



## Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - October 2020

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## Lincolnshire Bird Atlas 1980 to 1999 An Historical Perspective: collecting your free pre-ordered copy

Your Atlas has now been delivered to the club and can be collected at your pre-arranged collection point on Saturday 17th October between 10am-11am.

A club committee member will be in the car park and will have a copy of the Atlas in the front of his car. Just approach him with your ID and he will handover your copy. The collection points and committee members attending are as follows:

Donna Nook Stonebridge car park

Bill Sterling  
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Phil Espin  
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Frampton Marsh RSPB Visitor Centre car park

Phil Hyde  
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Deeping Lakes car park

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Whisby Nature Park Visitor Centre car park

Nick Tribe  
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Their email addresses are above too. If you cannot attend please let your contact know. If you cannot turn up you can nominate someone to collect in your place. Please specify their name and what ID they will use to identify themselves. If collection cannot be made on the day it is up to you to arrange to collect it from your contact. Your Atlas copy will be retained for you until the next AGM at the latest. After that we cannot guarantee you a copy.

While collecting your free Atlas you may also want to take advantage of our offer on Bird Reports.

**IMPORTANT** If you did not pre-order a free Atlas copy, sorry you have now missed the boat. Do not turn up expecting to get a copy. Each one had to be ordered. You can purchase a copy online from the following link: [bit.ly/3ahjutE](http://bit.ly/3ahjutE).

## Lincolnshire Bird Reports: Fire Sale!!!!

The best source of information about birds in Lincolnshire is the annual Lincolnshire Bird Report. We have a stock of back copies that we would like to reduce. Since the committee will be out and about around the county on 17th October at 10am-11am to deliver pre-ordered free Atlas copies we are giving everyone an opportunity to acquire the Bird Reports listed below. Some of these especially 2016 and 2017 are becoming quite scarce so this could be your last chance to get a copy.

So here is the offer. If you pre-order a full set of bird reports listed below it will cost you £10 cash paid on collection. Your order should be made to Bill Sterling on [wbsterling@hotmail.com](mailto:wbsterling@hotmail.com) and you must specify which collection point (listed on the front page) you will collect the reports from. You can also order individual copies if you wish but those ordering the special offer will get first bite at the cherry. The order deadline will be 10th October. If you just wish to turn up on 17 October at 10am-11am reports will be available to buy, but if there is a rush on the offer we cannot guarantee that the one you want will be available.

## Lincolnshire Bird Report Fire Sale Price List

Publication	No Copies	Price	
SoBiL 1991-95	50	£1	
R&S 1997-99	40	£1	
R&S 2000-02	50	£1	
R&S 2003-07	90	£1	
AR 2017	10	£3	
AR 2016	10	£2	
AR 2015	50	£2	
AR 2014	40	£2	
AR 2013	70	£1	
AR 2012	100	£1	
AR 2011	80	£1	
AR 2010	40	£1	
AR 1996	40	£0	given away with any sale!

## Wanted - Images for the Lincolnshire Bird Report 2019

The production of the 2019 Lincolnshire Bird Report is well under way. As always we would like to include as many images as possible of birds photographed in **LINCOLNSHIRE during 2019**.

Please send any images to [info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk) or use WeTransfer to the same email address.

We will consider any image but please send as high quality files as possible and please rename each file to include **species/site/date and your initials!**

## **Gibraltar Point seawatching September 25th 2020 - one of the best!**

Seawatching from Mill Hill under cover in awful weather with almost constant heavy rain which cleared occasionally and Force 4 gusting to 6 or 7 N/NW wind and a permanent sea mist beyond mid-distance and dull light made Tern ID in particular almost impossible and the murk proved a problem for distant Skua silhouettes. Turned out to be a great day though! A selection of some of the birds seen was as follows:

Pink-footed Goose 402, with 82 on the beach then skeins of 120, 65, 50, and 85 south.  
Common Scoter, 4 ( 1 north and 3 south).  
Kittiwake 29, 7 north and 22 south.  
Sabine's Gull 1, juvenile south.  
Little Gull 23, 5 north, 7 south then 11 on the beach later.  
Mediterranean Gull 1, 1CY south.  
Sandwich Tern 94, 27 south, 17 north, and 50 roosted late on.  
Common Tern 22, all south.  
Arctic Tern 21, all south.  
Common/Arctic Tern 138, mixed flocks of 32, 27, 25, 31 and 23 strong almost impossible to ID.  
Great Skua 223, south  
Pomarine Skua 13, south  
Arctic Skua 194, south  
Long-tailed Skua 6, 5 south and 1 north  
Skua sp 34, See above comment for Commic Terns!!  
Fulmar 1, south  
Manx Shearwater 1, north  
Gannet 17, south  
Short-eared Owl 1, in-off

