



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - May 2021

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Global BIG Day 8th May 2021

Following the success of the New Year's Day bird race we would like to propose scheduling another event on Saturday 8th May. This date coincides nicely with 'Global Bird Day'. See <https://globalbirding.org/>

The aim of the Big Bird Day event would be to simply record as many species as possible in Lincolnshire during a single day. The event will also help raise valuable awareness of the counties avian diversity. It would be great to have as many birders involved as possible on the day covering a wide range of different habitats and areas. This will help maximise the potential for a greater number of species to be recorded. It will be fascinating to see what total could be achieved collectively in the county during a single day. The event would be slightly different (and more relaxing!) to a bird race which typically requires lots of rushing around in order to achieve a good species count. Birders have the option of either sticking to their local patch or choosing an area in which to focus on.

Hopefully the Covid-19 restrictions will have lifted by May and will allow people to visit areas that were not possible to cover on New Year's Day. Despite the restrictions imposed over the New Year's Day event an impressive total of 144 species were recorded! It will be very interesting to see what total can be achieved in May with migration in full swing, lingering winter migrants (particularly wildfowl), incoming summer migrants and the potential for some scarce or even rare species. Could we achieve 160-170 species collectively?! Please submit all records via BTO BirdTrack of eBird or alternatively send your data to rdoan@lincstrust.co.uk and a full write up will appear in the June eNewsletter.



Request for an Events Organiser

LBC has over 400 members and we would like to bring them together in all kinds of events as we come out of lockdown. The trouble is that it all needs organising and we need a dedicated person with the interest and skills to do it. A helpful suggestion that came out of our first Zoom AGM in March. We are talking regular Zoom meetings on a range of subjects to engage younger people with birding and meetings on reserves. We'd like to have a memorial day for Steve Keightley at Frampton Marsh this summer including a barbie. The RSPB team are on board, it just needs someone at LBC to take the organisation forward and plan the event. Are you that person? If you'd like to give it a try please contact Phil Espin on chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk and we'll fix up a call for a chat.

Phil Espin



Zoom meeting to discuss Turtle Dove Survey and voluntary Little Tern Wardening at Gibraltar Point

We are planning a Zoom meeting on Tuesday May 18th to cover two subjects of topical interest that relate to two of our RBBP species which we are in danger of losing. The RSPB Turtle Dove Survey starts on 15th May and runs through to the end of July. Our first returning bird has already been reported from Frampton Marsh but exactly how many more are out there? Details of the Survey were provided in the April issue. Have you signed up for a square yet, there are still plenty available. If you have any questions or want to learn more about Turtle Doves in Lincolnshire and would like to take part or just want to learn more, please join us.

Little Terns are already back too and with staycations being the vogue this summer the beach at Gibraltar Point will come under even more visitor pressure than usual. LWT employ a summer warden but he is only human and needs as much back up as possible so he can get some sleep. Last year LBC helped finance a night warden for the critical period when the birds are on eggs and have chicks. LWT member Rob Watson did the job four nights a week supporting Ben Ward the summer shorebird warden who did three nights as well as the full time day job. In the day people and especially dog walkers need to be turned away from entering the sanctuary area and taking dogs on the beach.

At night the attention turns to dissuading foxes from taking eggs and chicks. Several members did voluntary support for part days and nights including me. The experience of a July night under the stars on the spit in the sanctuary area is one you won't forget.

If you'd like to help, day or night login to hear LWT warden Kevin Wilson talk about what is involved and sign up for some active support for one of Lincolnshire's most threatened species.



Image © Russ Hayes

To get the Zoom Link email chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk

Looking for and Reporting Rare Breeding Birds

Spring is upon us and birds are starting to nest and its worth keeping in mind the following guidance about rare breeding birds. The Rare Breeding Bird Panel collate all details of rare breeding birds in Lincolnshire through Lincolnshire Bird Club and Phil Espin assists Phil Hyde the Lincolnshire County Recorder for this purpose. He can be contacted on pmjespin@gmail.com. All breeding records are welcome and any expressed wish for confidentiality will be respected.

1. If you suspect a bird species is breeding please do not approach the nest site, you may cause the birds to abandon or expose the nest and the eggs/young to predators. It is usually possible to confirm breeding without getting anywhere near the nest.
2. Photography of rare bird nests is illegal without a specific permit which are rightly difficult to obtain. So please don't disturb breeding birds to get a photo of either the nest or the birds. You could be committing a criminal offence.
3. Please keep in mind that formal surveys this year of Turtle Doves and Breeding Waders of Wet Meadows do not mean you should try to find nests of these birds.
4. Respect sanctuary areas on nature reserves. They are there to give birds a chance to breed in peace and quiet without disturbance.
5. If you do find a rare breeding bird in the breeding season i.e between now and the end of July think carefully about who you share news with and whether you need to share the information widely on social media. Species breeding on protected wardened nature reserves are much safer than those in the general countryside. For instance, Black-necked Grebes nesting at RSPB Frampton Marsh ok, anywhere else, exercise extreme caution. If you do put something on social media keep the location as general and non-specific as possible. **Never give a precise location for a nest.** If you have any doubts, don't share until you've **discussed the situation with a local reserve manager or give Phil Espin a call on 07966325380.**
6. Keep in mind that bird news information services like Birdguides and Rare Bird Alert can access data put into Birdtrack and ebird in real time. The record can thereby become public knowledge without you realising it. If you wish to avoid this eventuality, you must mark the record as sensitive when you enter it and you will need to check out how your record system does this.

