



## Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter 2019 - August 2019

### Professor Ian Newton Honorary President of the Lincolnshire Bird Club

Many of you will have been spellbound by the AGM talk the doyen of Britain's ornithologist's, Professor Ian Newton gave us several years ago and the talk on bird migration he gave at our joint winter meeting with the Lincolnshire Naturalists Union in January this year. As the most eminent ornithologist living in Lincolnshire, the LBC committee recently voted to ask Professor Newton to be our Honorary President a position vacant for a number of years following the death of the late Eric Simms.

I am delighted to announce that in our 40th anniversary year, Ian has accepted the role of Honorary President of the Lincolnshire Bird Club. The role carries no formal duties and I have to say that the honour of his association with the LBC falls rather more to us than to him! Ian lives in retirement near Sleaford and for those unfamiliar with him, though I am sure most of you will have a book of his on your bookshelves, I have taken the following details from his Royal Society and Wikipedia entries:



#### Education and early life

He was born and raised in north Derbyshire and was educated at Chesterfield Grammar School. He graduated from the University of Bristol. He received his D.Phil. in 1964 and D.Sc. in 1982 from the University of Oxford, and has studied a wide range of bird species.

#### Career and research

He has been interested in birds since his childhood. As a teenager he became particularly fascinated by finches and undertook doctoral and post-doctoral studies on them. He conducted a 27-year study of a Eurasian sparrowhawk population nesting in southern Scotland, which resulted in what many consider to be the most detailed and longest-running study of any population of birds of prey.

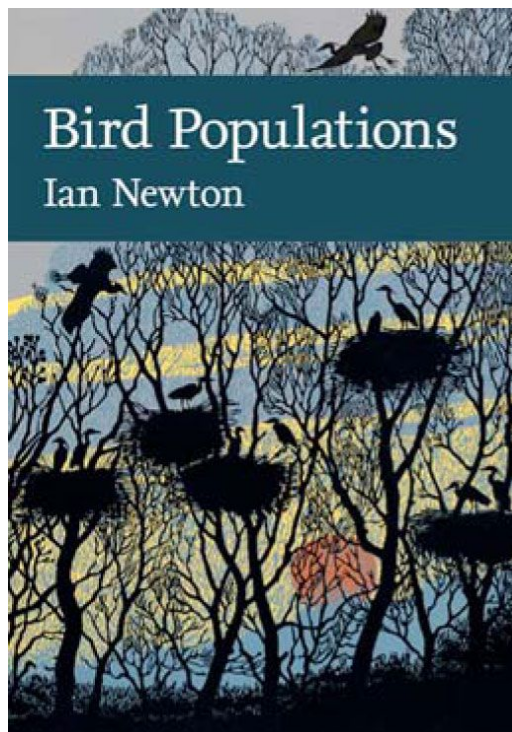
His research has produced far-reaching results of fundamental significance to evolutionary biology. For example, Ian's studies have revealed the effects of pesticides and pollutants on bird populations. He has also

looked at issues such as reproductive success and monitored the effects of changes in population size and food supply.

Before retirement, he was Senior Ornithologist at the United Kingdom's Natural Environment Research Council. He has also been head of the Avian Biology Section at the Monks Wood Research Station (1989–2000), Chairman of the Board of The Peregrine Fund, Chairman of the Council of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and visiting professor of ornithology at the University of Oxford. Newton has also held the positions of President of the British Ornithologists' Union and the British Ecological Society (1994–1995).

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Ian will attend our meetings when he can and looks forward to getting to know LBC better over the coming years.

Phil Espin

Chairman

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## Lincolnshire Bird Report 2018: request for photographs

Work on the Lincolnshire Bird Club 2018 report is underway. As always we would like to include as many photographs as possible of birds taken in **Lincolnshire** during **2018**. Please send any images for consideration to [info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk) with your initials, species name, location and date incorporated in the file name(!).

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## Lincolnshire Bird Atlas: request for bird line drawings

Over the last 8 months Colin Casey has been working hard to resurrect a form of publication from the IT records left after the project to publish the Lincolnshire Atlas was halted over 10 years ago. He has made tremendous strides and we are pretty certain we will be able to publish something of what the original authors Keith Atkin, Anne Goodall and Ian Nixon envisaged when LBC embarked on the Atlas project nearly 40 years ago. As an LBC atlaser back in the 80s I'm sure all fellow atlasers will be delighted with the work Colin is producing. Colin was part of the original Atlas team doing surveys around the county in the mid 1990s and I'd like to thank him on behalf of members past and present for bringing the Atlas back from the dead.

One urgent gap to fill are line drawing illustrations of the bird species listed below. In keeping with the ethos of the project we would prefer drawings from artists connected with Lincolnshire and LBC as far as possible. If you can volunteer an existing drawing of one or more of these species in return for full credit in the book could you please email an image of it to Colin Casey on [colin@otus.co.uk](mailto:colin@otus.co.uk).

We would be happy to accept promises that can be fulfilled by the end of September. It would be great to have a wide range of authentic images so even if you are not the world's best artists we would be grateful to see what you put forward and we will consider all images submitted for inclusion.

