

# Ball and Wade Bird Ringing Partnership



Annual Report 2025

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Cover photo – Little Owls (dad and juvenile) – photo by Rick Carnell – Frampton – July 2025

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## Introduction

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Keith Bowden during the year. Keith died on 23<sup>rd</sup> July after a suffering a stroke and we would like to offer our sympathy to Jenny, his wife, and family.

The “Bowden and Ball” Partnership was formed between Alan and Keith in 2012, and this years report would have been the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual “Bowden and Ball” Report. Daniel achieved his ‘A’ permit a few years ago, so for simplicity, and saving the onerous transfer of ring ownership, we will continue to use the Partnership number 8032 and simply rename it as the “Ball and Wade” partnership. (Similar to a formal Ringing Group, a Ringing Partnership name must contain two or more ‘S’ or ‘A’ permit holders.)

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 Bob’s 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, where he often rings with Kessingland Ringing Group as well as on his own at his new site at Lowestoft. Andrew still lives near Windermere, so his ringing activities were carried out in Cumbria in 2025.

Name	Permit no	Name	Permit no
Alan Ball	S-2544	Daniel Wade	A-5842
Keith Bowden	A-4168	Garry Steele	C-5857
Bob Sheppard	C-2932	Jack Dawson	C-6640
Steve Biglands	C-3948	Ian Willoughby	C-7020
Andrew Chick	C-4074	Gavin Turner	T

The number of birds ringed and processed by group members in 2025 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 often rings with the Kessingland RG in Suffolk.

2025 Observer Ringing Totals				
Observer	Full grown	Pullis	Retraps	Total
Alan Ball (AB)	4661	493	513	5667
Keith Bowden (KB)	11	0	0	11
Bob Sheppard (RS)	1	2	1	4
Steve Biglands (SB)	132	0	19	151
Andrew Chick (AC)	74	212	3	289
Daniel Wade (DW)	167	0	18	185
Garry Steele (GS)	0	0	0	0
Jack Dawson (JD)	0	0	0	0
Ian Willoughby (IW)	21	90	2	113
Gavin Turner (GT)	122	0	5	127
<i>Alex Masterman (AM)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Amy Schwartz (AWS)</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Julie Martin (JAM)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Owen Beaumont (OB)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5203</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>6564</b>

## 2025 Site Capture Totals

The following table contains those sites where over 50 birds were processed in 2025.

	<b>2025 Site Totals</b>	Adults Ringed	Pulli Ringed	Total Ringed	Retraps/ Controls	Total Birds	No of Species
1	Marston STW	2255	-	2255	152	2407	37
2	Bourne Wood	2017	3	2020	206	2226	27
3	Dunsby	133	-	133	37	170	13
4	Fenwick (SB's garden)	132	-	132	19	151	17
5	Lowestoft North Denes	131	-	131	11	142	15
6	Sleaford (AB's garden)	121	10	131	2	133	13
7	Spring Wood (Cumbria)	7	115	122	-	122	3
8	Dunsby Fen	106	-	106	12	118	12
9	Colthouse Heights (Cumbria)	4	88	92	1	93	3
10	Troutbeck (AC's garden)	62	-	62	2	64	4
11	Pasture Hill Farm	49	-	49	3	52	2
12	Deeping St James	38	-	38	13	51	1
	** Other sites (407 no.)	148	584	732	103	835	16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5203</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>6003</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>6564</b>	<b>64</b>

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.



*Brood of Marsh Harriers ringed in 2025*

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	<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	4	4	3	7
2	Grey Heron	0	2	2	0	2
3	Red Kite	0	1	1	0	1
4	Marsh Harrier	0	4	4	2	6
5	Kestrel	6	196	202	21	223
6	Peregrine	0	6	6	7	13
7	Water Rail	10	0	10	9	19
8	Moorhen	13	0	13	10	23
9	Snipe	1	0	1	0	1
10	Stock Dove	21	7	28	1	29
11	Woodpigeon	5	0	5	0	5
12	Barn Owl	31	181	212	33	245
13	Little Owl	7	96	103	27	130
14	Tawny Owl	3	10	13	5	18
15	Kingfisher	2	0	2	0	2
16	Great Spotted Woodpecker	14	0	14	1	15
17	Sand Martin	102	0	102	16	118
18	Swallow	145	0	145	0	145
19	House Martin	159	0	159	4	163
20	Meadow Pipit	100	0	100	0	100
21	Yellow Wagtail	1	0	1	0	1
22	Grey Wagtail	3	0	3	0	3
23	Pied/White Wagtail	2	0	2	0	2
24	Wren	66	0	66	2	68
25	Dunnock	77	0	77	5	82
26	Robin	59	0	59	16	75
27	Stonechat	1	0	1	0	1
28	Blackbird	39	0	39	3	42
29	Song Thrush	7	0	7	0	7
30	Redwing	1	0	1	0	1
31	Cetti's Warbler	35	0	35	8	43
32	Grasshopper Warbler	0	2	2	0	2
33	Sedge Warbler	249	0	249	19	268
34	Reed Warbler	531	0	531	50	581
35	Lesser Whitethroat	4	0	4	0	4
36	Whitethroat	10	0	10	0	10
37	Garden Warbler	3	0	3	0	3
38	Blackcap	55	0	55	1	56
39	Yellow-browed Warbler	1	0	1	0	1
40	Chiffchaff	357	0	357	19	376
40a	Siberian Chiffchaff	1	0	1	0	1

<b>2025 Annual Ringing Totals – page 2 of 2</b>						
	<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	Willow Warbler	23	0	23	0	23
42	Goldcrest	112	0	112	5	117
43	Pied Flycatcher	8	51	59	1	60
44	Long-tailed Tit	118	0	118	35	153
45	Marsh Tit	6	0	6	0	6
46	Coal Tit	40	0	40	8	48
47	Blue Tit	1529	80	1609	188	1797
48	Great Tit	513	89	602	43	645
49	Nuthatch	2	0	2	1	3
50	Treecreeper	3	0	3	0	3
51	Jay	1	0	1	0	1
52	Jackdaw	1	58	59	1	60
53	Raven	0	3	3	0	3
54	House Sparrow	28	10	38	1	39
55	Chaffinch	68	0	68	2	70
56	Brambling	2	0	2	0	2
57	Greenfinch	45	0	45	1	46
58	Goldfinch	328	0	328	3	331
59	Siskin	24	0	24	4	28
60	Linnet	4	0	4	0	4
61	Lesser Redpoll	132	0	132	4	136
62	Bullfinch	5	0	5	0	5
63	Yellowhammer	23	0	23	0	23
64	Reed Bunting	67	0	67	2	69
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>5203</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>6003</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>6564</b>



Siberian Chiffchaff v "normal" Chiffchaff – Lowestoft – 14<sup>th</sup> October – DW

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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	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
2	Grey Heron	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
3	Red Kite	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
4	Marsh Harrier	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
5	Kestrel	-	-	-	-	-	153	47	1	1	-	-	-	202
6	Peregrine	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
7	Water Rail	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	-	10
8	Moorhen	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	1	13
9	Snipe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
10	Stock Dove	-	-	-	5	4	15	2	2	-	-	-	-	28
11	Woodpigeon	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
12	Barn Owl	-	1	-	3	2	75	107	12	9	3	-	-	212
13	Little Owl	-	-	-	-	65	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	103
14	Tawny Owl	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
15	Kingfisher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
16	Gr. Sp. Woodpecker	3	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	2	1	14
17	Sand Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	51	13	-	-	-	102
18	Swallow	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	94	43	-	-	-	145
19	House Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	76	36	-	-	-	159
20	Meadow Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	3	-	-	100
21	Yellow Wagtail	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
22	Grey Wagtail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
23	Pied Wagtail	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
24	Wren	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	10	21	18	11	-	66
25	Dunnock	12	11	5	2	1	1	-	7	15	13	9	1	77
26	Robin	5	10	6	-	2	-	4	10	8	6	5	3	59
27	Stonechat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
28	Blackbird	18	2	2	-	-	5	-	4	-	5	1	2	39
29	Song Thrush	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	7
30	Redwing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
31	Cetti's Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	16	2	4	-	35
32	Grasshopper Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
33	Sedge Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	184	39	-	-	-	249
34	Reed Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	358	120	1	-	-	531
35	Lesser Whitethroat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	4
36	Whitethroat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	10
37	Garden Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	3
38	Blackcap	1	-	-	-	3	-	2	27	17	3	1	1	55
39	Yellow-br. Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
40	Chiffchaff	-	1	5	1	-	-	20	140	127	57	6	-	357
40a	Siberian Chiffchaff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
41	Willow Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	14	7	-	-	-	23
42	Goldcrest	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	20	66	14	8	112
43	Pied Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	48	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
44	Long-tailed Tit	21	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	17	46	11	12	118
45	Marsh Tit	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	6
46	Coal Tit	5	6	3	-	-	-	-	1	5	6	8	6	40
47	Blue Tit	323	221	55	-	82	23	7	28	46	440	301	83	1609