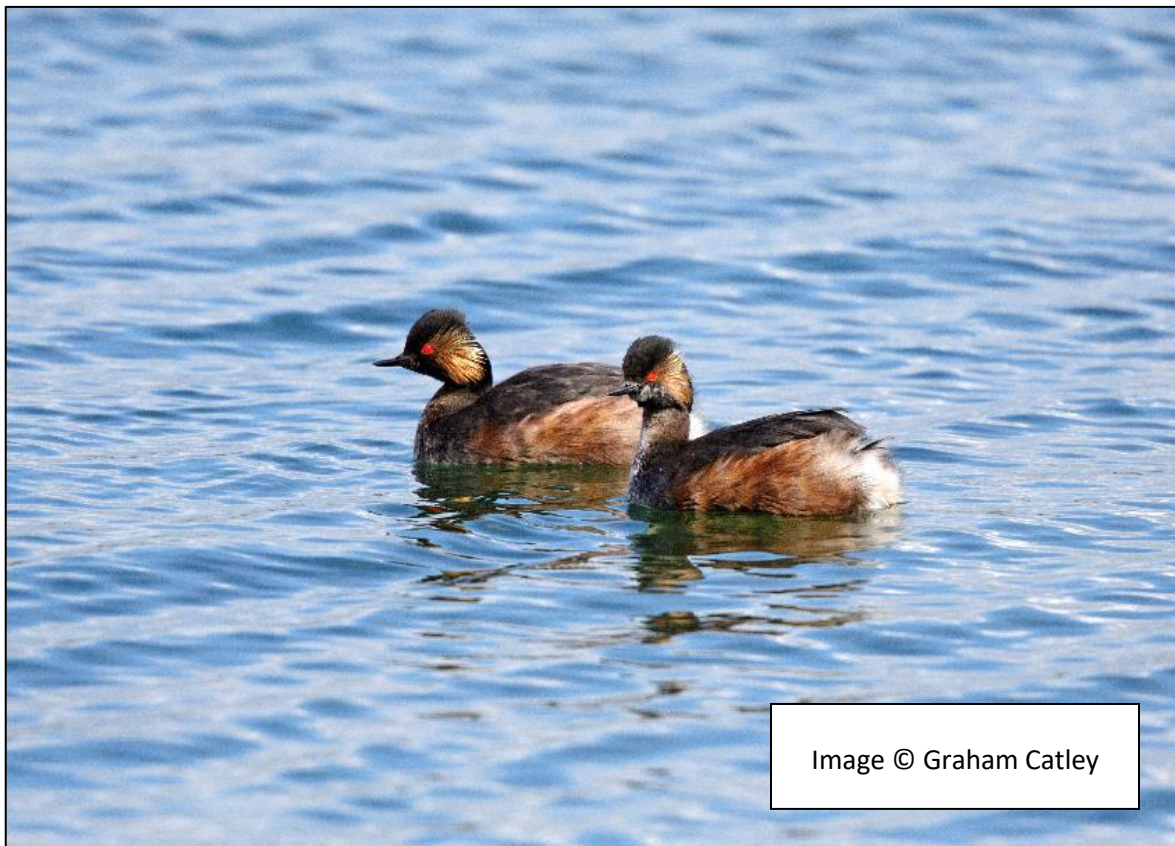


Image © Graham Catley

A birding opportunity for someone who fancies an exclusive patch.

Sam Ward a farmer in West Lindsey wrote to LBC with the following proposal: We are a farm in the Waddingham/ Kirton (DN21 4JD) area looking for a local birder that may want access to farmland/ ponds/ woods etc to pursue their birding passion.

We are a farm with 1200 acres of Heathland with interesting ponds and woodland all in a block that I would like to offer the birding opportunity for a keen birder in exchange for some record of bird sightings/ numbers on the farm. We are trying to improve the habitat and birdlife and I want to start measuring how we are doing - but need a more experienced birder to help! So I thought I would make contact to see if any of your members might be interested.

I would see it as a partnership where they could use the farm at their leisure for birding but together we would try to create some records and measure things.

If the above might be of interest to any of your local members to us then please let me know.

Anyone interested please email chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk and I'll put you in touch via email.

Phil Espin



The Prince's book - its original price was 21 shillings (£1.05)

Brisk demand for 1962 bird book written by the Duke of Edinburgh in the wake of the sad death of the Duke of Edinburgh, birders have been snapping up copies of one of his books.

