

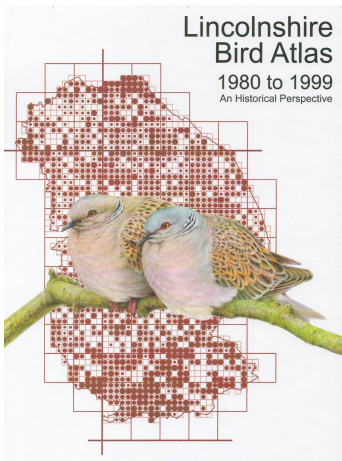


Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - September 2020

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Lincolnshire Bird Atlas 1980 to 1999 An Historical Perspective



In August we sent all members a special newsletter with details on how to **obtain a FREE copy of the Lincolnshire Bird Atlas 1980 to 1999.**

You have until the **6th September 2020** to request a soft back special members only edition that will be available for free. We had originally hoped this would be exclusively available for collection at our delayed September AGM which has again had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. That option is therefore closed

So if you make an order you must specify you will collect it at one of the following six distribution points and state how you will identify yourself to the committee member who will attend on the specified date. He will have a list of names; books will only be given to that person. If you wish to nominate another person to collect the book for you please specify their name when ordering. One copy per member and all orders must be made by 8 September to join a bulk order that will be made shortly after that

time. Order from wsterling@hotmail.com or telephone 01472 887988.

- Far Ings Visitor Centre car park, Barton on Humber,
- Whisby Visitor Centre car park Lincoln
- Stonebridge car park Donna Nook
- Gibraltar Point Visitor Centre car park Skegness
- Frampton Marsh Visitor Centre car park Boston
- Deeping Lakes car park Deeping St James

The dates and names of committee members who will attend each location will be published in the October newsletter. If you are unable to attend the book will be kept for you if possible but unless you make an effort to collect it from that committee member, we cannot guarantee when or if you will get it.

Chairman's Address

It is usual to give the chairman's address at the beginning of the AGM. This year we planned to hold what would have been our 40th AGM at The Golf Hotel Woodhall Spa on the 24th March but had to postpone because of the Covid lock down. We rescheduled to 8th September at the same venue but the restrictions in place on public meetings in hotels are still too restrictive for us hold the event. As a result we have had to cancel without being able to plan when the AGM will be held. The committee has held several meetings online using Zoom and considered the possibility of holding the AGM using this technology but after some experience decided it would be unworkable.

The committee recognises we are constitutionally obliged to hold an AGM once a year, to update members on the clubs activities, present our audited annual accounts and elect officers and committee members and to deal with motions from members received by the Secretary in the appropriate way. These are, however, extraordinary times and we will have to do the best we can.

Members will be hopefully updated by this address which will follow. Any questions can be raised to me by email on chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk. Your questions and my answers will be published in the next issue of The Heron.

The audited accounts follow this address, in this issue of The Heron. Any questions can be put to John Watt our Treasurer by email on johnwattlbc@gmail.com and they will be handled in the same way as questions to me.

All existing officers and committee members have indicated they are willing to serve until the next AGM whenever it is held. Full details of our officers and committee are published each year in our annual bird report.

I respectfully ask any member who has a pressing motion they would like to raise to contact either myself or our Secretary Jim Wright to discuss how and when it might best be raised.

Effectively this address will cover the period from 9th April 2019 to 29th August 2020.

Following the excellent talk he gave at the Jan 2019 joint winter meeting with LNU at Whisby, the committee voted in July 2019 to offer the honorary post of President of LBC to Professor Ian Newton FRS. I am delighted to say he did us the honour of accepting. Ian is in most people's estimation, Britain's greatest living ornithologist. He lives in a remote rural location near Sleaford surrounded by a beautiful wildlife garden designed to attract his favourite birds, finches. Although the position is honorary it is very reassuring to have a man with his experience to call upon if needed.

I am pleased to report we have had a stable committee over this period, no one has left or been replaced though it would be good to have new blood join us and we would be happy to draft in any member who would like to serve. Just contact me on the above email address.

Our most important annual business, the publication of the 2018 Lincolnshire Bird Report, occurred as planned, just in time for the cancelled AGM. All reports were posted out and met with generally good feedback. Phil Hyde our County Recorder has installed a new report writing system which worked well and has set us up nicely for the 2019 report which is currently in progress with planned publication in March 2021. The new database



management system installed and supervised by Colin Casey using Wildlife Recorder 4 is providing species writing report packages which are helpful and easy to use. Thank you to them for all their hard work. Phil is looking for new report writers so contact him if you can help. We'd particularly like to thank all our report writers but especially Richard Jackson who having become a stalwart report writer, decided to move up to the Scottish Borders earlier this year. We wish him well in his new patch.