**Nige Lound and Kev Wilson.**

## **Lincolnshire seawatching Sept-Oct 2020 - a note on submissions**

The autumn so far has provided some exciting seawatching with some bigger than usual numbers of some scarce species. We would like to respectfully remind members that the following are species requiring LBRC descriptions *in cases where the records coming in via BirdTrack and eBird are unattributed* (e.g. 'observer' given as BGu & RBA, or no entry at all):

Leach's & European Storm Petrel; Long-tailed Skua; Roseate Tern; Sabine's Gull.  
Balearic Shearwater is a rare migrant and a submission to LBRC is always required.

It is of great value to include comments in the 'Notes' facilities with electronic submissions; entries including the observation that the species was "a possible" will be classed as "Not proven".

## **LNU Meeting News**

We had pencilled in Saturday Jan 16th for a joint LBC/LNU meeting at Whisby NP. Given that the C19 situation is not improving and the Education Centre is still closed, the LNU Exec has taken the decision to cancel the January talk and the February Recorders' meeting and to postpone the March AGM. The

LNU are trying to rearrange their AGM between July and September if the C19 situation improves and there is a room available.

## **Ringing report shines a light on some amazing birds**

The latest report from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) shows just how amazing some of our birds are. During 2019 some of them undertook incredible journeys, taking them from Britain & Ireland to distant shores (or vice-versa). Top of the list of long-distance travellers was a Manx Shearwater that journeyed more than 11,016 km from its breeding colony on the Isle of Rùm in Scotland to the seaside resort of Las Grutas in Argentina. During 2019 around 3,000 trained and licensed bird ringers fitted uniquely-numbered rings to 1,047,521 birds, enabling them to be identified for the rest of their lives, providing insights into the journeys they take, the pressures they face and how long some of them live.

Other long-distance voyages recorded included a Scottish Arctic Skua that flew to Brazil (a straight-line distance of 11,016 km), a Swallow that covered 10,358 km to make it to South Africa, and a Sanderling and Sandwich Tern travelling distances of 10,295 km and 10,218 km respectively, also to South Africa.

Of those 1,047,521 birds, top of the list was Blue Tit with 150,284 individuals ringed, followed by Blackcap. Although, traditionally Blackcaps are summer visitors, increasingly they are now seen in winter too, which BTO research shows is the result of a combination of warming temperatures and more opportunities to find food in gardens.

Age records were also set for a few birds. A Fulmar caught on Sanda Island, Kintyre had been ringed 41 years, 11 months and 17 days earlier on the Isle of Canna, near Mallaig, making it the oldest Fulmar in the Britain and Ireland that we know of. Meanwhile, a Siskin caught near Tarbet in Argyll and Bute, became the oldest known individual of its kind after having been ringed at the same site 8 years, 6 months and 10 days earlier in 2010; life for a Siskin is clearly much more hazardous!

To get a complete picture of each aspect of our bird's lives, the BTO also collects information on their nesting attempts, from the point at which a nest is built, right through to when the young birds leave the nest or to the point at which the nest failed. Volunteers taking part in the Nest Record Scheme monitor nests to help provide evidence for the impacts that changes in the environment, such as habitat loss and climate change, have on the number of fledglings that birds can rear. In 2019, around 700 nest recorders collected data on 41,269 nests; again, Blue Tit was the most-commonly recorded, followed by Great Tit, Tree Sparrow, Barn Owl and Swallow.

Dr Rob Robinson, Associate Director, Research at BTO, said, "Without fitting birds with uniquely numbered rings and monitoring their nests we wouldn't be able to follow their lives and our knowledge of them would be much poorer. Many of our birds are in trouble and it is vital that we begin to understand why. The information we get from ringing and nest recording can't be collected any other way. The data gathered by our fantastic volunteers help us to determine whether species are in trouble and, if they are, at what point of the lifecycle the problems are occurring."

He added, "None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our volunteer ringers and nest recorders who monitor these birds each year and we thank them all for their contributions to the Schemes."