Birds from Britannia is an account, published by Longman in 1962, of birds he watched from Royal Yacht on two separate voyages - in 1956-1957 and 1959. These included such species as blue noddies, wandering albatrosses, frigate birds, skuas, petrels, and king penguins.

The purpose of the first trip had been to visit some of the island communities and outposts of the Commonwealth. From Kenya the Royal yacht sailed to the Seychelles, then to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), Malay (Malaysia), Papua New Guinea, Darwin, Alice Springs and finally to Melbourne where he opened the Olympic Games. After the Olympics, the expedition continued from New Zealand to Chatham Island taking in a number of isolated islands in the South Atlantic including South Georgia, Gough Island, Tristan da Cunha, and ending at St Helena.

On the second voyage in 1959 the yacht set sail from Singapore, then on, via the Straits of Malacca to Sandakan, Hong Kong, Malaita Island, Christmas Island, and through the Panama Canal before arriving in Bermuda to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the island being a colony of the Crown. In the gardens of various government houses, he was enthralled by the range of birds, many of them highly colourful. During one particular stop-off, he invited the US ambassador, who was also a birder, aboard the yacht. As they were scanning the sea looking for birds, the ambassador is said to have commented to the Prince that there seemed to be a remarkable "lack of ornithological activity" that day. Prince Philip's response was typically forthright: "You mean there are no bloody birds!"

The book was published in the USA (by Harper Row) with a different cover picture and under a different title, *Seabirds in Southern Waters*. Copies of both titles have been selling briskly on online sites such as Amazon and Abebooks.

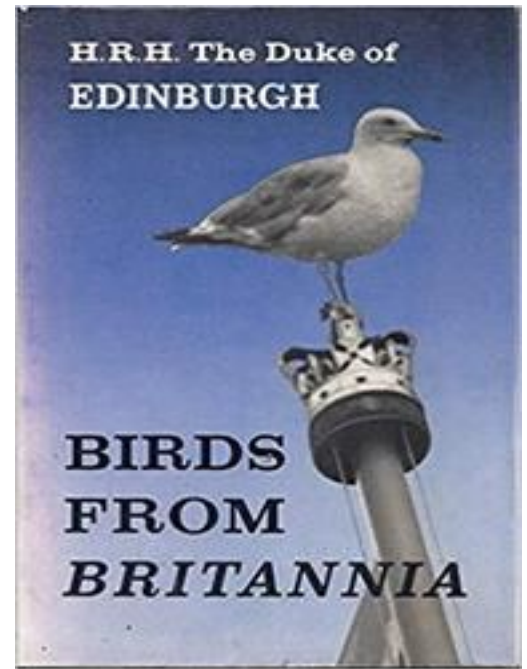
As well as writing the text, Prince Philip supplied most of the photographs, taken in black-and-white film either on a Minox miniature camera or on a Hasselblad camera that he had bought in 1956 in Stockholm while in the Swedish capital for the Equestrian Olympics. The maps and delightful artwork of the birds are by Commander A M Hughes who subsequently supplied the illustrations for another book, *Birds of Burma*, written by B.E. Smythies.

It was those two journeys aboard *Britannia* that sparked the Prince's interest in both ornithology and conservation where, previously, his avian interest had largely been confined to shooting gamebirds.

He became the first member of the Royal Family to cross the Antarctic circle, which entitled him to join the Order of the Red Nose, an exclusive group open only to members who have completed the journey. To commemorate the event, the artist, Edward Seago, who accompanied the Prince for part of the tour designed a lino-cut certificate, featuring an image of him sporting a red nose with a penguin and seal looking on. Between 1987 and 2020, the Prince was a patron of the BTO and he opened the library at its Thetford HQ in 2006.

He also held the position of president of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), now the World Wide Fund for Nature, from 1981 to 1996.

Jim Wright



Book Review: A World on The Wing - The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds

"INSIDE each mystery, there is always a new one waiting to be found. . .

So writes American birder Scott Weidensaul in his captivating new book, *A World on The Wing - The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds* which provides as authoritative an update as possible on the phenomenon of migration.

He continues: "The best we can do is scratch at the margins of this majestic global pageant to try to comprehend the sheer physicality of the migratory feats going on all around us and to understand the natural systems on which they depend."

Weidensaul is not an academic. In a sense, he is like many Lincolnshire Bird Club members. He describes himself as a recreational birder so passionate that he also found himself in the "trenches of migratory science".

His 'spark' moment came as a teenager while watching a spectacular passage of raptors in the Appalachian mountains when one Red-tailed Hawk came so close that it looked for "long heart-pounding seconds" as though it was going to fly right through his binoculars!

He recalls : "The spectacle was the easily the most interesting thing I have ever witnessed, and the memory remains almost painfully intense today. I slept very little that night and my dreams were full of wings.

"Life turns on such flukes and happy accidents - half-a-century later, I am still captivated by migration."

The book is packed with fascinating research, but written with a light touch - for instance, he likens swifts to "blunt cigars with scimitar wings".

