	45	77	42	10	42	18	4	3	19	192	69	36	557
53	Nuthatch	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4
54	Treecreeper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
55	Jackdaw	-	-	-	-	32	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
56	Starling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
57	House Sparrow	-	-	-	1	5	4	-	3	5	-	2	-	20
58	Chaffinch	11	26	46	8	1	8	2	5	-	3	5	11	126
59	Brambling	-	28	6	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
60	Greenfinch	3	22	13	10	1	3	1	2	1	2	7	14	79
61	Goldfinch	13	22	66	4	-	-	-	1	2	14	24	34	180
62	Siskin	1	102	522	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	708
63	Linnet	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
64	Common Redpoll	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
65	Lesser Redpoll	11	16	26	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
66	Bullfinch	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3	8
67	Yellowhammer	1	44	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
68	Reed Bunting	5	28	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	2	1	49
	Grand Total:	271	744	881	196	261	783	424	490	390	672	324	264	5700
	Total Species:	16	21	21	23	18	23	23	29	32	27	27	24	68



Over 700 Siskins were ringed at Bourne Wood during Feb to April – above female (L) male (R)



Italian-ringed Siskin – 18th March – Bourne Wood

Latvian-ringed Siskin 24th March – Bourne Wood

Nest Records 2024

Group members managed to contribute a total of 439 Nest Record Cards of thirteen species to the BTO Nest Record Scheme, including over 400 for birds of prey, as shown in the table below. As usual, the majority were as a result of the owl nest box monitoring. Andrew has erected quite a number of boxes for Pied Flycatchers in Cumbria where he currently resides, which accounted for the record year for Pied Flycatchers.

Nest Records 2024							
Species	Nests	Average number of eggs	Average Number of chicks	Average Visits per nest	Outcome Percentages		
					Success	Failure	Unknown
Raptors							
Red Kite	5	2.4	2.4	1.0	0	0	100
Buzzard	1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0	100
Kestrel	119	3.9	2.0	1.4	24	10	65
Peregrine	6	3.2	2.5	1.0	67	0	33
Barn Owl	201	3.2	2.2	1.4	8	13	79
Little Owl	56	3.4	2.0	1.9	14	36	50
Tawny Owl	15	2.3	1.7	1.5	7	13	80
Raptors Total	403						
Other Species							
Oystercatcher	1	4.0	3.0	4.0	100	0	0
Reed Warbler	1	3.0	3.0	4.0	100	0	0
Pied Flycatcher	11	5.5	5.4	1.2	0	0	100
Blue Tit	15	8.0	7.0	1.6	13	7	80
Great Tit	7	7.3	6.7	1.4	0	0	100
House Sparrow	1	4.0	3.0	3.0	100	0	0
Others Total	36						
Grand Total	439						

	
<p>A RSPB scheme involves taking Red Kite chicks from nests in the East Midlands and taking them to Spain. This year Alan accompanied the team in Lincolnshire to ring the single chick being left in each nest, which accounts for the Red Kite chicks (and single Buzzard chick) ringed this year.</p>	

Owl and Kestrel nesting data – 2024 and last five years

KESTREL	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Number of nests**	49	99	86	73	132
Failures	7	12	7	8	12
Broods ringed	30	58	56	43	93
Chicks ringed	94	210	224	122	330
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	3.1	3.6	4	2.8	3.5

LITTLE OWL	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Number of nests**	65	75	69	67	58
Failures	10	10	15	12	21
Broods ringed	46	56	48	49	31
Chicks ringed	120	150	124	118	87
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.8

TAWNY OWL	*2020*	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Number of nests **	1	32	28	36	15
Failures	1	0	0	6	2
Broods ringed	0	29	21	19	9
Chicks ringed	0	57	36	25	13
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	0	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.4

BARN OWL	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Number of nests**	49	230	217	108	203
Failures	12	18	10	17	29
Broods ringed	23	173	167	63	145
Chicks ringed	48	459	428	125	372
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	2.1	2.7	2.6	2.0	2.6

** total = broods ringed + failed and also broods that were not ringed or missed

2020 Lockdown in 2020 meant that Bob could not carry out the annual Tawny Owl checks

2024 Barn Owl brood sizes (ringed)	No	Total
1	29	29
2	67	134
3	29	117
4	13	52
5	4	20
6	2	12
7	0	0
8	1	8
Total	145	372

Review of the year 2024

A total of 5700 birds of 68 species were ringed in 2024., which is about average for recent years. One 'new' species for the group was ringed this year when a juvenile Barred Warbler was caught at Anderby Creek on 31st August, the first one reported on the UK mainland in 2024. Alan made a determined effort to catch Moorhen at Marston STW as part of a national colour ringing project which resulted in our highest ever total for Moorhen with 21 ringed. Water Rails were also caught in the same traps resulting in our highest ever annual total for Water Rail with 17 ringed. It was also a record year for Pied Flycatchers as a result of Andrew's nest box scheme in Cumbria where he now lives. It was our equal best year for Peregrine with 13 ringed, and our second best years for Kestrel (334) and Siskin (708). Other highlights included three Common Redpoll at Bourne Wood, a Teal, Stonechat, Bearded Tit and a 'Siberian' Chiffchaff at Marston and a most unexpected Firecrest at Dunsby on the last ringing session of 2024.

On the downside it was the first ever year (since 1977) that we did not ring any Tree Sparrows. In addition, House Sparrows seem scarce these days and Steve ringed 16 of these in Northumberland out of the annual total of 20. It was the lowest total for Little Owl since the Partnership was formed in 2012, despite Bob continuing to maintain and provide new nest boxes for them, and they are now in serious decline throughout the UK.

January - March

As usual, most ringing was carried out at baited sites. It was quite poor at our farmland sites, mainly due to wet and windy weather, though there seemed to be fewer birds around than normal. This may also have been due to milder weather resulting in less birds such as Yellowhammers and Reed Buntings coming to seed. However there were some Bramblings around with the Chaffinches, Greenfinches and Goldfinches.



Brambling – Dunsby Fen



A reasonable number of Lesser Redpolls (above Left) were present in Bourne Wood and in March we ringed three rarer Common Redpolls (above Right). Despite the name, Common Redpolls are quite rare and we are lucky to get more than one per year.

However the real 'stars' of the late winter period were the increasing number of Siskins in Bourne Wood and we caught over 700. Numbers of Siskin vary from year to year and in some years we get none, but this was the second time we have ringed more than 700 in a year. They are excellent for recoveries as they come down to bird feeders particularly for sunflower hearts. They don't breed in our area, so birds that we catch are from further north and they don't follow any migration routes, going sometimes south-east to winter in eastern and southern Europe, and in other years head south-west into southern UK. This means that we get a lot of movements to and from Scotland in particular, but also throughout Europe. In March we caught one bird having been ringed in Latvia and another in Italy. We also have one of these Siskins subsequently controlled in Norway and another in Kaliningrad, Russia.

April to June

Some 80+ Siskins were ringed at Bourne Wood before they departed northwards with the last ringed there on 10th, and Steve ringed the last of the year in his garden in Northumberland on 14th. From mid April, the focus was then on the nestboxes, beginning with the Little Owls and Tawny Owls before moving on to Barn Owls and Kestrels. Little Owls continue to decline and we seemed to have lost a few pairs at some sites where they have been present for over 20 years. Tawny Owls also did not do very well and it may be as a result of the very wet weather in winter and spring that must have had an effect on the field vole population. Barn Owls seemed to be good in terms of site occupancy, but brood sizes were poor suggesting poor prey availability.



The Little Egret colony at Dyson Farming's Leadenhall Farm site was badly affected by the unseasonal wet weather in early May and many nests contained dead chicks or were empty when the site was visited in late May. Only three chicks were colour-ringed this year. Four broods of Peregrines were colour-ringed plus one following a 'Failed first flight' below a electricity transmission pylon and another which was found nesting in a straw stack! Colour-ringing of both Peregrines and Little Egrets is very successful at increasing the subsequent reporting rate. Of ten recoveries of peregrines this year, nine were due to colour-ring sightings (see the recoveries section on page 33 of this report.)

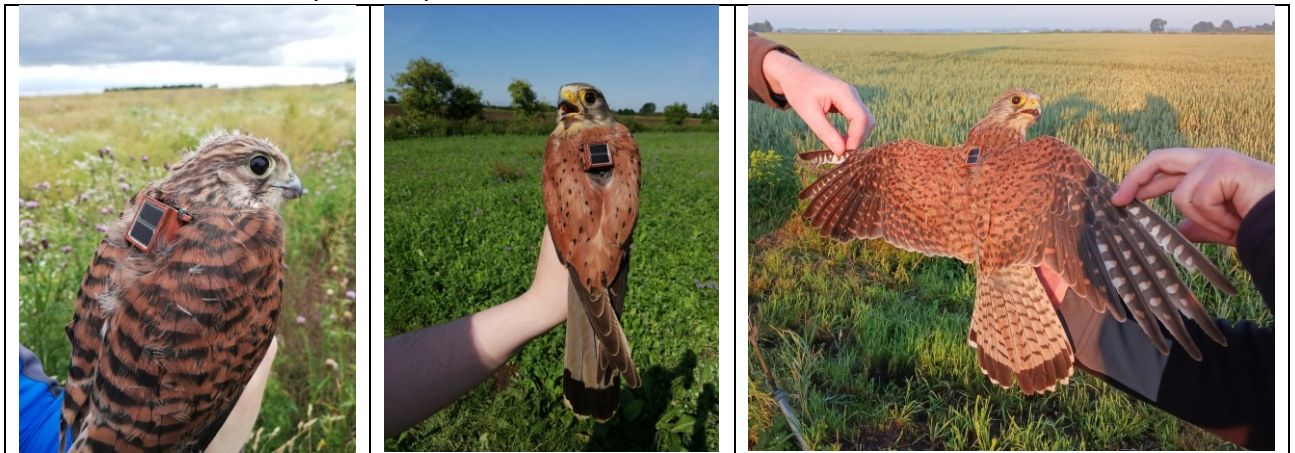
Having not ringed any Red Kite chicks since 2019, we got the chance to ring a few this year. Currently there is a RSPB scheme to take nestling Kites from nests in the East Midlands and to take them to Spain to increase the population there. Only part broods are taken and we had the opportunity to ring those chicks that were returned to the nest. A lone Buzzard chick was also ringed on the same day.