More information can be found in the, the BTO's Online Ringing and Nest Recording Report

### **The mysterious irruption of jays by Jim Wright**

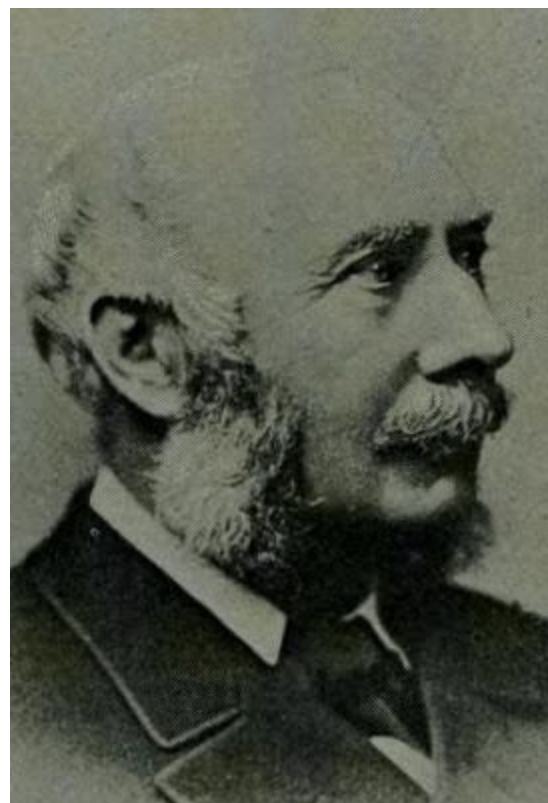
Jays are mostly regarded as sedentary rather than migratory birds, but, in some years, there can be large irruptions - flocks arriving here in the UK from eastern Europe for no obvious reason. In this paper, published in the January, 1883, edition of The Ibis journal, Lincolnshire ornithologist John Cordeaux explored the Jay-migration phenomenon with special reference to the records of his friend, Heinrich Gätke, who, for many years, monitored bird passage as witnessed on the island of Heligoland off the German coast.

SEEN in the depth of our woodlands furtively flitting from tree to tree, the flight of the Jay appears both laborious and heavy, kept up by frequent flappings of wing, undulating, too, and somewhat uncertain in direction and seldom prolonged beyond the nearest tree, hedgerow, or copse.

Under such circumstances, the bird seems little capable of crossing any width of sea or of taking a long migratory flight.

The fact, however, remains beyond dispute that this seemingly weak and slow-flying bird is capable of long-sustained flights which will compare even with those of the swift-winged Woodcock and Grey Plover.

**PHOTO:** John Cordeaux - farm manager and ornithologist who lived on the outskirts of Grimsby.



Great numbers of Jays, along with other migrants, crossed Heligoland with an east to west flight in October, 1876.

Heinrich Gätke's notes sent to me at that time are as follows: "Oct. 21. East, very strong. Jays, thousands passing the island; some landed, caught; coming, never ending.

"Oct. 22-23. East, strong. Jays, a great many still."

Since that date, and up to this year, Jays do not appear to have been observed at Heligoland.

Mr Gätke's subsequent, and almost continuous, notes make no mention of them.



Either the migration has passed some distance off the island or been carried on at such a height as to be beyond the ken of human vision.

But during the past autumn, Jays have again passed Heligoland in enormous numbers.

On October 8, Mr Gätke writes: "A perfect storm of Jays has passed over, and on both sides of the island, during the last three days.

"No one living has ever seen the like here.

"About fifty years ago, enormous numbers were caught here, but during my time only twice or thrice have they come."

It is noticeable that, in both these years, the migration of the Jay was in October, and continued over three days, and that it was carried on under the circumstances of a strong easterly gale.

The question then naturally arises, to whence and whither was this great "storm" of Jays (as Mr Gätke terms it) steering their course?

Seen then seventy miles from land off the mouth of the Elbe, moving from east to west in a strong easterly gale, continuous flock after flock, never deviating from their course which was straightforward, seemingly across the wide tossing waters of the North Sea, with one purpose animating all alike, the forsaking of their native forests for a long flight to the west.

Mr. Gätke has always maintained that autumn migration, as observed at Heligoland, does not run north and south, but from east to west, birds invariably coming from the eastward and passing westward.

The observations taken during late years on the migration of birds, as observed at lighthouses and light vessels, quite confirm the views of the veteran observer.