The author explores the phenomenon of birds, such as reed warblers, growing fresh neurons before autumn migration and how waders, such as Semipalmated Sandpipers gorge on a tiny marine amphipod, *Corophium*, which is rich in polyunsaturated fatty acid. This both serves as a fuel and primes flight muscles and increases their aerobic capacity - a kind of natural 'doping'.

Then there is the mystery of the yo-yo dieting of pre-migratory godwits. How is it that their blood chemistry during migration season shows many of the same warning signs seen in a human with diabetes or coronary disease but without the negative consequences?

There is also a very interesting section on the innovative Motus tracking system which is yielding many new insights on migration - not just that of birds but also of mammals, including bats, and even insects.

Says the author: "Birds are sentinels and bellwethers, the victims of our follies - but also, if we are heedful of their needs, guides to a more sustainable future for ourselves as well."

A World on The Wing is published in the UK by Picador at £20.

Jim Wright



BTO Equipment Donation Scheme

The BTO Equipment Donation Scheme (EDS) supports young people across the UK by supplying them with equipment to make the most of their birdwatching experiences, and enabling them to further develop the scheme. Do you have a pair of binoculars you no longer use, or a bird guide that is gathering dust? Donating them to EDS means we can pass them on to a young person, school, or university group who cannot afford to buy their own. This way, we can all pass on the passion for birdwatching to the next generation.



Donate your pre-loved equipment

The BTO will redistribute your equipment to schools, universities and/or young people in the UK who currently don't have access to this equipment but could benefit from it. Applications from schools and individuals will be prioritised by a panel of staff and Youth Advisory Panel members to determine who is likely to benefit most from the equipment. Each recipient will be expected to provide feedback about how the equipment has enabled them to develop their skills and interests further. If your equipment is particularly valuable, we may ask your permission to sell it to a trusted reseller, and use this income to buy several pairs of lower-price binoculars. This way, we can help more young people with your donation.

Donate today by clicking the link on the following page ; <https://www.bto.org/develop-your-skills/birding-basics/bto-equipment-donation-scheme> , and someone will be in touch soon. For questions, please email youth@bto.org.

Lincolnshire Bird Club Webcams

Don't forget to check out the peregrine webcams! The birds at St James's Church Louth look like they will hatch on 4th, 5th or 6th May! Unfortunately the St Wulframs Church Grantham have gone AWOL....



Lincolnshire Bird News - April 2021

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.

30/04/2021

Humberston

Osprey

Frampton Marsh

Dotterel, Peregrine Falcon, Hobby, Short-eared Owl, 3 Spotted Redshank, Siskin, Jack Snipe, Spoonbill, Blue-headed Wagtail, 2 Wheatear, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Farm

Crossbill, 3 Cuckoo, Greenshank, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Hobby, 3 Siskin, 66 Little Tern, 5 Grasshopper Warbler, 12 Whimbrel

Lincoln

Swift

Scotland Farm

5 Egyptian Goose

Whisby

Nightingale

29/04/2021

Alkborough Flats

2 Barnacle Goose, Bittern (booming), Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, Ruff, Grasshopper Warbler (reeling)

Belmont Tower

5 Raven

Chapel Pit

Lesser Scaup



Lesser Scaup at Chapel Pit - Image © Gary Wright

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret

Frampton Marsh

Dotterel, Greenshank, Hobby, Short-eared Owl, Jack Snipe, Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

4000 Dunlin, 3800 Bar-tailed Godwit, 12000 Red Knot, 5200 Grey Plover, 1300 Sanderling

Tathwell

6 Corn Bunting, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 4 Wheatear

28/04/2021

Barton

75 Arctic Tern

Baston & Langtoft Pits

3 Black Tern

Covenham Reservoir

10 Swift, 50 Arctic Tern

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret

Frampton Marsh

Dotterel, Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

4 Ring Ouzel

Huttoft

Pied Flycatcher

Toft Newton

15 Arctic Tern

27/04/2021

Baston

Black Tern

Boultham Mere

Cuckoo, 3 House Martin, 2 Sand Martin, Oystercatcher1, 0 Swallow, Common Tern, Garden Warbler

Far Ings

Hobby, 3 Common Swift, Lesser Whitethroat

Frampton Marsh

Dotterel, Golden Plover. 2 Jack Snipe, 2 Whimbrel



A Dotterel a scarce visitor to Frampton Marsh - An excellent image © by Roy Harvey

Gibraltar Point

Red-throated Diver 3 Fieldfare, 5 Goosander, 6 Redwing. 4 Ring Ouzel, Ring-necked Parakeet, Tree Pipit, Manx Shearwater, 2 Jack Snipe, Common Swift, Wheatear, 4 Grasshopper Warbler, 14 Whimbrel,

Raithby

2 Ring Ouzel

SeaView Farm

Cuckoo, Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier, Ring Ouzel, Grasshopper Warbler

Theddlethorpe

4 Cuckoo

26/04/2021

Anderby Creek

Spotted Redshank

Blankney

3 Red Kite

Covenham Reservoir

2 Pochard, 13 Yellow Wagtail and millions of flies



Yellow Wagtail oblivious to the million flies at Covenham Reservoir Image © Chris Grimshaw

