



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - June 2021

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Shorebird migration sculpture unveiled in Cleethorpes

Highlighting shorebird migration - the globe and some of its sponsors

THE Lincolnshire Bird Club has part-sponsored the handsome new steel sculpture of a globe which has just been installed on North Promenade in Cleethorpes.

The main purpose of the project is to highlight the worldwide migration of thousands of shorebirds that use both the length of the beach and the wider Humber Estuary as a stop-off habitat for feeding and roosting.

Alongside it, an interpretive panel has been attached to the promenade railings.



Before cutting a ceremonial ribbon, North East Lincolnshire Council's portfolio holder for leisure, Cllr Callum Procter, spoke of the importance of safeguarding the feeding grounds of shorebirds such as C Curlew, Redshank, Sanderling, Grey Plover, Dunlin and Knot, plus Shelduck and Brent Goose.

"These species are mostly in rapid global decline because their habitat has been lost to industrial and other development," he said.

He also emphasised the importance of recycling before thanking Blackrow Engineering, makers of the globe, and sponsors, including the Lincolnshire Bird Club, for making the £18,000 project possible.

The Lincolnshire Bird Club is always keen to partner with other local councils, utilities and businesses where there are possibilities of benefit to county birdlife and club members. **Redshank, Oystercatcher and Curlew are featured on the information panel**

Jim Wright

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 holding 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 is 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

Turtle Dove Survey - volunteers still required!

If you haven't yet signed up to survey a 1km square somewhere within range of your home, please consider doing so. As the fastest declining UK species, Turtle Doves are one of the highest conservation priority species for the RSPB. Between 1995 and 2018, we lost 95% of our turtle doves, and with such low numbers, monitoring is becoming increasingly difficult. Available squares to survey and full instructions can be found on the following link:

<https://community.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/b/biodiversity/posts/turtle-dove-national-survey-2021>

Phil Hyde



Ravens at Bardney by Russell Hayes

I first saw a pair of Ravens over the house and garden back in November 2020 then nothing was noted until early March 2021 when again I had sightings over the house on consecutive days about the same time each morning.

Twice I tried to film them with my phone camera and twice I failed to hit the record button. The next day I was prepared, with my Canon in hand I walked down the garden and could already hear a Raven “cronking” in the field behind my house. To my surprise, as I rounded the corner and could see the field, there in front of me was a Raven about 20m away. Of course, it saw me and was off like a shot, but I managed to get a rear end photo as it flew off.

Over the next few days, the Raven returned to my field and the nearby sheep field and was seen to gather horsehair and wool and fly off to the south.

After a few days I had worked out that the time between trips to the field was not long enough for the birds to be flying far with the material and so I assumed there could be a nest nearby.

The next morning, I walked south along a public footpath in preparation of the birds flying in that direction and within minutes I saw a Raven flying in the direction of the local Sugar Beet Factory.

The Raven landed on one of the platforms three quarters up the side access ladder of one of the tall silos on site. I could see a pile of sticks which was obviously it's nest, mission accomplished.

The factory is manned and is protected on all sides by a fence, so the birds chose a good place to set up home. There is no public access to view the nest site apart from the public footpath that runs several hundred meters away. I am lucky that my job allows access to certain riverbanks and I was able to view the site from the nearby River Witham bank.

I waited a few weeks before checking the site for breeding activity and could initially see three chicks, confirming successful breeding. A later visit revealed there were four fully grown chicks in the nest, even better.

On one of my visits I photographed one of the adults and noticed it had a colour ring on its left tarsus. I could just make out a black letter “O” on a yellow ring, but the image was not good enough to be sure. Anyway, I set about trying to find out if the bird could be traced.

With the help from Bob Sheppard and Alan Ball they managed to find out that the bird “O” was a three-year-old rung in the nest near Southwell, Nottinghamshire. Three years is thought to be the earliest a Raven would attempt nesting.





Unfortunately, the day after finding out this information I managed to get a better image of the bird's ring and could now see it was a "Q".