It is rarely that we find birds coming to our shores from any point north of east.

Migration is from east to west, or points south of east to north-easterly points.

This great passage of Jays across Heligoland points also to the correctness of his theory, for it could hardly have its origin in the north, the whole of Scandinavia failing to supply the stream for more than a few hours.



It is reasonable, therefore, to suppose that they came from Eastern Europe across Germany, from the immense forest area between the Oder to beyond the Vistula, and probably much further east than this to the confines of Eastern Europe.

That the area covered by this flight was very great we may well judge from the fact that the stream was three days in passing.

Whether the first impulse to move began at the extreme east or west of the range, extending backward or forward, we have unfortunately no means of knowing.

It will be interesting to learn if any great flight of Jays, corresponding in any degree with the thousands that crossed Heligoland, have been observed anywhere on the English coast, or any considerable increase in the ordinary number frequenting our woodlands.

Previous to receiving Mr Gätke's letter, I had made a note of the number seen in some small plantations, but certainly not exceeding double what we might expect to see under any circumstances.

In his Birds of Norfolk, Mr. H. Stevenson conjectures that the Norfolk Jays receive at times considerable accessions to their number in the autumn.

So far as I am aware, there is no direct evidence of the fact except the statement, as given by Messrs. R. Sheppard and W. Whitear (A Catalogue of Norfolk and Suffolk Birds, 1826) to the effect that "some years ago, as two gentlemen were sporting at Tunstall in Suffolk, a distance of about five miles from the sea, they observed an extraordinary flight of Jays passing in a single line from seaward to the interior.

"This line extended further than the eye could reach, and must have consisted of some thousands."

"Several of them were killed as they passed, but the firing at them did not occasion the rest to deviate from their line of flight."

It may be that the Jays seen crossing Heligoland passed southward along the European coastline, as we know is the case with many birds which regularly cross that island in large numbers, and which rarely turn up on our own coast, except perhaps as solitary examples.

Be this as it may, however, this migration in such enormous numbers is a wonderful and striking phenomenon, and supplies cause for much conjecture - conjecture as to the how and why of this simultaneous movement.

Whether a mere normal phenomenon, which, under certain conditions of wind and weather, is at long intervals brought within the notice of the Heligoland, or a something out of the ordinary range of migration due to a scarcity of food or some other cause which long patient waiting and extended observation alone can determine.

Research: Jim Wright and Jay image: Ann Williams

## Happy times for hotel house martins

HATS off to the owners of a Cleethorpes hotel which has been undergoing refurbishment during summer.

Alerted by the Lincolnshire Bird Club that two house martins' nests were vulnerable to disturbance from scaffolders and painters, the owners of The Kingsway hotel (pictured) insisted that every effort should be made to ensure the birds did not come to grief.

The painting work was even delayed until after the chicks had flown the nests.

Full story and pictures at:  
<https://bit.ly/2RNiogZ>



## No More Nests Needed Thank You

Following a request earlier in the summer this message was received from Cannelle at the University of Sussex on 21st September.

“Dear Volunteers,

THANK YOU to those who have participated in the research project trying to understand the exposure of chicks to pesticide within the nest.

We have received plenty of nests (about 300!) and won't need any more nests for this year.

We would like to let you know about the next steps of the study:

The hair as well as dead chicks and unhatched eggs from the nests will be processed and analysed for pesticide content. Once the chemical analyses are complete we will start the statistical analysis and see if a pattern is visible. The end result will be, hopefully, to get an open access scientific paper published.

Please, bear in mind that science is a very long process and that you might not hear from us for a long time but do get in touch if you have further questions or updates.”



## Fair Isle Bird Observatory Appeal

Last week I received a letter from a Director of FIBO seeking donations towards the cost of rebuilding the Obs on Fair Isle. You probably remember the horrifying video of the still unexplained fire that totally destroyed the building in March 2019. The good news is they are rebuilding bigger, better and greener but there is a big shortfall between the cost and what the insurance will pay out.

Like the East Bank at Cley, Fair Isle is one of the key places of pilgrimage for any birder. The only time I stayed at the Obs was in Oct 2015 with Andy Sims, John Clarkson and Andrew Chick and we had a fantastic week, the highlight being the constant changing parade of migrants, oh and a Siberian Rubythroat. It really is a magical place and the most fantastic birding experience. Hopefully you've been or will get to go in the future. I've made a personal donation and perhaps you might consider doing so too at [www.fairislebirdobs.co.uk](http://www.fairislebirdobs.co.uk).