Phil Espin

Garganey  
 Gadwall  
 Mallard  
 Teal  
 Pheasant  
 Grey Heron  
 Sparrowhawk  
 Montagu's Harrier  
 Moorhen  
 Coot  
 Stone Curlew  
 Oystercatcher  
 Ringed Plover  
 Little-ringed Plover  
~~Woodcock~~  
 Snipe  
~~Redshank~~  
 Little Tern

~~Common Tern~~  
~~Arctic Tern~~  
 Stock Dove  
 Woodpigeon  
~~Turtle Dove~~  
 Collared Dove  
 Cuckoo  
 Barn Owl  
 Tawny Owl  
 Little Owl  
 Long-eared Owl  
 Short-eared Owl  
 Nightjar  
 Swift  
 Lesser-spotted Woodpecker  
 Great-spotted Woodpecker  
 Green Woodpecker  
 Kestrel  
 Hobby

Jay  
 Magpie  
 Carrion Crow  
 Coal Tit  
 Marsh Tit  
 Willow Tit  
~~Blue Tit~~  
 Great Tit  
 Woodlark  
 Skylark  
 Sand Martin  
~~Swallow~~  
~~House Martin~~  
 Long-tailed Tit  
 Willow Warbler  
 Sedge Warbler  
 Reed Warbler  
 Grasshopper Warbler  
 Blackcap



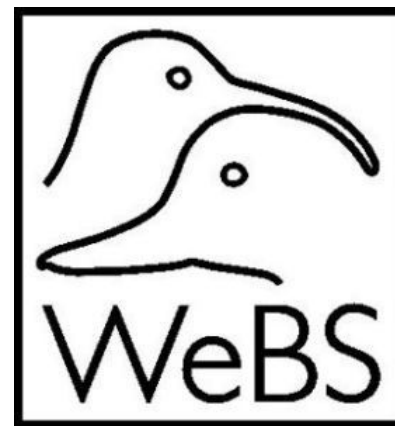
Garden Warbler  
Lesser Whitethroat  
Whitethroat  
Goldcrest  
~~Wren~~  
Nuthatch  
Trecreeper  
Starling  
Blackbird  
Song Thrush  
Mistle Thrush  
Spotted Flycatcher  
Robin

Nightingale  
Black Redstart  
Redstart  
Whinchat  
Stonechat  
House Sparrow  
Tree Sparrow  
Duncock  
Yellow Wagtail  
Grey Wagtail  
Pied Wagtail  
Meadow Pipit  
Tree Pipit

Chaffinch  
Bullfinch  
Greenfinch  
Linnet  
Lesser Redpoll  
Goldfinch  
Siskin  
Corn Bunting  
Yellowhammer  
Reed Bunting

### Volunteers required.

Would you like to help with counting birds on the UK's most important intertidal area for wildfowl and waders? The Wash can hold up to 450,000 waterfowl at peak times. How do we know this? Due to a dedicated team of volunteers who spend a few hours on one day every month counting them. These WeBS counts (Wetland Bird Survey) are organised by the BTO and cover sites throughout the UK, helping to build a picture over time of how our wetland birds are faring. The Wash is split into a number of different sectors for counting purposes and a few of these sectors are currently vacant. If you think that you may like to take on counting a sector, and/or would like to know a bit more about what's involved, please do get in touch.



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### LBC Rarities Whatsapp Group

Members who are rarities enthusiasts will be happy to learn that under the guidance of bird social media guru Anthony Bentley we are setting up a Lincolnshire rarities Whatsapp group. Anyone wanting to join will need to have a smartphone with Whatsapp downloaded. The aim will be that all interested parties get Lincolnshire rare bird news as soon as possible. It will probably be a large group and needs careful planning with respect to rules,



administration and GDPR compliance. Some of our initial thoughts: The group will only be open to LBC members by application to administrators whose names will be published when the service is launched. The group will be for BBRC and LBRC rare bird news only. Any idle chit chat will be subject to a two strikes rule, followed by a one month suspension. Anyone getting a second ban will be banned for a year. If anyone has any further ideas about this please raise them with Anthony on [Anthonybentley2014@hotmail.com](mailto:Anthonybentley2014@hotmail.com)

and/or on twitter at @AnthonyBentley7. We hope to go live with this by early September.

## International Swan Census 2020

Here's a diary date for you. January 2020 sees the next International Swan Census take place across Europe, with an aim to estimate the size and distribution of the Iceland Whooper Swan and Northwest Bewick's Swan populations. The census takes place every five years and is coordinated internationally by the Wetlands International / IUCN Swan Specialist Group.

**The dates for the census are 11/12 January**, which coincide with the WeBS priority count dates.



Many sites holding Whooper and Bewick's Swans are already covered by WeBS counters, and we would ask to try to ensure that these sites are visited over the census weekend. However, there are also a number of sites, such as feeding sites in agricultural areas, which are either not regularly visited or are not covered at all by the scheme.

### ***Sites already covered:***

Bardney Pit

Kirkby on Bain

R Witham 5 mile to Short Ferry

### ***Sites that require covering are:***

TF532792 Sutton Ings

TF085695 Branston Fen

TF131638 Metheringham Delph

TF100702 River Witham: Bardney Bridge to Five Mile House

If you could visit any of the above please let me know.

### ***Other Feeding sites***

If you are aware of any of these, please could you let Ms Chris Gunn ([donandchris@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:donandchris@hotmail.co.uk)) know the details and if you would be willing to cover them?

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## Increases in generalist predator populations are associated with Pheasant releases

New research from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), just published in the Journal of Applied Ecology, has revealed that the release of Pheasants and Red-legged Partridges for commercial shoots may be boosting numbers of

the avian predators and scavengers that feed upon them. This has implications for other species that might also fall prey to these predators.

The breeding and release of Pheasants and Red-legged Partridges for commercial gamebird shoots sees some 41–50 million birds released into the UK countryside annually, a figure significantly higher than that seen in other European countries. In order to ensure a reliable shooting resource, there is significant investment in accompanying management to enhance habitat and food availability for gamebirds, and to reduce predation upon them in the area around release sites.

Whilst such game management activities have been reported to have benefits for wider biodiversity, such as the creation of woodland rides of benefit to butterflies, the impacts of the releases themselves have received little attention. The release of these gamebird species, which are not native to the UK, could negatively impact other, native, species through increased competition (for food), altered habitat structure, the spread of disease or changes in predator-prey relationships.

