



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter 2019 - September 2019

Diary Dates

Joint LBC/LNU Meeting

The joint LBC/LNU meeting is booked for **11th January 2020** when Barrie Wilkinson will be talking about Gibraltar Point. Barrie launched his new illustrated book 'The Story of Gibraltar Point' in 2019 which is the culmination of decades of work and research. The book charts the history of Gibraltar Point from the mid-1700s to present day. He first began researching the site back in 1968 and still is a regular visitor to this day. The meeting will be at the Whisby NR visitor centre starting at 2pm.

Author and academic Tim Birkhead to speak at club's 2020 AGM

TIM Birkhead has agreed to be the guest speaker at the LBC's 24th March 2020 annual meeting.

Until his recent retirement, Tim had been Professor of Behaviour and Evolution at Sheffield University since 1976.

He has always combined his enthusiasm for research with a passion for undergraduate teaching.

He has taught courses on ecology, evolution, statistics, birds, behavioural ecology, animal behaviour and the history and philosophy of science.

An authority on guillemots, specifically those that nest on Skomer Island, his data on the species has yielded important insights on the impact of climate change, integrity of habitat, warmer oceans and food supplies.

Tim is the author of numerous, award-winning books including *The Wisdom of Birds: An Illustrated History of Ornithology*.

The club's annual meeting will be at **7.30pm on March 24 at The Golf Hotel in Woodhall Spa.**

An update on his guillemot research project is at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/guillemotsskomer>

Photo: Tim Birkhead - with 'team members'



News from RBBP: 2020 Honey Buzzard Survey

In spring/summer 2020 Honey Buzzard enthusiasts intend to carry out full monitoring of all known UK Honey Buzzard sites. Honey Buzzard has never been recorded breeding in Lincolnshire and spring records usually come from coastal sites. However the draft 2017 RBBP report that has just arrived for checking before publication in British Birds shows that pairs breed in Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Cambridgeshire. They've got us surrounded, is it possible we are missing them? Potential areas that might be worth checking include Bardney Forest, the south west around Grantham and south and east of Scunthorpe.

Think we can't miss breeding raptors? A member of the public has recently reported a Goshawk nest with young in the north west of the county which we are in the process of verifying. If it checks out it will be the first confirmed breeding record for Lincolnshire. A summary account will be in a forthcoming newsletter with a full account in the 2018 Lincs Bird report. At the request of the finder the site details will not be published.

Boston Woods Trust - Volunteers required

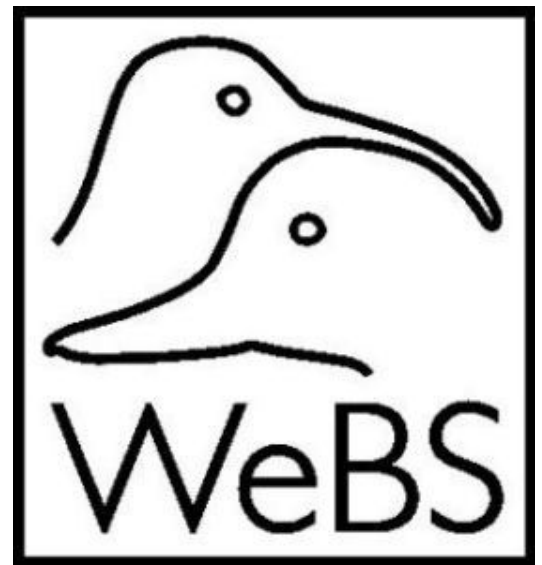
Adrian Isaacs from Boston Woods Trust has been in touch to ask for help with some bird surveys for the Boston Woods Trust reserves near Boston. He would like some baseline surveys of the birds using the woods to help them understand what they have, so they can review management and plan ahead. The surveys could either be one or more visits over a period of time to produce a simple species list or a more comprehensive set of three visits in spring 2020 (one morning in April, May and June), mapping observations as you go and then collating and analysing the results to give a breeding bird total. Are you be interested in helping?

If you are please contact john.badley@rspb.org.uk

WeBS - 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.

Jim Scott (The Wash WeBS co-ordinator) Jim.scott@rspb.org.uk
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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 and/or on twitter at @AnthonyBentley7. We hope to go live with this by early September.



Keep your eyes peeled for colour-ringed curlews

As part of the headstarting efforts by the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) at Slimbridge, no fewer than 50 Eurasian Curlew chicks have been colour-ringed to allow further study after their release. As a result, WWT is asking all birders to submit any sightings of the birds.

In order to learn more about the lives of Eurasian Curlews breeding in lowland England, a smaller number of wild birds (adults and chicks) have also been colour-ringed in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire, with sightings already received of these birds from the Camel Estuary in Cornwall. Each bird has been fitted with a yellow ring on the right tibia and a white ring on the left tibia, with an engraved number between 01 and 99 (reading up the leg).



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During the coming autumn and winter, these birds are likely to spread across estuaries and coastal areas of south-west England, and maybe as far as Ireland or France. In future summers, it is hoped that they return to breed in the Severn and Avon Vales, where the current wild

breeding population numbers some 30 pairs. The headstarted birds were raised from eggs rescued from airfields in East Anglia, where the nests would otherwise have been destroyed under license to protect air safety.

WWT is keen to receive any observations of these ringed birds. Please submit any observations, including date, location, grid reference and any notes on behaviour, along with any photos of the ring or bird to curler@wwt.org.uk. WWT will provide information on the life history of any birds reported. Even if you can't read the ring number, WWT is interested in any observations of curlews with a yellow ring on the right tibia and a white one on the left.