At our next committee meeting I intend to propose LBC makes a donation, even if only a small one. I'd be interested in hearing your view on whether club funds should be spent entirely in the county or further afield too. Let me know on [chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk) or tweet me @philespin.



Phil Espin

## 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](mailto:enquiries@cornishholiday.info)



### Caravan for rent on Cleethorpes foreshore

Nurse Lynd Adcock has been in touch with the Lincolnshire Bird Club.

She is offering a discount to any LBC members who would like to rent her static caravan overlooking the saltmarsh and beach in Cleethorpes and just a few minutes' walk from an RSPB reserve.

It is an excellent location for waders and migrant passerines.

Lynd can be contacted at: [lynd.lynd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lynd.lynd@yahoo.co.uk) or at 07870397393.



## Lincolnshire Bird News - September 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](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. 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.

30/09/2020

[Chapel Six Marshes](#)

Yellow-browed Warbler

[Gibraltar Point](#)

Great White Egret, Spotted Redshank, Yellow-browed Warbler

29/09/2020

[Boultham Mere](#)

Great White Egret

[Cleethorpes](#)

Black-tailed Godwit, Red Knot, Turnstone

[Crook Bank](#)

Jack Snipe, 11 Stonechat, Wheatear

[Frampton Marsh](#)

Kingfisher, Merlin, 9 Little Stint, 11 Whooper Swan, Swift, Cetti's Warbler

[Gibraltar Point](#)

13 Crossbill, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, Water Pipit, Jack Snipe

[Trent Port, Marton](#)

4 Buzzard, 3 Chiffchaff, Little Egret, 100 Pink-footed Geese (over), 220 Goldfinch, Jay, Kestrel, Kingfisher, 2 Raven, Lesser Redpoll, 3 Siskin, 2 Snipe, 9 Swallow

[Messingham](#)

2 Crossbill, 3 Jay, 5 Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Willow Tit, Great Spotted Woodpecker

[Sea-View Farm](#)

3 Yellow-browed Warbler

[Swanpool](#)

45 Gadwall (over), Goldcrest

[Tetney Marsh](#)

Curlew, 5 Little Egret, 4 Brent Geese, Oystercatcher, 30 Shelduck, 3 Snipe

28/09/2020

[Anderby Creek](#)

[Yellow-browed Warbler](#)

[Frampton Marsh](#)

Great White Egret, 4 Greenshank, Merlin, 12 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Spoonbill, Stonechat, 2 Little Stint, 11 Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

[Gibraltar Point](#)

[Firecrest](#), [Garganey](#), [9 Ring Ouzel](#), [6 Yellow-browed Warbler](#)

[Huttoft](#)

Mediterranean Gull, Snipe



Mablethorpe  
Purple Sandpiper



Purple Sandpiper on the beach at Mablethorpe - Image © Owen Beaumont

Sutton on Sea

15 Buzzard, **Black-throated Diver**, c300 Pink-footed Goose, 8 Pintail, 132 Common Scoter, **Velvet Scoter**, **Shag**,  
Sandwich Tern

27/09/2020

Bardney Pits

64 Redwing

Boultham Mere

20 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Barn Swallow, Cetti's Warbler

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, 4 Barnacle Goose, Hen Harrier, 3 Marsh Harrier, Spoonbill, 4 Little Stint, Stonechat, Common  
Swift, Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

Brambling, 1000 Pink-footed Geese, 2 Ring Ouzel, Tawny Owl, Short-eared Owl, **Grey Phalarope**, 2 Common Redstart,  
**Velvet Scoter**, **Sooty Shearwater**, 95 Siskin, **Pomarine Skua**, **Black Tern**,

Humber Bridge

40 Gannet, Guillemot

Humber Mouth

2 Gannet

Trent Port, Marton

Blackcap, 7 Chiffchaff, 210 Goldfinch, Kingfisher, **2 Raven**, 2 Redwing, 2 Sparrowhawk, Green Woodpecker

Weelsby Woods

Wheatear

26/09/2020

Alkborough Flats

White-tailed Eagle

Chapel Observatory

Fulmar, 118 Gannet, 166 Pink-footed Geese, 18 Little Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Hobby, 4 Kittiwake, Red-breasted Merganser, Leach's Storm Petrel, 50 Pintail, Puffin, 4 Razorbill, Purple Sandpiper, 43 Common Scoter, 5 Manx Shearwater, 7 Sooty Shearwater, 21 Arctic Skua, 78 Great Skua, Long-tailed Skua, 13 Whooper Swan, Arctic Tern, Black Tern, Roseate Tern