Andrew had further success this year in May and June with his Pied Flycatcher nest-boxes near where he now lives in Cumbria, with 57 chicks and two adults ringed in eleven occupied boxes. (See page 14 of this report)

July – September

Kestrels were very spread on their laying dates this year, with some very early first broods fledging at the end of May and the latest brood fledged in the first few days of August. This gave an opportunity to Greg Conway and Hugh Hamner from the BTO to GPS tag a couple of our Kestrels as they have been unable to tag as many as they had intended to in Norfolk. It is hoped that the results will be included in next year's report.



GPS tags added to juvenile, adult male and adult female Kestrels – July 2024

Two hundred Reed Warblers and just shy of a hundred Sedge Warblers were ringed in the wet reed-bed at Marston during the autumn, more than last year when the reed-bed was allowed to dry out. However numbers of Chiffchaff and especially Blackcaps were down on previous years.

Bob and Alan did a couple of sessions ringing Sand Martins at an artificial site at Deeping Lakes and over a hundred were ringed with a couple of controls. Bob is hoping to get a couple of similar artificial Sand Martin banks constructed over the winter with the Drainage Boards which is encouraging. After last year's blank year for House Martins it was good to ring 55 at the colony at Pasture Hill Farm near Bourne, and another 103 were ringed at Marston in August.

Fifty Swallows were ringed at Marston STW in August with a dozen Sand Martins adjacent to the wet reed-bed. A couple of evening sessions at Marston produced another fifty or so Swallows with a couple of Sand Martins coming into a small roost. A surprise catch one evening was this juvenile female Teal....the first duck of any species ringed by the group for five years!

It was a good year for hirundines with 366 ringed after a few lean years with 16 last year and 25 the year before



The coast was very disappointing in the autumn and three visits resulted in a total of just 55 birds were ringed, but included the only three Lesser Whitethroats and two of the three Garden Warblers for the year. Star bird however was a juvenile Barred Warbler on 31st August, the very first bird ringed there in 2024! This was the first recorded Barred Warbler on the UK mainland in the autumn, and was a 'new' bird for the group.

October - December

Most ringing late in the year was carried out at Marston STW and Bourne Wood. It seems to have been a good breeding year for the tit species and these at Bourne Wood made up for most of the total ringed in the last three months. Some days were very ‘busy’ and on 4th October 239 birds were ringed and another 13 retrapped at Bourne Wood....a record total for the wood, leading to a few sore fingers!).

At Marston STW, a continuous effort was made to trap Moorhen for colour-ringing and Water Rails using a variety of baits; wild Mirabelle plums were used in September when Moorhens were seen to be actively feeding on these in the hedgerow. Other fruit that seemed to work were apples, over-ripe peaches and bananas. Otherwise left-over BBQ Spare Ribs, fish and chips worked just as well!. We finished the year with 21 Moorhen and 17 Water Rails, our record year for both species. In future, we won’t be using tins of sardines/pilchards for baiting the potter-traps, but just kitchen scraps.

Regular ringing at Marston did also produce a few “goodies” during October in the form of Stonechat (9th for Marston), Bearded Tit (6th for Marston) and the *tristis* race of chiffchaff or ‘Siberian’ Chiffchaff (2nd for both Marston and the Group)

		
Stonechat - Oct 11th	Bearded Tit – Oct 29th	Siberian Chiffchaff - Oct 18th

All in all, it was a fairly typical year with 5,700 birds ringed of 68 species and we look forward to what 2025 will bring. Whilst our regular monitoring work tend to produce few surprise, one never knows what might turn up as clearly demonstrated by this unexpected Firecrest at Dunsby STW on the very last ringing outing of 2024!



Pied Flycatchers in 2024

Up to the end of 2022, we had ringed 75 Pied Flycatchers, mainly at coastal sites on autumn passage with just five in spring. Inland one was ringed in August 1991 at Ancaster and one in May 2005 at Haverholme Park. Andrew had some success when he moved to Windermere and installed some boxes in 2023, and ringed 15 last year. The landowner was that impressed that he bought a number of new nest boxes which were installed for the 2024 season.



New woodcrete nest-boxes



In situ, showing habitat

This year Andrew had 11 nests of Pied Flycatchers using his nest-boxes and ringed 57 chicks and two adult females, as well as 99 Blue Tit and 47 Great Tit chicks. This is an excellent result and it's possible that the population will increase in the next few years. To date we have never had any of our Pied Flycatchers recovered, having ringed so few, but it is hoped that we could get our first recovery with the increased numbers from Andrew's scheme. It is also great news to be able to submit records to the BTO's Nest Record Scheme for the first time.





Male Pied Flycatcher on territory – APC, June 24






Pied Flycatcher chicks at ringing stage - APC Jun'24

Colour-ringing of Moorhens at Marston STW in 2024

Aurora, a PhD student at the University of Gloucester began a colour-ringing project on Moorhen in 2023. After a request for UK ringers to assist, I contacted her stating that although we only ring two or three a year, we would colour ring them if she wanted. In her reply she asked if we could aim for ten. (little did I know that we would double what I thought was an ambitious target!) The rings arrived on 29th January and the following day I set five potter traps when ringing at Marston and caught our first Moorhen, an adult female, that was ringed with a BTO metal ring on the left leg and a orange colour ring with the letters "J60" on the right leg. It was obviously 'beginners luck' as no more were caught in the first half of the year. This first bird was spotted by local birder, Dave Roberts, who was quite disappointed to learn that this Moorhen had travelled just a few yards!

	
Moorhen "J60" ringed 30 th January	"J60" Photographed by Dave Roberts - 4 th March

However, when ringing commenced in Plot 3 (the main reedbed) for warblers at the end of July, traps were again set and we ringed another twenty Moorhens by the end of the year. One juvenile was judged too small to colour ring, although it was fitted with a BTO ring. This increased effort to target Moorhen this year resulted in the group's record annual total for Moorhen with 21 ringed. Around 250 are ringed annually in the UK, so pleased that we ringed nearly 10% of the annual total. In addition we also ringed our record total of 17 Water Rails whilst targeting Moorhen. Only around a hundred Water Rails are ringed in the UK annually, so our Water Rail total is approaching 20% of the UK annual total, a remarkable achievement.

		
Water Rail - adult	Water Rail – juvenile	Two at once !

Grantham Peregrine Saga 2024

Peregrines first nested at St Wulfram's church in 2007, laying just two eggs and possibly rearing one chick. Bob provided a nest tray on the west side for them the following year, but they did not nest again until 2009 and then used the tray annually up until 2012, fledging ten young during this period. They failed to nest in 2013 and works on the spire prevented any attempts in 2014 and 2015. A couple of failed attempts have been made since (2018 and 2020). In 2021 two excellent Hik Cameras were installed with help from Chris Skipper and Zoe Smith from Cromer, and funded by the Lincolnshire Bird Club. Unfortunately the Peregrines have not bred since these cameras were installed.


However, these Hik cameras provided plenty of entertainment during the year, despite the fact that the Peregrines failed to breed. The two cameras at opposite corners of the walkway, that can be panned, zoomed and focussed remotely using the Hik app software via a mobile phone. The cameras can therefore cover all four walkways, camera 1 for the west and north walkway and camera 2 for the south and east walkway. The covered nest tray is on the eastern walkway.


Peregrines failed to breed at St Wulfram's Church in 2024, probably due to disturbance by visiting intruding Peregrines. At least NINE different birds were recorded, but there may have been more, as un-ringed birds are difficult to tell apart. There were four colour-ringed birds, one hybrid female and at least two un-ringed males and two un-ringed females. What turned out to be our 'regular' male is colour-ringed (orange ring with "VAF") and was ringed in 2022 by us at Bottesford Church, approximately 11 km to the west-north-west. At just two years old he may not have been mature enough to help 'defend' the site from visiting Peregrines, undoubtedly one of the reasons why they failed to breed. As he will be three years old and seems to be well settled with an un-ringed female, it is hoped that they will breed successfully in 2025

The different birds are documented below:-

Bird	Age	Sex	Identifier	Dates
A	Adult	F	Un-ringed	This seems to be the regular female
B	Adult	F	Un-ringed	Two u/r females seen Feb 24 th
C	Adult	F	Hybrid ?	Seen once - Feb 20 th
D	Adult	F	Blue "MK"	Mar 29 th - Apr 3 rd
E	Adult	F	Yellow "YAB"	May 15 th – June 2 nd
F	1 st Yr	F	Un-ringed	April 26 th and May 17 th
G	Adult	M	Un-ringed	Feb 12 th – Mar 15 th
H	Adult	M	Orange "VAF"	The regular male Feb 12 th – December
I	1st Yr	M	Orange "V7D"	Seen once – Mar 28 th

There was a prolonged fight between an un-ringed female and the blue colour-ringed "MK" on 3rd April, during which an egg was laid/ejected from the un-ringed bird. This would seem to suggest that the un-ringed female would have bred at St Wulfram's, had the fight not occurred. The fight was brutal, starting off on the west walkway before recommencing on the nest tray; the second fight lasted 20+ minutes! Blue "MK" was clearly injured during the fight and was picked up by a member of the public in Grantham a few days later, taken into care for 24 hours and released, but she was not seen on the church again.