Sightings of colour-ringed curlew from other schemes can be reported to www.ring.ac.uk. Article taken from the Birdguides website

<https://www.birdguides.com/news/keep-your-eyes-peeled-for-colour-ringed-curlews/>.

Avian malaria behind drastic decline of London's iconic sparrow?

London's house sparrows have plummeted by 71% since 1995, with new research suggesting avian malaria could be to blame. Once ubiquitous across the capital city, the sudden, and unexplained decline of the iconic birds led a team from ZSL (Zoological Society of London), the RSPB, the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and the University of Liverpool to investigate if parasite infections were involved.

Researchers collected data between November 2006 and September 2009 at 11 sites across London. Each site was centred around a single breeding colony and spaced at least four kilometres apart to ensure that birds from different groups didn't mix. The team estimated changes in bird numbers by counting the mature males and took tiny blood and faecal samples from sparrows, carefully caught and soon released, to monitor infection rates and severity.

Of the 11 colonies studied, seven were declining. On average 74% of sparrows carried avian malaria - a strain that only affects birds - but this differed between groups with some as high as 100%. However, it was infection intensity (i.e. the number of parasites per bird) that varied significantly and was higher on average in the declining colonies.

Former ZSL Institute of Zoology researcher and lead author Dr Daria Dadam, now of the BTO, said: "Parasite infections are known to cause wildlife declines elsewhere and our study indicates that this may be happening with the house sparrow in London. We tested for a number of parasites, but only *Plasmodium relictum*, the parasite that causes avian malaria, was associated with reducing bird numbers."

Professor Andrew Cunningham, Deputy Director of Science at ZSL said:

"Although we found that nearly all sparrows carry *Plasmodium*, there was no association between the number of carriers and local sparrow population growth. Infection intensity, however, was significantly higher in young birds in the declining populations with fewer



of the sparrows monitored in those groups surviving from year to year."

The malaria strains the study identified are widespread and infect multiple bird species. They are, therefore, likely to have been native to the UK, and to house sparrows, long before their numbers started to fall. The parasite is spread by mosquitos, which transfer it when they bite to feed. It has been suggested that avian malaria will become more common across Northern Europe due to climate change as higher temperatures and wetter weather favour mosquito reproduction, and more mosquitos will help the disease to spread. Researchers think this could be behind the sudden change.

Dr Will Peach, Head of Research Delivery at RSPB said: "House sparrow populations have declined in many towns and cities across Europe since the 1980s. This new research suggests that avian malaria may be implicated in the loss of house sparrows across London. Exactly how the infection may be affecting the birds is unknown. Maybe warmer temperatures are increasing mosquito numbers, or the parasite has become more virulent."

ZSL works to protect wildlife health and understand how animal diseases spread between populations and habitats. Diseases, like avian malaria, are a significant cause of wildlife decline, a direct threat to a number of endangered species and can infect domestic animals too. Only by understanding the mechanisms of infection and the effect that these diseases have can we can put in place strategies to mitigate them.

Information from the ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

Cause of devastating Fair Isle observatory blaze remains a mystery

SIX months after a blaze raged through the bird observatory and guesthouse on Fair Isle, the cause remains unexplained.

It may now never be known what sparked the disastrous events of March 10 this year.

But the island's single fire tender was inadequate to extinguish the blaze.

Totally destroyed in the inferno were the building proper, the personal effects of the warden and his family plus original Richard Richardson artwork and a 2,000-volume library.

Happily, years of research data had been backed up and is safe. It is hoped that most if not all of the books can be replaced, many of them by donation.

The observatory was the successor to two predecessors which had been deemed outmoded.

Costing £4-million, and constructed largely of wood from prefabricated pods, it opened in 2012.

In a presentation at Birdfair on Friday, trustee Ian Cowgill provided an update on behalf of colleague Douglas Barr who was sadly prevented from attending as a result of a close family bereavement.

It is unlikely insurance will cover the full cost of constructing a new building, but fundraising is continuing apace, and this should help to make up much of any shortfall.

Lessons have been learned - for instance that a sprinkler system should have been fitted.

But it is regrettable, from a future planning perspective, that it is not known what flaws or weaknesses led to the disaster.

"The site has now been cleared thanks to the work of island residents," said Ian. "It's tidying up nicely."

Architects have been invited to submit quotes for the proposed replacement building, and, once the contract has been awarded, a quantity surveyor and engineer will be appointed.

Any sort of construction project is problematic at a location as remote as Fair Isle, but preliminary interest has already been expressed by a couple of contractors.

The aim - an ambitious one - is to have a new observatory completed and ready for opening in summer, 2021.



Despite the setback, observatory staff, currently temporarily accommodated in crofts on the island, are continuing, in conjunction with Aberdeen University, with their important surveys of seabirds.

It seems that the decline in puffins - down by 50 per cent since 1985 - is continuing but numbers of Arctic skuas have tripled.

There may be some correlating link, but so far it is far from proven.

For auk species, insufficient food seems to be the main issue - razorbills tracked with RSPB geolocators are sometimes flying 300-plus km to offshore Dundee to find the right fish for their young.

However Ian is hopeful that the situation might reverse following a recent Government decision to accord protected marine area status to the waters off Fair Isle.

Ian could hardly complete his talk without highlighting the mouth-watering rarities that regularly and famously make Fair Isle such a magnet for birders.

These include the likes of Siberian rubythroat, yellow-breasted bunting, great snipe, Marmora's pipit, lanceolated warbler, Pallas' grasshopper warbler, song sparrow, crag martin and many, many more.

The hope is that the proposed installation of a Motus system will track the movements of some of these migrants for at least part of their journeys.