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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>
48	Great Tit	83	84	37	1	91	37	1	2	11	132	91	32	602
49	Nuthatch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
50	Treecreeper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
51	Jay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
52	Jackdaw	-	-	-	-	32	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
53	Raven	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
54	House Sparrow	-	-	-	1	4	4	2	1	17	5	2	2	38
55	Chaffinch	18	12	22	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	7	4	68
56	Brambling	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
57	Greenfinch	8	5	21	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	45
58	Goldfinch	32	40	37	1	-	-	-	5	4	71	113	25	328
59	Siskin	3	9	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	24
60	Linnet	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
61	Lesser Redpoll	6	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	19	98	-	-	132
62	Bullfinch	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	5
63	Yellowhammer	17	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
64	Reed Bunting	17	1	23	-	-	-	4	5	13	3	1	-	67
	<b>No. of species</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1069</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>6003</b>



*A record 35 Cetti's Warblers were ringed in 2025 (previous highest total was 23 in 2020)*

## Nest Records 2025

Partnership members managed to contribute a total of 316 Nest Record Cards of eighteen species to the BTO Nest Record Scheme, which included over 250 for birds of prey, as shown in the table below. This is much less than normal and mainly due to the poor breeding year for Barn Owls. As usual, the majority were as a result of the owl nest box monitoring. Andrew continues to live in Cumbria and has erected over a hundred nest-boxes for Pied Flycatchers, and all of this years nest records for Pied Flycatchers and Blue and Great Tits were as a result of his scheme. Andrew had now ringed 64% of the groups total of Pied Flycatchers in just the last three years.

Nest Records 2025							
Species	Nests	Average number of eggs	Average Number of chicks	Average Visits per nest	Outcome Percentages		
					Success	Failure	Unknown
<b>Raptors</b>							
Red Kite	1	3	3	1	-	-	100
Marsh Harrier	1	4	4	1	100	-	-
Kestrel	77	3.6	2.6	1.7	26	13	61
Peregrine	6	3.5	1.5	6.0	33	67	-
Barn Owl	105	3.2	2.1	1.8	10	20	70
Little Owl	52	3.3	2.4	2.0	14	21	65
Tawny Owl	10	2.5	1.5	1.5	20	20	60
<b>Raptors Total</b>	<b>252</b>						
<b>Other Species</b>							
Little Egret	2	3	3	1	0	0	100
Grey Heron	1	2	2	1	0	0	100
Oystercatcher	1	3	1	2	100	0	-
Stock Dove	6	2	2	1	0	0	100
Grasshopper Warbler	1	5	4	2	100	0	-
Pied Flycatcher	13	5.0	4.6	3.3	62	15	23
Blue Tit	10	9.0	8.9	2.8	80	10	10
Great Tit	14	7.2	6.8	2.8	93	7	-
Jackdaw	11	4.0	3.0	1.0	0	0	100
Raven	2	3.0	3.0	3.0	100	0	0
House Sparrow	3	4.0	3.3	2.0	100	0	0
<b>Others Total</b>	<b>64</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>316</b>						

## Raptor and Owl nesting data – 2025 and last five years

<b>PEREGRINE</b>	<b>*2020*</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Total Number of nests**	4	3	3	4	4	<b>6</b>
Failures	1	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Broods ringed	2	3	3	4	4	<b>2</b>
Chicks ringed	7	9	11	11	11	<b>6</b>
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.8	<b>3.0</b>

<b>KESTREL</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Total Number of nests**	49	99	86	73	132	<b>95</b>
Failures	7	12	7	8	12	<b>11</b>
Broods ringed	30	58	56	43	93	<b>62</b>
Chicks ringed	94	210	224	122	330	<b>196</b>
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	3.1	3.6	4	2.8	3.5	<b>3.2</b>

<b>LITTLE OWL</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Total Number of nests**	65	75	69	67	58	<b>52</b>
Failures	10	10	15	12	21	<b>11</b>
Broods ringed	46	56	48	49	31	<b>39</b>
Chicks ringed	120	150	124	118	87	<b>96</b>
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.8	<b>2.5</b>

<b>TAWNY OWL</b>	<b>*2020*</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Total Number of nests**	1	32	28	36	15	<b>10</b>
Failures	1	0	0	6	2	<b>2</b>
Broods ringed	0	29	21	19	9	<b>7</b>
Chicks ringed	0	57	36	25	13	<b>10</b>
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	0	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.4	<b>1.4</b>

<b>BARN OWL</b>	<b>*2020*</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Total Number of nests**	49	230	217	108	203	<b>105</b>
Failures	12	18	10	17	29	<b>21</b>
Broods ringed	23	173	167	63	145	<b>76</b>
Chicks ringed	48	459	428	125	372	<b>181</b>
Average number of chicks/brood ringed	2.1	2.7	2.6	2.0	2.6	<b>2.4</b>

\*2020\* Covid 19 'lockdown' in April/May 2020 meant that no Tawny Owl checks could be made and only two of three successful Peregrine sites could be accessed. Limits on driving, due to the pandemic, also affected the number of Barn Owl sites that could be checked.

\*\* Total nests = failures, successes, outcome unknown and nests missed.

## Review of the year 2025

A total of 6003 birds of 64 species were ringed in 2025., which is the highest total for five years but the lowest number of species since 63 in 2016.

No 'new' species were added in 2025, but highlights included the group's 10<sup>th</sup> ever Yellow-browed Warbler and 3<sup>rd</sup> ever 'Siberian' Chiffchaff – both in October at Daniel's new coastal ringing site at Lowestoft which is now the most easterly ringing site in the UK!. The 'Siberian' race of Chiffchaff is not a separate species, although it looks completely different and has a very distinctive call unlike the 'common' Chiffchaff. In addition, this year a Chiffchaff thought to be of the race 'albietinus' was ringed at Marston.

It was a record year for Blue Tit with 1609 (surpassing the 1606 in 2011), Cetti's Warbler with 35 (previous 'best' was 23 in 2020), Reed Warbler with 531 (compared with 387 in 2022) and Chiffchaff with 358 (smashing the total of 200 in 2022). On the negative side we ringed no Gulls and no waders other than a Snipe at Marston. Additionally we caught no Tree Sparrows for the second successive year and zero Starlings.

### January to March

It was a fairly mundane start to the year, with 599 Blue Tits mainly at Bourne Wood where we also ringed a few Siskin and Lesser Redpoll. A female Blackcap during the first visit of 2025 to Bourne Wood was most unexpected. Baiting at our farmland sites produced very few Yellowhammers and Reed Buntings due to the milder conditions than in previous years. Ringing at Marston using potter traps resulted in two more Moorhens, that we colour-ringed, and four Water Rails.



*Blackcap – Bourne Wood – Jan 3rd*

### April to June

Andrew had another very successful year with his nest-boxes in Cumbria, ringing a record-equalling 59 Pied Flycatchers from 13 nests.

As usual most of our ringing in the Spring and early Summer was concentrated on monitoring of our owls and birds of prey. Our Peregrines didn't do very well with just three nests being successful, and three failing, one at egg stage and two with chicks. A more detailed report on Peregrines follows.



*Male and chicks at Grantham*

It was a very poor year for field voles and, as a result it was a very poor year for Tawny Owls and Barn Owls and, due to Bob being ill and it being a poor year, not all of the nest-box schemes were checked. The decline of Little Owl continues, despite Bob's efforts making and installing nestboxes, but nearly a hundred chicks were ringed. Kestrels were a little down on usual, obviously partially affected by the poor vole numbers.

## July to September

Just over a hundred Barn Owl chicks were ringed in July, and because we had some late Kestrels and the BTO had not managed to GPS tag as many Kestrel chicks in Norfolk as they had hoped, Greg Conway from the BTO came up a couple of times and tagged another 13 of our chicks this year. Already by the end of 2025 these had started to provide some useful information on chick dispersal and we look forward to the BTO's results in due course.

The wet reed-bed with running water, in the otherwise very dry conditions, made Marston a magnet for insect-eating birds and a record number of Reed Warblers, Cetti's Warblers and Chiffchaffs were ringed as well as good numbers of Sedge Warblers, Swallows, Sand Martins and House Martins. We also managed a couple of visits to the artificial Sand Martin colony at Deeping Lakes and the House Martins at Pasture Hill Farm.



*Sedge Warbler – Marston - Aug 25*



*Reed Warbler – Marston – Aug 25*

Towards the end of September Meadow Pipits started to trickle through followed by Lesser Redpolls. Both of these species can be attracted to a playback call and we managed to catch exactly 100 Meadow Pipits and over a hundred Lesser Redpolls at Marston STW.