	<p>This image was taken on February 12th and initially we thought it was a pair. It is clearly an un-ringed male on the nest tray roof. What appeared to be a colour-ringed female on the parapet wall, but this turned out to be orange “VAF” and was later identified as a male. It just looked big being very close to the camera. Orange VAF seemed to disappear for most of March, but then became the most regular of our birds, being present right through April and May and to the end of the year.</p>
<p>Feb 12th – two males</p>	

	<p>During the last half of February, we regularly saw an un-ringed female, seemingly being courted by both an un-ringed male and male VAF.</p> <p>On 24th February, there was a stand-off between two un-ringed females. We were not able to distinguish between the two when seen separately.</p>
<p>Feb 24th Two un-ringed females</p>	

	<p>Orange colour-ringed “VAF” was our most regular bird of 2024. He was ringed by us at Bottesford Church in 2022. First seen on February 12th squaring up against another male, (un-ringed) he seemed to disappear for much of March, but was then present for the whole of April to the end of the year.</p> <p>He did most of the nest-scraping during the year, and was continuing to nest-scrape during October to December</p> <p>Hopefully he will be more mature in 2025 and more likely to help ‘defend’ the site against unwelcome Peregrine intruders.</p>
<p>April 27th - VAF</p>	



February 20th Possible hybrid female

During the afternoon of February 20th, a large female visited the nest tray. Our 'regular' female was clearly scared by this bird. We posted the left-hand photograph above on the national Peregrine WhatsApp Group where several group members questioned its ancestry stating that it showed some Gyr and/or Lanner characteristics. The right-hand photograph reinforces that view and the consensus was that it was a Gyr X Peregrine hybrid. Such hybrids are common in the captive bird population, but a captive bird would almost certainly be ringed. Such hybrids have caused problems at a couple of sites in the UK previously (as they are capable of killing true Peregrines) and licences have been issued to shoot them. However previous observed hybrids have all been ringed, and their captive origin known. Fortunately, this bird was only seen on this one occasion and has not been seen since.



Just after mid-day on 28th March a juvenile male landed on the north wall with prey, which it ate before flying off. This bird was wearing an orange colour ring with the letters "V7D", This had been ringed by us last year at Bottesford church a movement of approximately 11 kilometres ESE. This is the first sighting of "V7D" since fledging and was not seen again at St Wulfram's Church after this unexpected visit. It is likely that this bird is a brother of our regular male "VAF" and a year younger.

March 28th – North Wall – First Year Male



On 29th March a new female was seen that was colour ringed with a blue colour ring. Over the next few days, it became apparent that the blue colour ring had the letters "MK". This bird had been ringed as a chick in 2020 in Taunton, Devon. She appeared to be slightly larger than our 'resident' female, and our resident female seemed to be quite scared of it. She was observed a few times nest-scraping, so she may have been trying to oust our resident female. She was involved in a big fight with our resident female on 3rd April, during which she was injured and not seen at St Wulfram's again.

March 29th - Blue "MK"

The Big Fight - April 3rd



On the morning of 3rd April, Elaine, the church administrator, noticed a fight ongoing above the west door as she entered the church. She panned the NW camera round which revealed two females fighting (whilst the male initially just stood on the wall above and watched!). This initial round of the fight lasted at least 15 minutes. The birds then separated and the female Blue "MK" ran round the parapet and stood on the nest tray, panting and with a few feathers ruffled.

However, the other female then appeared behind the tray clearly looking for further battle....



A dishevelled-looking Blue "MK"



"Our" female re-appears looking for further fight



This second round of fighting was brutal



The Big Fight part 2

Unfortunately, during this second round of fighting an egg was ejected by the un-ringed female, clearly showing she would have laid an egg within the next few days.

The fight was brutal, with both birds locked in combat for quite long periods. At least it gave an unusual photo to confirm the combination of "MK" on the blue colour ring.

Following this second fight, Blue MK ran round to the west parapet and was unable to fly up to the wall. She was picked up a day or so later in Grantham and rehabilitated locally and released a few days later nearby, but was not subsequently seen at St Wulfram's.



Egg ejected during the fight



The fight was brutal and lasted 20 minutes



Blue "MK" 's talons on our regular females head



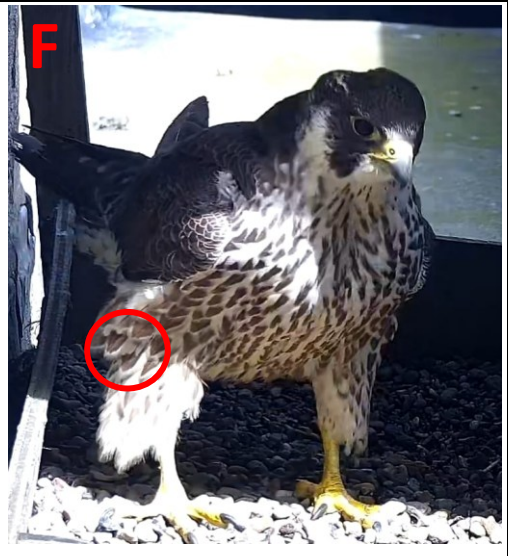

An unusual view of the blue colour-ring "MK" !



The fight was certainly a "no-holds-barred" fight.

	<p>Early afternoon on April 26th, Bob spotted this really smart first year un-ringed female on the west wall. First year birds can easily be identified by streaked rather than barred underparts and the brown, rather than grey, feathers on the back and wings having buff edges.</p> <p>It was only present for a few minutes and flew off within seconds of the camera being zoomed in for this photo (just before being able to sharpen the focussing!).</p> <p>This bird was only seen once more when it visited the nest tray on the east side on May 17th.</p>
<p><i>April 26th – west wall – First year Female</i></p>	

This bird appeared in the nest tray on 17th May, it seems to be the same bird as on the west wall on April 26th above – see plumage detail highlighted.

	
<p><i>May 17th - first year female</i></p>	<p><i>Same bird as on west wall on April 26th</i></p>

	<p>Late on 15th May Bob spotted a new bird with a yellow colour-ring on the nest tray, but we were unable to make out the colour ring details. Camera was zoomed in to the tray in the hope of it coming back, which it did early on May 16th confirming a yellow colour-ring with "YAB". This bird had been a rescued fledgling female found on the streets in Hull on 19/06/2020, rehabilitated and quickly released three days later at the site it was thought to have originated; a pylon at Kingswood, Hull, where it was immediately joined by what was believed to be her parents. There was then some interaction between this bird and our new resident male, orange "VAF" with both birds seen 'scraping' in the tray.</p>
<p><i>May 15th – Yellow "YAB"</i></p>	



Our regular un-ringed female Peregrine sheltering from the hottest day of the year in July at the far end of the northern parapet, shows just how good these HIK cameras are.



October 2024 – West Parapet



November 2024 – nest tray on east side

For the last half of the year, we appear to have a well-settled pair, comprising an un-ringed female and the male orange “VAF”. They were even displaying and scraping in the nest tray during the mild weather in November and December. Hopefully these are good signs for 2025!

Recoveries received during 2024

The partnership received details of 52 recoveries ringed by group members during 2024, with another 31 birds ringed elsewhere and subsequently caught/found. As usual, a good proportion of these (26) were Barn Owls which have a high reporting rate by members of the public. Highlights included one of our Barn Owls retrapped nearly 17 years after ringing which set a new British longevity record. Other highlights included Sedge Warblers to Spain and the Channel Islands, and delayed report of a Chiffchaff to Portugal. The Siskin invasion in the early part of the year included birds from Latvia and Italy and subsequent movements from Bourne Wood to Norway and Russia. The full details follow, and include some retraps where the age of the bird is considered noteworthy.

Ringling/Finding Details of Bird Movements in 2024

Ringling details are given on the first line and recovery data on the second or subsequent lines.

The first line entry is normally, ring number followed by an age code, date of ringling and place of ringling.

On the next line, or subsequent lines where reported more than once, there is a code for the manner of recovery (if known) followed by date and place of recovery.

The distance that the bird has moved (if any) is given in kilometres and the direction of movement is shown as sixteenth points of the compass (N, NNE, NE, ENE, E etc.). This is followed by the time elapsed between ringling and recovery in years and days.

The age code is given according to the 'Euring' code and do not represent the age in years, but are as follows:-

odd number = bird of known age

even number = exact age not known

1 = pullus, nestling or chick

2 = full grown, but exact age unknown

3 = Hatched during current year

4 = at least one year old

5 = hatched during last year

6 = at least two years old

M = Male

F = Female

J = still in juvenile plumage

R/C = Retrapped or controlled (Rb/Cb found breeding)

VV = Ring number read in field

S = Identified from sighting colour-marks (colour rings, wing-tags or neck collars)

X = Found dead (Xf = freshly dead, Xl = long dead, Xy = Dying)

Xr = Road Casualty,

Xo = overhead wires,

Xw = hit window,

Xd = drowned,

Xb = entered building,

Xp = taken by bird of prey

+ = Shot

? = unknown circumstances

A = Found alive (includes sick where fate unknown)

The initials of the group member is included for either the bird being ringed or processed by a B&B Partnership member and the entry appears in normal type.