Our other big publication has been the Lincolnshire Bird Atlas 1980 to 1999 An Historical Perspective which was published on 11 August, 21 years to the day since the last total eclipse of the sun viewable from Britain. It took about the same period to publish but we are very happy that it is now available and thank everyone involved in its production. We hoped to have free copies for those attending the AGM but any member wishing to get a free copy can respond to the special offer in this newsletter. Or wait till the end of September and download a free pdf from the website.

Our next big project is an updated Birds of Lincolnshire which many of you will have already heard about. Colin Casey is putting the book together, Phil Hyde and I are writing the text with support from Graham Catley, and John Clarkson is sourcing the photographs. It will cover all species on the Lincolnshire list and effectively update Lorand and Atkin's seminal 1989 work "Birds of Lincolnshire and South Humberside" and some features of the Atlas just published.

Special features of the new book will include a full listing of all records of species occurring less than 50 times, maps of occurrences, details on all breeding species including BBS charts where available, RBBP data where relevant, updated population estimates where possible and of course the photographs provided by members of LBC and a few others and exclusively of birds taken in Lincolnshire. For birds where no photos exist we are going to varying degrees to create images. The best will be those by Neil Smith who thrilled everyone with his drawings in the Atlas and especially impressed our Honorary President Professor Ian Newton with his cover painting of Turtle Doves and his line drawing of Hawfinch!

Everything we have done and will be doing is driven by the information you as members produce on your bird sightings in Lincolnshire and submit either direct to our records team or via Birdtrack and ebird. We have several informal partner organisations like the BTO, RSPB and LWT all of which we have a big overlap in membership with, and with whom we share information. It is great to be working in such a co-operative environment. As a member of the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership (GLNP) we also share data with the Lincolnshire Environmental Records Centre where we have a productive working relationship with Charlie Barnes. Our other partners include BB, BBRC and RBBP all of whom we work with continuously.

This year we assisted RSPB with their Willow Tit survey which is being extended to 2021 because of difficulties caused by the lock down. Next year a Turtle Dove survey is planned which you will be able to take part in. More news on that when it comes out.

In terms of conservation activities this year we have renewed the barn owl/kestrel boxes we originally donated in the Lincolnshire Grazing Marshes project. We have also provided financial support to help provide night wardening cover for the shorebird colony at Gibraltar Point this summer. LWT finance a shorebird warden and assistant but there is a key window of around a month where the team cannot provide 24/7 cover without some kip. We are very pleased to have made a donation to enable the employment of a person for 4 nights a week to provide cover.

Beyond that several members have volunteered their time to do a 9 hour overnight shift on a Sunday. Thank you Andy Sims and John Clarkson (and me). It is hoped we can extend that next year so more members can get involved if they wish to. We are also engaged in discussions about funding a MOTUS receiver at Gibraltar Point as part of a European network for tracking migrant birds.

The club has cash in the bank (see accounts below) and are keen to spend it on bird conservation activities in the county. Despite nudges made to potential recipients we get very few requests. If you have any ideas at a local reserve or a project of your own, please outline your idea in writing and indicate how much support is needed. Send applications to chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk. The committee will consider all proposals.

Many members are keen on improving their knowledge of bird biodiversity and to facilitate that we set up the Lincs Rare Birds WhatsApp group. Any member can join and around 60 members have done so. I'd like to thank Anthony Bentley for his initiative in setting up and running it. It is exclusively for news of rare and interesting birds, and definitely, no chit chat!

During the period Colin Casey handed over the running of the website to Andrew Chick who became our IT Officer. The website requires specialist IT knowledge to run and earlier this year we opted to put website management into the hands of a Lincoln based website management company, Elmore Digital, for a reasonable annual fee. This has freed up Colin to focus on our bird records database and projects arising out of it and Andrew to produce and distribute our monthly eNewsletter The Heron which has become increasingly appreciated by members. I can't mention the Heron without thanking Chris Grimshaw for all the effort he puts into producing the monthly round up of bird reports which is a big part of its success. Thank you Chris.

Sadly the Covid lock down turned our 40th anniversary celebrations into a bit of a damp squib. We produced a memorial car sticker which everyone received a copy of with LBR 2018 and should now have stuck in their car or house window somewhere. Hopefully members can recognise one another and strike up conversations in nature reserve car parks across the county. It looks good on the back cover of the Atlas!

Hides have taken a bashing over the last year. The door to our Cut End Hide has been vandalised and repaired, twice. Thank you Steve Keightley for managing that situation. The hide at Manby Wetland was badly vandalised and taken down by the owner. Andy Sims has running issues with non birder visitors to the hide at Boultham Mere Lincoln. Frampton and Gib hides have taken a pasting from time to time. Thank you to everyone all over the county who through work or as a volunteer keeps our hides going. They are a valuable feature of our birding lives and we need them!