## October to December

October was quite disappointing, especially at our Lincolnshire coastal site at Anderby Creek. However, Daniel managed to get ringing permission for Lowestoft North Denes, which is now the most easterly ringing site in the UK. This new site showed a lot of promise, as despite not being there at peak bird influxes, he still managed to catch a 'Siberian' Chiffchaff (the 3<sup>rd</sup> for the group) and a Yellow-browed Warbler (10<sup>th</sup> for the group).

Otherwise it was a fairly poor end to the year, though bait put out by Bob at Bourne Wood, resulted in large numbers of tits which had obviously had a good breeding year, and we ended up ringing a record 1609 Blue Tits during the year!



*Yellow-browed Warbler - Oct - DW*

## Peregrines in 2025

Bob has made and installed Peregrine nest-trays at Grantham, Bottesford, Louth, Boston, Whittlesey and, new for 2025, Yaxley and Caythorpe. The new nest-tray at St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe was not used and the nest-tray on St Botolph's Church (the Stump) has not been used for a few years. It was a mixed year for Peregrines throughout the UK in 2025 and only our Grantham and Louth sites were successful, Yaxley failing at egg stage, and Bottesford and Whittlesey failing at chick stage.

### Peterborough – St Peter's Church, Yaxley and St Mary's Church, Whittlesey.

At Yaxley, the pair which including the colour-ringed male (Orange "VJP" - *Stamford 2021*) were looking settled, but the female seemed to disappear at the beginning of March. The male finally attracted a new female in early April and the first egg was laid on 1<sup>st</sup> May and the fourth on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Hatching was anticipated around 12<sup>th</sup> June, but unfortunately these eggs failed to hatch, and the live camera was switched off around 18<sup>th</sup> June with the female still incubating.

At the new site at Whittlesey, the male was also colour-ringed (Orange "TJP" – *Braunston, Northants 2021*) but there wasn't camera so observations could only be made through a gap in the doorway at the top of the stairway. An interesting sighting of a colour-ringed (brown "JA") first year bird was made by local photographer Stuart Wilson on 19<sup>th</sup> April. This bird had been ringed at Saint-Amand-les-Eaux in France in 2024. It appears to be the first ever French-ringed Peregrine to the UK, despite 30 UK-ringed Peregrines being found in France.

It is known that there were a minimum of three eggs of which one failed to hatch. Of two chicks, only one went on to an age of around 17/18 days when it was killed and eaten by an escaped falconer's bird on 5<sup>th</sup> June, (photographs by Stuart Wilson below). It was thought to be a Gyr x Saker hybrid. The bird was seen perched above the nest-tray for a while before dropping onto the walkway, then flying off with a full crop 20 minutes later – the predated chick remains were photographed during the nest visit three days later.



### Bottesford

After an initial bit of drama when it would appear that the colour-ringed female (Blue "MK" – Taunton – 2020) took over from the regular female. It was Blue "MK" that had the big fight with our Grantham female (and lost!) last year. The first of 3 eggs was laid on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, with the last on 7<sup>th</sup> April. One of the three chicks died at 5 days old on 16<sup>th</sup> May, and both the other chicks died on 27<sup>th</sup> May at 16 days old which is quite unusual. It is not known what they died of. We were hoping to get them tested for Avian Flu but, unfortunately, no laboratories seemed interested.

## Louth

First egg was laid on 30<sup>th</sup> March and last of four eggs on 7<sup>th</sup> April. First two chicks emerged on 10<sup>th</sup> and all four by 12<sup>th</sup> May. Three chicks were ringed on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and subsequently fledged successfully. They were colour-ringed with orange XTT, XVT both females; and XXT, a male).



*Louth – eggs hatching 10<sup>th</sup> May*



*Chicks on ringing visit 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

As usual not all of the chicks fledged without help and both XXT and XVT had to be rescued from the ground and returned to the tower by Geoff Mullett and the verger Dale.

## Grantham

Finally, after a twelve year gap, Peregrines bred successfully in 2025 ! After the fiasco last year where at least nine different birds visited the church (see our 2024 Ringing Report) it is really fantastic to report that the 2025 was successful. Interestingly, the colour-ringed female (Blue “MK” – Taunton 2020) that had the big fight with -our’ female last year, has turned up at Bottesford this year and attempted to breed there. This year it would appear that our male (orange “VAF” from Bottesford 2022) was more mature to help defend the site from intruders.



*Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – our resident female*



*Mar 16<sup>th</sup> - Orange “VAF” our resident male*



*Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – female yellow “YAB” (Hull 2020) unsuccessfully tries to take over the site*

Fortunately we did not get many visiting unattached Peregrines this year, though we had a visit from one of last years visitors on March 13<sup>th</sup> when yellow “YAB” (a female chick from Hull – 2020) visited and had the above confrontation with our resident female. She was obviously successfully repelled by our resident female and she was not seen again during the year.

The first of four eggs was laid on 26<sup>th</sup> March, with the last on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The first of four chicks appeared on 6<sup>th</sup> May, but one chick died on the 11<sup>th</sup> May.



*Wet chicks on 28<sup>th</sup> May, having left the covered tray – ringed and placed back in tray*

The three remaining chicks were ringed on 28<sup>th</sup> May and subsequently fledged successfully. They were colour-ringed with orange XNT, a female; and XRT and XST, both males.

Again one, “XNT”, had to be rescued after being found grounded on 21<sup>st</sup> June and was successfully returned to the tower by Gavin.

## Recoveries received during 2025

The partnership received details of 61 recoveries ringed by group members during 2025, with another 32 birds ringed elsewhere and subsequently caught/found. As usual, a good proportion of these (22) were Barn Owls which have a high reporting rate by members of the public. Highlights included a Barn Owl that we retrapped more than 18 years after ringing which set a new British and European longevity record for Kestrel. In addition, one of our Kestrels found freshly dead at 16+ years old set a new British longevity record. Other highlights included a Little Egret sighted twice in Holland, a Kestrel to France, another sighting of one of our Black-headed Gulls back from Poland, one Sand Martin from France and another to France and a Sedge Warbler to Belgium. In addition we finally got the ringing details for the Italian-ringed Siskin from 2024.

The full details follow, and include some retraps where the age of the bird is considered noteworthy.

## Ringling/Finding Details of Bird Movements in 2025

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)

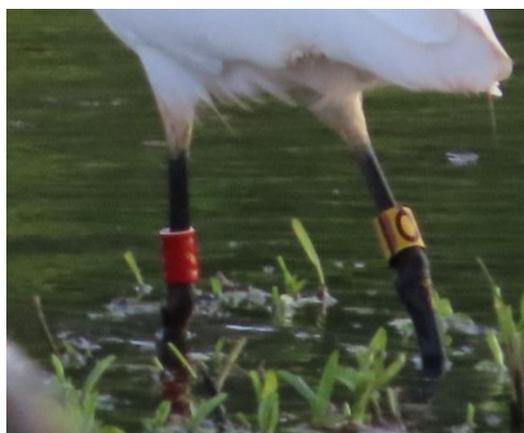
The initials of the group member is included for either the bird being ringed or processed by a B&B Partnership member and the entry appears in normal type.

*Ringling information of controls and finding information if not made by us, appear in italics*

## Little Egret

GY44834	1	27/05/22	IW	Leadenhall Farm, Holbeach Marsh	
<b>P F</b>	S	24/06/25		Grimston, Aldeborough, East Riding	(98 km, N, 3 yrs 28 days)
GY62956	1	29/05/23	IW	Leadenhall Farm, Holbeach Marsh	
<b>S C</b>	S	08/08/25		Haastrect, <b>THE NETHERLANDS</b>	(338 km, ESE, 2 yrs 10 days)
	S	17/11/25		Rotterdam, <b>THE NETHERLANDS</b>	(292 Km ESE, 2 yrs 172 days)

This is our second overseas recovery; the other being seen in Spain, and shows the value of colour ringing.



Colour-ringed Little Egret (**S C**), photographed at Haastrect on 8<sup>th</sup> August by Cor Oskam.