Cleethorpes

Gannet, 6 Barnacle Geese, 600 Oystercatcher, 500 Red Knot, 3 Common Scoter, 2 Great Skua

Frampton Marsh

10 Bean Goose sp. Little Gull, 10 Spoonbill, 11 Spotted Redshank, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

2 Lapland Bunting, Ring Ouzel, Common (mealy) Redpoll, 100 Great Skua, 4 Pomarine Skua, Yellow-browed Warbler

Huttoft Bank

2 Gannet, Little Gull, 3 Arctic Skua, 2 Pomarine Skua, 2 Sooty Shearwater, Black Tern

Huttoft Pits

2 Ringed Plover, 14 Whimbrel

Killingholme/Immingham foreshore

Purple Sandpiper

Normanby

Yellow-browed Warbler

Wolla Bank

28 Common Scoter, 5 Arctic Skua, Pomarine Skua, 2 Stonechat

25/09/2020

Chapel Point

13 Little Gull, Fulmar, Kittiwake (a few), 29 Arctic Skua, 14 Great Skua

Gibraltar Point

Sabine's Gull, 194 Arctic Skua, 223 Great Skua, 3 Long-tailed Skua, 11 Pomarine Skua, 15 Barn Swallow

Huttoft Car Terrace

20 Little Gull, 23 Arctic Skua (total from 2 counts), Pomarine Skua, 6 Arctic Tern

Sutton on Sea

Fulmar, 7 Gannet, 7 Little Gull, Red-breasted Merganser, Purple Sandpiper, 3 Common Scoter, Sooty Shearwater, 63 Arctic Skua, 3 Arctic Tern, 3 Sandwich Tern

24/09/2020

Boultham Mere

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

2 Lapland Bunting, Great White Egret, Water Pipit, Pomarine Skua

Sea View Farm

Yellow-browed Warbler

23/09/2020

Long Bennington

Grey Plover (over airfield)

Boultham Mere

Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier, Snipe

Killingholme Pits



100 Avocet, Curlew, 1000 Dunlin, 2500 Black-yailed Godwit, 500 Red Knot, 100 Redshank, Ruff, 6 Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

Wolla Bank

3 Red-throated Diver, Goldcrest, Goosander, Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, 26 Siskin

22/09/2020

Anderby Creek

Black-necked Grebe, 20 Red-throated Divers, Wheatear

Boultham Mere

Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier

Frampton Marsh

Lapland Bunting, 7 Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

2 Redstart, Stonechat, Wheatear, Whinchat

Humberston

Great White Egret

Humberston Fitties

Cattle Egret

Nocton

Red Kite

Sea-View Farm

Yellow-browed Warbler

21/09/2020

Alkborough Flats

3 Spoonbill

Boultham Mere

2 Buzzard, c100 Gadwall, Kestrel, Great White Egret, Kingfisher, Water Rail, c10 Lesser Redpoll, c100 Shoveler



Great White Egret at Boultham Mere for at least its third day - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

Little Stint

Keelby

200 Pink-footed Geese

Gibraltar Point

Little Bunting, Honey Buzzard, Great White Egret, Pied Flycatcher, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Hawfinch, Short-eared Owl, 2 Spotted Redshank, 4 Spoonbill, Yellow-browed Warbler

Sandilands

Pied Flycatcher

20/09/2020

Alkborough

Bearded Tit, Spoonbill, Cetti's Warbler

Frampton Marsh

4 Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, 225 Curlew, 8000 Dunlin, Great White Egret, 5 Brent Geese, 5700 Bar-tailed Godwit, Little Gull, Sabine's Gull ( a dramatic photo by Ben Ward on the Gib log page), 3 Kittiwake, 85000 Red Knot, Merlin, 13000 Oystercatcher, 4 Redstart, Yellow-browed Warbler

Seaview Farm

Pied Flycatcher

RAF Woodhall

2 Dunlin Cattle Egret, Common Sandpiper, 3 Green Sandpiper

19/09/2010

Boultham Mere

Great White Egret

Gibraltar Point

Sabines Gull, Purple Sandpiper, 7 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