We perhaps don't present ourselves to the public as widely as we should through time constraints and being out birding, but I'd like to thank Jim Wright and Bill Sterling for showing our flag at a conference to discuss rewilding parts of the Ancholme Valley in Brigg earlier this year. They identified we needed some better promotional material and have gone out and had some pop up banners made for the club. Looking forward to seeing them at our next event whenever that will be.

The club is involved in a myriad of activities and I can't report everything but I'd like to finish on two pieces of good news. The first was the success of LWT in unexpectedly tempting Cranes to breed at Willow Tree Fen. I was especially pleased with the success of LWT in a visionary project that turned arable fields into Crane breeding habitat in 10 years. Also that Dave Bromwich liaised with us to put the news out. I'd like to congratulate LWT and their volunteers for all they have done at that site and in providing birding places for us across the county.



Finally I am pleased to note that the National Trust have acquired Sandilands Golf Course near Huttoft Car terrace and plan to turn it into a flagship coastal reserve. The imagination runs riot at the potential and I hope that LBC members will have a close working relationship in monitoring birds there as the site develops. We will be talking to the management team as plans are worked up. Next up you can read our annual accounts excellently maintained and prepared by John Watt and kindly audited for us for the first time by Steve Bartlett.

Phil Espin Lincolnshire Bird Club Chairman

2019 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS – TREASURER'S REPORT

These accounts have been drawn up from the Club's books, vouchers, invoices, bank statements and other records. They have been independently examined and verified by an auditor.

Subscriptions were down 1.5% on the previous year. Paid subscriptions numbered 327 of whom 71% paid by direct debit, 26% by PayPal and 3.0% by other means. 54.4% paid ordinary membership, 35.2% senior membership and 10.4% family membership.

PayPal accounted for two thirds of report sales, which were down by 56% on the previous year.

Data sales via GLNP showed an 12% increase over the previous year and are a vital component of the Club's income, ensuring a surplus over expenses. There was an 8% increase in 2018.

There is a liability at the year-end of £660.00 to offset against the receipt of £690.00 for barn owl boxes. These are replacements for those previously installed in the Coastal Country Park.

The 2017 Lincolnshire Bird Report cost £646 less than the previous year's report thanks to a decrease in the number of pages and photographs. Quotation for the 2018 Report which came out in March was £4819.00.

The cost of meetings included £300.00 for room hire at Whisby for the joint BTO/LBC conference, £100 speaker's fee at the joint LNU/LBC event and £300.00 for the AGM held at the Golf Hotel, Woodhall Spa.

The miscellaneous charge includes £382 paid to British Birds, being the second of two payments for archived Lincolnshire rarity records.

IT costs of £154.02 were for software support.

Receipts for the year exceeded payments by £2191.72

Outstanding liabilities at 31/12/2019 comprised the following:

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|---|---------|
| Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, membership admin., invoiced 2020 | £300.00 |
| Barn owl boxes | £660.00 |
| | £900.00 |

The Club remains in a very strong financial position with a total balance in its current and business bank accounts and its PayPal account of £30688.05 at the end of 2019.

Watt, Treasurer 19/02/2019

| LINCOLNSHIRE BIRD CLUB | | | | | | | | | |
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| RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2019 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | 2018 | | | | | | 2019 | 2019 | |
| £ | £ | | | | | | £ | £ | |
| 6,958.36 | | 01-Jan | Cash at Bank | HSBC Community A/c | | | 7,797.35 | | |
| 20,103.16 | | | | HSBC Business Money M | | | 20,124.08 | | |
| 285.90 | 27,347.42 | | | PayPal A/c | | | 575.50 | 28,496.93 | |
| Receipts | | | | | | | | | |
| 4,680.36 | | | Subscriptions | | | | 4,609.73 | | |
| 340.14 | | | Sales: Publications | | | | 189.72 | | |
| 3,781.88 | | | Data | | | | 4,220.00 | | |
| 30.02 | | | Misc. | | | | 87.50 | | |
| 0.00 | | | Project - barn owl boxes | | | | 690.00 | | |
| 14.50 | | | Donations | | | | 14.50 | | |
| 20.92 | 8,867.82 | | Bank Interest | | | | 40.27 | 9,851.72 | |
| | <u>36,215.24</u> | | | | | | | <u>38,348.65</u> | |
| Payments | | | | | | | | | |
| 74.61 | | | Printing & Stationery | | | | 277.86 | | |
| 547.20 | | | Postage | | | | 705.52 | | |
| 5,635.00 | | | Bird Report | | | | 4,989.00 | | |
| 402.00 | | | Miscellaneous | | | | 502.20 | | |
| 165.00 | | | Meetings | | | | 732.00 | | |
| 894.50 | | | IT Costs | | | | 154.02 | | |
| 0.00 | | | LWT Subs. Admin. | | | | 300.00 | | |
| 0.00 | 7,718.31 | | Sponsorship | | | | 0.00 | 7,660.60 | |
| 7,797.35 | | 31-Dec | Cash at Bank | HSBC Community A/c | | | 9,703.75 | | |
| 20,124.08 | | | | HSBC Business Money M | | | 20,164.35 | | |
| 575.50 | 28,496.93 | | | PayPal A/c | | | 819.95 | 30,688.05 | |
| | <u>36,215.24</u> | | | | | | | <u>38,348.65</u> | |

STUDENT TOBY DESCRIBES HIS HAPPY SUMMER AS SEASONAL WARDEN AT FRAMPTON MARSH

EVERY day at Frampton Marsh is a good day!