## Mute Swan

W48339	3F	10/08/20		North Hykeham, Lincoln	
<b>L147</b>	S	31/12/21	AB	Sleaford	(23 km, SSE, 1 yr 144 days)
	S	06/02/23		Sleaford	(23 km, SSE, 1 yr 182 days)
	Sb	30/07/23	AB	Sleaford	(23 km, SSE, 1 yr 354 days)
	S	31/12/23		Sleaford	(23 km, SSE, 3 yr 144 days)
	S	10/07/24	AB	Sleaford	(23 km, SSE, 3 yr 335 days)
	S	31/12/24	AB	Sleaford	(23 km, SSE, 4 yr 144 days)
	Sb	30/06/25	AB	Sleaford	(23 km, SSE, 4 yr 325 days)
	S	15/12/25	AB	Sleaford	(23 km, SSE, 5 yr 128 days)

## Marsh Harrier

FB49159	1M	11/06/23		nr. Ingoldsthorpe, Norfolk	
<b>4T</b>	S	06/11/23	AB	Marston STW	(75km, W, 148 days)
	S	09/11/25		Marston STW	(75 km, W, 2 yr 151 days)
FJ50581	1M	26/06/24		Carlton Marshes, Suffolk	
<b>74</b>	S	13/10/25		Fakenham, Suffolk	(63 km, WSW, 107 days)
	S	29/03/25	TL	Marston STW	(168 km, WNW, 275 days)
	S	04/04/25		Sculthorpe Moor, Norfolk	(72 km, WNW, 280 days)

## Marsh Harrier continued...

<i>FH62076</i>	<i>IM</i>	<i>12/07/23</i>		<i>Nene Washes, Cambridgeshire</i>	
<b>6T</b>	<i>S</i>	<i>07/01/24</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>Marston STW</i>	<i>(62 km, NW, 177 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>10/01/24</i>		<i>Holme Pierrepont, Notts</i>	<i>(82 km WNW, 180 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>04/02/24</i>		<i>Holme Pierrepont, Notts</i>	<i>(82 km WNW, 205 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>05/02/24</i>		<i>Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts</i>	<i>(82 km WNW, 206 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>10/02/24</i>		<i>Holme Pierrepont, Notts</i>	<i>(82 km WNW, 211 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>13/03/24</i>		<i>Marston STW</i>	<i>(62 km WNW, 242 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>10/04/24</i>		<i>Burwell Fen, Cambs</i>	<i>(35 km SSE, 272 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>17/04/24</i>		<i>Fowlmere RSPB Res, Cambs</i>	<i>(43 km S, 280 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>12/05/24</i>		<i>Smithy Fen, Cottenhham, Cambs</i>	<i>(33 km SSE, 305 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>20/05/24</i>		<i>Nene Washes, Cambs</i>	<i>(3 km SW, 313 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>07/06/24</i>		<i>Nene Washes, Cambs</i>	<i>(3 km SW, 331 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>03/08/24</i>	<i>TL</i>	<i>Marston STW</i>	<i>(62 km. NW, 1 yr 43 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>19/11/24</i>		<i>Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts</i>	<i>(82 km, WNW, 1 yr 131 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>25/11/24</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>Marston STW</i>	<i>(62 km, NW, 1 yr, 137 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>04/01/25</i>		<i>Holme Pierrepont, Notts</i>	<i>(82 km WNW, 172 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>26/01/25</i>		<i>Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts</i>	<i>(82 km, WNW, 199 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>08/03/25</i>		<i>Bourne South Fen, Lincs</i>	<i>(28 km, NW, 1 yr 240 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>10/04/25</i>		<i>Bourne South Fen, Lincs</i>	<i>(28 km, NW, 1 yr 273 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>09/10/25</i>		<i>Marston STW</i>	<i>(62 km, NW, 2 yr 89 days)</i>

This Marsh Harrier has visited Marston for three winters now. In its second year it was seen back in its natal area before returning to Marston. It may have gone back there in summer 2025 as it was seen on passage at Bourne South Fen, which may have been en-route back to the Nene Washes.

## Kestrel

<i>EW97220</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>27/06/09</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>Coates Br, Sutton St Edmund</i>	
	<i>Xf</i>	<i>09/12/25</i>		<i>Colesbridge Fm, Sutton St Edmund</i>	<i>(2 km, W, 16 yrs, 165 days)</i>

This sets a new British longevity record for Kestrel; the previous record was 16 yrs and 95 days. We now hold the longevity records for Kestrel, Barn Owl and Little Owl !

<i>EA74753</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>23/06/21</i>	<i>IW</i>	<i>Blankney Fen Farm</i>	
	<i>Xf</i>	<i>15/11/25</i>		<i>Metheringham Fen</i>	<i>(2 km, N, 4 yrs 142 days)</i>
<i>EA74849</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15/07/21</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>Ings Lane, Hufttoft</i>	
	<i>Xf</i>	<i>18/03/25</i>		<i>North Somercotes</i>	<i>(22 km, NNW, 3 yr 248 days)</i>
<i>EM08550</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>03/07/24</i>	<i>RS</i>	<i>Counter Drain , Pode Hole</i>	
	<i>X=F</i>	<i>05/01/25</i>		<i>Ile D'Ouessant, FRANCE</i>	<i>(589 km SW, 184 days)</i>

This is our third Kestrel to be recovered abroad; the other ones being in France and Belgium.

<i>EM86183</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>23/06/25</i>	<i>IW</i>	<i>nr Lundy's Fm, Holbeach Marsh</i>	
	<i>Xr</i>	<i>16/11/25</i>		<i>nr Whittlesey, Cambs</i>	<i>(41 km, SSW, 146 days)</i>
<i>EM86304</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>20/06/24</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>Gedney Broadgate</i>	
	<i>A</i>	<i>02/01/25</i>		<i>Whaplode St Catherines</i>	<i>(5 km, WSW 198 days)</i>
<i>EM86627</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>21/06/25</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>Billinghay Fen</i>	
	<i>Xr</i>	<i>21/07/25</i>		<i>Billinghay Fen</i>	<i>(30 days)</i>

## Kestrel continued...

EM86753	1	24/06/25	IW	Hemholme Br., Eastville	
	A	27/07/25		Old Leake	(8 km, S, 32 days)
EM86767	3	12/08/25	IW	Nocton Fen	
	R	15/10/25		Wasps Nest, Nocton Fen	(2 km, W, 64 days)
EY60770	1	06/06/14	RS	Leake Ings	
	X	22/08/25		Wrangle	(6 km, E, 11 yrs 77 days)
EY87976	1	23/06/19	AB	Beacon Hill, Billingborough	
	R=M	17/07/24	bto	Dunsby Fen	(7 km, SSE, 5 yr 24 days)
	Xp	02/05/25	AB	Haconby	(6 km, S, 5 yrs 313 days)

This bird had been fitted with a GPS tracker when retrapped on Dunsby Fen. It generally stayed in the Haconby Fen area, and AB was informed of it's whereabouts when it died, to within 20 metres or so allowing AB to search for and recover it's body....it was though to have been killed by a local Peregrine.

## Peregrine

	IM	11/06/21		<i>nr Braunston. Northants</i>	
<b>TJP</b>	S	30/03/25	SW	Whittlesey,	(40 km, ESE, 3 yrs 293 days)
GV88406	IF	22/06/20		<i>Hessle, Hull, Yorks</i>	
<b>YAB</b>	S	16/05/24	cctv	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham	(91 km, S, 3 yr 328 days)
	S	23/05/24	cctv	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham	(91 km, S, 3 yr 335 days)
	S	13/03/25	cctv	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham	(91 km, S, 4 yr 259 days)
GV90302	IM	21/06/21		<i>All Saints Church, Stamford</i>	
<b>VJP</b>	Sb	18/03/24		St Peter's Church, Yaxley	(22 km, SE, 2 yrs 259 days)
	Sb	22/08/25		St Peter's Church, Yaxley	(22 km, SE, 4 yrs 30 days)
GY03671	IF	23/05/20		<i>Taunton, Somerset</i>	
<b>MK</b>	S	02/04/24	cctv	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham	(270 km, NE, 3 yrs 314 days)
	A	08/04/24		Grantham	(270 km, NE, 3 yrs 320 days)
	Sb	24/03/25	cctv	St Mary's Church, Bottesford	(265 km, NE, 4 yrs 305 days)
GY26610	IF	15/05/24		<i>Martlesham, Suffolk</i>	
<b>XRD</b>	S	30/03/25	PT	Lincoln Cathedral	(181 km, NW, 319 days)
GY44005	I	16/05/23		<i>Birmingham area, West Midlands</i>	
<b>AAJ</b>	S	02/04/25	PT	Lincoln Cathedral	(121 km, NE, 1 yr 220 days)
GY44805	1M	20/05/22	AB	St Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leicestershire	
<b>VAF</b>	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)
	S	15/03/25	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincolnshire	(11 km, E, 2 yrs 300 days)
	S	15/06/25	AB	St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Lincolnshire	(11 km, E, 3 yrs 26 days)