This new research has identified positive associations between the occurrence patterns of gamebirds and the abundance and population growth rates of several generalist predators, including Common Buzzard and various members of the crow family. If, as the research suggests, gamebird releases are increasing the numbers of these predators, then this may alter predator-prey dynamics in areas where large numbers of gamebirds are released. This may, in turn, have implications for other species; for example, predation pressure has been identified as a conservation issue for declining breeding waders like Curlew.

Lead author Dr Henrietta Pringle commented "The idea that gamebird releases might enhance populations of generalist predators is not new, but our results are the first to indicate this may actually be happening on a national scale. While gamebirds are only one of the factors that could shape predator populations, our work emphasises the need to better understand the impacts of releasing roughly 46,000 tonnes of gamebird biomass into the countryside annually. For context, the estimated total biomass for all native UK breeding bird species is just 19,500 tonnes"

Dr Pringle continued "Investigation of indirect effects of gamebird releases on species for which predation is a key concern is needed to establish whether regulating the numbers of gamebirds released could be an effective conservation tool. A good starting point would be to secure the compulsory recording of releases and of the numbers of predators killed"



## Brand new data on gardens keeps growing

Gardenwatch, one of the most ambitious citizen science projects to take place in the UK, was launched during BBC's Springwatch 2019. This collaboration between the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), BBC, and the Open University leaves no stone unturned to help find out just how important gardens are for wildlife. This is the first time that such information has been collected on this scale.

Collectively, the UK's gardens cover an area larger than the county of Suffolk, and, as towns and cities become more densely populated, gardens are becoming an increasingly vital refuge for wildlife. It is hoped that the volunteers taking part in Gardenwatch could help BTO researchers understand how birds, mammals and soil invertebrates use gardens and their resources. So far, nearly a quarter of a million Gardenwatch missions have been completed, across more

than 100,000 individual gardens. Placed side by side, these gardens would cover approximately 9.5 square miles, an area roughly equivalent in size to the city of Bath!

Birds were seen in nearly all of the gardens surveyed with 98.4% of participants reporting at least one bird, and 25,086 gardens reporting at least one bird nest. Blackbird, Blue Tit, Robin and House Sparrow were the species most commonly reported nesting in people's gardens.

What's outstanding is the extent that those completing the survey are providing help for wildlife, even in the smallest of spaces. Early results are already showing approximately 65,000 bird boxes, 37,000 bug hotels, 19,000 hedgehog houses, and almost 50,000 ponds and other natural water sources.

Jamey Redway, of the BTO Garden BirdWatch Team, said, "Scientists at the BTO are already getting some exciting results; however, it would be great if we could get even more people to take part in Gardenwatch. All gardens, no matter how big or small, can provide valuable data, as can those recording from a balcony or a local public green space. These areas are so important for wildlife, and it's vital as many people take part as possible. We particularly want to expand our knowledge of the wildlife found in urban areas, so we are hoping Gardenwatch participants will help us do so."

The missions close at the end of July, so there is still plenty of time to ensure your garden is included in the final results! For more information, visit: <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/gardenwatch>

## Scientists follow amazing Cuckoos on their journey to Africa

As part of a project to discover what might be driving the decline in UK Cuckoo numbers, the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has fitted four of these iconic birds with satellite tags. These tags will enable BTO researchers to follow the Cuckoos as they make their way to the Congo rainforest, where they winter, and back again next spring.

Three of these newly-tagged birds are already on the way, crossing the Channel and moving into France within the last few days. Thanks to the continuing miniaturisation of tracking devices, these four Cuckoos are carrying an amazing backpack that will monitor their every move, feeding back information to scientists at BTO headquarters in Thetford, Norfolk.

These Cuckoos have been tagged and named thanks to the generosity of four incredible bird lovers, enabling anyone to follow Senan, Valentine, Tennyson and Nussey via the BTO website as their 5,000 mile journeys unfold over the next few weeks. This journey is full of hazards and will include a crossing of the Mediterranean and a long and arduous flight over the Sahara Desert, before a more leisurely cruise south into the Congo Basin.

By following these four Cuckoos, and another eight birds that are already part of the project, scientists at the BTO hope to get a fuller picture of the pressures these birds face whilst outside of the UK. Each year our migrating Cuckoos face different conditions along the route. The project has been running for eight years – this is the ninth successive deployment – and so far the tagged migrating Cuckoos have faced severe summer droughts in Spain and Italy, unseasonal hailstorms in spring in Spain, sandstorms in the desert and energy sapping headwinds.

The scientists are looking to relate the performance of the tagged cuckoos to the conditions they face to identify what may be contributing to their decline.

Dr Chris Hewson, lead scientist on the project, said, "Before this project began we had no idea where our Cuckoos spent the winter months, or indeed what the journey to get there entailed. Not only do we now have a very good knowledge of both of these but we are also beginning to understand how changing conditions drive mortality rates. By continuing the project with these new birds we will gain more valuable insights into how conditions across the annual

cycle, including here in the UK, affect the birds and how this relates to population declines. Each year is different and presents its own challenges to the birds.”

He added, “In fact, every journey that one of these satellite tagged Cuckoos makes is a journey of discovery for those of us that follow them on the way, and it is exciting to know that these four new Cuckoos will add to what we have already discovered and provide information that may well help save their kind.”

One of the strengths of this project has been the fantastic support received from members of the public, many of whom have made a financial contribution to the costs of the tracking devices. All of the BTO Cuckoos can be followed on the BTO website, [www.bto.org](http://www.bto.org) and can be sponsored for as little as £10, money that will help fund the project going forward.