Ringling information of controls and finding information if not made by us appears in italics

Little Egret

GY44800	1	29/05/23	IW	Leadenhall Farm, Holbeach Marsh, Lincolnshire	
P	U	<i>S</i>	<i>12/07/23</i>	<i>Kilnsea Clays, East Riding of Yorkshire</i>	<i>(80 km, N, 44 days)</i>
		<i>S</i>	<i>23/08/23</i>	<i>Kilnsea Clays, East Riding of Yorkshire</i>	<i>(80 km, N, 86 days)</i>
		<i>S</i>	<i>05/10/23</i>	<i>Kilnsea Clays, East Riding of Yorkshire</i>	<i>(80 km, N, 129 days)</i>
		<i>S</i>	<i>31/05/24</i>	<i>Kilnsea, East Riding of Yorkshire</i>	<i>(82 km, N 1 yr 2 days)</i>

GY62961	1	17/05/23	IW	Leadenhall Farm, Holbeach Marsh, Lincolnshire	
P	P	<i>S</i>	<i>17/11/24</i>	<i>nr. Cornhill-on- Tweed, Scottish Borders</i>	<i>(342 km, NNW, 550 days)</i>

Mute Swan

W48339	3F	10/08/20		North Hykeham, Lincolnshire	
L147	<i>S</i>	<i>30/12/21</i>	AB	Sleaford, Lincolnshire	<i>(23 km, SSE, 2 yrs 142 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>09/02/23</i>	AB	Sleaford, Lincolnshire	<i>(23 km, SSE, 2 yrs 183 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>31/12/23</i>	AB	Sleaford, Lincolnshire	<i>(23 km, SSE, 3 yrs 141 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>30/06/24</i>	AB	Sleaford, Lincolnshire	<i>(23 km, SSE, 3 yrs 324 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>30/12/24</i>	AB	Sleaford, Lincolnshire	<i>(23 km, SSE, 4 yrs 141 days)</i>

This female Mute Swan stayed throughout 2023 and 2024 and, with it's unringed mate, successfully bred in both years.

Kestrel

EM08418	1	17/06/22	AB	nr Tydd St Mary, Lincolnshire	
	<i>Xd</i>	<i>07/08/24</i>		<i>Tydd Gote, Cambridgeshire</i>	<i>(2 km, SSW, 2 yrs 32 days)</i>
EM08473	4F	13/06/23	IW	Slated House Fm, Eastville, Lincolnshire	
	<i>X</i>	<i>06/03/24</i>		<i>Rowston, Lincolnshire</i>	<i>(32 km, W, 267 days)</i>
EM08511	1	11/06/24	RS	Laws Farm, Crowland, Lincolnshire	
	<i>Xf</i>	<i>13/07/24</i>		<i>Terrington Marsh, Norfolk</i>	<i>(33 km, ENE, 32 days)</i>
EM86316	1	21/06/24	AB	Manthorpe, Bourne, Lincolnshire	
	<i>Xf</i>	<i>29/07/24</i>		<i>Toft, Bourne, Lincolnshire</i>	<i>(1 km, N, 38 days)</i>
EM86322	1F	21/06/24	AB	Dunsby Fen, Bourne. Lincolnshire	
	<i>Xo</i>	<i>07/09/24</i>		<i>Poynings, West Sussex</i>	<i>(215 km, S, 78 days)</i>

This bird was fitted with a GPS tracker shortly before fledging by a team from the BTO. Full details of its movements will be included in next years report.

EM86342	1	23/06/24	OB	Fulstow, Lincolnshire	
	<i>A</i>	<i>02/08/24</i>		<i>Barton-upon-Humber, North Lincolnshire.</i>	<i>(38 km, NW, 40 days)</i>
EY87944	1	22/06/19	AB	Ruskington Fen, Lincolnshire	
	<i>Ar</i>	<i>11/11/24</i>		<i>Ruskington Lincolnshire</i>	<i>(6 km, WSW, 5 yrs 142 days)</i>
EY87976	1	23/06/19	AB	Beacon Hill, Billingborough, Lincolnshire	
	C=M	07/07/24	HH	Dunsby Fen, Lincolnshire	<i>(6 km, SSE, 5 yrs 24 days)</i>
EZ65554	4F	07/06/17	AB	nr Odder, Saxilby, Lincolnshire	
	<i>X</i>	<i>15/02/24</i>		<i>Saxilby, Lincolnshire</i>	<i>(3 km, NW, 6 yrs 253 days)</i>

Peregrine

GK34728	1F	05/06/21	AB	St Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leicestershire	
VVD	S	04/04/24		Beckingham, Nottinghamshire	(52 km, N, 2 yrs 304 days)
GV88406	1F	22/06/20		Hessle, Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire	
YAB	S	16/05/24	RS	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincs	(92 km, S, 3 yrs 328 days)
	S	02/06/24	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincs	(92 km, S, 3 yrs 345 days)
GV90302	1M	21/06/21		Stamford, Lincolnshire	
VJP	S=M	18/03/24	AB	St Peter's Church, Yaxley, Cambridgeshire	(22 km, SE, 2 yrs 271 days)
GY03671	1F	23/05/20		Taunton, Somerset	
MK	S=F	29/03/24	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincs	(270 km, NE, 3 yrs 312 days)
	S	03/04/24	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincs	(270 km, NE, 3 yrs 316 days)
GY44797	1	16/05/23	AB	St Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leicestershire	
V6D	S	20/04/24		Stamford, Lincolnshire	(38 km, SE, 340 days)
	S	28/08/24		St Peter's Church, Yaxley, Cambridgeshire	(60 km, SE, 1 yr 105 days)
GY44798	1	16/05/23	AB	St Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leicestershire	
V7D	S=M	28/03/24	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincolnshire	(11 km, E, 317 days)
GY44804	1F	20/05/22	AB	St Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leicestershire	
.VCF.	S	10/07/24		Wissington SB factory, Norfolk	(94 km, ESE, 2 yrs 512 days)
GY44805	1M	20/05/22	AB	St Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leicestershire	
.VAF.	S	04/03/24	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincolnshire	(11 km, E, 1 yr 289 days)
	S	10/06/24	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincolnshire	(11 km, E, 2 yrs 21 days)
	S	24/12/24	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincolnshire	(11 km, E, 2 yrs 215 days)
GY44807	1M	20/05/22	AB	St Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leicestershire	
.VBF.	Xt	02/10/24		Worksop, Nottinghamshire.	(43 km, NNW, 2 yrs 136 days)
GY62974	1M	12/06/23	AB	St Peter's Church, Yaxley, Cambridgeshire	
VXF	S	04/05/24		Whittlesey nr Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	(12 km, ENE, 327 days)

The above details show the value in colour-ringing of Peregrines by us and other Peregrine ringers....all but one of the ten records above involved sighting of colour-ringed birds. The one found dead was identified by the finder as a Goshawk!

Stock Dove

EZ65862	1	23/07/17	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	
	X	14/06/24	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(6 yrs 327days)

Barn Owl

GF36647	1	08/06/16		Broomhill, South Yorkshire	
	XI	22/04/24		Horbling, Lincolnshire	(96 km, SE, 7 yrs 292 days)

This bird's ring was found by a metal detectorist so had been dead for many years.

Barn Owl continued....

GN96194	1	13/06/07	NV	Fishtoft Sewage Works, Lincolnshire	
	R-M	26/06/09	AB	Frampton Marsh, Lincolnshire	(4 km, SSW, 2 yrs 13 days)
	R	01/06/19	AB	Frampton Marsh, Lincolnshire	(4 km, SSW, 11 yrs 353 days)
	R	27/05/22	IW	Frampton Marsh, Lincolnshire	(4 km, SSW, 14 yrs 348 days)
	R	27/05/24	AB	Frampton Marsh, Lincolnshire	(4 km, SSW, 16 yrs 349 days)

This has absolutely smashed the British longevity record for Barn Owl, with the previous record being found dead after 15 years and 7 months, and ours is still going strong and successfully breeding this year.

GR82498	5F	17/05/14	AB	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	
	R	27/08/14	AB	Barnby-in-the-Willows, Lincolnshire	(2 km, NNE, 102 days)
	R	11/06/16	AB	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	(2 yrs 25 days)
	R	29/07/17	AB	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	(3 yrs 73 days)
	R	09/08/18	AB	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	(4 yrs 84 days)
	R	30/06/20	AB	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	(6 yrs 44 days)
	R	24/06/21	AB	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	(7 yrs 38 days)
	R	04/06/22	AB	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	(8 yrs 18 days)
	R	29/06/22	IW	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	(8 yrs 43 days)
	R	09/06/24	AB	Holme Barn Fm, Claypole, Lincolnshire	(10 yrs 23 days)

This bird, a retrap, has been included due to its age.