The observatory had its own well-visited stand at Birdfair from which fundraising raffle tickets were being sold.

In addition, over the three days, some 30 artists contributed to the painting of a mural of Fair Isle which, it is hoped, will one day grace a wall at the proposed observatory.

To make a donation visit <http://www.fairislebirdobs.co.uk/donations.html>

When (if ever) will Britain get its first black woodpecker?

MIGHT Lincolnshire one day play host to Britain's first Black Woodpecker?

The thought was prompted by an intriguing talk given at this year's Birdfair by Gerard Gorman, an expert on the species and author of *The Black Woodpecker - A Monograph on Dryocopus Martius*.

During his entertaining presentation, Gerard discussed the bird's status on the continent and telltale signs of its presence such as long-slot foraging holes on the trunks of trees.

A spectacular creature, it is the largest woodpecker in Europe - twice the size of its commonest UK counterpart, the Great Spotted Woodpecker.

"A strong flier, its range extends across Belgium, Holland, France, Norway, the Pyrenees and across much of Asia to the Far East," said Gerard.

On the outskirts of Bruges in Belgium, there are breeding pairs. Others nest within easy flying distance of the English Channel.

Owls, even one as small as the Tengmalm's, fly across the North Sea to Britain, so why not the black woodie?

Is it just that the bird dislikes flying across the sea that has prevented its appearance in Britain?

This cannot be the case because it has established itself in Bornholm, a Danish island south of Sweden in the Baltic Sea.

Is it something to do with our weather? Surely not - it adapts well to climates whether mild or cold.

In theory, one could turn up in Kent, Sussex, East Anglia, Yorkshire, the Shetlands, the Orkneys. . . or Lincolnshire.

Its preferred habitat is tall trees, but, as a vagrant, pretty well any tree would provide a temporary perching point and feeding place.

Gerard, who is a wildlife tour guide as well as an author, concluded with the best he was prepared to offer in the way of a prediction. "See you one day!"

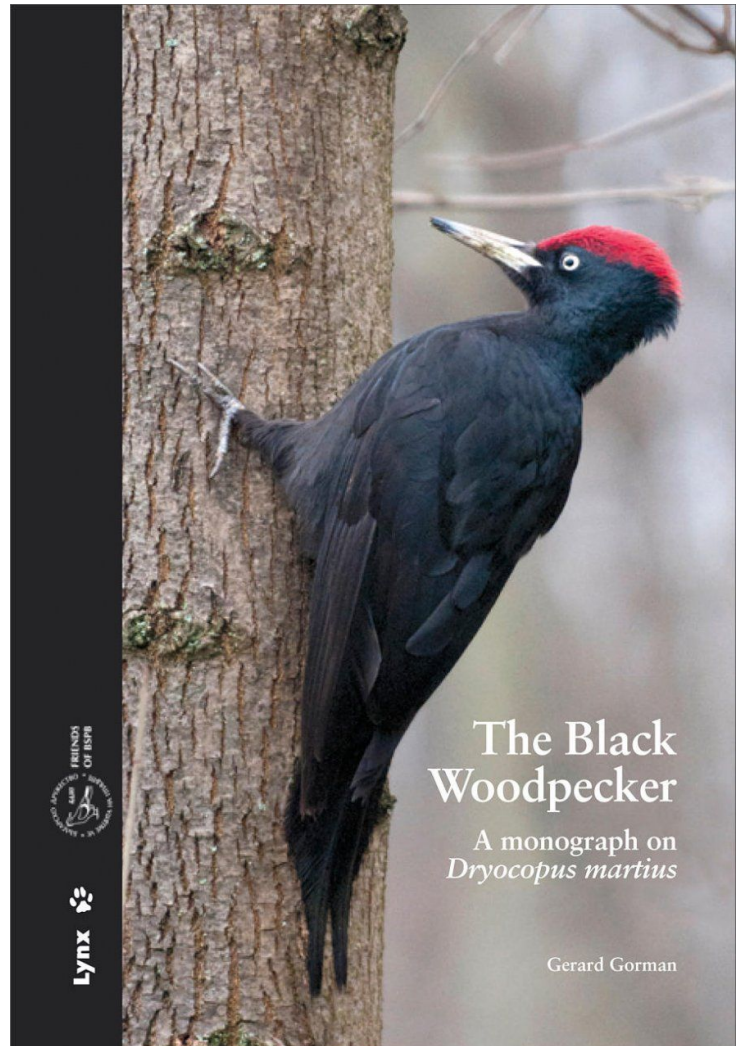


Photo: Gerard's book on this impressive species is available on amazon.

This report is adapted from a series of write-ups on this year's Birdfair which have been published in thewryneck.blogspot.com

Three colour-ringed Godwits at Frampton RSPB in July 2019.

RSPB Frampton
17/07/2019



RBflag-YR

Ringed Welwick Saltmarsh on the north bank of the Humber Estuary on 3rd February 2018 when it was aged as a first winter. Re-sighted on four occasions, each time at Frampton Marsh

GB-BR

Ringed 15.07.13 in Iceland over winters in Spain and has been recorded at Frampton in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019



BB-RGflag

Ringed 11/11/11 in West Portugal. Has been re-sighted at Frampton Marsh on 11 occasions.

Lincolnshire Bird News - August 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. 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) 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.

Due to timing issues the newsletter has been sent out before the end of the month, for 31st August data please check the website!