That's the message from Toby Carter, last summer's seasonal warden at the RSPB reserve near Boston.

Toby (20), an Environmental Studies student from Leicestershire, described his experiences in a video that featured made on behalf of Zeiss during Virtual Birdfair. He made a lot of friends while working in Lincolnshire and thoroughly enjoyed his spell at Frampton where he saw a huge range of different birds, some of them rare and many, such as golden plover and wigeon, in what he described as "insane" quantities.

In his first week at the reserve, he found its 11th recorded Red-veined Darter, its second record of Lesser Emperor dragonfly and second record of Otter. Fortunately, the otter did not make prey of the chicks of Frampton's first pair of breeding Black-necked Grebes.

Other highlights included maintaining an acquaintance with a long-staying Long-billed Dowitcher, marvelling at the purring of Turtle Doves, spotting a Squacco Heron and studying colour-ringed godwits and other waders to establish their migration patterns. But there was much more to life as a seasonal warden than just detecting and watching the birds.

Toby, a birder since he was five, assisted visitors, helped organise children's activities, such as bug-hunting and mini-raft making, updated the record board, installed signage and produced a weekly blog for publication via social media.

From time to time, he was also interviewed by BBC Radio Lincolnshire.

Jim Wright

Advertisement

Cornwall Calling

Helen and Alec Grimsey have been in touch with Lincolnshire Bird Club.

They have a rental holiday home - great for birders - on the coast at Columb Major between Padstow and Newquay.

Bookings from LBC members are welcome for both short and long breaks, and they still have some vacancies for spring and beyond.

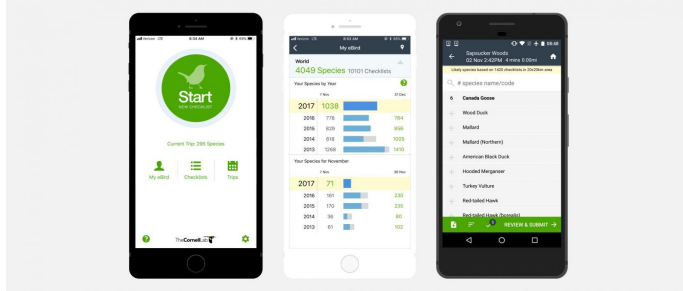
Cornwall is an ace county - one of the best in Britain - for seeing rare and unusual birds, especially marine species and wind-blown vagrants from North America.

Just in the first two months of 2020, its list includes such mouth-waterers as American buff-bellied pipit, bufflehead, Pacific diver, ring-necked duck and three rare gulls - Caspian, Kumlien's and ring-billed.

The couple's website is: <http://www.cornishholiday.info/> For more details (and to request a copy of their seabirds newsletter), contact the couple at: enquiries@cornishholiday.info



Make your Bird App Records Count!



eBird

The bird club uses records from the BTO Birdtrack and eBird Apps in the annual report. We are now having to assess 10,000's of records each year from Bird Apps. Therefore, for your records to count, please take some time to name your sites sensibly and in a way we can use them!

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|-----------------|---|--------------------|---|
| My Garden | ✗ | Louth, Garden | ✓ |
| Snipe Dales LWT | ✓ | Nature Reserve | ✗ |
| Fox Covert | ✗ | Fox Covert, Coleby | ✓ |
| Gibraltar Point | ✓ | 53.096086, 0.33130 | ✗ |

Try and change Auto Select locations to something meaningful!

eBird Users - Auto Select locations are NO GOOD TO US!

eBird **Hotspots** are BEST!

Thank you!

Lincolnshire Bird News - August 2020

Compiled by Chris Grimshaw

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 are 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. Please note that the close off date for records for the 2019 Lincs Bird Report is 1st May 2020, after this we cannot guarantee inclusion.