<i>GV1 1168</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>09/07/16</i>		<i>Stathern, Leicestershire</i>	
	C=F	03/06/21	AB	nr Stubton, Caythorpe, Lincolnshire	(21 km, NE, 4 yrs 329 days)
	C	29/06/22	IW	Temple Hill, Brandon, Lincolnshire	(21 km, NE, 5 yrs 355 days)
	C	01/07/24	AB	Temple Hill, Brandon, Lincolnshire	(21 km, NE, 7 yrs 358 days)
<i>GV13970</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>16/06/19</i>		<i>Vine House Farm, Lincolnshire</i>	
	C=F	14/06/24	AB	Dyke Fen, Bourne, Lincolnshire	(9 km, NW, 4 yrs 364 days)
GV64490	1F	01/07/21	GS	Stickford, Boston, Lincolnshire	
	C	08/08/23		Halton Fenside, Spilsby Lincolnshire	(8 km, NE, 2 yrs 38 days)
	C	04/06/24		Halton Fenside, Spilsby Lincolnshire	(8 km, NE, 2 yrs 338 days)
<i>GV97305</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>17/06/21</i>		<i>Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincolnshire</i>	
	C	27/06/24	AB	Old Leake, Lincolnshire	(16 km, SW, 3 yrs 10 days)
<i>GY10957</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>18/06/22</i>		<i>Potteric Carr, Doncaster, South Yorkshire</i>	
	C=F	19/06/23	AB	Saxilby Moor, Lincolnshire	(38 km, SE, 1 yr 1 day)
	C	18/06/24	AB	Saxilby Moor, Lincolnshire	(38 km, SE, 2 yrs 0 days)
<i>GY12968</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>22/06/21</i>		<i>Faxfleet, East Riding of Yorkshire</i>	
	C	10/07/24	RS	Paupers Drain, North Lincolnshire	(9 km, S, 3 yrs 18 days)
GY13318	4F	23/05/21	IW	Lundy's Farm. Holbeach Marsh, Lincolnshire	
		07/08/24		Everington;s Lane, Skegness, Lincs	(35 km, NNE, 3 yrs 76 days)
GY13400	1	14/06/21	AB	Carlton-le-Moorland, Lincolnshire	
	Xf	08/06/24		Brant Broughton, Lincolnshire	(6 km, SSW, 2 yrs 359 days)
GY44674	1	29/07/21	AB	nr Home Fm, West Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire	
	C	21/04/22	AB	Dowsby Fen, Bourne, Lincolnshire	(9 km, NW, 266 days)
	R	01/05/23	AB	Dowsby Fen, Bourne, Lincolnshire	(9 km, NW, 1 yr 276 days)
	R	30/04/24	AB	Dowsby Fen, Bourne, Lincolnshire	(9 km, NW, 2 yrs 276 days)

Barn Owl continued...

GY44969	5F	14/06/22	RS	Bourne Eau, Bourne South Fen, Lincolnshire	
	XI	14/06/24	AB	Twenty, Bourne, Lincolnshire	(2 km, NNE, 2 yrs 0 days)
GY48564	1F	01/07/22		<i>Thorpe in the Glebe, Nottinghamshire</i>	
	C	06/07/23	AB	Folly Lane, Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire	(36 km, ENE, 1 yr 5 days)
	C	01/07/24	AB	Folly Lane, Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire	(36 km, ENE, 2 yrs 0 days)
	C	25/08/24	AB	Folly Lane, Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire	(36 km, ENE, 2 yrs 55 days)
GY60002	1F	08/07/22	CS	<i>Silk Willoughby, Lincolnshire</i>	
	C	13/06/24	IW	Cranwell, Lincolnshire.	(9 km, NNW, 1 yr 340 days)
GY62502	1F	10/06/22	IW	Friskney, Lincolnshire	
	Xr	07/06/23		<i>Friskney. Lincolnshire</i>	(2 km, E, 362 days)
GY62558	1	14/06/22	AB	Leake Fold Hill, Old Leake, Lincolnshire	
	C=F	07/07/23	AB	Nr Norfolk House Fm, Gedney Marsh, Lincs	(22 km, S, 1 yr 23 days)
	C	19/06/24	RS	Browns Fm, Gedney Dawsmere, Lincs	(21 km, SSE, 2 yrs 5 days)
GY62730	5F	27/06/22	RS	Orby Beck, Orby, Lincolnshire	
	X	02/02/24		<i>Stickney, Lincolnshire</i>	(17 km, SW, 1 yr 220 days)
GY62763	1	04/07/22	RS	Coates Pump, Cottam, Nottinghamshire	
	C	18/06/24	AB	Cameringham Drain, Sturton by Stow, Lincs	(8 km, ENE, 1 yr 350 days)
GY62931	1	30/06/24	AB	Baston Fen, Lincolnshire	
	Xf	12/09/24		<i>Baston Fen, Lincolnshire</i>	(74 days)
GY62998	1M	19/06/23	AB	Saxilby Moor, Lincolnshire	
	X	07/04/24		<i>Dunham on Trent, Lincolnshire</i>	(2 km, W, 293 days)
GY64263	1F	29/06/22		<i>Sunderwick, East Riding of York</i>	
	C	29/05/24	IW	Leadenhall Farm, Lincolnshire	(124 km. SSE, 1 yr 334 days)
GY68509	1F	13/07/22		<i>Burton Constable, East Riding of York</i>	
	C	03/07/24	RS	Risegate Pump, Moulton Marsh. Lincs	(104 km, S, 1 yr 355 days)
GY70615	1M	12/07/23	AB	Little Beck, Laceby, North East Lincolnshire	
	X	24/01/24		<i>Riby nr Grimsby, Lincolnshire</i>	(3 km, W, 196 days)
GY70647	1	01/08/23	AB	North Kyme Fen, Lincolnshire	
	C=F	03/06/24		<i>New York, Coningsby, Lincolnshire</i>	(7 km, ENE, 307 days)
GY70863	1	18/06/24	AB	Boutham Pump, Lincoln, Lincolnshire	
	Xf	13/09/24		<i>Retford, Nottinghamshire</i>	(24 km, NW, 87 days)
GY70974	1	25/06/24	AB	Middlefield Farm, Snitterby, Lincolnshire	
	X	04/08/24		<i>Middlefield Farm, Snitterby, Lincolnshire</i>	(40 days)
GY90978	1M	26/06/24	AB	Rippingale Fen, Lincolnshire	
	Xr	17/11/24		<i>Aslackby, Lincolnshire</i>	(4 km, WNW, 144 days)

Little Owl

EM08087	1	13/06/23	RS	Laws Farm, Crowland, Lincolnshire	
	C=M	30/04/24	AB	Northorpe Fen, Lincolnshire	(10 km, NW, 322 days)
	R	30/06/24	AB	Northorpe Fen, Lincolnshire	(10 km, NW, 1 yr 17 days)
EM08988	1	03/06/24	AB	Boston Long hedges, Lincolnshire	
	Xf	15/11/24		Boston, Lincolnshire	(2 km S, 165 days)
EZ19065	4F	13/05/16	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	
	R	20/04/17	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(342 days)
	R	28/04/18	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(1 yr 350 days)
	R	23/05/21	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(5 yrs 10 days)
	R	21/04/22	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(5 yrs 343 days)
	R	10/05/22	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(6 yrs 18 days)
	R	18/05/23	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(7 yrs 5 days)
	R	06/06/23	PN	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(7 yrs 24 days)
	R	02/06/24	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen, Lincolnshire	(8 yrs 20 days)

This retrap is included due to its age.

Tawny Owl

GR45825	4F	02/05/12	RS	Callan's Lane Wood, Lincolnshire	
	R	07/05/21	RS	Callan's Lane Wood, Lincolnshire	(9 yrs 5 days)
	R	09/05/24	RS	Callan's Lane Wood, Lincolnshire	(12 yrs 7 days)
GR67267	4F	16/05/13	RS	Callan's Lane Wood, Lincolnshire	
	R	07/05/21	RS	Callan's Lane Wood, Lincolnshire	(7 yrs 356 days)
	R	17/04/24	RS	Callan's Lane Wood, Lincolnshire	(10 yrs 337 days)

These two retraps are included in this report due to their age.

Sand Martin

AFF3621	1	12/07/21		Dunkirk, Little Downham, Cambridgeshire	
	C=F	13/07/24	AB	Deeping Lakes, Deeping St James, Lincs	(41 km, NW, 3 yrs 1 day)
ATJ7206	1	28/05/20		Egleton, Rutland	
	C=M	13/07/24	AB	Deeping Lakes, Deeping St James, Lincs	(29 km, E, 4 yrs 46 days)
	C	28/07/24	AB	Deeping Lakes, Deeping St James, Lincs	(29 km, E, 4 yrs 61 days)

Robin

ADY8987	3	27/10/23	AB	Anderby Creek, Lincolnshire	
	C	13/10/24		Lodge Hill, Medway	(201 km S, 352 days)

Sedge Warbler

ARP0175	3	28/08/21	AB	Marston STW, Lincolnshire.	
	C	22/09/21		Jaizubia, Guipuzcoa, SPAIN	(1070 km, S, 25 days)
We don't know why we are so late receiving these details.					
AYV6381	3	14/08/22	AB	Marston Sewage Works, Lincolnshire	
	C	24/04/24		Mannez Quarry, Alderney, CH. ISLANDS	(375 km, SSW, 1 yr 254 days)

Reed Warbler

BKC3795 3 07/08/24 Clopton, Cambridgeshire
C 10/08/24 AB Marston STW, Lincolnshire (100 km, NNW, 3 days)

A surprising quick northwards movement in autumn.

Chiffchaff

JBD202 4 02/10/16 JD Dunsby STW, Lincolnshire
+ 04/01/17 Cachopo, Faro, **PORTUGAL** (1817 km, SSW, 94 days)

Details for this bird have only just been received, and disappointing that someone would shoot a small bird such as a Chiffchaff.