30/08/2019

Catchwater copse

Spotted Flycatcher

Frampton

25 Curlew Sandpiper, 23 Little Stint, 21 Spoonbill, Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

11 Spoonbill, a Curlew Sandpiper, Ruff, 11 Spotted Redshank and Greenshank. Going south were a further 3 Spoonbill, a Marsh Harrier, a Swift and 2 Yellow Wagtail.

Woodhall Airfield

2 whinchat, wheatear, juv Cuckoo, juv blackwit, Greenshank, 2 Common Sandpiper

29/08/2019

Boultham Mere

Hobby, 8 Common Swift

3 Yellow Wagtail in Swanpool
cow-fields

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Peregrine
Falcon, 3 Hobby, 14 Curlew
Sandpiper, 17 Spoonbill,
Temminck's Stint, 2 Whinchat,
Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

109 Avocet, 191 Black-tailed
Godwit, 94 Lapwing, 2 Little
Ringed Plover, Turnstone, 2 Ruff,
2 Curlew Sandpiper, 6 Dunlin, 11
Common Sandpiper, 12 Spotted
Redshank, 249 Redshank, and 2

Mediterranean Gull. Birds around, including those trapped, were 4 Wigeon, 4 Gadwall, 59 Teal, 53 Shoveler, 16 Tufted Duck, a Grey Heron, 16 Spoonbill, a Red Kite, a Sparrowhawk, 2 Buzzard, a Green Sandpiper, 24 Greenshank, 4 Snipe, 850 Sandwich Tern, 26 Common Tern, an Arctic Tern, 2 Stock Dove, 2 Tawny Owl, a Short-eared Owl, a Kingfisher, a Peregrine, a Goldcrest, 6 Chiffchaff, 40 Willow Warbler, 8 Blackcap, 11 Lesser Whitethroat, 31 Whitethroat, 2 Treecreeper,



Fabulous shot of the Long-billed Dowitcher at Frampton Marsh - Image © Steve Keightley

3 Pied Flycatcher, a Spotted Flycatcher, a Redstart, 4 Whinchat, a Wheatear, 14 Yellow Wagtail and a Yellowhammer. Heading south were a Buzzard, a Greenshank, an Arctic Skua, 198 Sand Martin, 126 Swallow, 14 House Martin and 5 Yellow Wagtail.

Grantham

3 Common Swift

Grimsby

[Ortolan Bunting](#) (Bird was in large stubble field, bordering Wybers Wood housing estate, Grimsby).

Moulton Marsh

Greenshank

Shep Whites

3 Pink-footed Geese, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier



Hobby - Frampton Marsh Image © Paul Sullivan

28/08/2019

Alkborough Flats

6 Spoonbill

Donna Nook

Pied Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

[Long-billed Dowitcher](#), Great White Egret, 450 Sand Martin (S), 3 Water Rail, 21 Spotted Redshank, [Buff-breasted Sandpiper](#), 17 Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 17 Spoonbill, 25 alba Wagtail, 2 Whinchat, 36 Yellow Wagtail

Gibraltar Point

25 Common Buzzard, 2 Pied Flycatcher, 14 Greenshank, 2 Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Kingfisher, Mediterranean Gull, 2 Pintail 9 Snipe, c2700 Sandwich Tern, 2 Great Skua, 4 Spotted Redshank, 2 Redstart, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 11 Spoonbill

Killingholme

Dotterel

Trent Port, Marton

Caspian Gull

27/08/2019

Anderby Creek

Pied Flycatcher, 2 Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Hobby, Arctic Tern, 25 Common Scoter, Great Skua, Sparrowhawk, Black Tern, 150 Sandwich Tern, 20 Yellow Wagtail



Sparrowhawk at Anderby Image © Garry Wright

Cleethorpes - Bucks Beck

A possible [Icterine](#) or possibly a [Melodious Warbler](#) reported on Twitter

Donna Nook

Pied Flycatcher

Frampton Marsh

[Long-billed Dowitcher](#), Red Kite, [Buff-breasted Sandpiper](#), [24 Curlew Sandpiper](#), 16 Spotted Redshank, Temminck's Stint (in fact 105 species recorded before 09.00am), [Temminck's Stint](#), 2 Turtle Dove, 3 Whinchat

Freiston Shore

Redstart

Gibraltar Point

139 Avocet, Corn Bunting, Buzzard, 31 Little Egret, [Peregrine Falcon](#), 6 [Pied Flycatcher](#), 7 Goldcrest, Mediterranean Gull, 7 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, 3 [Hobby](#), Red Knot, 3350 Sand Martin, Pintail, 7 Golden Plover, Water Rail, 319 Common Redshank, 10 Snipe, 6 Spotted Redshank, [Black Redstart](#), Common Redstart, 4 Common Sandpiper, Sparrowhawk, 12 Spoonbill, Stonechat, 82 Teal, Arctic Tern, 696 Sandwich Tern, 3 Wheatear, 7 Whinchat

Grantham

7 Swift

Killingholme

[Dotterel](#), 3 Curlew Sandpiper

Lincoln Cathedral

Peregrine Falcon showing on the Cathedral

Saltfleetby St Peter

Osprey

26/08/2019

Anderby Creek

Evening Seawatch - 2 Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Kittiwake, 18 Common Scoter N, Arctic Skua, Great Skua, 158 Sandwich Tern S, 15 Common Tern S, 3 Arctic Tern S

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Garganey,
Buff-breasted Sandpiper, 13 Curlew
Sandpiper, 6 Wood Sandpiper. Little Stint,
Temminck's Stint, 6 Spoonbill.