## Peregrine continued...

GY44797 <b>V6D</b>	1	16/05/23	AB	St Mary's Church, Grantham	
	S	10/04/24	SW	All Saints Church, Stamford	(43 km SSE, 329 days)
	S	28/08/24	SW	St Peter's Church, Yaxley	(56 km, SSE, 1 yr 104 days)
	S	05/03/25	SW	All Saints Church, Stamford	(43 km SSE, 1 yr 293 days)
	S	12/04/25	SW	St Peter's Ch., Oundle, Northants	(64 km, SSE, 1 yr 331 days)
	S	01/09/25	SW	St Peter's Ch., Oundle, Northants	(64 km, SSE, 2 yrs 107 days)
	S	04/11/25	SW	St Peter's Church, Yaxley	(56 km SSE, 2 yrs 171 days)
GY62969 <b>VVF</b>	1	07/06/23	AB	Temple Wood BT tower	
	Xf	20/01/25		Nr Walton, North Yorkshire	(135 km, NNW, 1 yr 226 days)
GY62974 <b>VXF</b>	1M	12/06/23	AB	St Peter's church, Yaxley	
	S	04/05/24	SW	Whittlesey	(6 km, E, 326 days)
	S	15/07/25	SW	All Saints Church, Stamford	(19 km, NW, 2 yrs 46 days)
GY70703 <b>VCH</b>	1F	26/05/24	KB	St Mary's Church, Bottesford	
	S	14/10/25	cctv	St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe	(19 km, NE, 1 yr 140 days)
	S	07/11/25	cctv	St Vincent's Church, Caythorpe	(19 km, NE, 1 yr 164 days)
<b>JA</b>	1M	19/04/24		Saint Amand-les-Eaux, FRANCE	
	S	19/04/25	SW	St Mary's Church, Whittlesey	(333 km, NW, 1 yr)

This would appear to be the first French-ringed Peregrine to be found in the Britain, despite 30 British-ringed Peregrines being found in France.



*Excellent photo by Stuart Wilson of French-ringed Brown (JA) at Whittlesea on 19<sup>th</sup> April*

The above shows the value of colour-ringing Peregrines. All but one (GY62969, found dead) of the twelve birds listed above were identified in the field from their colour-rings.

## Black-headed Gull

ER86483	6	13/02/99	AB	Slippery Gowt Landfill, Wyberton	
<i>FS16420</i>	<i>Rf</i>	18/05/17		<i>J.Rynskie, Rybical, Ryn, <b>POLAND</b></i>	<i>(1427 km, ENE, 18 yrs 36 days)</i>
<b>TRUE</b>	<i>S</i>	10/05/19		<i>J.Rynskie, Rybical, Ryn, <b>POLAND</b></i>	<i>(1427 km, ENE, 20 yrs 88 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	18/07/21	NL	<i>Middlemarsh Landfill, Skegness</i>	<i>(28 km, NE, 22 yrs 168 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	15/05/22		<i>J.Rynskie, Rybical, Ryn, <b>POLAND</b></i>	<i>(1427 km, ENE, 23 yrs 93 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	10/10/25	NL	<i>Middlemarsh Landfill, Skegness</i>	<i>(28 km, NE, 26 yrs 240 days)</i>

This bird, clearly of Polish origin, seemingly likes to spend the winters at lincolnshires landfill sites!

EG48345	1	07/06/03	AB	Baston Pits	
	<i>S</i>	07/02/08		<i>nr Edwinstow, Notts</i>	<i>(70 km, NW, 4 yrs 254 days)</i>
<b>218H</b>	<i>R</i>	22/11/25		<i>nr Edwinstow, Notts</i>	<i>(70 km, NW, 22 yrs, 167 days)</i>
EW97345	6	09/01/10	AB	Boston	
	<i>S</i>	01/09/18		<i>Bakewell, Derbyshire</i>	<i>(115 km, 8 yrs 237 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	01/09/18		<i>Bakewell, Derbyshire</i>	<i>(115 km, 11 yrs 201 days)</i>
	<i>S</i>	01/09/18		<i>Bakewell, Derbyshire</i>	<i>(115 km, 15 yrs 237 days)</i>
ER86427	6	28/02/18	AB	Boston	
	<i>S</i>	14/01/19		<i>Cleethorpes, N.E.Lincs</i>	<i>(65 km, N, 318 days)</i>
	<i>Xf</i>	13/02/25		<i>Cleethorpes, N.E.Lincs</i>	<i>(64 km, N, 6 yrs 350 days)</i>

## Barn Owl

<i>AJ60428</i>	<i>1F</i>	23/06/07	<i>swng</i>	<i>nr Collingham, Notts</i>	
	<i>Rb</i>	28/07/10	AB	<i>nr Stubton, Caythorpe</i>	<i>(15 km, SSE, 3 yrs 35 days)</i>
	<i>Rb</i>	17/07/11	AB	<i>Two Trout lakes, Brandon</i>	<i>(14 km, SSE, 4 yrs 24 days)</i>
	<i>Rb</i>	31/07/12	RS	<i>Two Trout lakes, Brandon</i>	<i>(14 km, SSE, 5 yrs 38 days)</i>
	<i>Rb</i>	18/06/18	RS	<i>nr Stubton, Caythorpe</i>	<i>(14 km, SSE, 10 yrs 360 days)</i>
	<i>Rb</i>	17/06/19	RS	<i>Two Trout lakes, Brandon</i>	<i>(14 km, SSE, 11 yrs 359 days)</i>
	<i>Rb</i>	09/09/19	AB	<i>Two Trout lakes, Brandon</i>	<i>(14 km, SSE, 12 yrs 78 days)</i>
	<i>Rb</i>	25/06/25	AB	<i>90 Acre, Brandon</i>	<i>(15 km, SSE, 18 yrs 2 days)</i>

This sets a new British (and European) Barn Owl longevity record which we already held (with one of our own birds last year at 16 yrs 349 days); the previous oldest was 15 yrs 214 days.

GC82760	1	02/07/09	AB	Lodge Farm, Sleaford	
	<i>Xl</i>	07/09/25		<i>Grange Farn, Aswarby</i>	<i>(2 km, S, estimated at 10 yrs)</i>
GE07537	1	11/07/25	AB	Decoy Pump, Lincoln	
	<i>A</i>	26/09/25		<i>Fiskerton, Lincoln</i>	<i>(8 km, ESE, 75 days)</i>
GE07538	1	11/07/25	AB	Decoy Pump, Lincoln	
	<i>Xf</i>	26/09/25		<i>Swanpool, Lincoln</i>	<i>(1 km, E, 50 days)</i>
GE07756	1	07/07/24	AB	Dyke Fen, Bourne	
	<i>X</i>	28/03/25		<i>Westhorpe, Gosberton</i>	<i>(16km, NNE, 264 days)</i>
GE07762	1	07/07/24	AB	Horbling Fen	
	<i>R=f</i>	24/07/25	AB	Jockey Barn, West Pinchbeck	<i>(9 km, SSE, 1 yr 167 days)</i>
GE07869	1	19/10/24	AB	Kirton End	
	<i>Xr</i>	06/08/25		<i>Wigtoft</i>	<i>(5 km, SW, 291 days)</i>

## Barn Owl continued...

GR96268	I	19/06/14		nr Marton, Gainsborough	
	R=f	11/07/25	AB	Doddington Hall Dairy	(14 km, SSE, 11 yr 22 days)
GR97820	1	07/06/14	AB	Middle Farm, Haconby Fen	
	Xr	24/03/25		Rippingale	(13km, W, 10 yrs 291 days)
GV01183	1M	18/06/14	AB	Carlton le Moorland	
	Xl	16/04/25		Bingley Moor, West Yorkshire	(117 km, NW, 10 yrs 304 days)
GV07652	1	16/07/16	GS	Langton Grange, nr Alford	
	R=f	27/07/25		Sutterby	(28 km, SSW, 9 yrs 11 days)
GV45524	1	10/07/16	AB	Jessops Barn, Rippingale	
	R=m	23/04/17	AB	Dunsby Fen	(8 km, E, 287 days)
	R=m	24/07/19	AB	Dunsby Fen	(8 km, E, 3 yrs 4 days)
	R=m	21/04/22	AB	Dunsby Fen	(8 km, E, 5 yrs 285 days)
	R=m	28/07/25	AB	Dunsby Fen	(8 km, E, 9 yrs 18 days)
GV45540	1	12/07/16	AB	Thorpe Fen, Wainfleet	
	R=f	25/05/22		nr Midville	(58 km, SSW, 5 yrs 318 days)
	R=f	29/08/23		nr Midville	(58 km, SSW, 7 yrs 318 days)
	R=f	07/08/24		nr Midville	(58 km, SSW, 8 yrs 26 days)
	R=f	08/06.25		nr Midville	(58 km, SSW, 8 yrs 331 days)
	R=f	07/07/25		nr Midville	(58 km, SSW, 8 yrs 360 days)
GV99567	5F	24/06/19	AB	Medlam Drain, New Bolinbroke	
	R	31/07/25		Stickney	(12 km, SSW, 6 yrs 37 days)
GV99695	1F	16/07/19	RS	nr Alford	
	R	05/06/24		ne Sloothby, Alford	(29 km, SSW, 4 yrs 325 days)
	R	04/06/25		ne Sloothby, Alford	(29 km, SSW, 5yrs 324 days)
	R	21/06/25		ne Sloothby, Alford	(29 km, SSW, 5 yrs 340 days)
GV99763	1	06/07/19	AB	Burton Coggles	
	Xr	05/04/25		Birkholme, Colsterworth	(11 km, WSW, 5 yrs 273 days)
GY44593	1F	01/07/21	AB	Denton Lodge Farm	
	R	18/06/22		Woolsthorpe Bridge	(3 km, NNW, 352 days)
	R	22/05/23		Casthorpe Farm, Barrowby	(5 km, WNW, 1 yr 325 days)
	R	01/07/23		Casthorpe Farm, Barrowby	(5 km, WNW, 2 yrs 0 days)
	R	23/05/25		Muston, Leics.	(21 km, SSW, 3 yrs 326 days)
GY48564	1F	01/07/22		Thorpe-in-the-Glebe, Notts	
	R	02/10/23	AB	Folly Lane, Hough-on-the-Hill	(37 km, ENE, 1 yrs 93 days)
	R	25/07/24	AB	Folly Lane, Hough-on-the-Hill	(37 km, ENE, 2 yrs 24 days)
	R	09/09/24	AB	Folly Lane, Hough-on-the-Hill	(37 km, ENE, 2 yrs 69 days)
	R	25/06/25	AB	Folly Lane, Hough-on-the-Hill	(37 km, ENE, 2 yrs 359 days)
GY58701	I	09/06/24		Fishtoft	
	X	16/04/25	RC	College Farm, Kirton Marsh	(8 km, SSW, 310 days)