LVX658 3 19/09/22 AB Marston STW, Lincolnshire
C 27/09/22 Chilling, Wasash, Hampshire. (241 km, S, 8 days)

For some reason we did not receive recovery details of this bird, but found it published in the online BTO 2022 report.

Blue Tit

AFZ3369 3F 04/10/23 Great Ouse St Ives, Cambridgeshire
C 29/03/24 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire (54 km, NNW, 177 days)

AHE0039 3 19/10/18 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire
R=M 18/03/24 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire (5 yrs 151 days)
R 20/11/24 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire (6 yrs 32 days)

AHE0298 3F 30/10/18 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire
R 10/10/19 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire (345 days)
R 03/01/22 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire (3 yrs 65 days)
R 28/01/23 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire (4 yrs 90 days)
R 12/11/24 AB Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire (6 yrs 13 days)

The last two are included due to their age.

Jackdaw

EM86037 1 06/06/24 AB Timberland Dales, Lincolnshire
X 07/07/24 Tattershall, Lincolnshire (4 km, SSE, 31 days)

EX55870 1 07/06/11 AB Stixwold, Lincolnshire
Xr 23/06/24 Blankney, Lincolnshire. (11 km, WSW, 4765 days)

The British longevity record for Jackdaw is 19 years and 5 months.

Greenfinch

NZ11316 5M 06/04/18 AB Sleaford, Lincolnshire
X 10/08/24 Aunsby, Sleaford, Lincolnshire (6 km, SSW, 2318 days)

PL33335 5M 16/01/24 Old Weston, Cambridgeshire
C 13/03/24 AB Dunsby, Bourne, Lincolnshire (50 km, N, 57 days)

Goldfinch

ARP0940	3F X	19/11/21 30/05/24	AB	Dunsby, Bourne, Lincolnshire Ingoldsby, Lincolnshire	(9 km, WNW, 2 yrs 193 days)
BDD5248	4M C	17/10/24 03/12/24	AB	Marston STW, Lincolnshire Sibthorpe, Nottinghamshire	(16 km, WNW, 47 days)

Siskin

3V2148				Details not yet received ITALY	
ITA	C	18/03/24	RS	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	
ADV6890	6F C	25/04/22 27/02/24	RS	Peebles, Scottish Borders Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(368 km, SSE, 1 yr 308 days)
AJL8605	4M R	06/04/21 11/02/24	AB AB	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(2 yrs 311 days)
AKZ8244	5M C C	07/03/23 14/03/24 18/03/24	 AB RS	Drummond Inverness, Highland Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(574 km, SSE, 1 yr 7 days) (574 km, SSE, 1 yr 11 days)
ANV3714	5M C	01/07/22 20/02/24	 AB	Forse, Highland Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(642 km, SSE, 1 yr 234 days)
AZT1490	3M C	10/11/23 26/03/24	 AB	Budby corner Plantation Carburton, Nottinghamshire Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(68 km, SE, 137 days)
BAB3600	6M C R R	25/03/23 01/02/24 11/02/24 29/03/24	 AB AB AB	Wydon Dene Hexam, Northumberland Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(269 km, SSE, 313 days) (269 km, SSE, 323 days) (269 km, SSE, 1 yr 4 days)
BDD3451	5F R R R C	18/03/24 26/03/24 02/04/24 04/04/24 17/04/24	AB AB AB AB	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Bekketun Akershus, NORWAY	(8 days) (15 days) (17 days) (5000 km, SSE, 30 days)
BDD3561	6M C	21/03/24 15/04/24	AB	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Hurnshaugh, Northumberland	(276 km, NNW, 25 days)
BDD3697	6M C	24/03/24 10/06/24	AB	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Whitebridge, Highland	(558 km, NNW, 77 days)
BDD3773	6M C	26/03/24 01/04/24	AB	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire Thetford Lodge Farm, Suffolk	(82 km, ESE, 6 days)
BDD3931	6F C	02/04/24 11/04/24	AB	Bourne Woods, Lincolnshire Rybachiy, Kaliningrad, RUSSIAN FEDERATION	(1404 km, E, 9 days)
BNC6402	5M C	16/03/24 02/04/24	 RS	Mickley Square Prudhoe, Northumberland Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(261 km, SSE, 17 days)

Siskin continued....

<i>LVR.</i>	3M	21/08/22		<i>Pape Liepaja, Latvia, LATVIA</i>	
J31686	C	24/03/24	RS	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(1432 km, WSW, 1 yr 216 days)
<i>S592818</i>	5F	30/01/23		<i>Broomhill Grange Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire</i>	
	C=M	16/02/24	RS	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(66 km, SE, 1 yr 17 days)

A really good set of movements as a result of a good influx of Siskins to Bourne Wood last in the early part of 2024. The Latvian ringed Siskin is our first from Latvia, whilst the Italian ringed one is the first of any species we have caught from Italy, but unfortunately we are still awaiting the original ringing details. Siskins from Scandinavia are known to winter in different areas in subsequent winters, sometimes going into Eastern Europe and then going south-west into the UK in the next winter and vice versa. Previously we have had one Siskin from the Czech Republic, one from Switzerland and one of our Siskins was subsequently found in Slovakia.

Lesser Redpoll

ADY8980	3	25/10/23	AB	Marston Sewage Works, Lincolnshire	
	C	30/03/24	AB	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(29 km, SE, 157 days)
AJL7011	3	07/10/20	AB	Marston Sewage Works, Lincolnshire	
	C=M	29/02/24		<i>nr Kelsall, Cheshire</i>	(137 km, W, 3 yrs 145 days)
	C	03/03/24		<i>nr Kelsall, Cheshire</i>	(137 km, W, 3 yrs 148 days)
	C	05/03/24		<i>nr Kelsall, Cheshire</i>	(137 km, W, 3 yrs 150 days)
BJB7852	3	26/11/23		<i>Lodge Hill, Medway</i>	
	C	24/03/24	DW	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(161 km, NNW, 119 days)
	C	29/03/24	RS	Bourne Wood, Lincolnshire	(161 km, NNW, 124 days)



Lesser Redpolls like Siskin are good for recoveries

Grand Total of Birds Ringed, Recovered and Controlled to 2024

no	Species	Ringed	Rec	Con	Details of Note
1	Red-throated Diver	1	0		
2	Little Grebe	5	0		
3	Great Crested Grebe	1	1		
4	Fulmar	9	1		
5	Manx Shearwater	6	0		
6	Storm Petrel	313	31	8	1 to Norway, 4 to Eire
7	Leach's Petrel	1	0		
8	Gannet	13	1		
9	Cormorant	1	1		
10	Shag	4	0		
11	Bittern	11	0		
12	Little Egret	52	7		Spain
13	Grey Heron	53	0		
14	Mute Swan	35	10		
15	Pink-footed Goose	1	0		
16	Greylag Goose	357	42		
17	Canada Goose	458	43	3	
18	Brent Goose	4	1		to Holland, one dead from Germany
19	Shelduck	33	0		one dead from Germany
20	Mandarin	1	0		
21	Wigeon	2	0		
22	Eurasian Teal	52	4		to Denmark, France, Finland
23	Mallard	79	1		
24	Tufted Duck	11	1		Marston to Scotland 500 km
25	Eider	1	0		
26	Red Kite	69	5	4	
27	Marsh Harrier	67	1		Spain
28	Montagu's Harrier	4	0		
29	Goshawk	2	0		
30	Sparrowhawk	244	23		1 to Germany
31	Buzzard	68	3		
32	Rough-legged Buzzard	1	0		
33	Kestrel	4,523	159	7	1 to Belgium, 1 to France
34	Merlin	2	0		
35	Hobby	13	1		1 to Germany
36	Peregrine	120	14	3	1 dead from Norway
37	Red-legged Partridge	4	0		
38	Grey Partridge	7	0		
39	Quail	1	0		
40	Water Rail	69	0	1	1 from Germany
41	Moorhen	198	0		
42	Coot	49	1	1	
43	Oystercatcher	120	9	7	
44	Avocet	3	0		
45	Little Ringed Plover	212	3		1 to Burkina Faso, 1 to Belgium
46	Ringed Plover	165	2		France
47	Golden Plover	53	1		
48	Grey Plover	65	0	1	
49	Lapwing	1,156	4		1 to France
50	Knot	54	4		2 to Holland, 1 to Iceland
51	Little Stint	8	0		
52	Temminck's Stint	1	0		
53	Pectoral Sandpiper	1	1		(Marston to Herts)
54	Curlew Sandpiper	10	0		
55	Purple Sandpiper	1	0		