East Halton

Brent Goose, Spotted Redshank, Little Stint, Arctic Tern

Huttoft Car Terrace

Pomarine Skua, Sooty Shearwater

Sutton on Sea

Snow Bunting, 7 Red-throated Diver, 79 Gannet, Leach's Storm-Petrel, 5 Arctic Skua, 4 Great Skua

18/09/2020

Cleethorpes

Pied Flycatcher

Deeping Lakes

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

10 Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Black-throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, 10 Pied Flycatcher, 2 Little Gull, Sabine's Gull, Hawfinch, 3 Ring Ouzel, Short-eared Owl, 2 Spotted Redshank, 3 Redwing, 2 Long-tailed Skua, 19 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Grantham

2 flocks of Common Scoter over during night

Saltfleetby

Brambling

Swanpool

56 Pink-footed Geese

17/09/2020

Anderby  
Puffin, Long-tailed Skua  
Far Ings  
Great White Egret  
Gibraltar Point  
Brambling, Firecrest, 9 Pied Flycatcher, 2 Ring Ouzel, Long-tailed Skua, Barred Warbler, 3 Yellow-browed Warbler, Wood Warbler  
Huttoft Car Terrace  
Little Auk, 45 Red-throated Diver, 215 Gannet, 410 Common Scoter, 11 Arctic Skua, 4 Great Skua, 6 Manx Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater  
Sutton on Sea  
2 Long-tailed Skua, Mediterranean Gull, 4 Manx Shearwater  
Theddlethorpe St Helens  
Pied Flycatcher  
Withern  
Redwing

16/09/2020

Conisholme & Killingholme Haven  
Glossy Ibis  
Far Ings  
4 Garganey  
Frampton Marsh  
Great White Egret, 7 Spotted Redshank, 18 Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill, Little Stint,  
Gibraltar Point  
Great White Egret, Firecrest, Little Gull, Wood Sandpiper, Pomarine Skua, 16 Spoonbill,  
Huttoft Car Terrace  
8 Red-throated Diver, 400 Gannet, Great Skua, Purple Sandpiper, Manx Shearwater, Long-tailed Skua, 200 Sandwich Tern  
Whisby  
2 Garganey

15/09/2020

Deeping High Bank  
Great White Egret  
Frampton Marsh  
2 Peregrine Falcon Cetti's Warbler, 12 Curlew Sandpiper, Sparrowhawk, 7 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Wheatear  
Gibraltar Point  
Lapland Bunting, 5 Pied Flycatcher, Pectoral Sandpiper, 24 Spoonbill  
Moor Farm  
Bullfinch, Spotted Flycatcher

14/09/2020

Croftmarsh  
59 Pink-footed Geese  
Frampton Marsh  
Osprey, 10 Spotted Redshank, 19 Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, 10 Spoonbill, 3 Little Stint, Whinchat, Whooper Swan  
Middlemarsh Farm  
Glossy Ibis briefly then high south. one seen at Titchwell this afternoon

13/09/2020

Alvingham

2 Great White Egret

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Deeping Lakes

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

Osprey, 27 Curlew Sandpiper, **Pectoral Sandpiper**, 12 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

**Lapland Bunting**, Black Throated Diver, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, **Pectoral Sandpiper**

Ingoldmells

Osprey

Trent Port, Marton

2 Peregrine Falcon, **2 Caspian Gull**, 2 Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail, Yellow Wagtail

Seacroft to Gibraltar Point

61 Siskin, Wheatear

12/09/2020

Cleethorpes

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

25 Curlew Sandpiper, **Pectoral Sandpiper**, 12 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

5 Spoonbill

Messingham

**Osprey**

11/09/2020

Boultham Mere

Bittern, Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Donna Nook

4 Curlew Sandpiper, **Wryneck** (Stonebridge car-park area)

Frampton Marsh

16 Spotted Redshank, 12 Curlew Sandpiper, **Pectoral Sandpiper**

Gibraltar Point

**3 Lapland Bunting**, Great White Egret, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, **4 Pomarine Skua**,

Spoonbill

Marston

**Osprey**

Stoke Rochford

**Osprey**

10/09/2020

Boultham Mere

Bittern





Bittern at Boultham Mere - Image © Andy Sims

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, 14 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

2 Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill

Saltfleet

2 Common Buzzard, Osprey

09/09/2020

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Far Ings

Honey Buzzard

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier, 10 Spotted Redshank, 11 Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 24 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Pomarine Skua, 13 Spoonbill