## Boom time at Britain's bird feeders

The latest research from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), published today in the journal Nature Communications, reveals the considerable consequences of an innocuous national pastime. Britain’s growing love affair with feeding the birds has significantly altered the composition of our garden bird communities over the past 40 years, helping the populations of some species grow in number and increasing the variety of birds visiting feeders.

Many people in Britain feed birds in their gardens but, until now, the wider effects of this activity have been largely unknown. As a nation we spend an estimated £200-300 million on bird feeding products each year. The sheer amount of food provided could potentially sustain up to 196 million birds – more than the combined total population of many common garden species. This study provides strong evidence that garden bird feeding has supported population growth in some bird species, and has increased the diversity of species visiting our feeders.

The authors examined bird food adverts to show how the number and variety of products available has increased since the early-1970s. They used this information alongside results from the BTO’s long-running Garden Bird Feeding Survey (GBFS), through which dedicated volunteers have collected the most comprehensive long-term dataset on bird feeding in the world.

In the 1970s, garden bird feeders were dominated by only two species, House Sparrow and Starling. Today, a much broader range of species is commonly seen taking advantage of the growing variety of supplementary foods on offer. Changes were particularly marked for Goldfinch and Woodpigeon; fewer than 20% of GBFS participants reported these species on their feeders in 1973, but this number has jumped to more than 80% since.

Lead author Dr Kate Plummer, Research Ecologist at BTO explains, “We now know that garden bird feeding is one of many important environmental factors affecting British bird numbers. Regular visits to garden feeders in urban areas appear to have led to population growth across more than 30 different bird species, while there has been no change in



the average population sizes of birds that don’t visit feeders. It is fascinating to discover how this seemingly small-scale hobby is in fact restructuring bird communities across large spatial scales.”

Although this research certainly accentuates the positives of garden bird feeding at a time when so many headlines report species decline, further work is needed, as there can also be negative impacts, such as disease transmission at feeders. The study underlines that the pleasure we take in feeding the birds visiting our gardens can have a significant effect on our garden wildlife, and that is certainly food for thought.



## LBRC assessment of 2018 records

The validation of records of species on the LBRC description list began in late July and as ever there are a number of records lacking a description. Rough-legged Buzzard is a perennial headache with pale Common Buzzards commonly a “red herring”. The autumn of 2018 seemed to promise a good winter for these birds with 34 UK sightings between 28th September and 31st October (<https://www.birdguides.com/articles/identification/focus-on-rough-legged-buzzard/>).

We received autumn / winter records of Rough-legged Buzzards as follows:

Alkborough	05/01/2018
Glentham	22/01/2018
Whisby	25/01/2018
South Thoresby	04/02/2018
Middlemarsh Farm	27/08/2018
Castle Bytham	10/10/2018
Gibraltar Point	22/10/2018
Tetney	03/11/2018
Gedney Drove End	04/11/2018
Donna Nook	04/11/2018
Riseholme	06/11/2018
Trusthorpe	21/11/2018
Donna Nook	31/12/2018

LBRC received two good and acceptable descriptions from this list (Alkborough and GPBO). The other records remain outstanding. Notwithstanding the August claim from Middlemarsh Farm, all the others look like genuine arrivals. If you saw any of these birds please send us a description as per usual. No criticism of observers implied here, but assembling a validated county archive is a paramount consideration for research and historical reasons.

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## Lincolnshire Bird News - July 2019

This Lincs Latest Bird News is available on the LBC Website and is updated on a regular basis, to provide a convenient news service to scarce & rare birds found within Lincolnshire. This is a free service and members wishing to get more up to the minute information should check commercial news services. The Sightings page and @Lincsbirding Twitter feed are intended to alert birders to rare (RED) and scarcer (BLUE) species that they might be interested in seeing within the County.

If your sightings is missing from the list, then please let us know by emailing [recorder\\_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk). Records of more common species are still very important and should be submitted to the county Recorder (again, send all records to [recorder\\_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk)) or submitted online using the **BTO BirdTrack** or **eBird Apps**. ALL records will then be added to the Lincolnshire Bird Club data-base, to be included in the Annual Reports. **PLEASE NOTE** that none of these reports have been verified or checked by the Lincolnshire Bird Club Records Committee.

**31/07/2019**

**East Halton Skitter**

7 Brent Goose

**Frampton RSPB**

2 Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Spoonbill

**Freiston Shore**

5 Curlew Sandpiper, 5 Green Sandpiper, 2 **White-rumped Sandpiper**, 14 Wood Sandpiper, 2 Ruddy Shelduck,

**Gibraltar Point**

Spoonbill

**Manby Wetlands**

Purple Heron briefly then flew east



White-rumped Sandpiper - Image © Paul Sullivan

**30/07/2019**

**Freiston Shore**

45 Greenshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 30+ Wood Sandpiper, 2 **White-rumped Sandpiper**

**Frampton Marsh**

4 Black-necked Grebe, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, **Long-billed Dowitcher**, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 4 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

2 **Common Crane**, 34 Gannet, Greenshank 1, Yellow-legged Gull, **Manx Shearwater**, 4 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Marsh Harrier, **Roseate Tern**, 6 Common Sandpiper, 5 Green Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, Common Scoter, 3 Arctic Skua, 7 Spoonbill, 3 Spotted Redshank, Whimbrel

**Manby Wetlands**

**Now 2 Purple Heron**, Wood Sandpiper, 4 Spoonbill 19 Green Sandpiper



Purple Heron - Image © John Clarkson

Middlemarsh Farm

**Caspian Gull, Temminck's Stint**

**29/07/2019**

**Alkborough Flats**

24 Spotted Redshank

**Far Ings**

11 Wood Sandpiper

**Frampton Marsh**

4 Black-necked Grebe, Marsh Harrier, Greenshank, 30+ Common Sandpiper, 7 Curlew Sandpiper, 15+ Green Sandpiper, 13 Wood Sandpiper