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret, Grey Plover

Frampton Marsh

Corn Bunting, 2 Black-necked Grebe, Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Wood Sandpiper, Jack Snipe, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

Black Redstart Wheatear

Mablethorpe

Wheatear

Marston

Marsh Harrier, Grasshopper Warbler

SeaView Farm

2 Great White Egret, Little Egret, 2 Ring Ouzel (down to one by mid-afternoon), Mistle Thrush, Swallow, Wheatear

Torksey

Hawfinch

25/04/2021

Brickyard Lane to Rimac

4 Chiffchaff, 2 Cuckoo, 2 Garden Warbler, 9 Garden Warbler, 5 Sedge Warbler, 9 Whitethroat, 5 Willow Warbler

Covenham Reservoir

Temminck's Stint, 4 Common Sandpiper, Common Swift

Doddington Park

2 Lesser Redpoll (a far cry from the 200 a few weeks ago)

Fillingham

Common Swift

Frampton Marsh

Corn Bunting, 2 Black-necked Grebe, Greenshank, Mediterranean Gull, Jack Snipe, Common Tern, Wheatear, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

3 Cuckoo, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, 2 Little Ringed Plover, Black Redstart, Spoonbill, 3 Cetti's Warbler, 6 Whimbrel, Wheatear, Lesser Whitethroat

Saltfleetby NNR

Ring Ouzel

Tathwell

Ring Ouzel

RAF Woodhall

3 Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Common Tern

24/04/2021

Baston Fen

Spotted Redshank, Whimbrel

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Bar-tailed Godwit

Covenham Reservoir

House Martin, 10 Sand Martin, 4 Little Ringed Plover, 6 Common Sandpiper, Temminck's Stint, 30 Swallow, 40 Yellow Wagtail

Deeping Lakes

17 Whimbrel

Deeping St James

4 Common Crane

Doddington Park

2 Lesser Redpoll

Frampton Marsh

Turtle Dove, Black-necked Grebe

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, Fulmar, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 5 Ring Ouzel, Short-eared Owl, Ring-necked Parakeet, Black Redstart, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 3 Whimbrel

Grimsby

2 Lesser Whitethroat

Toft Newton

Whimbrel, 2 Yellow Wagtail, Green Woodpecker

Trent Port

Cuckoo, 20 Sand Martin, Common Sandpiper, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Sedge Warbler, 6 Whitethroat

East Halton Skitter

11 Whimbrel

Whisby

Whimbrel

RAF Woodhall

Bar-tailed Godwit

Wroot

Osprey

23/04/2020

Alkborough Flats

Spoonbill

Culverthorpe

Dark-bellied Brent Goose

Deeping Lakes

18 Little Gull, Scaup

Frampton Marsh

23 Little Gull, Water Pipit, Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, Garganey, Ring Ouzel, Short-eared Owl, Black Redstart, 2 Grasshopper Warbler

Messingham SQ

Cuckoo, 2 Hobby

RAF Woodhall

Bar-tailed Godwit

Roxholme

10 Corn Bunting, Skylark, 8 Whooper Swan

22/04/2021

Baston Fen

2 Bar-tailed Godwit

Fiskerton Fen

Lesser Whitethroat

Frampton Marsh

2 Black-necked Grebe, Greenshank, Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Jack Snipe, Wheatear, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, 2 Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill, Arctic Tern, Wryneck

Healing

White Stork (ringed bird)



A ringed White Stork over Healing - Image © Andy Arbon

Whisby

2 Little Ringed Plover, 4 Snipe, Reed Warbler

21/04/2021

Baston Fen

Bar-tailed Godwit

Doddington Park

9 Lesser Redpoll (still), 2 Sparrowhawk

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank, **Jack Snipe**, **Blue-headed Wagtail**, 80 Yellow Wagtail, Reed Warbler, Wheatear, **Whimbrel**



Spotted Redshank at Frampton Marsh - Image © Ken Haw

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, 2 Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, **Black Redstart**, over 300 terns of four species, 3 Grasshopper Warbler, 2 **Whimbrel**

Langtoft

Ring-necked Duck

Nocton Fen

2 Great White Egret, 2 Marsh Harrier (female), **Little Owl**, 6 Grey Partridge, 2 Snipe, Whooper Swan

20/02/2021

Baston Fen

Whimbrel

Deeping Lakes

2 Cattle Egret

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, 2 Black-necked Grebe, Med Gull, Marsh Harrier, Barn Owl, Spotted Redshank, Arctic Tern, Blue-headed Wagtail, Wheatear, 2 Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, Little Gull Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, Black Redstart, Stonechat