31/08/2020

Baston & Lagtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Cut End

Caspian Gull, Spoonbill, Little Stint

Donna Nook

Icterine Warbler

Frampton Marsh

Hobby, 2 Merlin, 4 Spotted Redshank, 6 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 23 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Whinchat

Huttoft Car Terrace

Pied Flycatcher, 4 Little Gull, **Pomarine Skua**

30/08/2020

Cut End

2 Sabine's Gull (reported), 3 Black Tern



Sabine's Gull at Cut End - Image © John Badley

Covenham Reservoir

3 Little Gull

Freiston Shore

Wryneck (near prison entrance)

Frampton Marsh

Common Redstart

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver, Great White Egret, 6 Pied Flycatcher, **Sooty Shearwater**

East Halton Skitter to Winter's Pond

67 Curlew, Marsh Harrier, Barn Owl, 6 Curlew Sandpiper, **2 Ruddy Shelduck**, Spoonbill, 119 Teal, 2 Bearded Tit

Huttoft Car Terrace

Leach's Storm Petrel



Leach's Storm Petrel off Huttoft Car Terrace - Image © Mark Johnson

Sutton Sea

Red-throated Diver, Red-necked Grebe, Guillemot, **Razorbill**, **Balearic Shearwater**, **Manx Shearwater**, 6 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, **Sooty Shearwater**, 2 Arctic Tern Little Tern

29/08/2020

Chapel Observatory

2 Red-throated Diver, Fulmar 55 Little Gull, **Sabine's Gull**, 7 Pintail, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 105 Arctic Skua, **Great Skua**, 6 Long-tailed Skua, **2 Manx Shearwater**, **4 Sooty Shearwater**, 266 Teal, Black Tern, 32 Wigeon

Cut End

Caspian Gull

Freiston Shore

54 Eider, 2 Red-breasted Merganser

Gibraltar Point

3 Pied Flycatcher, 39 Gannet, **3 Sooty Shearwater**, c19 Long-tailed Skua, 5 Black Tern

Huttoft

Little Gull, **Sabine's Gull**



Sabine's Gull Huttoft 29th August 2020 © John Clarkson



Little Gull (juvenile) at Huttoft around mid-day - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Nocton Big Wood

Arctic Skua

East Halton Skitter

6 Curlew Sandpiper, 1 Arctic Skua

Sutton on Sea

Sabines Gull, 2 Long-tailed Skua

Wolla Bank

Arctic Tern

28/08/2020

Cut End

6 Fulmar, 30 Gannet, Hobby, 43 Common Scoter, Sooty Shearwater, 12 Arctic Skua, 6 Great Skua, 14 Common Swift, Black Tern, 50 Little Tern, 85 Sandwich Tern and A possible Manx Shearwater

Frampton Marsh

6 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Wood Sandpiper, 31 Spoonbill, Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

4 Long-tailed Skua, 2 Sooty Shearwater, Spoonbill, 2 Black Tern

Huttoft Car Terrace

Sabine's Gull 22 Long-tailed Skua

Toft Newton Reservoir

Ringed Plover, 3 Ruff, Common Sandpiper, Sandwich Tern, 80 Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear

27/08/2020

Paradise

Black-Tailed Godwit, 2 Black-headed Gull, Kestrel, Lapwing, 2 House Martin, 3 Moorhen, 2 Shelduck, 15 Swallow, 2 Teal

Donna Nook (Stonebridge to Pyes Hall)

1 Chiffchaff, 26 Carrion Crow, 16 Cormorant, 1 Curlew, 11 Collared Dove, 44 Little Egret, 300 Goldfinch, 1 Little Grebe, 5 Great Black-backed Gull, 1 Grey Heron, 100 Linnets, 8 Mallard, 1 Marsh Harrier, 700 Red Knot, 400 Oystercatcher, 3 Pheasant, 26 Wood Pigeon, 60 Common Redshank 150 Rook, 6 Shelduck, 80 House Sparrow, 46 Swallow, 5 Teal, 2 Blue Tit, 2 Great Tit, 1 Wheatear

Frampton Marsh

4 Curlew Sandpiper, 6 Dpotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper 3 Little Stint, 31 Spoonbill, 1 Temminck's Stint

Freiston Shore

Treecreeper

Gibraltar Point

Pomarine Skua

26/08/2020

Boultham Mere

Arctic Tern, Garganey

Caistor Top

Common Swift

Chapel Observatory

Fulmar, 100 Gannet, 3 Guillemot, 8 Arctic Skua, 5 Great Skua, 2 Long-tailed Skua, Snipe, 4 Arctic Tern, 80 Common Tern, 3 Little Tern, 450 Sandwich Tern

RAF Cranwell

Common Quail

Donnington on Bain

5 Spotted Flycatcher

Gibraltar Point

5 Spoonbill

Swanpool cow-fields

3 Spotted Flycatcher

25/08/2020

Boultham Mere

Black Tern

Gibraltar Point

Greenshank, 12 Spoonbill

24/08/2020

Dunsby

Whinchat

Frampton Marsh

Temminck's Stint

Freiston Shore

Blackcap, 3 Corn Bunting, 35 Eider, 3 Little Tern, Yellow Wagtail, 10 Whinchat, Wheatear, 20 Willow Warbler, 5 Lesser Whitethroat