**Freiston Shore**

29 Wood Sandpiper

**Huttoft Bank Pit**

Raven, 26 Common Sandpiper, 36 Wood Sandpiper

Huttoft Car Terrace

Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Manx Shearwater, 3 Arctic Tern

Trent Port, Marton

Sanderling

Manby/Carlton Wetlands

11 Wood Sandpiper, 15 Green Sandpiper, 2 Dunlin, 24 Black-tailed Godwit, 2 Greenshank, Ruff

Middlemarsh Farm

Caspian Gull, Temminck's Stint

Blue Lagoon, Scunthorpe

Adult Black Necked Grebe

Thurlby Fen Drove

2 Quail

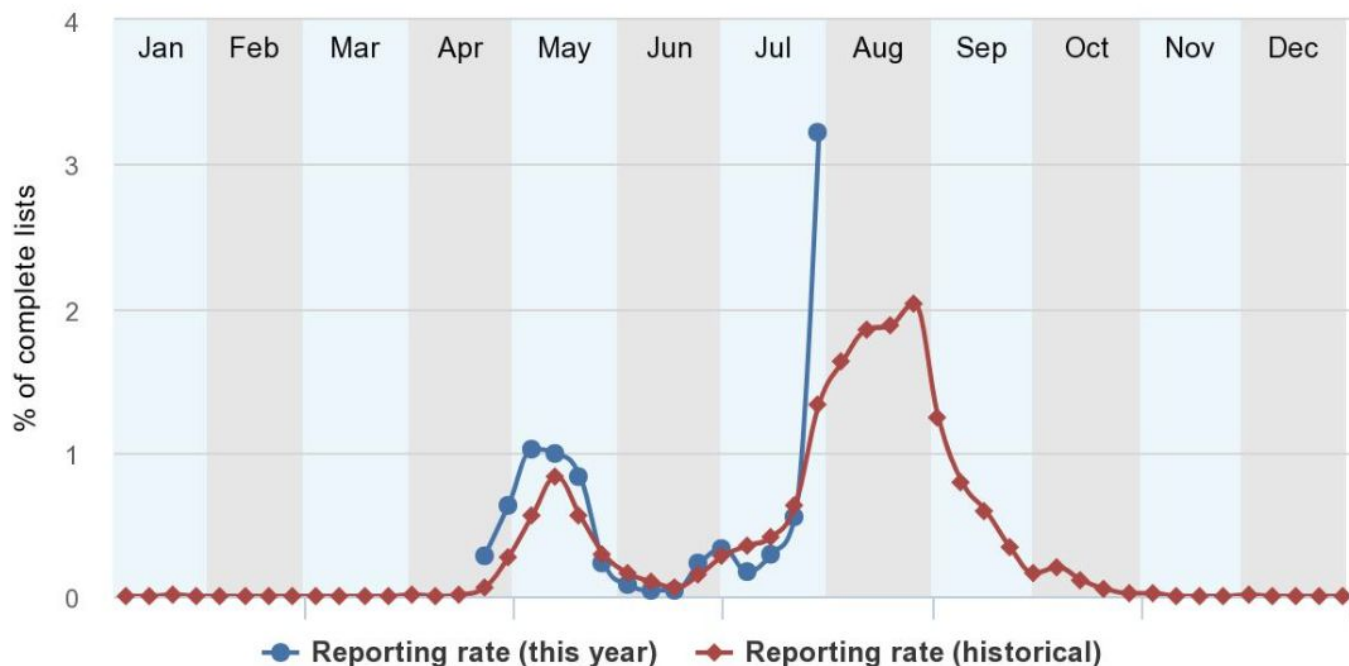
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Dunlin, 5 Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper

RAF Woodhall

Wood Sandpiper

**Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola***



A significant arrival of Wood Sandpipers has occurred in Lincolnshire over the 28th/29th July. The BTO's Birdtrack statistics for the whole of the UK is shown above, for more details see [@BirdTrack](#) - High numbers on the Lincolnshire coast on the 29th included 36 at Huttoft Bank Pit and 29 at Freiston Shore RSPB with number still above average until the end of the month.

**28/07/2019**

Alkborough Flats

92 Common Scoter

Barton upon Humber

C240 Common Scoter

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Bar-tailed Godwit, Wood Sandpiper, Turnstone, 13 Arctic Tern, 3 Turnstone, Whimbrel, Wood Sandpiper

East Halton Skitter

373 Black-tailed Godwit, Marsh Harrier, 5 Common Sandpiper

Long-billed Dowitcher, 6 Garganey, Goldeneye (female), 4 Black-necked Grebe, 3 Spotted Redshank, 2 Little Stint

Frampton Marsh

Short-eared Owl, 3 Spoonbill, 5 Curlew Sandpiper, 20+ Green Sandpiper, 9 Wood Sandpiper, Black Tern

Freiston Shore

Spotted Redshank, White-rumped Sandpiper, 9 Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, 31 Little Egret, Cattle Egret, 2 Pied Flycatcher, 3 Greenshank, 9 Grey Heron, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 3 Little

Ringed Plover, 22 Green Sandpiper, 2 Spotted Redshank, 20 Common Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, 30 Wood

Sandpiper, 45 Common Scoter, 7 Spoonbill, 10 Arctic Tern, 3 Grasshopper Warbler, Wood Warbler, Green Woodpecker,

Whimbrel



Cattle Egret at Gibraltar Point - Image © Owen Beaumont (left) & Wood Warbler at Gibraltar Point - Image © Ben Ward (right)