## Barn Owl continued...

GY62763	1	04/07/22	RS	Coates Pump, Cottam	
	R=f	18/06/24	AB	Cammeringham Drain. Sturton by Stow	(9 km, E, 1 yr 349 days)
	R=f	12/06/25	AB	Cammeringham Drain. Sturton by Stow	(9 km, E, 2 yrs 343 days)
GY62795	1M	12/07/22	RS	Dyke, Bourne	
	Xr	01/04/25		Pasture Hill Farm, Bourne	(5 km, WSW, 2 yrs 264 days)
GY64263	1F	29/06/22		Sunderwick, Easr Riding of Yorkshire	
	R	29/05/24	IW	Leadenhall Farm, Holbeach Marsh	(127 km, SSE, 1 yr 335 days)
	R	23/05/25	IW	Leadenhall Farm, Holbeach Marsh	(127 km, SSE, 2 yr 329 days)
GY70889	1M	21/06/24	AB	Rippingale Fen	
	X	26/03/25		Rippingale fen	(279 days)
GY70925	5F	05/07/24	RS	Strubby Airfield	
	R	21/06/25		Mumby	(11 km, SE, 351 days)
GY70987	1	27/06/24	AB	Leake Fold Hill	
	X	08/07/25		Old Leake	(2 km, SSW, 1 yr 11 days)
GY70999	1	28/06/24	AB	nr Wealdmore Wood, Denton	
	R=f	23/06/25		Breeder Hills Farm, Stenwith	(6 km, NNW, 360 days)

## Little Owl

EZ19065	4F	13/05/16	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen	
	R	20/04/17	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen	( 342 days)
	R	28/04/18	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen	(1 yr 350 days)
	R	31/05/21	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen	(5 yrs 18 days)
	R	21/04/22	RS	Pinchbeck North Fen	(5 yrs 343 days)
	R	18/04/23	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen	(6 yrs 340 days)
	R	02/06/24	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen	(8 yrs 220 days)
	R	08/06/25	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen	(9 yrs 25 days)

This is included as it was our oldest Little Owl retrapped this year.

EM08027	1	23/05/22	AB	Fisher's Gate, Sutton St James	
	R=f	26/05/25	AB	Ollards Farm, Sutton St Edmund	(9 km, SSW, 3 yrs 3 days)
EM08087	1	13/06/23	RS	Laws Farm, Crowland	
	R=f	30/04/24	AB	Whitehouse Farm, Northorpe fen	(10 km, NW, 321 days)
	R=f	19/05/25	AB	Whitehouse Farm, Northorpe Fen	(10 km, NW, 1 yr 340 days)
EM08561	4F	18/05/23	AB	Guthram Gowt, Bourne	
	R	21/06/24	AB	Northorpe Fen, Bourne	(5 km, WSW, 1 yr 34 days)
	R	19/05/25	AB	Northorpe Fen, Bourne	(5 km, WSW, 1 yrs 1 day)
EY60984	1	26/05/14	AB	Pinchbeck North Fen	
	X	19/08/25		Wisbech, Cambs	(32 km, ESE, 11 yrs 85 days)

## Tawny Owl

GR33516	1	10/05/11	RS	Bourne Wood	
	R=f	03/05/16	RS	Bourne Wood	(4 yrs 358 days)
	R=f	09/05/25	AB	Bourne Wood	(13 yrs 364 days)

This is included as it was our oldest Tawny Owl retrapped during the year.

## Swift

SH21401	4	09/05/19	AB	Marston STW	
	X	10/07/25		Grantham	(8 km, S, 6 yrs 62 days)

## Sand Martin

8026404	3	19/08/23		Vitresay, Charente-Maritime, <b>FRANCE</b>	
Paris	R=f	17/07/25	RS	Deeping Lakes,	(814 km, N, 1 yr 333 days)
	R=f	30/07/25	AB	Deeping Lakes,	(814 km, N, 1 yr 346 days)
AKC1815	3J	26/08/18	AB	Marston STW	
	XI	13/04/25		Beacon Alley, Godshill, Isle of Wight	(265 km, S, 6 yrs 231 days)
ATJ7206	1	28/05/20		Egleton, Rutland Water, Leics	
	R=m	13/07/24	AB	Deeping Lakes	(31 km, E, 4 yrs, 46 days)
	R=m	28/07/24	AB	Deeping Lakes	(31 km, E, 4 yrs, 61 days)
	R=m	17/07/25	AB	Deeping Lakes	(31 km, E, 5 yrs, 48 days)
BAF6417	1	25/07/25		Acres Farm, East Riding of Yorkshire	
	R	23/08/25	AB	Deeping Lakes.	(104 km, S, 28 days)
BDD4325	3J	28/07/25	AB	Deeping Lakes	
	R	31/08/25		Plaisance, Sait-Froult, <b>FRANCE</b>	(753 km, S, 34 days)
BTA8659	1	05/06/24		Rutland Water, Leics.	
	R=f	30/07/25	AB	Deeping Lakes	(31 km, E, 1 yr 55 days)

## Wren

NXP761	4	16/11/23	AB	Dunsby, Bourne	
	R	10/05/25		Thatcham Marsh NR, West Berkshire	(173 km, SSW, 1 yr 176 days)

This is our furthest ever recovery for a Wren, though we did catch one at near Boston that had been ringed in Kent.

## Blackbird

LC69632	4F	10/11/23	AB	Bourne Wood	
	Xc	30/04/25		Bourne	

## Cetti's Warbler

BXB2599 3J 30/08/24 Rutland Water, Leics  
R=f 03/08/25 AB Marston STW (34 km, N, 338 days)

*This is our second Cetti's Warbler control at Marston, the first was from Hertfordshire in 2009. It is known that there is some juvenile dispersal amongst this sedentary species.*

## Sedge Warbler

ADY8352 3 25/07/23 AB Marston STW  
R 16/08/25 Bempton Cliffs RSPB Res., (136 km, NNE, 2 yrs 22 days)

BDD4380 3 04/08/24 AB Marston STW  
R 15/08/24 Noordschote, West-Vlaanderen, **BELGIUM** (324 km, SE, 11 days)

*This is our first Sedge Warbler to be recovered in Belgium. We have previously had Sedge Warblers recovered on passage in France (8), Spain (2), Portugal and Channel Islands whilst we have caught birds ringed in Norway and Senegal.*

BDD4645 3 26/08/24 AB Marston STW  
R=f 06/08/25 Stanford Res., Northants (71 km, SSW, 345 days)

BVH2103 3 04/08/25 Trimley Marsh, Suffolk  
R 10/08/25 AB Marston STW (172 km, NW, 6 days)

## Reed Warbler

ARP0484 3 19/09/21 AB Marston STW  
R 25/09/21 AB Marston STW  
R 23/07/25 Stanford Res., Northants (71 km, SSW, 3 yrs 337 days)

BVF1288 3 10/08/25 AB Marston STW  
Ac 16/09/25 Odiham, Hook, Hampshire (194 km, S, 37 days)

S585921 3J 30/07/18 Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham  
R=m 25/07/25 AB Marston STW (30 km, E, 6 yrs 350 days)  
R=m 29/07/25 AB Marston STW (30 km, E, 6 yrs 354 days)