Lenton

Hobby

Saltfleetby Theddlethorpe Dunes NNR

Pink-footed Geese



08/09/2020

Boultham Mere

Bittern, Hobby, 3 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

30 Avocet, 2500 Black-tailed Godwit, 3 Barnacle Goose, 6 Grey Plover, Hen Harrier, 100 Ringed Plover, 22 Spotted Redshank, 26 Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 2 Snipe, 4 Little Stint, 100 Ruff, 26 Spoonbill, Whinchat, Whooper Swan

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Louth

Hobby

07/09/2020

Boultham Mere

Hobby, Kingfisher, Water Rail, 20 Shoveler, 11 Common Swift, 6 Wigeon

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

15 Spotted Redshank, 12 Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 24 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

2 Curlew Sandpiper, 9 Spoonbill, Whinchat

Kirton

7 Turnstone

Hubbard's Hills, Louth

Spotted Flycatcher

Trent Port, Marton

2 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 2 Little Egret, 49 Goldfinch, 180 Greylag Goose, Kingfisher, 8 Siskin, Treecreeper

06/09/2020

Boultham Mere

2 Bittern, Common Swift

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Dunsby Fen

Kingfisher, Red Kite, 2 Raven, 2 Whinchat

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier (ringtail), Hobby, Merlin, 6 Spotted Redshank, 16 Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Green Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 29 Spoonbill, 3 Little Stint, Cetti's Warbler, 3 Whinchat

Freiston Shore

6 Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Marsh Harrier, Wheatear

Job's Lane

4 Common Buzzard, Hobby, 5 Egyptian Goose

Sutton on Sea

24 Pink-footed Goose, 60 Sanderling, Manx Shearwater, 5 Arctic Skua

05/09/2020

Boultham Mere

2 Bittern, 6 Swift, 4 Wigeon

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

12 Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint



Ruff & Pectoral Sandpiper at Frampton Marsh - Image © Ian Misslebrook

Freiston Shore

Short-eared Owl

Gibraltar Point

Common Redstart, Long-tailed Skua, 18 Spoonbill, Wheatear, Wryneck

Spalding

2 Whinchat

04/09/2020

Cleethorpes CP

35 House Martin, 3 Common Swift

Covenham Reservoir

50 Yellow Wagtail

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret

Fenton

20 House Martin

Frampton Marsh

Greenshank, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher, Merlin, Pintail, 13 Spotted Redshank, Common Redstart, 9 Curlew Sandpiper, 32 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Grey Wagtail, Wheatear

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Short-eared Owl, 19 Spoonbill

Winthorpe

Cuckoo, 31 Wheatear (near North Shore Hotel)

RAF Woodhall

Great White Egret

03/09/2020

Cut End

8 Gannet, Hobby, Great Skua, Spoonbill, 9 Common Swift, 3 Black Tern, 30 Little Tern, 2 Wheatear, 3 Whinchat

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

19 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 29 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint, Whinchat

Gibraltar Point

Common Redstart, 2 Long-tailed Skua, 9 Spoonbill, 2 Black Tern

Huttoft Car Terrace

Marsh Warbler (briefly)

Rimac

2 Curlew Sandpiper

02/09/2020

Alford

White Stork (over the school)

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

Barnacle & Pink-footed Geese (no totals given), 17 Spotted Redshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 12 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

3 Spotted Redshank, 9 Spoonbill, Whinchat

Swanpool

Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Common Swift, Common Whitethroat

01/09/2020

Baston Fen

Great White Egret

Cut End

15 Little Egret, Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Marsh Harrier, Grey Heron, 3 Red Breasted Merganser, 40 Shelduck Little Stint, Whinchat

Donna Nook

Icterine Warbler, Marsh Warbler (probable)

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, Pied Flycatcher, 2 Marsh Harrier, 3 Kestrel, 6 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 26 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, Short-eared Owl, 5 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper 8 Spoonbill

Killingholme Pits

Bittern

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Lincolnshire Showground.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com)

#### Lincolnshire Mammals

Chris Manning, [Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:annettefaulkner@btinternet.com)

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: [annettefaulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:annettefaulkner@btinternet.com)

### USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

#### Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

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

Contact: [charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk](mailto:charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk)

or for more general [queries:info@glnp.org.uk](mailto:queries:info@glnp.org.uk)

#### Natural England

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

#### Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

[www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk](http://www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk)

#### Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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





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