Gibraltar Point

110 Avocet, 2 Buzzard, 17 Little Egret, 9
Pied Flycatcher, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 25
Gadwall, 6 Greenshank, Little Gull,
Mediterranean Gull, 3 Marsh Harrier,
Kingfisher, 800 Sand Martin, Tawny Owl,
17 Spoonbill, 3 Spotted Redshank,
Common Redstart, 23 Shoveler, 5
Common Sandpiper, 2 Green Sandpiper,
450 Barn Swallow, 43 Common Swift, 79
Eurasian Teal, 600 Sandwich Tern, 2
Grasshopper Warbler, 11 Whinchat

Huttoft Pit

4 Marsh Harrier, 17 Teal, 2 Cettis's
Warbler Wigeon

Killingholme

Dotterel, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill

Paradise Pool

Spotted Redshank, 2 Wood Sandpiper

Berkeley Circle - Scunthorpe

15 Grey Heron

East Halton Skitter

52 Red Knot, Greenshank, Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper (Dawson City, 2 Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper

Theddlethorpe

Common Rosefinch (in dunes just south east of Churchill Lane TF480901 at 0940 then flew S and lost to view)

Far Ings

Osprey (SW)

25/08/2019

Aubourn Weir

Common Sandpiper

Cleethorpe Country Park



Long-billed Dowitcher showing well, Frampton Marsh - Image © Paul Sullivan

11 Swifts

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Egyptian Goose, Garganey, Hobby, Broad-billed Sandpiper, 14 Spotted Redshank, Greenshank, Golden Plover, 12 Golden Plover, Water Rail, 5 Curlew Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 19 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Turnstone, Turtle Dove, Stonechat, Whinchat, 3 Wood Sandpiper



Garganey, Frampton Marsh - Image © Steve Keightley

Gibraltar Point

3 Buzzard, 11 Little Egret, 17 Pied Flycatcher, 5 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, 2 Tawny Owl, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, 4 Snipe, 700 Sandwich Tern, 2 Stonechat, Treecreeper, Garden Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler, 13 Whinchat, Wheatear, 4 Whimbrel, 53 Common Whitethroat, 8 Lesser Whitethroat, Green Woodpecker,



Fabulous early morning photo of the visitor centre at Gibraltar Point - Image © Ben Ward

Rimac

3 Pied Flycatcher (between Sea View and Churchill Lane)

Donna Nook (between Pye's Hall and car park)

2 Pied Flycatchers

Killingholme

Osprey (flew south scattering the godwits), 3 Curlew Sandpipers,

Marston STW

2 Greenshank flew in from East and appeared to land reedbed area. 4 Green Sandpipers, 9 Mistle Thrush, 2 Grey Wagtails, 8 Yellow Wagtails, c350 Swallow into roost. 2 Swift,

Whisby NR

4 Spotted Flycatchers

24/02/2019

Swanpool cowfields

Hobby



Hobby in Swanpool cow-fields - Image © Andy Sims

Far Ings

Bittern, Spotted Flycatcher, Garganey, Pintail, 4 Snipe, 12 Teal

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher (by bottom car-park), 12 Spotted Redshank, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Green Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper (distantly from sea wall) Pectoral Sandpiper, Little Stint, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 15 Spoonbill, 3 Garganey. 2 Wheatear, Whinchat, Short-eared owl,

Gibraltar Point

3 Blackcap, 9 Dunlin, 12 Pied Flycatcher, 4 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier (south), 6 Spotted Redshank, 3 Redstart, Green Sandpiper, Arctic Skua, Great Skua (north), Tree Sparrow, 8 Spoonbill, 3 Black Tern, 3 Yellow Wagtail, Whimbrel, 2 Garden Warbler, 4 Reed Warbler, 40 Willow Warbler, 7 Wheatear, 21 Whinchat, 28 Common Whitethroat, 2 Lesser Whitethroat

Keelby

Spotted Flycatcher

Killingholme

Dotterel

Winter's Pool to East Halton Skitter

11 Avocet, 17 Dunlin, 166 Black-tailed Godwit, 40 Lapwing, 2 Ringed Plover, 30 Common Redshank, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, 2 Snipe, 14 Turnstone

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

Fulmar, 60 Gannet, Mediterranean Gull, 50 Golden Plover, 2 Water Rail, 8 Swift (south), 46 Teal (south), @8 Yellow Wagtail, Cettis's Warbler, Garden Warbler, 4 Whimbrel, 6 Whinchat

23/08/2019

Boultham Mere & Swanpool cow-fields

5 Blackcap, 5 Chiffchaff, Spotted Flycatcher, 3 Common Redstart (male) 2 Common Swift (over Mere) 9 Yellow Wagtail, 3 Common Whitethroat, 2 Lesser Whitethroat,

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, 6 Garganey, 10 Spotted Redshank, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 15 Spoonbill, Little Stint, C2 Wheatear, Whimbrel, Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

41 Blackcap, 2 Buzzard, Spotted Flycatcher, 3 Greenshank, 4 Marsh Harrier, 2 Kestrel, Western Osprey, 2 Tree Pipit Redstart, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Sparrowhawk, 2 Spoonbill, 11 Swallow (south), 25 Yellow Wagtail, 3 Wheatear, 3 Whimbrel, Whinchat, 127 Common Whitethroat, 26 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Green Woodpecker,

Killingholme

Dotterel (Killingholme, half mile south along sea wall @ 11.50)

Middlemarsh Farm

Caspian Gull

Trent Port, Marton

Pied Flycatcher, 2 Spotted Flycatcher

22/08/2019

Swanpool cow-fields

Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff, Hobby, Spotted Flycatcher, Redstart, 4 Willow Warblers, 2 Lesser Whitethroat

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, 2 Great White Egret, 2 Garganey, 16 Spotted Redshank, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Curlew