## Garden Warbler

S376281 3 26/07/25 AB Twyford Wood  
Xp 05/09/25 Piley, South Yorkshire (97 km, NW, 41 days)

## Chiffchaff

HLJ433 3 13/10/24 Theddlethorpe St Helen  
R 14/01/25 AB Marston STW (73 km, SW, 93 days)

## Goldcrest

RAR317 3M 24/09/25 Stonehaugh, Northumberland  
R 12/10/25 AB Marston STW (258 km, SSE, 18 days)

## Long-tailed Tit

NTD775 3 01/07/24 Gibraltar Point NR  
R 26/09/25 AB Anderby Creek (17 km, N, 1 yr 86 days)

RBN623 3 29/10/24 Castor Hanglands NR, Peterborough  
R 28/02/25 AB Bourne Wood (19 km, N, 122 days)

RBN625 3 29/10/24 Castor Hanglands NR, Peterborough  
R 19/02/25 AB Bourne Wood (19 km, N, 113 days)

NXB505 2 30/10/24 Old Weston, Cambridgeshire  
R 20/12/25 AB Dunsby (50 km, N, 1 yr 51 days)  
R 29/12/25 AB Dunsby (50 km, N, 1 yr 60 days)

*Interesting that we got a few movements of Long-tailed Tits this year. We have only had three movements over 10 km including a party of 9 birds that went 22 km from Stoke Pastures, Grantham to Bingham.*

## Blue Tit

BVF0364 6M 06/02/25 AB Bourne Wood  
R 15/03/25 Pitsford Reservoir, Northants. (58 km. SSW, 40 days)

## Jackdaw

EA13722 1 28/05/20 AB North Drove, Martin Fen  
Xf 15/06/25 North Kyme (10 km, S, 5 yrs 18 days)

EM08923 1 27/05/24 AB Kirton Meeres  
X 10/05/25 Kirton End (348 days)

EM86312 1 20/06/24 AB Shell Bridge, Holbeach St Johns  
X 23/04/25 Leesthorpe, Leicestershire (54 km, W, 307 days)

## Raven

HT66338 1 20/04/16 AB Carlton Scroop BT Tower  
Xf 27/01/25 Swarby, Sleaford (11 km, ESE, 8 yrs 281 days)

## Greenfinch

TA55924 5M 18/01/25 Pinchbeck North Fen  
R 16/03/25 AB Dunsby Drove (6 km, W, 57 days)

## Goldfinch

BVF0013 5F 17/01/25 AB Bourne Wood  
R 31/03/25 Calf of Man, Isle of Man (326 km, WNW, 73 days)

## Siskin

3V2148 4M 17/10/23 Bagolino, Brescia, **ITALY**  
R 18/03/24 RS Bourne Wood (1102 km, NW, 153 days)

*There has only been around six Italian-ringed Siskins found in the UK. They are known for being irruptive and not wintering in the same area in successive winters. However this bird was probably of Scottish origin that wintered in northern Italy and passed through Bourne on its way back to Scotland.*

BTA4931 6M 23/02/24 AB Bourne Wood  
R 24/03/24 AB Bourne Wood (30 days)  
R 28/02/25 AB Bourne Wood (1 yr 5 days)

BDD3815 5M 28/02/24 AB Bourne Wood  
R 12/12/25 AB Bourne Wood (1 yr 257 days)

*These are included as we very rarely get Siskins in successive winters at Bourne.*

## Lesser Redpoll

ADY7550 5 24/02/23 AB Marston STW  
R=m 04/01/25 Drumla, North Ayrshire (400 km, NW, 1 yr 315 days)  
R=m 12/01/25 Drumla, North Ayrshire (400 km, NW, 1 yr 323 days)

ADY8979 3M 25/10/23 AB Marston STW  
R 01/03/25 Brandon, Norfolk (104 km, ESE, 1 yr 126 days)  
R 13/12/25 Brandon, Norfolk (104 km, ESE, 2 yrs 49 days)

BLD5023 6M 16/02/24 Edwinstow, Nottinghamshire  
R 12/10/25 AB Marston STW (39 km, SE, 1 yr 240 days)



*Just over 100 Lesser Redpolls were lured to playback call in Autumn 2025 at Marston STW.*

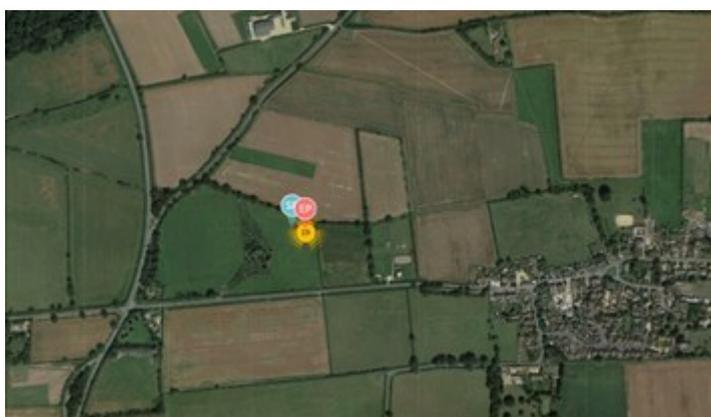
## Grand Total of Birds Ringed, Recovered and Controlled to 2025

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	56	9		Spain, The Netherlands
13	Grey Heron	55	0		
14	Mute Swan	35	10	1	
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	70	5	4	
27	Marsh Harrier	71	1	3	Spain
28	Montagu's Harrier	4	0		
29	Goshawk	2	0		
30	Sparrowhawk	244	23		1 to Germany
31	Buzzard	67	3		
32	Rough-legged Buzzard	1	0		
33	Kestrel	4,725	170	7	1 to Belgium, 1 to France
34	Merlin	2	0		
35	Hobby	13	1		1 to Germany
36	Peregrine	126	12	7	1 dead from Norway, 1 sighted from France
37	Red-legged Partridge	4	0		
38	Grey Partridge	7	0		
39	Quail	1	0		
40	Water Rail	79	0	1	1 from Germany
41	Moorhen	211	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		1 to 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	<b>POL 2, NOR 8, FIN 3, GER 3</b> HOL 3, SPA, FIN 2, SWE 8, DEN, GER 2, MOR
57	Ruff	74	1		1 to HOL
58	Jack Snipe	54	0		
59	Snipe	711	11		SPA, FRA, RUS
60	Woodcock	30	3		1 to 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		1 to France
66	Redshank	170	6	1	1 to France
67	Greenshank	20	0		
68	Green Sandpiper	59	0		( 1 retrapped 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	<b>BEL 6, GER 4, DEN 3, EST 2, HOL2, NOR, FIN, SWE 2</b> BEL, GER 5, DEN 30, EST 2, HOL 7, NOR 5 FIN 16, SWE 12, LAT, POL 2, RUS 2, EIRE 3
75	Common Gull	377	22	2	NOR 4, SWE 5, FIN 5, DEN 2 <b>DEN, EST, dead from NOR</b>
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 <b>POL</b>
78	Great Black-backed Gull	293	14	2	NOR 3, FIN, HOL 2, DEN 2, <b>NOR, DEN</b>
79	Kittiwake	1	0		
80	Common Tern	80	4		1 to Senegal
81	Arctic Tern	40	0		
82	Little Tern	71	2		1 to Belgium
83	Guillemot	17	0		
84	Razorbill	3	0		
85	Little Auk	6	0		
86	Puffin	1	0		
87	Stock Dove	1,097	5	1	
88	Woodpigeon	399	6	0	
89	Collared Dove	398	4	0	
90	Turtle Dove	65	2		1 to Spain
91	Cuckoo	11	1		
92	Barn Owl	11,489	895	416	
93	Little Owl	2,962	33	9	
94	Tawny Owl	1,012	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	31	10	France , Eire 2
99	Kingfisher	166	3	1	
100	Wryneck	2	0		
101	Green Woodpecker	55	3		
102	Great Spotted Woodpecker	415	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	6,642	105	99	SEN 4, FRA 7, SPA 6 <b>SPA 3, FRA 8, Chan Is</b>
106	Swallow	9,170	48	40	ITA 2, SPA 3, Congo, <b>SPA</b>
107	House Martin	13,971	20	49	FRA. <b>BEL</b>
108	Olive-backed Pipit	1	0		
109	Tree Pipit	25	0		
110	Meadow Pipit	2,401	1	2	