Langtoft

Ring-necked Duck

Rimac

Great White Egret, Grasshopper Warbler, 13 Whimbrel, Willow Warbler, Whitethroat

Scotland Farm

5 Egyptian Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Barn Swallow

Spalding

3 Common Crane (over the direction of Boston)

Tunman Woods

10 Blackcap, 25 Chiffchaff, 16 Willow Warbler

19/04/2021

Covenham

Garganey

Deeping Lakes

2 Cattle Egret

Doddington Park

Buzzard, 11 Lesser Redpoll, Sparrowhawk

Far Ings

2 Bittern, Garganey, 44 Yellow Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

2 Black-necked Grebe

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, 2 Little Gull, Short-eared Owl

Huttoft Bank Pit

Ring Ouzel

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe

Cetti's Warbler, 2 Cuckoo, 3 Grasshopper Warbler, 7 Whimbrel

18/04/2021

Alkborough Flats

Garganey (nice photo on the home page)

Deeping Lakes

Scaup

Job's Lane

2 Osprey (high over at the back)

Langford

Ring-necked Duck

Louth

Siskin

Doddington Park

13 Lesser Redpoll

Frampton Marsh

2 Black-necked Grebe

Marton

8 Gadwall, Pink-footed Goose, 40 Linnet, Sand Martin 3 Common Sandpiper 3 Snipe, 3 Shelduck, 3 Tree Sparrow, 3 Wigeon

Welbourne

Wryneck (private garden)



Wryneck in a Welbourne garden - Image © Dr Tony Watts

17/04/2021

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Bar-tailed Godwit

Burgh-le-Marsh

Russian White-fronted Goose

Culverthorpe Lake

Dark-bellied Brent Goose

Doddington Park

2 Blackcap, 15 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Willow Warbler

Goxhill

Wheatear

Manby Wetlands

32 Avocet, Cetti's Warbler

Marston

Jack Snipe, 15 Yellow Wagtail

Moor Farm

8 Common Crossbill

16/04/2021

Far Ings

2 Bittern, 26 Blackcap, Marsh Harrier, 11 Yellow Wagtail, Cetti's Warbler, 2 Common Whitethroat



Cetti's Warbler at Far Ings - Image © John Clarson

Gibraltar Point

5 Buzzard, 37 Black-tailed Godwit, 17 Brent Goose, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Common Redstart, 21 Common Scoter, 3 Sandwich Tern, Grasshopper Warbler, 3 Sedge Warbler,

Lincs Coastal Country Park

Curlew, Marsh Harrier, Snipe, Cetti's Warbler

Linwood Warren

4 Chiffchaff, 1pair Common Crossbill, 2 Nuthatch, 2 Siskin, 3 Mistle Thrush, Treecreeper, Willow Warbler, Woodlark, Green Woodpecker
15/04/2021

Black Bank

Kestrel

Dalderby

Ring Ouzel

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret, Scaup

Doddington Park

10 Lesser Redpoll

Frampton Marsh

Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, Sedge Warbler, Short-eared Owl, Swallow, Wheatear



A Sedge Warbler at Frampton - Image © John Clarkson

Gibraltar Point

2 Short-eared Owl

Hanby/Sapperton

400 Fieldfare

Heckington Fen

8 House Martin, 50 Swallow

Owlet Woods

2 Nuthatch, Coal Tit, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Swanpool

Common Whitethroat

Tallington

Ring Ouzel

14/04/2021

Deeping Lakes

Kittiwake, Scaup

Doddington Park

15 Lesser Redpoll

Far Ings

Hobby, Grasshopper Warbler

Gibraltar Point

Grasshopper Warbler, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl

Grimsby

White-tailed Eagle (high over)

Tallington Lakes

Ring Ouzel, Osprey

West Deeping

Ring Ouzel

13/04/2021

Doddington Park

17 Lesser Redpoll, Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Goldeneye, Grey Plover, 12 Pintail, Little Ringed Plover, Spotted Redshank, Ruff, Common Sandpiper, 8 Whooper Swan

12/04/2021

Cress Marsh

Avocet, Curlew, 4 Little Egret, 4 Great Black-backed Gull, 5 Little Ringed Plover