As I write this article I am waiting to hear if "Q" was rung in the same nest as "O" but there is a good chance.

My last visit was the last day the birds were present on the platform, and on my arrival, I noted just three chicks.

Had one of them fallen and died or had it fledged? I would soon find out.

As I was looking at the platform through my camera lens one of the remaining three chicks seemed to lose its footing and tumbled down the side of the silo, it scrambled facing the concrete wall but managed to turn away from the silo, start flapping and away it flew. A moment of panic by me and the bird as I snapped it falling and then regaining some dignity.

A few minutes later the last but one chick made a more glamorous exit from the platform, taking a leap of faith and flying off smoothly towards nearby trees.

Unfortunately, the last chick didn't have the same sense and made a leap towards the concrete sides of the silo. It flapped but as it was facing the concrete all it could do was slow its descent and eventually landed on the ground below the ladder.

I felt privileged to have witnessed the fledging of these birds, they are my favourite corvid and shall miss them flying around the village. It is good to see Ravens doing so well in the county and hopefully they or their young will return to our village.

Edit: Just found out "Q" was rung in the nest near Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire in 2019 so an even better record of a two-year-old breeding success. Finally, a picture of "Q" in all his glory.



Words and Images by Russ Hayes

Swifts in Trouble!

Barry Hancock writes about his personal campaign to save the breeding sites of this declining species.

Swifts are in trouble. Nationally swift numbers have decreased by 57% in the last 20 years and it is thought that locally the true figure is nearer 90%. The losses are almost entirely due to the loss of nesting sites. Building repair, roof renovation and even building demolition mean many nesting sites are destroyed and the modern-day materials used in new builds and developments don't lend themselves to being cosy swift homes. Central Boston is a good example where 30 years ago a screaming party would number 30 or more swifts. Now a good size might be 8 to 10. According to the Population Status of UK Birds, a rapid decline of 50% in 25 years would qualify the species for the red list of birds of high conservation concern. Regrettably swifts can't be far from that, but there is still time to help them.

I used to try and get the local authority to take action to halt the decline through their planning departments until I realised that most repair work on buildings does not need planning permission. Unless you know for certain that swifts are nesting in a building it is extremely difficult to prove that they are. So now I concentrate on getting swift nesting bricks into new or altered housing. I do this via the local authority planning system by studying planning applications and then writing a letter addressed to those applications I think are appropriate. Swift bricks are a very welcome tool in the fight for swift survival. There are several swift brick designs and unless you are aware, they look just like a normal brick high on a house wall except they have a small hole in them large enough for a swift to enter and a nest cavity. A recent study has revealed that other species like house sparrows, house martins, starlings and tits are also using the bricks for nesting. Installing swift nesting bricks into the fabric of a new building during the construction phase is easy, inexpensive, and will last the lifetime of the building, so there's no excuse not to include them!

Currently I work through the planning departments of Boston Borough Council, South Holland and East Lindsey District Councils, but I realise that there are other opportunities further West and North in our County. There must be lots of houses and housing estates going up in these areas without consideration for swift bricks, so if anyone wants to help swifts in these areas, please get in touch. The process is simple, I use a template and make minor changes to do with identity numbers, names and addresses and most importantly, how many swift bricks are needed. There are lots of organisations in Britain and Europe determined to help swifts by providing nesting sites and for this species it is a unique opportunity to turn the tide.

It is helpful if you can report all your swift breeding records, either through your normal routes like ebird or BirdTrack or using the national swiftmapper.org.uk. It is particularly helpful if you can specify the exact address of breeding birds as that helps with comments on future planning applications at that address. If anyone does want to help out, please feel free to contact me.



Barry Hancock email: hancock721@btinternet.com (Image © Andrew Chick)

Sir Peter Scott lived and worked here in the 1930s

THE owners of the Peter Scott Lighthouse in Long Sutton in Lincolnshire have applied to carry out conversion works including reinstatement of the sketching window through which Scott viewed wildfowl.