Dotterel at Killingholme - Image © Roy Harvey

Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 12 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

3 Common Eider, 14 Gannet, Garganey, 13 Greenshank, Mediterranean Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, 9 Spotted Redshank, Common Sandpiper, 30 Common Scoter, 3 Arctic Skua, Sparrowhawk, 8 Spoonbill, Black Tern-South, 1400 Sandwich Tern, 2 Wheatear, Whinchat

Glentham

5 Little Gull flew over Bishop Norton Road

Killingholme

Dotterel

Trent Port, Marton

Pied Flycatcher, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, Kingfisher, Grey Partridge, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Middlemarsh Farm

Caspian Gull

Swanpool cow-field

2 Spotted Flycatchers

21/08/2019

Cress Marsh

4 Spoonbill

Deeping High Bank

Wheatear

Swanpool cow-fields

2 Redstart, 5 Spotted Flycatcher



Common Redstart (male & female, Boultham cow-fields - Images © Andy Sims)

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, 3 Garganey, Great White Egret, 7 Spotted Redshank, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 6 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Spotted Flycatcher, 150+ House Martin, 7 Spotted Redshank, Tree Pipit, Black Redstart, Common Redstart, 2 Green Sandpiper, 9 Spoonbill, 120 Swallow, Treecreeper, Cettis's Warbler, 2 Wheatear, 6 Whinchat



One of the wheatears present near the Visitor Centre at Gib Point Image © Chris Grimshaw

Haverholme

Hobby chasing a Green Woodpecker

20/08/2019

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Great White Egret, 7 Garganey, [Buff-breasted Sandpiper](#), 7 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

142 Avocet, 50+ Blackcap, Turtle Dove, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Goldcrest, 6 Greenshank, Short-eared Owl, 2 Common Sandpiper, Short-eared Owl, 8 Spoonbill, Stonechat, 426 Swift, Garden Warbler, Wheatear, 6 Whinchat, 106 Willow Warbler, Green Woodpecker

19/08/2019

Chambers Farm Woods

European Honey Buzzard

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Red Knot, Peregrine Falcon, 15+ Spotted Redshank, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, 14 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, 326 House Martin, 6 Tree Pipit, 7 Spotted Redshank, Sparrowhawk, 12 Spoonbill, 426 Swift S, 2 Wheatear, 2 Wheatear, Whimbrel S, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, Green Woodpecker

Marston

3 Yellow-legged Gull, 3 Green Sandpiper



Yellow-legged Gulls - Image © Dave Roberts

18/08/2019

Boultham Mere

C25 Swift (overhead)

Birchwood, Lincoln

C25 House Martin (grassed area behind shops)

Far Ings

Spotted Crake (from new West Pit viewing area)

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Short-eared Owl, 12 Spotted Redshank, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 13 Spoonbill, Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo (juvenile), 18 Little Egret, 7 Greenshank, Hobby, Osprey S, 3 Common Sandpiper, Short-eared Owl, 7 Spoonbill, 7 Spotted Redshank, Stonechat, 2 Yellow Wagtail, Whimbrel, 5 Whinchat, 4 Wheatear, Green Woodpecker

17/08/2019

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, 10 Spotted Redshank, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, 13 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Mediterranean Gull, 9 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, 311 Sandwich Tern, Little Ringed Plover Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 2 Short-eared Owl, 13 Shoveler, Sparrowhawk, 15 Spoonbill, 7 Spotted Redshank,



Long-billed Dowitcher - Image © Steve Keightley

Stonechat, Treecreeper, 4 Whinchat, 40 Willow Warbler and 7 Yellow Wagtail. On Tennyson's Sands were 13 Shoveler, 149 Avocet, 92 Lapwing, Little Ringed Plover, 270 Black-tailed Godwit, 8 Common Sandpiper, 7 Spotted Redshank, a Wood Sandpiper, 309 Redshank, a Snipe and a Mediterranean Gull. On Jackson's Marsh 9 Greenshank.

16/08/2019

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, 7 Garganey Black-necked Grebe, 5 Spotted Redshank, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Short-eared Owl, 13 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl

15/08/2019

Deeping High Bank

6 Yellow Wagtail, 5 Wheatear

Denton Reservoir

4 Spotted Flycatcher, Mandarin Duck (female)

Frampton Marsh

7 Garganey, Long-billed Dowitcher, Nightjar being pursued by a Sparrowhawk, 11 Spotted Redshank, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, 4 Wood Sandpiper, 13 Spoonbill



Buff-breasted Sandpiper heavily cropped - Image © Steve Keightley



Buff-breasted Sandpiper at RSPB Frampton Marsh. Found & photographed © John Badley

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, Spotted Flycatcher, 11 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier Hobby, 7 Kestrel, 7 Spotted Redshank, 11 Common Sandpiper, 2 Green Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 4 Common Scoter, Great Skua, 15 Spoonbill, Arctic Tern, 576 Sandwich Tern, Stonechat, 5 Wheatear, Whinchat,

14/08/2019

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Greenshank, Arctic Skua, 5 Spoonbill,

Trent Port, Marton

Great White Egret

13/08/2019

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe (just one), [Long-billed Dowitcher](#), 2 Wood Sandpiper, 7 Spoonbill