Northern Wheatear, Freiston Shore - Image © Dave Roberts

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, Great White Egret, 4 Pied Flycatcher, 2 Short-eared Owl, 6 Tree Pipit, 2 Common Redstart, 7 Spoonbill

Trent Port, Marton

Common Buzzard, 3 Chiffchaff, Kestrel, 200 House Martin, 30 Mallard, 200 Barn Swallow, 3 Mute Swan, 4 Willow Warbler, 6 Common Whitethroat

Swanpool cow-fields

6 Spotted Flycatcher, Common Redstart

Toft Newton Reservoir

12 Pink-footed Geese (at dawn)

Willow Tree Fen

3 Common Crane

23/08/2020

Alkborough

5 Spotted Redshank, 6 Spoonbill

East Halton Skitter area

Spoonbill, Short-eared Owl, 5 Ruff, Common Tern, Green Sandpiper, Arctic Tern, 2 Wheatear, 14 Whinchat

Belton House

4/5 Spotted Flycatcher

Donna Nook

Spotted Redshank

Frampton Marsh

Osprey, 4 Spotted Redshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 10 Spoonbill, Temminck's Stint

Freiston Shore

Cattle Egret, Red-breasted Flycatcher

Gibraltar Point

26 Buzzard, 59 Curlew, Hobby, 2 Red Kite, 53000 Red Knot, Short-eared Owl, 3200 Oystercatcher, Peregrine, 400 Ringed Plover, 6 Curlew Sandpiper, 7 Spoonbill, Little Stint, 2 Black Tern, 21 Turnstone

Swanpool cow-fields

3/4 Common Redstart

22/08/2020

Barton

Osprey

Frampton Marsh

Osprey, 10 Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Little Stint, 3 Wood Sandpiper, Temminck's Stint, 28 Spoonbill, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

2 Greenshank, 6 Spoonbill

21/08/2020

Alkborough Flats

Curlew Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

Hobby, Arctic Skua 7 Long-tailed Skua, 13 Spoonbill

Lincs Coastal CP

3 Sand Martin, 57 Golden Plover, 45 Sandwich Tern, 6 Swift, Grey Wagtail and a possible Eleonora's Falcon

20/08/2020

Frampton Marsh

20+ Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Little Stint

Freiston Shore

Spoonbill, Black Tern, 8 Little Tern, Whimbrel, Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

3 Eider, 5 House Martin, 40 Sand Martin, 5 Spoonbill, 38 Swallow, 1 Swift, 84 Sandwich Tern, Barred Warbler, Whinchat

Swanpool cow-fields

Spotted Flycatcher

19/08/2020

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Boultham Mere

Great White Egret over, 5 Swift

Frampton Marsh

25 Spotted Redshank, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 23 Spoonbill, Little Stint, **Temminck's Stint**

Gibraltar Point

Pied Flycatcher, Osprey, 3 Spoonbill, **Gull-billed Tern** (briefly first thing)

Ingoldmells

Short-eared Owl

Whisby

Garganey

18/08/2020

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Garganey

Frampton Marsh

Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 25 Spoonbill

Freiston Shore

2 Black Tern

Gibraltar Point

18 Pied Flycatcher, 4 Spotted Redshank, Long-tailed Skua, 10 Spoonbill, **4 Black Tern**, **Gull-billed Tern**, **Barred Warbler**

Withcall

4 Common Quail

17/08/2020

Chapel Six Marshes

Red-throated Diver, **Guillemot**, Kittiwake, **Razorbill**, **Scarlet Rosefinch**, **4 Great Skua**, **Long-tailed Skua**, **Pomarine Skua**

Frampton Marsh

200 Linnet, 8 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 26 Spoonbill, 5 Little Stint, **Temminck's Stint**,

Whooper Swan, Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

Barred Warbler

Manby Wetlands

Dunlin, 8 Black-tailed Godwit, 12 Ringed Plover, Redshank, Spotted Redshank, 8 Ruff, 5 Green Sandpiper, 5 Snipe

Swanpool

Wheatear, Green Woodpecker

Wolla Bank

Pied Flycatcher, **Barred Warbler**

16/08/2020

Castle Bytham

4 Crossbill

Deeping Lakes

Mediterranean Gull

Huttoft

2 Fulmar, c100 Gannet, 3 Kittiwake, Common Scoter, **Sooty Shearwater**, 12 Arctic Skua, 3 Great Skua, 2 **Long-tailed Skua**, **4 Black Tern**, 150 Common Tern, 4 Little Tern, 155 Sandwich Tern

Frampton Marsh

5 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 28 Spoonbill, 4 Little Stint, 2 [Temminck's Stint](#), Cetti's Warbler

[Freiston Shore](#)

Pied Flycatcher

[Gibraltar Point](#)