Covenham Reservoir

2 Kittiwake

Deeping High Bank

Ring Ouzel

Deeping Lakes

2 Cattle Egret

Doddington Park

25 Lesser Redpoll, Siskin

Frampton Marsh

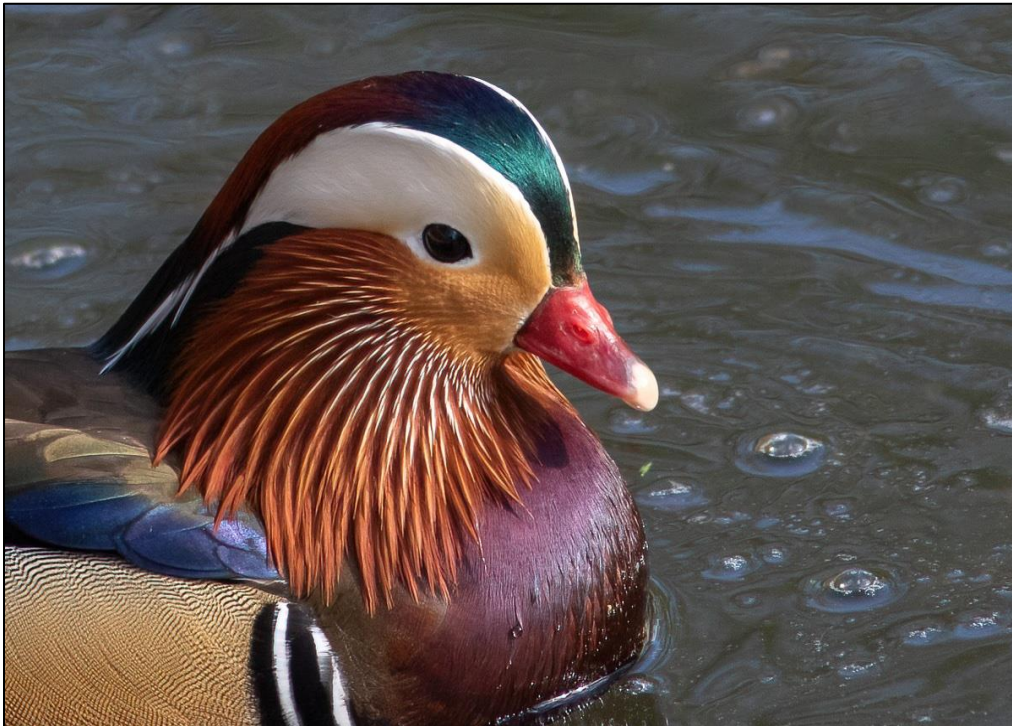
Peregrine Falcon, Goldeneye, House Martin, Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Grey Plover, Water Rail, Spotted Redshank, Whooper Swan, 3 Snipe, Swallow, Turnstone, 25 Twite, Yellow Wagtail, 5 Willow Warbler

Freiston Shore

Ring Ouzel

Grantham

Mandarin Duck



The exotic Mandarin Duck in Grantham - Colourful Image © Steve Nesbitt

Laceby

House Martin, Swallow

Nettleton Caravan Park

24 Whimbrel (over)

Rippingale

Osprey

Swanholme Lakes

2 Blackcap, 8 Chiffchaff, Great Crested Grebe, 8 Jay

Toft Newton

Yellow and White Wagtails

11/04/2021

Alkborough Flats

8 Avocet, **Bewick's Swan**, **Bittern**, 2 Curlew. Brent Goose, **Hen Harrier (male)**, Spotted Redshank, **Bearded Tit**, 7 Yellow Wagtail, 10 Cetti's Warbler, Whooper Swan

Beehive Lane Quarry

2 Shelduck, Little Ringed Quarry, Yellow Wagtail

Boultham Mere

2 Grey Partridge, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker

Bourne (area)

6 Red Kite, **Raven**

Cress Marsh

3 Little Ringed Plover

Deeping High Bank

Hen Harrier (male), Whooper Swan

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret, Greater Scaup

Doddington Park

32 Lesser Redpoll

Gibraltar Point

Brambling, **2 Ring Ouzel**, **Water Pipit**, **Black Redstart**, Redwing, Whimbrel

Grantham

70 Whooper Swan

Job's Lane

Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff, 6 Oystercatcher, 2 Willow Warbler, Green Woodpecker

Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Risby Warren

Northern Wheatear

Tallington Lakes

Ring Ouzel

Trent Port

Common Sandpiper, 2 Little Ringed Plover, Common Redshank, 2 Shelduck, Wheatear

10/04/2021

Deeping Lakes

Ring-necked Duck

Doddington Park

18 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Siskin, Sparrowhawk

Fillingham Lakes

Ring Ouzel

Frampton Marsh

2 Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, 8 Whooper Swan, **29 Twite**, 21 Yellow Wagtail

Gibraltar Point

Water Pipit
Millennium Green
Tawny Owl

09/04/2021
Anderby Creek
Ring Ouzel



First Ring Ouzel at Anderby Creek closely followed by three more at Barton Pits - Image © James Siddle

Barton Pits
2 Garganey, 4 Otter, 3 Ring Ouzel
Deeping Lakes
2 Cattle Egret, Scaup (male)
Doddington Park
2 Blackcap, 39 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Siskin



Still a few Lesser Redpoll raiding the feeders in Doddington Park - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Dunsby Fen

Marsh Harrier

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, 2 Greenshank, **Mediterranean Gull**, 4 Marsh Harrier, **Little Owl**, 3 Short-eared Owl, 8 Little Ringed Plover, **28 Twite** 8 Whooper Swan, 5 Sedge Warbler

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl, **Water Pipit**, Spotted Redshank

Messingham

Bittern, 3 Bullfinch, 2 Buzzard, 6 Chiffchaff, 2 Egyptian Goose, Oystercatcher, 70 Sand Martin, 3 Swallow, 8 Cetti's Warbler, Willow Warbler

Saltfleetby (between Sea View and Rimac)