Freiston Shore

Marsh Harrier, Hobby, 5 Whinchat, 6 Wood Sandpiper,



Whinchat down towards the Prison, Freiston Shore - Image © Dave Roberts

Gibraltar Point

91 Avocet, Buzzard, Brent Goose, Cuckoo, 324 Curlew, Peregrine Falcon, Great White Egret, 18 Little Egret, 3 Eider, 142 Goldfinch, 3 Marsh Harrier, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 12000 Red Knot, 135 Linnet, Short-eared Owl, 53 Meadow Pipit, Little Ringed Plover, 3 Spotted Redshank, 13 Spoonbill, 2 Whimbrel, Sparrowhawk, 3 Common Sandpiper, 2 Green Sandpiper, Arctic Skua, Great Skua S, 5 Snipe, 550 Swallow, 140 Common Swift, 380 Sandwich Tern, 38 Yellow Wagtail, 114 Willow Warbler, 4 Wheatear, 2 Whimbrel, Whinchat, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Trent Port, Marton

Common Crane (flyover), Great White Egret, Common Sandpiper

12/08/2019

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Garganey, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 9 Spoonbill, Black-necked grebe (juvenile) Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, Great White Egret, Goshawk (juvenile), 3 Greenshank, 4 Marsh Harrier, 11 Kestrel, Merlin, Redwing, 2 Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Kingfisher, 3 Tree Pipit, 2 Sparrowhawk, 13 Spoonbill, Stonechat, Turtle Dove, 11 Yellow Wagtail, Green Woodpecker,

Heighington Fen

Quail, Corn Bunting

Manby Wetlands

Wood Sandpiper

Trent Port, Marton

Black-tailed Godwit, Caspian Gull Snipe, Yellow Wagtail, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Bullfinch, 5 Swift, 100 Swallow, 25 House Martin, Treecreeper. Plus Common Emerald, 10 Painted Ladies

Swinefleet

Merlin 3 Whimbrel, Corn Bunting

Westwoodside

Quail (from field west of the lake in Langholme Wood)

Whisby NR

Turnstone, Common Sandpiper

11/08/2019

Anderby Creek

(Seawatch - 04:30-07:30): 3 Arctic Skua, 35 Arctic Tern (single flock with many juvs!), 100+ Commic Tern N, 7 Black-tailed Godwits, 6 Avocet S offshore, 1200 Swift S, 18 Sand Martin S, Marsh Harrier, Bullfinch and 188 Knot S

Far Ings

Kingfisher



Kingfisher in front of the hide at Far Ings - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 9 Spoonbill

Freiston Shore

17 Wood Sandpiper, 3 Green Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

Curlew Sandpiper, [Goshawk \(juvenile\)](#) 8 Spoonbill

Marton / Trent Port

Black-tailed Godwit, Snipe, Yellow Wagtail, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Bullfinch, 5 Swift, 100 Swallow, 25 House Martin, Treecreeper

Whisby NP

[Garganey](#)

10/08/2019

Anderby Marsh

6 Marsh Harrier, Kestrel, 42 Common Swift

Frampton Marsh

[Curlew Sandpiper](#), [Garganey](#), 2 Spotted Redshank, [White-rumped Sandpiper](#), 2 Wood Sandpiper, 8 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Marsh Harrier, Wheatear

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

(Sea Watch 05:30-07:30): 38 Teal S, 6 Golden Plover S, 6 Whimbrel S, 2 Black-tailed Godwit, S, 8 Ruff S, 786 Knot S, 10 Common Sandpiper, S, 22 Kittiwake S, 400 Sandwich Tern, 212 Commic Tern N, 8 Arctic Tern, S, Arctic Skua.

Whisby NR

Wood Sandpiper

09/08/2019

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Curlew Sandpiper

Freiston Shore

White-rumped Sandpiper, 8 Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

9 Greenshank, 2 Marsh Harrier, Spotted Redshank, 9 Spoonbill, 5 Common Sandpiper, 220 Swallow, 650 Sandwich Tern, 21 Yellow Wagtail

Kirkby on Bain

3 Egyptian Goose, Hobby, 2 Kingfisher, Water Rail

Trent Port, Marton

Kingfisher, Yellow-legged Gull, Common Sandpiper

08/08/2019

Frampton Marsh

Turtle Dove, Long-billed Dowitcher, 2 Black-necked Grebe, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, 9 Spoonbill, Wheatear

Freiston Shore

Mediterranean Gull, White-rumped Sandpiper, 16 Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, Pied Flycatcher, Green Sandpiper, 13 Greenshank, 2, Marsh Harrier, 5 Spotted Redshank, Common Scoter, 7 Spoonbill, 620 Sandwich Tern, 2 Wheatear, Whinchat, Wood Sandpiper

07/08/2019

Boultham Mere

Mediterranean Gull (juvenile)



Mediterranean Gull at Boultham Mere - Image © Andy Sims

Cress Marsh Stallingborough

5 Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

Turtle Dove, [Long-billed Dowitcher](#), Great White Egret, 4 Black-necked Grebe, Hobby, Hen Harrier (ringtail), 7 Marsh Harrier, 2 Short-eared Owl, 2 Spotted Redshank, [White-rumped Sandpiper](#), 23 Wood Sandpiper, 10 Spoonbill,,

Freiston Shore

2 [White-rumped Sandpiper](#), 2 Spotted Redshank 19 Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

5 Greenshank, Hobby, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Peregrine Falcon, Short-eared Owl, Tree Pipit, 7 Spoonbill, 4 Spotted Redshank, 4 Green Sandpiper, 3 Arctic Tern, Whinchat, Black Tern (south)

Manby Wetlands

Red Knot (juvenile), 4 Green Sandpiper, 2 Water Rail, 4 Wood Sandpiper,

Marton

Raven

Middlemarsh Farm

Caspian Gull

06/08/2019

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Wood Sandpiper

Freiston Shore to Witham Mouth

c50 Little Egrets, Eider, 2 [White-rumped Sandpiper](#), 20 Wood Sandpiper, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, c50 Yellow Wagtail, 4 Wheatear,, Peregrine Falcon