Black-throated Diver, 11 Pied Flycatcher, 7 Long-tailed Skua, [Pomarine Skua](#), [Roseate Tern](#)

[Paradise to Churchill Lane](#)

c20 Pied Flycatcher

[Rippingale](#)

5 Crossbill

15/08/2020

[Baston & Langtoft Pits](#)

[Black-necked Grebe](#)

[Burton](#)

Hobby

[Crook Bank](#)

[Long-tailed Skua](#)

[Deeping Lakes](#)

Brent Goose

[Frampton Marsh](#)

Greenshank, 6 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 25 Spoonbill, 8 Little Stint, [Temminck's Stint](#),

Whooper Swan

[Freiston Shore](#)

[2 Pied Flycatcher](#), Wood Sandpiper

[Gibraltar Point](#)

[Pied Flycatcher](#), Arctic Skua, 17 Spoonbill, Little Terns, 700 Sandwich Tern, Siskins, Cetti's Warbler, Whinchat

[Huttoft](#)

[Long-tailed Skua](#)

14/08/2020

[Anderby Creek](#)

[Long-tailed Skua](#)

[Chapel Point](#)

Little Gull, Little Stint

[Deeping Lakes](#)

Brent Goose

[Frampton Marsh](#)

122 Little Egret, Curlew Sandpiper, 25+ Spoonbill, 7 Little Stint

[Freiston Shore](#)

[Pied Flycatcher](#)

[Gibraltar Point](#)

Little Gull, 4 Spotted Redshank, [2 Sooty Shearwater](#), [Long-tailed Skua](#), 17 Spoonbill

[Glentham](#)

[Bee-eater](#) flying south

13/08/2020

[Baston & Langtoft Pits](#)

[Black-necked Grebe](#)

[Deeping Lakes](#)

Brent Goose

[Callan's Lane Wood](#)

At least two Common Crossbill

Frampton Marsh

100 Little Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Hobby, 4 Little Stint, 5 Spotted Redshank, 28 Spoonbill, 5 Turnstone, 50 Yellow Wagtail

Gibraltar Point

41 Little Egret, 9 Pied Flycatcher, 29 Grey Plover, Wood Warbler

Marston

Whinchat (trapped & ringed)

Read's Island

450 Avocet, @50 Curlew, 400 Common Shelduck

Sea View Farm

Barred Warbler

12/08/2020

Anderby Creek

White-tailed Sea Eagle (probable - north over the sea)

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Gibraltar Point

Caspian Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Barred Warbler, Wood Warbler

Sea View Farm

Barred Warbler

Willow Tree Fen

3 Common Crane (the chick fledged and all birds flew north)

11/08/2020

Anderby

6 Pied Flycatcher

Freiston Shore

Corn Bunting

Doddington Park, Lincoln

Little Owl, Willow Warbler

Gibraltar Point

29 Pied Flycatcher

Marston

13 Curlew, 35 Lapwing, 30 Moorhen (roosting in one tree), Golden Plover, 6 Green Sandpiper

Sea View Farm

5 Pied Flycatcher, Barred Warbler, Red-backed Shrike

Toft Newton

Pied Flycatcher, Greenshank, Green Sandpiper

Trent Port, Marton

5+ Chiffchaff, Little Egret, 2 Raven, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper

10/08/2020

Freiston Shore

5000 Sand Martin between the Reserve & Cut End, Common Redstart

Gibraltar Point

c30 Pied Flycatcher, 2 Wood Warbler

Grantham

Common Swift

Lincs Coastal Country Park

Red-throated Diver, Fulmar, 246 Gannet, Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Kittiwake, 60 Golden Plover, 4 Common Sandpiper, 63 Common Scoter, 5 Arctic Skua, Black Tern, 500 Common Tern, Roseate Tern, 80 Sandwich Tern, Wheatear, Whinchat

Norton Disney Quarry

3 Corn Bunting, Buzzard, 25 Sand Martin 10 Swallow

09/08/2020

Alkborough

Bittern, 2 Great White Egret, 80 Little Egret, 30 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Boultham Mere

Common Sandpiper

Covenham Reservoir

Great Skua

Frampton Marsh

2 Greenshank, Hobby, 5 Golden Plover, 12 Spotted Redshank, 20 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Whooper Swan, Yellow Wagtails

Gibraltar Point

4 Pied Flycatcher, Osprey, Common Redstart, Wood Sandpiper, Wood Warbler



Wood Warbler at Gibraltar Point - Image © James Siddle

Swanholme Lakes

2 Chiffchaff, Kingfisher

Huttoft Car Terrace

6 Arctic Skua, Great Skua

08/08/2020

[Boultham Mere](#)

Swift

[Crook Bank](#)

Whinchat

[Frampton Marsh](#)

Hobby, 7 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 27 Spoonbill, Little Stint, 2 Whimbrel, Whooper Swan

[Leasingham](#)