no	Species	Ringed	Rec	Con	Details of Note
56	Dunlin	2,669	66	79	POL 2, NOR 8, FIN 3, GER 3
					HOL 3, SPA, FIN 2, SWE 8, DEN, GER 2, MOR
57	Ruff	74	1		HOL
58	Jack Snipe	54	0		
59	Snipe	710	11		SPA, FRA, RUS
60	Woodcock	30	3		France
61	Black-tailed Godwit	1			
62	Bar-tailed Godwit	2	1		
63	Whimbrel	7			
64	Curlew	287	15	2	RUS, FIN 2, FRA 2 (from FIN, Shropshire 29yrs
65	Spotted Redshank	2	1		France
66	Redshank	170	6	1	France
67	Greenshank	20	0		
68	Green Sandpiper	59	0		(1 retr after 1 yr, 2 after 3 yrs)
69	Wood Sandpiper	5	0		
70	Common Sandpiper	61	0		
71	Turnstone	34	1	1	
72	Arctic Skua	2	0		
73	Great Skua	41	2		
74	Black-headed Gull	4,002	222	50	BEL 6, GER 4, DEN 3, EST 2, HOL2, NOR FIN SWE 2
					BEL, GER 5, DEN 30, EST 2, HOL 7, NOR 5
					FIN 16, SWE 12, LAT, POL 2, RUS 2, EIR 3
75	Common Gull	377	22	2	NOR 4, SEW 5, FIN 5, DEN 2 DEN, EST, dead from NOR
76	Lesser Black-backed Gull	52	3		
77	Herring Gull	1,906	169	41	FIN 3, RUS 2, HOL 16, DEN 2, SWE, FRA, BEL 2 POL
78	Great Black-backed Gull	293	14	2	NOR 3, FIN, HOL 2, DEN 2, NOR, DEN
79	Kittiwake	1	0		
80	Common Tern	80	4		Senegal
81	Arctic Tern	40	0		
82	Little Tern	71	2		Belgium
83	Guillemot	17	0		
84	Razorbill	3	0		
85	Little Auk	6	0		
86	Puffin	1	0		
87	Stock Dove	1,069	5	1	
88	Woodpigeon	394	6	0	
89	Collared Dove	398	4	0	
90	Turtle Dove	65	2		Spain
91	Cuckoo	11	1		
92	Barn Owl	11,277	876	415	
93	Little Owl	2,859	32	9	
94	Tawny Owl	999	18	1	
95	Long-eared Owl	12	0		
96	Short-eared Owl	7	0		
97	Nightjar	3			(1 retrapped after 2 yrs)
98	Swift	5,915	30	10	France , Eire 2
99	Kingfisher	164	3	1	
100	Wryneck	2	0		
101	Green Woodpecker	55	3		
102	Great Spotted Woodpecker	401	4	1	49km GPBO to Sleaford
103	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	5	0		
104	Skylark	897	3		2 from Wrangle to Fair Isle!
105	Sand Martin	6,540	103	96	SEN 4, FRA 6, SPA 6 SPA 3, FRA 7, Chan Is
106	Swallow	9,025	48	40	ITA 2, SPA 3, Congo, SPA
107	House Martin	13,812	20	49	FRA. BEL
108	Olive-backed Pipit	1	0		
109	Tree Pipit	25	0		
110	Meadow Pipit	2,301	1	2	

no	Species	Ringed	Rec	Con	Details of Note
111	Rock Pipit	8	0		
112	Yellow Wagtail	547	0	1	from BEL
113	Grey Wagtail	193	1		Norway
114	Pied/White Wagtail	1,153	7	1	
115	Waxwing	3	0		
116	Dipper	21	0		
117	Wren	4,119	1	2	Kent to Bennington
118	Dunnoek	7,414	28	2	Seacroft to Orkney, BEL
119	Robin	6,673	29	4	Butterwick - Orkney BEL
120	Nightingale	121	2	1	
121	Black Redstart	1	0		
122	Redstart	114	1		Seacroft to London
123	Whinchat	22	0		
124	Stonechat	9	0		
125	Wheatear	134	2		Morocco
126	Ring Ouzel	40	1		
127	Blackbird	14,158	186	9	NOR 2, HOL
					NOR 3, SWE 5, FIN 3, DEN 3, Hol 2, GER 5, BEL.
128	Fieldfare	418	4	0	ITA
129	Song Thrush	2,520	20	1	SPA, FRA,
130	Redwing	1,534	7	0	NOR, FRA, POR
131	Mistle Thrush	199	7	1	
132	Cetti's Warbler	109	0	1	Herts to Marston
133	Grasshopper Warbler	113	0		
134	Sedge Warbler	3,496	39	16	FRA 8, SPA 2, POR , Channel Isles, NOR SEN
135	Marsh Warbler *hybrid	1	0		
136	Reed Warbler	4,678	52	28	SEN, SPA 2, FRA 2
					FRA, SPA 2, BEL, POR MOR 2, GAM,
137	Icterine Warbler	3	0		
138	Barred Warbler	1			
139	Lesser Whitethroat	881	1		
140	Whitethroat	2,244	4	2	
141	Garden Warbler	930	1	2	from Spain
142	Blackcap	4,294	19	10	SPA, GIB, Algeria x 2
143	Greenish Warbler	1	0		
144	Yellow-browed Warbler	9	0		
145	Wood Warbler	8	0		
146	Chiffchaff	3,060	14	8	MOR, HOL, POR, SWE
146a	Siberian Chiffchaff	2	0		
147	Willow Warbler	6,343	19	7	FRA 2
148	Goldcrest	5,170	10	7	BEL, FRA 2, SWE
149	Firecrest	16	0	1	HOL
150	Spotted Flycatcher	364	1		
151	Red-breasted Flycatcher	4	0		
152	Pied Flycatcher	148	0		
153	Bearded Tit	6	0		
154	Long-tailed Tit	4,900	15	9	9 went 22km from Stoke Pastures to Bingham
155	Marsh Tit	561	0		
156	Willow Tit	369	0	1	Anderby to Seacroft 19 km
157	Coal Tit	2,236	8	7	longest 95 km
158	Blue Tit	31,487	73	28	1 at 203 km, 2 others over 100 km
159	Great Tit	17,785	55	18	
160	Nuthatch	126	1		
161	Treecreeper	640	0		
162	Red-backed Shrike	2	0		
163	Jay	159	6		one after 8 yrs
164	Magpie	109	4		one after 17 yrs
165	Jackdaw	3,739	54	1	

no	Species	Ringed	Rec	Con	Details of Note
166	Rook	63	2		
167	Carriion Crow	56	3		
168	Hooded Crow	1	0		
169	Raven	64	1		
170	Starling	12,787	237	65	DEN 2, LIT, LAT, HOL 4, Pol, FIN 2, SWE
					GER 3, SWE 5, POL, BEL, Belarus HOL 9, FRA,
					DEN 3, LIT, RUS 2, FIN 2, GER 4, NOR 2
171	House Sparrow	3,881	17		
172	Tree Sparrow	2,571	9	11	
173	Chaffinch	12,035	46	7	NOR 4, SWE, NOR, HOL 2
174	Brambling	1,909	7	6	NOR, SWE, DEN DEN
175	Greenfinch	17,550	179	40	
176	Goldfinch	12,902	77	69	FRA x 6
177	Siskin	4,470	62	57	LAT, ITA, BEL, CZE, SWI, HOL 2
					Slovakia, SWE, HOL 2, BEL 2, NOR 2, RUS,
178	Linnet	1,400	4	0	
179	Twite	583	0	0	
180	Common Redpoll	91	0	3	NOR
181a	Redpoll (Common/Lesser)	8			
181	Lesser Redpoll	5,086	95	92	BEL 4, BEL 2, HOL,
182	Common Crossbill	25	0		
183	Bullfinch	2,212	12	1	
184	Hawfinch	1	0		
185	Lapland Bunting	290	1		(2 retrapped after 1 yr, 1 after 2 yrs)
186	Snow Bunting	2	0		
187	Yellowhammer	4,565	6	2	
188	Reed Bunting	5,601	10	9	
189	Corn Bunting	44	0	0	
	Total	297,742	3517	1368	



Juvenile male Sparrowhawk – Marston September 21st

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no	Species	1977-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
1	Red-throated Diver	1														1
2	Little Grebe	5														5
3	Great Crested Grebe	1														1
4	Fulmar	9														9
5	Manx Shearwater	6														6
6	Storm Petrel	313														313
7	Leach's Petrel	1														1
8	Gannet	13														13
9	Cormorant	1														1
10	Shag	4														4
11	Bittern	1									4	1	1	4		11
12	Little Egret	9	3	4		5					1	3	13	11	3	52
13	Grey Heron	42	4	1									2	4		53
14	Mute Swan	34		1												35
15	Pink-footed Goose	1														1
16	Greylag Goose	311	12	10	19	5										357
17	Canada Goose	430	5	6	9	8										458
18	Brent Goose	4														4
19	Shelduck	33														33
20	Mandarin	0							1							1
21	Wigeon	2														2
22	Eurasian Teal	51													1	52
23	Mallard	74	1		2					2						79
24	Tufted Duck	11														11
25	Eider	1														1
26	Red Kite	18	7	5	3	8	11	6	3	2					6	69
27	Marsh Harrier	42		9				3	2	3		4	4			67
28	Montagu's Harrier	4														4
29	Goshawk	2														2
30	Sparrowhawk	195	9	4	5	2	3	4	10	1	2		6		3	244
31	Buzzard	58	4	2		1		1							1	67
32	Rough-legged Buzzard	1														1
33	Kestrel	1,680	210	191	483	54	224	211	161	303	99	217	228	128	334	4,523

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no	Species	1977-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
34	Merlin	2														2
35	Hobby	12							1							13
36	Peregrine	12	6	3	9	4	5	8	13	8	7	9	11	12	13	120
37	Red-legged Partridge	4														4
38	Grey Partridge	7														7
39	Quail	1														1
40	Water Rail	30								3	5	7	5	2	17	69
41	Moorhen	169								1	2	2	2	1	21	198
42	Coot	49														49
43	Oystercatcher	110		1	4	1							2		2	120
44	Avocet	3														3
45	Little Ringed Plover	212														212
46	Ringed Plover	164		1												165
47	Golden Plover	38	3	1	2	9										53
48	Grey Plover	58		4					1	2						65
49	Lapwing	1,019	30	14	36	36	3	4	6			4		1	3	1,156
50	Knot	52						2								54
51	Little Stint	8														8
52	Temminck's Stint	1														1
53	Pectoral Sandpiper	1														1
54	Curlew Sandpiper	9		1												10
55	Purple Sandpiper	1														1
56	Dunlin	2,430	12	94		35		72	14	12						2,669
57	Ruff	74														74
58	Jack Snipe	53												1		54
59	Snipe	696								1	12		1			710
60	Woodcock	27	1				2									30
61	Black-tailed Godwit	1														1
62	Bar-tailed Godwit	1						1								2
63	Whimbrel	7														7
64	Curlew	240	15	13	17	2										287
65	Spotted Redshank	2														2
66	Redshank	148	4			2		15		1						170