no	Species	Ringed	Rec	Con	Details of Note
111	Rock Pipit	8	0		
112	Yellow Wagtail	548	0	1	from BEL
113	Grey Wagtail	196	1		1 to Norway
114	Pied/White Wagtail	1,154	7	1	
115	Waxwing	3	0		
116	Dipper	21	0		
117	Wren	4,185	2	2	One to Berkshire. Kent to Bennington
118	Dunnock	7,491	28	2	Seacroft to Orkney, BEL
119	Robin	6,732	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	10	0		
125	Wheatear	134	2		1 to Morocco
126	Ring Ouzel	40	1		
127	Blackbird	14,197	187	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	2,527	20	1	SPA, FRA,
130	Redwing	1,578	7	0	NOR, FRA, POR
131	Mistle Thrush	199	7	1	
132	Cetti's Warbler	144	0	2	Herts to Marston, Northamts to Marston
133	Grasshopper Warbler	115	0		
134	Sedge Warbler	3,745	42	17	FRA 8, SPA 2, POR , Channel Isles, NOR, SEN
135	Marsh Warbler *hybrid	1	0		
136	Reed Warbler	5,209	53	30	SEN, SPA 2, FRA 2 FRA, SPA 2, BEL, POR MOR 2, GAM, BEL
137	Icterine Warbler	3	0		
138	Barred Warbler	1			
139	Lesser Whitethroat	885	1		
140	Whitethroat	2,254	4	2	
141	Garden Warbler	933	2	2	from Spain
142	Blackcap	4,349	19	10	SPA, GIB, Algeria x 2
143	Greenish Warbler	1	0		
144	Yellow-browed Warbler	10	0		
145	Wood Warbler	8	0		
146	Chiffchaff	3,417	14	9	MOR, HOL, POR, SWE
146a	Siberian Chiffchaff	3	0		
147	Willow Warbler	6,366	19	7	FRA 2
148	Goldcrest	5,282	10	8	BEL, FRA 2, SWE
149	Firecrest	16	0	1	HOL
150	Spotted Flycatcher	364	1		
151	Red-breasted Flycatcher	4	0		
152	Pied Flycatcher	207	0		
153	Bearded Tit	6	0		
154	Long-tailed Tit	5,018	15	13	
155	Marsh Tit	567	0		
156	Willow Tit	369	0	1	Anderby to Seacroft 19 km
157	Coal Tit	2,276	8	7	longest 95 km
158	Blue Tit	33,096	74	28	1 at 203 km, 2 others over 100 km
159	Great Tit	18,387	55	18	
160	Nuthatch	128	1		
161	Treecreeper	643	0		
162	Red-backed Shrike	2	0		
163	Jay	160	6		one after 8 yrs
164	Magpie	109	4		one after 17 yrs
165	Jackdaw	3,798	57	1	

no	Species	Ringed	Rec	Con	Details of Note
166	Rook	63	2		
167	Carrion Crow	56	3		
168	Hooded Crow	1	0		
169	Raven	67	2		
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	3,919	17		
172	Tree Sparrow	2,571	9	11	
173	Chaffinch	12,103	46	7	NOR 4, SWE, NOR, HOL 2
174	Brambling	1,911	7	6	NOR, SWE, DEN DEN
175	Greenfinch	17,595	179	41	
176	Goldfinch	13,230	78	69	FRA x 6
177	Siskin	4,494	62	57	LAT, ITA, BEL, CZE, SWI, HOL 2 Slovakia, SWE, HOL 2, BEL 2, NOR 2, RUS,
178	Linnet	1,404	4	0	
179	Twite	583	0	0	
180	Common Redpoll	91	0	3	NOR
181a	Redpoll (Common/Lesser)	9			
181	Lesser Redpoll	5,218	97	93	BEL 4, BEL 2, HOL,
182	Common Crossbill	25	0		
183	Bullfinch	2,217	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	4,588	6	2	
188	Reed Bunting	5,668	10	9	
189	Corn Bunting	44	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>303,745</b>	<b>3578</b>	<b>1400</b>	



*The BTO provided the GPS position of our dead tagged male Kestrel allowing it to be recovered  
It was missing it's head and was thought to have been killed by the local Peregrine.*

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No	Species	1977-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2024	2024	2025	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	4	56
13	Grey Heron	42	4	1									2	4		2	55
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	1		70
27	Marsh Harrier	42		9				3	2	3		4	4			4	71
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	202	4,725

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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	6	126
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	10	79
41	Moorhen	169								1	2	2	2	1	21	13	211
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			1	711
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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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	28	1,097
88	Woodpigeon	295	16	20	5	10	10	8	3	9	4	2	4	3	5	5	399
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	212	11,489
93	Little Owl	859	132	138	219	125	163	187	195	134	133	172	150	145	107	103	2,962
94	Tawny Owl	398	58	28	155	6	51	83	10	47		72	46	30	15	13	1,012
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		2	166

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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	14	415
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	102	6,642
106	Swallow	5,449	1,102	908	116	240	64	144	341	234	241	70	5	14	97	145	9,170
107	House Martin	8,099	1,703	684	195	796	481	417	551	387	211	106	20		162	159	13,971
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	100	2,401
111	Rock Pipit	8															8
112	Yellow Wagtail	406	20	6					8	91	9	1	4	1	1	1	548
113	Grey Wagtail	150	10		5	2		2	2	1	14		2	4	1	3	196
114	Pied/White Wagtail	1,018	61	8	6	21	6	2	6	19	4	1			1	1	1,154
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	66	4,185
118	Dunnock	5,671	139	190	196	179	176	150	132	159	116	59	98	87	62	77	7,491
119	Robin	5,401	174	147	118	87	101	108	103	111	70	38	82	74	59	59	6,732
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	1	10
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	39	14,197
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	7	2,527
130	Redwing	981	48	13	26	15	147	73	46	91	20	59	15	25	18	1	1,578
131	Mistle Thrush	189	3	4				1	2								199
132	Cetti's Warbler	6	7	1	3	1				12	23	8	21	11	16	35	144

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No	Species	1977-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2024	2024	2025	Grand Total
133	Grasshopper Warbler	98	1							4		6	1	2	1	2	115
134	Sedge Warbler	1,651	219	235	109	33	6	2	91	23	357	171	376	124	99	249	3,745
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	531	5,209
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	4	885
140	Whitethroat	1,879	77	97	29	43	13	6	5	14	45	12	14	9	1	10	2,254
141	Garden Warbler	909	3	2	3	1	1	1			1	2	3	1	3	3	933
142	Blackcap	3,396	50	60	118	92	55	66	60	84	93	40	41	109	30	55	4,349
143	Greenish Warbler	1															1
144	Yellow-browed Warbler	4				1				2	1	1				1	10
145	Wood Warbler	8															8
146	Chiffchaff	1,649	39	100	102	96	82	103	66	63	100	138	200	195	127	357	3,417
146a	Siberian Chiffchaff	0											1		1	1	3
147	Willow Warbler	5,932	54	61	24	42	26	18	13	21	31	49	35	23	14	23	6,366
148	Goldcrest	4,003	111	96	104	184	94	66	52	127	80	24	114	91	24	112	5,282
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	59	207
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	118	5,018
155	Marsh Tit	483	5	4	10	11	13	7	9	8	2	1	1	3	4	6	567
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	40	2,276
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	1,609	33,096
159	Great Tit	11,761	490	553	629	487	397	392	548	576	493	254	199	449	557	602	18,387
160	Nuthatch	68	11	3	13	4	4	2	2	2	1	3	3	6	4	2	128
161	Treecreeper	579	11	6	4	9	7	3	2	8	4	3	1	1	2	3	643
162	Red-backed Shrike	1											1				2
163	Jay	140	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	2			1	160
164	Maggpie	97	2	2	2		1			1		1	2	1			109

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165	Jackdaw	1,747	171	317	297	200	249	67	132	105	53	128	83	113	77	59	3,798
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		3	67
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	38	3,919
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	68	12,103
174	Brambling	770	35	86	23	6	18	28	7	19	7	217	633	12	48	2	1,911
175	Greenfinch	13,384	390	428	553	458	716	411	418	197	139	170	97	110	79	45	17,595
176	Goldfinch	5,865	903	647	604	613	536	1,051	944	641	283	221	188	226	180	328	13,230
177	Siskin	2,633	19	670	36	2	294	2	63	10	6	12	9	6	708	24	4,494
178	Linnet	922	10	9	22		3	5	4	314	16	2	35	56	2	4	1,404
179	Twite	583															583
180	Common Redpoll	74	2		5			1	4				1	1	3		91
180a	Redpoll (Common/Lesser)	7													1	1	9
181	Lesser Redpoll	1,980	326	373	85	317	147	74	76	19	1,452	19	51	102	65	132	5,218
182	Common Crossbill	25															25
183	Bullfinch	2,024	19	6	13	10	5	38	19	11	20	15	17	7	8	5	2,217
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	23	4,588
188	Reed Bunting	2,760	383	343	231	260	186	103	131	421	194	50	222	268	49	67	5,668
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	6,003	303,745
	Number of Species	184	86	85	72	72	63	67	70	75	72	65	71	66	68	64	189

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