Hen Harrier (ring-tail)

[Winter's Pond area, East Halton](#)

29 Avocet, 103 Black-tailed Godwit, Water Rail, 5 Common Sandpiper, 11 Snipe, 69 Teal, 7 Yellow Wagtail

[RAF Woodhall](#)

4 Common Sandpiper, 3 Green Sandpiper, 20 Pied Wagtail

07/08/2020

[Callan's Lane Wood](#)

2 Crossbill

[Castle Bytham](#)

4 Crossbill

[Frampton Marsh](#)

3 Spotted Redshank, 20 Spoonbill, Little Stint

[Gibraltar Point](#)

2 Turtle Dove

[Paradise](#)

2 Wood Sandpiper

[Rimac](#)

75 Common Tern, 16 Little Tern, c75 Sandwich Tern

[Tetney](#)

7 Spoonbill (over)

06/08/2020

[Frampton Marsh](#)

15 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 19 Spoonbill

[Gibraltar Point](#)

17 Spoonbill

[Lincolnshire Wolds](#)

Probably up to 12 Quail present

[Middlemarsh Farm](#)

Wood Sandpiper

05/08/2020

[Chapel Observatory](#)

Mediterranean Gull, 2 Arctic Skua, 80 Swift, 500 Common Tern, Little Tern, 2500 Sandwich Tern

[Frampton Marsh](#)

19 Spoonbill,

[Freiston Shore](#)

30 Eider, 25 Gannet, Hobby, Red-breasted Merganser, 1 Spoonbill, Common Swift, 600 Common Tern

[Long Sutton](#)

[White Stork over](#)

04/08/2020

Alkborough Flats

9 Spoonbill

Donna Nook

Fulmar, Merlin, 150 Meadow Pipit, 50 Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear

Frampton Marsh

9 Spotted Redshank 9, 19 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Pink-footed Goose, Caspian Gull, Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, 4 Spoonbill, Wood Warbler

Lincs Coastal Country Park

Coal Tit, Treecreeper, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Messingham

Great White Egret

03/08/2020

Frampton Marsh

4 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, 20 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Green Woodpecker

02/08/2020

Frampton Marsh

3 Common Sandpiper

Swanpool

10 Grey Partridge

01/08/2020

Cleethorpes

Sparrowhawk, 100+ Common Swift

Frampton Marsh

Black Necked Grebe, 2 Spotted Redshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 21 Spoonbill, Whooper Swan

Freiston Shore

1 Spoonbill

Marston

3 Little Egret, 3 Grey Heron, 3 Little Grebe

Paradise

2 Little Stint

Contact Information & Useful Lincs Websites

Lincs Bird Club Website

Website: <http://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk>

Twitter [@Lincsbirding](#)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/LincolnshireBirdInformation/>

LBC County Bird Recorder

Phil Hyde recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk

BTO - <https://www.bto.org>

RSPB - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Birdguides - <https://www.birdguides.com/>

Rarebird Alert - <https://www.rarebirdalert.co.uk/>

Recording

BTO Birdtrack - <https://app.bto.org/birdtrack/login/login.jsp>

eBird - <https://ebird.org/home>

iRecord - <https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/>

Nature Lister - <http://www.naturelister.co.uk>

Wildlife Recorder - <https://www.wildlife.co.uk>

Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website

<http://lnu.org/>

LNU e-mail: info@lnu.org

Love Lincs Plants

<https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/what-we-do/love-lincs-plants>

Love Lincs Plants Twitter feed [@LoveLincsPlants](#)

Sir Joseph Banks Society

<http://www.joseph-banks.org.uk>

enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

<http://www.lincstrust.org.uk/>

Lincolnshire Bat Group website

<http://www.lincsbatgroup.co.uk/>

Butterfly Conservation Lincolnshire Branch

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/300/lincolnshire-branch.html>

FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

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Rural Crime News -

<https://www.lincs.police.uk/news-campaigns/news/2019/rural-crime-news/>

STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

<http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk/EasyTide/EasyTide/index.aspx>

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails>

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/default.aspx>

Lyme Disease

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

Botany

Botanical Group in South Lincs

Contact: Sarah Lambert - sarah.lambert7@ntlworld.com

Also see: <http://bsbi.org/south-lincolnshire-v-c-53>

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

Dr. David Sheppard - d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com

Lincolnshire Mammals

Chris Manning, Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com

Mammal Atlas

You can download and print off a hard copy or view it online.

<http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php>

Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

Ashley Butterfield - learningoutdoors@btinternet.com

Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

01775 766286 or e-mail: annettefaulkner@btinternet.com

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: annettefaulkner@btinternet.com

USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

<http://www.glnp.org.uk/>

Contact: charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk

or for more general queries:info@glnp.org.uk

Natural England

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/>

Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk

Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

<http://www.lifeontheverge.org.uk/>



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