Black Redstart



Black Redstart between Churchill Lane & Rimac - Image © Owen Beaumont

Saltfleetby St Peter

Siberian Chiffchaff

08/04/2021

Far Ings

Bittern

Fiskerton Fen

Brambling, 12 Corn Bunting, Red Kite, 2 Little Ringed Plover

Gibraltar Point

Brambling, Spotted Redshank, 8 Swallow

Langtoft Pit

Ring-necked Duck

Pyewipe

Barn Swallow

Snipe Dales

6 Blackcap, 26 Bullfinch, 63 Chiffchaff, 16 Song Thrush, 2 Willow Warbler

07/04/2021

Far Ings

20 Swallow, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Willow Warbler

Deeping Fen

Common Whitethroat

Deeping Lakes

2 Cattle Egret

Doddington Park

Blackcap, 14 Lesser Redpoll

Frieston Shore

Firecrest
Gibraltar Point
2 Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, Water Pipit
Langtoft Pits
Ring-necked Gull
Toft Newton
Common Sandpiper, 6 Swallow



Common Sandpiper at Toft Newton Today - Image © Andy Sims

Tunman Woods
3 Egyptian Goose (Scotland Farm, Willow Warbler
Whisby
19 Blackcap, House Martin, 2 Little Ringed Plover, 230 Sand Martin, 2 Snipe, 2 Swallow
06/04/2021
Boultham Mere
Marsh Harrier, 2 Grey Partridge, Tree Sparrow, Swallow,
Covenham Reservoir
3 Sand Martin, 2 Little Ringed Plover, 18 Barn Swallow 39 Pied Wagtail
Cress Marsh
2 Little Ringed Plover, Green Sandpiper, 31 Shelduck
Deeping Lakes
2 Cattle Egret, Scaup
Doddington Park
16 Lesser Redpoll

Gibraltar Point

350 Kittiwake, Water Pipit, Black Redstart, Jack Snipe, 2 Barn Swallow

Trent Port

6 Snipe, Wheatear, Whooper Swan

Saltfleetby/ Theddlerhorpe

2 Sedge Warbler

05/04/2021

Barrow Haven

Ring-necked Duck

Deeping Lakes

2 Cattle Egret, Scaup

Gibraltar Point

Water Pipit

Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Scunthorpe

28 Whooper Swan (over Rainham Steel)

Trent Port

Great White Egret, Little Ringed Plover, Jack Snipe

04/04/2021

Barton Pits

Ring-necked Gull (Water Ski Pit)

Deeping Lakes

2 Cattle Egret

Dog Kennel Farm

2 Common Crossbill

Frampton Marsh

Corn Bunting, Mediterranean Gull, Sand Martin, Pintail, Common Sandpiper, Jack Snipe, Barn Swallow, 8 Whooper Swan

Gibraltar Point

Black Redstart

Grantham

3 Red Kite

Huttoft Bank

Iceland Gull

Keelby

Blackcap, 12 Chiffchaff, 5 Jay, Treecreeper, Willow Warbler, Woodcock, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker

Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Gull

Trent Port

16 Chiffchaff, Pink-footed Goose, Common Redstart, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Barn Swallow, Willow Warbler,

Woodhall Reserves

100 Sand Martin, 2 Pintail, 4 Little Ringed Plover, Woodlark

03/04/2021

Deeping Lakes

Grey Plover

Doddington Park

22 Lesser Redpoll, Sparrowhawk

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, 2 Garganey, Mediterranean Gull, Hen Harrier (male), Whooper Swan, Yellow Wagtail

Gibraltar Point

33 Avocet, 8 Chiffchaff, 7 Red-throated Diver, 3 Goldcrest, 5 Pink-footed Goose, Red-breasted Merganser, 2 Bearded Tit, 5 Cetti's Warbler

Langtoft

Ring-necked Duck, Kittiwake

Pyewipe

Glaucous Gull

Swanpool cow-fields

2 Little Ringed Plover, White Wagtail



Little Ringed Plover on the small pool at Swanpool cow-fields - Image © Andy Sims

02/04/2021

Barton on Humber

Ring-necked Duck, Red-necked Grebe

Deeping Lakes

Grey Plover, Little Ringed Plover, 2 White Wagtail, 8 Yellow Wagtail

Doddington Park

17 Lesser Redpoll (still), 1 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Corn Bunting, Goldeneye, Hen Harrier, 6 Grey Plover, Water Rail, Spotted Redshank, Whooper Swan

Hill Holt Wood

2 Common Crane (over)

Whisby

4 Blackcap, 5 Buzzard, 15+ Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, 2 Goldeneye, 2 Sparrowhawk, Willow Warbler,

01/04/2021

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Sedge Warbler

Frampton Marsh

2 Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Water Pipit, Little Ringed Plover, 6 Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill, Swallow, 9 Whooper Swan

Gibraltar Point

Hen Harrier

Marston

Short-eared Owl

Contact Information & Useful Lincs Websites

Lincs Bird Club Website

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

Twitter [@Lincsbirding](https://twitter.com/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](https://twitter.com/LoveLincsPlants)

Sir Joseph Banks Society

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

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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>

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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

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

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

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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:

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USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

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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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