Peregrine Falcon - Image © Dave Roberts

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, Grasshopper Warbler, Greenshank, 5 Marsh Harrier, Mediterranean Gull, Common Sandpiper, 6 Wood Sandpiper, Spoonbill, 2 Wheatear, 4 Whimbrel, Green Woodpecker,

Heckington Fen

Green Sandpiper, Juvenile Whinchat

05/08/2019

Boultham Mere

C90 Black-headed Gull, 19 Common Gull, 72 Lesser Black-backed Gull 7 Herring Gull

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Great White Egret, Black-necked Grebe, Hen Harrier (ringtail), Hobby, Short-eared Owl, Water Rail, Curlew Sandpiper, Whimbrel, White-rumped Sandpiper

Freiston Shore

White-rumped Sandpiper, 16 Wood Sandpiper



Female type Kentish Plover, Gibraltar Point - Image © Kev Wilson

Gibraltar Point

2 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, Brent Goose, 14 Greenshank, Yellow-legged Gull, Kentish Plover (female? only briefly before disappearing into the Wash), Short-eared Owl, 5 Spoonbill, 5 Spotted Redshank, 5 Wood Sandpiper, Treecreeper, Green Woodpecker, Treecreeper

Manby Washlands

Wood Sandpiper

Tetney Lock

Great White Egret

Whisby NP

First ever record of confirmed breeding of Water Rail

04/08/2019

Anderby Creek

Roseate Tern (south)

Chapel St Leonards

3 Arctic Tern, 15 Gannet, Yellow-legged Gull, 10
Common Scoter, 2 Great Skua

Dawson City

Red Kite

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, Little Gull, Hen Harrier (ringtail),
4 Marsh Harrier, Osprey, Short-eared Owl, Spotted
Redshank, 20+ Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, 8
Spoonbill, 2 Black Tern

Freiston Shore

2 White-rumped Sandpiper, 10 Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

WeBS count included 9330 Oystercatcher, 871 Curlew
871, 4500 Bar-tailed Godwit, 28300 Knot, 5850
Sanderling, 8285 Dunlin, 214 Redshank, 11
Greenshank, 270 Sandwich Tern. Other counts
included Arctic Tern, Cettis's Warbler, Pied Flycatcher,
3 Greenshank, Stonechat, 3 Spoonbill, 3 Spotted
Redshank, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Lesser
Whitethroat

East Halton Skitter

2 Spoonbill, 3 Wood Sandpiper

03/08/2019

Cut End

Seawatch - 2 Little Terns, Gannet, c150 Common
Scoter plus Curlew, Whimbrel, Common Sandpiper,
60+ Little Egrets

Frampton Marsh

Long-billed Dowitcher, 2800+ Blackwit, 900+ Dunlin,
Green Sandpiper, 2 Curlew Sand, 4 Garganey, Little
Stint, 11 Spotted Redshank,, 9 Wood Sandpiper, 4
Short-eared Owl, 8 Spoonbill, 2 Water Rail, Whimbrel, Turtle Dove, 7 Greenshank, Grey Plover, Golden Plover, 3
Turnstone,

Freiston Shore

1 White-rumped sandpiper (note there are now two birds at Snettisham RSPB, suggesting three birds), 11 Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point



Great White Egret - Image © Jim Wright

2 Greenshank, 4 Spotted Redshank, 3 Green Sandpiper, 5 Wood Sandpiper, **Spoonbill**, 120 Swallow, Whimbrel, Lesser Whitethroat, Green Woodpecker

East Halton Skitter

2 Wood Sandpipers, Juv. Med.Gull
(Winter's and the Skitter)

02/08/2019

Chapel St Leonards Observatory

(0500-0800hrs): 3 Black Tern N, 1400 Sandwich Tern N, 13 Arctic Tern N, 92 Common Tern N, 2 adult Little Gull N, 4 Arctic Skua S, 113 Common Scoter, 6 Black-tailed Godwit S, 176 Oystercatcher S and 213 Knot S

Freiston Shore

62 Greenshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 **White-rumped Sandpiper** on Reservoir, Follow concrete road for half a mile towards the prison, Spotted Redshank, 2 Little Stint

Frampton Marsh

2 Garganey, 4 Black-necked Grebe, 16 Greenshank, 2 Short-eared Owl, 10 Spotted Redshank, 9 Common Sandpiper, 2 Green Sandpiper, Tawny Owl, 5 Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

Common Rosefinch, 3 Spoonbill, 40,000 Knot

Manby Wetlands

4 Wood Sandpiper

01/08/2019

Chapel St Leonards

Fulmar, Black Tern, Little Gull, Kittiwake, Little Tern, 8 Common Scoter, 50 Gannet, Grasshopper Warbler

Frampton Marsh

2 Little Stint, **Long-billed Dowitcher**, 9 Little Ringed Plover, 5 Curlew Sandpiper, 10 Spotted Redshank, 2 Ruddy Shelduck, 2 Whimbrel

Freiston Shore

5 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 **White-rumped Sandpiper**, 13 Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

11 Greenshank, 7 Brent Goose, Marsh Harrier, 8 Spoonbill, 4 Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper 6, Yellow-legged Gull, Grasshopper Warbler, 2 Whimbrel

Middlemarsh Farm

Temminck's Stint

East Halton Skitter

Wood Sandpiper



Ringed Wood Sandpiper - Image © Steve Keightley



Juvenile Peregrine at Lincoln Cathedral © Colin Lea



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