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no	Species	1977-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
67	Greenshank	20														20
68	Green Sandpiper	56									3					59
69	Wood Sandpiper	5														5
70	Common Sandpiper	56	1	2	2											61
71	Turnstone	33								1						34
72	Arctic Skua	2														2
73	Great Skua	41														41
74	Black-headed Gull	3,781	80	130					10		1					4,002
75	Common Gull	365	4	5					3							377
76	Lesser Black-backed Gull	51			1											52
77	Herring Gull	1,906														1,906
78	Great Black-backed Gull	293														293
79	Kittiwake	1														1
80	Common Tern	80														80
81	Arctic Tern	40														40
82	Little Tern	71														71
83	Guillemot	17														17
84	Razorbill	3														3
85	Little Auk	6														6
86	Puffin	1														1
87	Stock Dove	535	53	85	68	19	46	101	42	20	27	25	20	17	11	1,069
88	Woodpigeon	295	16	20	5	10	10	8	3	9	4	2	4	3	5	394
89	Collared Dove	275	41	12	29	27	4	3	2	2		1	2			398
90	Turtle Dove	63	2													65
91	Cuckoo	10							1							11
92	Barn Owl	4,422	548	468	1,425	158	626	603	432	855	65	540	505	179	451	11,277
93	Little Owl	859	132	138	219	125	163	187	195	134	133	172	150	145	107	2,859
94	Tawny Owl	398	58	28	155	6	51	83	10	47		72	46	30	15	999
95	Long-eared Owl	7								3	1		1			12
96	Short-eared Owl	7														7
97	Nightjar	3														3
98	Swift	4,465	273	605	63	122	166	109	4	69	11	27	1			5,915
99	Kingfisher	116		3	3					6	15	5	15	1		164

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no	Species	1977-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
100	Wryneck	1				1										2
101	Green Woodpecker	51	3				1									55
102	Great Spotted Woodpecker	231	21	7	16	15	17	19	16	12	16	8	4	11	8	401
103	Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	5														5
104	Skylark	889	4		2									2		897
105	Sand Martin	6,046	25	40	11	14	19	2	76	24	106	68	1	1	107	6,540
106	Swallow	5,449	1,102	908	116	240	64	144	341	234	241	70	5	14	97	9,025
107	House Martin	8,099	1,703	684	195	796	481	417	551	387	211	106	20		162	13,812
108	Olive-backed Pipit	1														1
109	Tree Pipit	23									1	1				25
110	Meadow Pipit	666	6	2	237	48	193	33	80	14	344	135	351	127	65	2,301
111	Rock Pipit	8														8
112	Yellow Wagtail	406	20	6					8	91	9	1	4	1	1	547
113	Grey Wagtail	150	10		5	2		2	2	1	14		2	4	1	193
114	Pied/White Wagtail	1,018	61	8	6	21	6	2	6	19	4	1			1	1,153
115	Waxwing	3														3
116	Dipper	21														21
117	Wren	3,259	95	69	87	80	71	49	44	93	75	48	57	51	41	4,119
118	Dunnock	5,671	139	190	196	179	176	150	132	159	116	59	98	87	62	7,414
119	Robin	5,401	174	147	118	87	101	108	103	111	70	38	82	74	59	6,673
120	Nightingale	119					1						1			121
121	Black Redstart	0		1												1
122	Redstart	111		2							1					114
123	Whinchat	20	1								1					22
124	Stonechat	8													1	9
125	Wheatear	134														134
126	Ring Ouzel	35	4	1												40
127	Blackbird	12,181	411	296	198	168	171	145	157	142	63	43	71	79	33	14,158
128	Fieldfare	378	17	1		7	4	1	6	1	1			1	1	418
129	Song Thrush	2,331	32	35	10	10	20	19	16	18	12	1	6	8	2	2,520
130	Redwing	981	48	13	26	15	147	73	46	91	20	59	15	25	18	1,577
131	Mistle Thrush	189	3	4				1	2							199
132	Cetti's Warbler	6	7	1	3	1				12	23	8	21	11	16	109

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no	Species	1977-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
133	Grasshopper Warbler	98	1							4		6	1	2	1	113
134	Sedge Warbler	1,651	219	235	109	33	6	2	91	23	357	171	376	124	99	3,496
135	Marsh Warbler *hybrid	0											1			1
136	Reed Warbler	2,388	293	344	106	70	38	12	110	26	307	292	387	103	202	4,678
137	Icterine Warbler	3														3
138	Barred Warbler	0													1	1
139	Lesser Whitethroat	831	12	8	4	10	2	1			8	1		1	3	881
140	Whitethroat	1,879	77	97	29	43	13	6	5	14	45	12	14	9	1	2,244
141	Garden Warbler	909	3	2	3	1	1	1			1	2	3	1	3	930
142	Blackcap	3,396	50	60	118	92	55	66	60	84	93	40	41	109	30	4,294
143	Greenish Warbler	1														1
144	Yellow-browed Warbler	4				1				2	1	1				9
145	Wood Warbler	8														8
146	Chiffchaff	1,649	39	100	102	96	82	103	66	63	100	138	200	195	127	3,060
146a	Siberian Chiffchaff	0											1		1	2
147	Willow Warbler	5,932	54	61	24	42	26	18	13	21	31	49	35	23	14	6,343
148	Goldcrest	4,003	111	96	104	184	94	66	52	127	80	24	114	91	24	5,170
149	Firecrest	12	1							1				1	1	16
150	Spotted Flycatcher	335		1				13	1	14						364
151	Red-breasted Flycatcher	3								1						4
152	Pied Flycatcher	72		2							1			14	59	148
153	Bearded Tit	4									1				1	6
154	Long-tailed Tit	3,815	84	123	84	53	118	81	99	70	97	45	79	77	75	4,900
155	Marsh Tit	483	5	4	10	11	13	7	9	8	2	1	1	3	4	561
156	Willow Tit	367	1			1										369
157	Coal Tit	1,416	133	101	73	100	56	54	103	43	58	15	10	39	35	2,236
158	Blue Tit	17,976	1,280	1,354	1,122	947	775	855	1,334	1,080	1,076	579	602	1,141	1,366	31,487
159	Great Tit	11,761	490	553	629	487	397	392	548	576	493	254	199	449	557	17,785
160	Nuthatch	68	11	3	13	4	4	2	2	2	1	3	3	6	4	126
161	Treecreeper	579	11	6	4	9	7	3	2	8	4	3	1	1	2	640
162	Red-backed Shrike	1											1			2
163	Jay	140	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	2			159
164	Magpie	97	2	2	2		1			1		1	2	1		109

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no	Species	1977-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
165	Jackdaw	1,747	171	317	297	200	249	67	132	105	53	128	83	113	77	3,739
166	Rook	57			1	1	1	1	1	1						63
167	Carrion Crow	50	2						1		3					56
168	Hooded Crow	1														1
169	Raven	5		6	8	4	5		9	7		12		8		64
170	Starling	11,762	296	253	147	156	37	70	3	16	18		14	14	1	12,787
171	House Sparrow	2,660	176	153	166	172	58	75	50	87	137	40	15	72	20	3,881
172	Tree Sparrow	1,946	111	67	98	34	34	31	59	61	65	7	30	28		2,571
173	Chaffinch	8,513	451	350	259	346	286	296	370	418	181	102	189	148	126	12,035
174	Brambling	770	35	86	23	6	18	28	7	19	7	217	633	12	48	1,909
175	Greenfinch	13,384	390	428	553	458	716	411	418	197	139	170	97	110	79	17,550
176	Goldfinch	5,865	903	647	604	613	536	1,051	944	641	283	221	188	226	180	12,902
177	Siskin	2,633	19	670	36	2	294	2	63	10	6	12	9	6	708	4,470
178	Linnet	922	10	9	22		3	5	4	314	16	2	35	56	2	1,400
179	Twite	583														583
180	Common Redpoll	74	2		5			1	4				1	1	3	91
180a	Redpoll (Common/Lesser)	7													1	8
181	Lesser Redpoll	1,980	326	373	85	317	147	74	76	19	1,452	19	51	102	65	5,086
182	Common Crossbill	25														25
183	Bullfinch	2,024	19	6	13	10	5	38	19	11	20	15	17	7	8	2,212
184	Hawfinch	1														1
185	Lapland Bunting	290														290
186	Snow Bunting	2														2
187	Yellowhammer	2,854	474	122	153	100	116	56	33	244	32	2	186	138	55	4,565
188	Reed Bunting	2,760	383	343	231	260	186	103	131	421	194	50	222	268	49	5,601
189	Corn Bunting	25	5	2	4	2	2	1			1		2			44
	Yearly Total	201,994	12,072	11,261	9,029	7,189	7,169	6,579	7,322	7,634	7,085	4,372	5,602	4,734	5,700	297,742
	Number of Species	184	86	85	72	72	63	67	70	75	72	65	71	66	68	188

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