Huttoft Car Terrace

200 Common Scoter

Middlemarsh Farm

19 Wood Sandpiper

Trent Port, Marton

Kingfisher, Common Sandpiper, Treecreeper, Sparrowhawk

**27/07/2019**

Barton upon Humber

Common Scoter -

Chapel Point

Roseate Tern

Baston & Langtoft Pit

Turnstone

Frampton Marsh

4 Black-necked Grebe, Curlew Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Little Stint, Spoonbill, Wood Sandpiper

Mandarin Duck, 6 Mediterranean Gull, 11 Grey Heron, 7 Spoonbill, 2 Spotted Redshank, 18 Common Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

10 Arctic Tern, 2 Wood Sandpiper

26/07/2019



Black-necked Grebe, Image © Oliver Woodman

**Frampton Marsh**

[Long-billed Dowitcher](#), 4 Black-necked Grebe, 4 Greenshank, Curlew Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 2 Spotted Redshank, Little Stint, [Whimbrel](#)

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Cuckoo, 7 Greenshank, Kingfisher; 18 Little Egret, 2 Marsh Harrier, 5 Little Ringed Plover, 4 Spotted Redshank, 2 Spoonbill, 14 Common Sandpiper, 8 Green Sandpiper, 2 Black Tern, 3610 Sandwich Tern, 17 Mediterranean Gull (reserve record), 2 Yellow-legged Gull, Green Woodpecker, Merlin, 2 Hobby, 3 Yellow Wagtail, Corn Bunting. 6 Manx Shearwater, 70 Gannet, 130 Whimbrel, 10 Little Tern, 19 Arctic Tern, 400 Sand Martin, 800 Swallow, 6 Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, 66 Common Scoter

**Chapel St Leonards**

[Minke Whale](#) seen surfacing a few times off Chapel Observatory but distantly last seen heading south

25/07/2019

**Far Ings**

Bittern, Great White Egret, 2 Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Bearded Tit

**Frampton Marsh**

[Long-billed Dowitcher](#), Curlew Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point** 3 Eider, 6 Gannet, 4 Greenshank, 3 Marsh Harrier, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Green Woodpecker, 2 Scoter, 2 Spoonbill, 4 Spotted Redshank, 13 Common Sandpiper, 3 Arctic Skua, 14 Whimbrel, 2 Yellow-legged Gull

**Trent Port, Marton**

Short-eared Owl  
Thurlby Drove Fen  
Quail

**24/07/2019**

Frampton Marsh  
Long-billed Dowitcher, 4 Black-necked Grebe, 2 Marsh Harrier, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper  
Freiston Shore  
Red-necked Phalarope, Wood Sandpiper, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, Green Woodpecker, Mandarin Duck,  
Gibraltar Point  
Purple Heron in-off the sea and flew NW at 20:55, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank  
Langtoft  
Osprey

**23/07/2019**

Boultham Mere  
Marsh Harrier  
Frampton Marsh  
Long-billed Dowitcher, 4 Black-necked Grebe, Short-eared Owl, Curlew Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Little Stint,  
2 Sandwich Tern, 4 Spoonbill  
Gibraltar Point  
Greenshank, Little Ringed Plover, Mandarin Duck, Marsh Harrier, 3 Spoonbill, Whimbrel

**22/07/2019**

Frampton Marsh  
Long-billed Dowitcher, Little Stint, Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill, White-rumped Sandpiper -  
Gibraltar Point  
Cuckoo, 3 Eider, 13 Gannet, 8 Greenshank, Mandarin Duck, Marsh Harrier, Mediterranean Gull, Common Scoter,  
Sparrowhawk, 6 Spoonbill, 2 Spotted Redshank  
Marston SF  
2 Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Cettis's Warbler -  
Withcall  
Quail

**21/07/2019**

Frampton Marsh  
Turtle Dove, 4 Black-necked Grebe, Long-billed Dowitcher, Short-eared Owl, 2 White-rumped Sandpiper, 4 Whimbrel  
Gibraltar Point  
11 Greenshank, 12 Little Egret, Mandarin Duck (female), Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl, 2 Siskin, 4 Spoonbill,  
Spotted Redshank, 4 Whimbrel  
Levee Doors  
10 Green Sandpiper, Greenshank  
Manthorpe  
Hobby  
New Holland  
Peregrine Falcon  
Paradise Pool  
Temminck's Stint

20/07/2019



Long-billed Dowitcher - Image © Tom Hibbert and White-rumped Sandpiper - Image © Liam Andrews

**Alkborough Flats**

2 Garganey

**Caistor**

Sandwich Tern

**Frampton Marsh**

4 Black-necked Grebe, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, [Long-billed Dowitcher](#), 2 Garganey, [2 White-rumped Sandpiper](#) flushed by a Hobby. One still showing well from the sea bank 15:00. Short-eared Owl, 4 Spoonbill, 7 Spotted Redshank, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Garganey, 3 Spoonbill, Spotted Redshank, 2 Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Harmston**

Hobby

**Levee Doors**

12 Green Sandpiper 2 Greenshank

**Swanpool cow-fields**

Little Ringed Plover

19/07/2019

**Bardney**

3 Peregrine Falcon

**Frampton Marsh**

4 Black-necked Grebe, 600+ Dunlin, 900+ Black-tailed Godwit, 5 Little Stint, [Long-billed Dowitcher](#) (summer plumage), 3 Grey Plover, 12 Golden Plover, 2 Short-eared Owl, 7 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill, Turnstone

**Gibraltar Point**

Cuckoo, 3 Eiser, 3 Green Sandpiper, 6 Greenshank, 3 Little Ringed Plover, 402 Oystercatchers, [Serin](#), Short-eared Owl, 2 Spotted Redshank, 2 Spoonbill, 400 Sandwich Tern, 122 Swift, Wigeon 3 Common Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper

**Levee Doors**

12 Green Sandpiper 2 Greenshank

**Swanpool cow-fields**

Little Ringed Plover



**18/07/2019**

Alkborough Flats

15 Spotted Redshank

Anderby

2 Arctic Tern 2, 15 Gannet, 2 Green Sandpiper, 12 Little Gull, 2 Little Ringed Plover, 3 Marsh Harrier, C700+ Sand Martin, 150 Sandwich Tern, 27 Scoter, 3226 Swift (in two hours), 12 Whimbrel

Frampton Marsh

C800 Black-tailed Godwit, 4 Black-necked Grebe, 1 Curlew Sandpiper, 600 Dunlin, 3 Greenshank, 2 Little Stint, 100 Knor, 3 Mediterranean Gull, Peregrine Falcon, Short-eared Owl, 1500 Sand Martin, 22 Snipe, 5 Spoonbill, 6 Spotted Redshank, 600+ Dunlin, 2 Short-eared Owl, 3 Tree Sparrow

Freiston Shore

2 Garganey (on wet grassland) Green Woodpecker

Gibraltar Point

Curlew Sandpiper, Greenshank, 20 Arctic Tern, Whimbrel

Huttoft Car Terrace

2 Gannet, 12 Scoter

Levee Doors

5 Green Sandpiper, 2 Greenshank, Hobby

Swanpool cow-fields

Little Ringed Plover, Spotted Flycatcher

**17/07/2019**

Boultham Mere

Hobby

Chapel Observatory

9 Arctic Tern, 5 Gannet, 6 Mediterranean Gull, 546 Sandwich Tern, 219 Common Scoter, 3 Whimbrel

Chapel Six Marsh

Hawfinch

Frampton Marsh

4 Black-necked Grebe, 800 Black-tailed Godwit, 500 Dunlin, Short-eared Owl, 8 Snipe, 5 Spoonbill, 7 Spotted Redshank, 2 Turnstone

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo (juvenile), Garganey, Scaup, Spotted Redshank -

a small reservoir near Langworth

Grey Phalarope (in summer plumage)

Whisby (Thorpe Lake)

2 Great White Egret

**16/07/2019**

Belton Park

Spotted Flycatcher (several)

Croft Marsh

Spoonbill

Donna Nook

2 Buzzard, 4 Greenshank, Kingfisher, 26 Little Egret, Marsh Harrier, 3 Spotted Redshank, Common Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

4 Black-necked Grebe, Cettis's Warbler, 6 Common Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper (different bird to yesterday), Little Gull, 3 Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, 5 Spoonbill, 5 Spotted Redshanks, (possible **Pectoral Sandpiper** reported), Water Rail

Gibraltar Point

Grasshopper Warbler, Green Sandpiper, Greenshank, Little Ringed Plover, Mandarin Duck (female) Spotted Redshank, Treecreeper, Whimbrel

**15/07/2019**

Baumber (churchyard)

Spotted Flycatcher

Chapel Hill

Hobby

Frampton Marsh

4 Black-necked Grebe, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Greenshank, Little Stint (juv), 7 Snipe

Gibraltar Point

Arctic Skua, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 4 Greenshank, Mandarin Duck (female), Red Breasted Merganser, Short-eared Owl, 4 Little Ringed Plover, Spotted Redshank

**14/07/2019**

Croft Marsh

2 Garganey

Frampton Marsh

3 Black-necked Grebe, 15 Greenshank, 2 Grasshopper Warblers, 12 Green Sandpiper, Golden Plover, 5 Little Gull, 2 Marsh Harrier, Peregrine Falcon (juv), 8 Common Scoter, 5 Spoonbill, 2 Short-eared Owl, 8 Spotted Redshank, 3 Common Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

5 Greenshank, 3 Eider, Mandarin Duck, Short-eared Owl, 2 Spotted Redshank, 2 Tawny Owl, 2 Whimbrel

Far Ings, Hotel Pit

Bittern in flight, 2 Kingfisher, 5 Common Tern, Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler

**13/07/2019**

Baumber (churchyard)

Up to 5 Spotted Flycatcher

Frampton Marsh

4 Black-necked Grebe, Corn Bunting, 3 Red Crested Pochard, Short-eared Owl, 5 Spoonbill, 8 Spotted Redshank, 3 Turtle Dove

Gibraltar Point

Avocet, Greenshank, Green Sandpiper, Little Tern, Gannet, Grasshopper Warbler, Grey Wagtail, Short-eared Owl, 5 Snipe, 2 Spotted Redshank

Stallingborough (Cress Marsh)

Lesser Black-backed Gull, 2 Little Ringed Plover, 7 Shelduck, Yellow Wagtail

**12/07/2019**

Frampton Marsh

Arctic Skua, 4 Black-necked Grebe, 159 Curlew, Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill 5, 5 Spotted Redshank, 158 Swallow, Wheatear (juvenile)

Gibraltar Point

Brent Goose, Greenshank, Marsh Harrier 6 Whimbrel, Wood Sandpiper

Read's Island

Brent Goose, 94 Shelduck, Marsh Harrier, Spotted Redshank, 6 Whimbrel, Wood Sandpiper - Gibraltar Point

2100+ Avocet

Lincolnshire Coastal CP (between Wolla Bank and Huttoft Car Terrace) 150 Gannet, 200 Sandwich Tern, 6 Common Scoter, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 2 Marsh Harrier, Water Rail, 2+ Cetti's Warbler, Grey Wagtail, 2 Yellow Wagtail S, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Golden Plover

**11/07/2019**

Alkborough Flats

Spotted Redshank

Ancaster

Corn Bunting

Frampton Marsh

4 Black-necked Grebe, Common Sandpiper, 15 Green Sandpiper, 5 Spoonbill, 9 Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Quail

Willingham Woods

Spotted Flycatcher

**10/07/2019**

Anderby

Greenshank, Little Ringed Plover, Marsh Harrier, 3 Mediterranean Gull. 5 Whimbrel

Frampton Marsh

Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Spotted Redshank 2 Wood Sandpiper (south)

Swanholme Lakes

8 Jay, 3 Chiffchaff -

**09/07/2019**

Hobby - Baston & Langtoft Pit

4 Black-necked Grebe, 2 Little Gull, 3 Marsh Harrier, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 5 Spoonbill, 6 Spotted Redshank - Frampton Marsh

Little Gull, Mandarin Duck, Short-eared Owl - Gibraltar Point

Grey Wagtail,, Common Sandpiper - Marton

Quail - Waddingham

**08/07/2019**

Frampton Marsh

4 Black-necked Grebe, 500+ Black-tailed Godwit, 180+ Dunlin, 200+ Knot, 2 Little Gull, 3 Little-ringed Plover, Mediterranean Gull (juv), Short-eared Owl, 7 Spotted Redshank, 5 Spoonbill, 7 Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl

Lincolnshire Coastal CP (between Wolla Bank and Huttoft Car Terrace)

2 Red-breasted Merganser, Shag, 47 Curlew, 2 Marsh Harrier, 36 Sand Martin (south together, 2 Cettis's Warbler

Sleaford

Grey Wagtail - Coggleford Mill

Witham End

2 Grey Plover, c250 Oystercatcher

**07/07/2019**

Alkborough Flats

4 Spoonbill -

East Halton Skitter area

2 Common Sandpiper

Far Ings

Bittern, Marsh Harrier

Freiston Shore

20 Greenshank

Frampton Marsh

4 Spoonbill, 4 Black-necked Grebe (with 2 juveniles, please remember to submit all RBBP species), 4 Spotted Redshank

Fulbeck (front of Craft Centre)

1 Spotted Flycatcher

Read's Island

1300 Avocet, 460 Curlew, 500 Lapwing, 66 Redshank, 2000 Shelduck

Scredington

Raven

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl

Lincolnshire Coastal CP (between Wolla Bank and Huttoft Car Terrace)

2 Barn Owl, 3 Gannet, Great Northern Diver, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Grey Wagtail 2 Kittiwake, 2 Marsh Harrier, 18 Sandwich Tern, 9 Teal

Quail

Lincoln Cathedral

Peregrine (3 juvs)

**06/07/2019**

Freiston Shore

Barn Owl, [Squacco Heron](#) (from sea wall - late afternoon)

Frampton Marsh

200+ Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Black-necked Grebe, 12 Green Sandpiper, Kingfisher, 2 Little Gull, Peregrine Falcon, Short-eared Owl, 3 Spoonbill, 11 Spotted Redshank, [Temminck's Stint](#), Whimbrel and [Otter](#)

Gibraltar Point

2 Barn Owl, [Caspian Gull](#), Osprey, 2 Short-eared Owl

Saltfleetby

Tawny owl

Grimoldby

2 Grey Partridge, Hobby - being mobbed by linnets

[Theddlethorpe St. Helens](#)

Turtle dove

**05/07/2019**

Alkborough Flats

300+ Avocet, 86 Black-tailed Godwit, 2 Cetti's Warbler, 2 Greenshank, 2 Marsh Harrier, 4 Ruff, 18 Spotted 42 Redshank, 5 Spoonbill

Boultham Mere

4 or 5 juvenile Water Rail

Frampton Marsh

[Squacco Heron](#) (flyover early evening from visitor centre), 450 Black-tailed Godwit, Cetti's Warbler, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 400 Dunlin, Green Sandpiper, 5 Greenshank, Grey Plover, 2 Little Gull, 900+ Red Knot, 37 Ruff, Short-eared Owl, 2 Spoonbill, 10 Spotted Redshank, 3 Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, Spoonbill



Squacco Heron at Freiston Shore RSPB 06/07/2019 © Steve Keightley

**04/07/2019**

Alkborough Flats

11 Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

Little Tern, 2 Garganey, Black-necked Grebe, **Curlew Sandpiper**, Hobby, 4 Greenshank, short-eared Owl, 12 Spotted Redshank, 2 Spoonbill, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

Curlew Sandpiper, Garganey, 2 Little Gull, Little Tern, Short-eared Owl, 5 Spotted Redshank -

Swinefleet

7 Common Scoter on the Ouse

**03/07/2019**

Frampton Marsh

**Curlew Sandpiper**, Hobby, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, 3 Spoonbill, 5 Spotted Redshank, Water Rail, Wood Sandpiper -

Gibraltar Point

**Curlew Sandpiper**, 2 Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank -

Scamblesby (over)

3 Cattle Egret

**02/07/2019**

Far Ings

Bittern

Frampton Marsh

2 Black-necked Grebe, 7 Curlew Sandpiper, 10 Green Sandpiper, 4 Little Stint, 3 Short-eared Owl, 3 Spoonbill, 14 Spotted Redshank, 2 Wood Sandpiper and a pair of Otter

Gibraltar Point

Little Gull

Tunman Wood

Tawny Owl

Whisby NR

14 Black-tailed Godwit

**01/07/2019**

Branston Moor (near Pottergate Golf Club)

2 Turtle Doves

Frampton Marsh

2 Black-necked Grebe Buzzard, Garganey, Greenshank, Hobby, 12 Green Sandpiper, Little Gull, 2 Little Owl, 13 Ruff, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Short-eared Owl, 3 Spoonbill, 6 Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Quail



A hungry Spoonbill to the left of the hide at Alkborough Flats - © Chris Grimshaw July 2019



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