It has been submitted by the Snowgoose Wildlife Trust, owned by Douglas and Mary Hilton who are also seeking the go-ahead to revamp the basement and remove modern masonry walls at the Grade II Listed Building.

Built in 1826, the lighthouse stands on a bank where the River Nene meets The Wash on the Cambridgeshire-Lincolnshire border 12 miles north of Wisbech.

Sir Peter painted captivated studies of geese and duck in flight while he lived there between 1933 and 1939.

The application is currently under consideration in the planning department at Spalding-based South Holland District Council.

Jim Wright

LBC records for 2020

The majority of records for 2020 (as far as we know) are being processed as I type, including submissions for the BBRC/LBRC records. If you haven't yet submitted your 2020 records in general, or have a BBRC or LBRC description to send in, please do so as soon as possible. We have several 'historic' BBRC submissions as far back as 2009 awaiting an outcome, as well as some of those submitted to them for 2020 which await a final decision.

Many thanks to all LBC members who have contributed records, whether common, rare or scarce. If you have any queries please email me.

Phil Hyde, philhyde55@gmail.com.

Colour-ringed Mediterranean Gull

Nige Lound saw a colour-ringed Mediterranean Gull on Tennyson Sands, Gibraltar Point on 14th May, 2021. The ring number was 2X5R on the left tarsus. Not too unusual as this was the 13th such sighting of a CR Mediterranean Gull at Gibraltar Point, but only the second of one which was colour-ringed in the UK. It was ringed as a pullus on Coquet Island (Northumberland) on 16-Jun-2020. It was seen twice more in 2020 - at Stobcross, Glasgow on July 20th and then at Lochwinnoch (Renfrewshire) on 19th August.

Colour-ringed Gulls are always worth reporting if you see them and their history is often fascinating!



Honey-buzzard Survey 2020-21

The RBBP is supporting the efforts of a group of Honey-buzzard enthusiasts to update our knowledge of the distribution and abundance of this elusive species in the UK with a national survey spanning 2020 and 2021, which will enable us to measure population and range change since the last survey in 2000. The survey entails observing from vantage points overlooking both known sites and potentially occupied habitat throughout the UK, between 1st July and 31st August. Further information can be found at <http://rbbp.org.uk/honey-buzzard-2020/>. The survey coordinators have provided the following update on the impressive progress made in 2020:

“After the lifting of coronavirus restrictions in early July, the planned 2020 national Honey-buzzard Survey was able to proceed, albeit in a limited format, with excellent results from most areas of the UK. We are very grateful to all surveyors who took part for their efforts in very difficult circumstances. Special thanks to those who visited previously unsurveyed habitat in remote areas with no certainty that they would even record the target species. More than 100 territories were located, with at least 60 confirmed breeding or territorial pairs recorded. This represents a big increase on the 2000 survey when 69 territories were located with 33 confirmed pairs. The major increase was in Scotland where around 50 territories were located, but several English counties recorded their highest totals since the Panel was set up. Definitive results will be published when records from all UK counties are received by the Panel.

The intention is to build on this excellent start with further targeted fieldwork in 2021. We hope to survey some areas, or parts of counties, that either were not surveyed at all, or only received limited coverage in the very short window available to Honey Buzzard watchers. We will get in touch with relevant Recorders and fieldworkers during the winter to establish priorities and get feed-back on their experience this summer.”

Rob Clements (England), Steve Roberts (Wales), Ken Shaw, Carol Miller, Chris McInerny (Scotland).

Ken Shaw stars in a short video about the survey, which can be found on our aforementioned YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/Q6YqR_m1Tpg



Willow Tit survey 2019-21

After a fantastic first year of surveying in 2019, the RBBP/RSPB national Willow Tit survey has been hampered by restrictions imposed in response to Covid-19. After a curtailed field season in 2020 the decision was made to roll the survey over into 2021, but with restrictions continuing in early 2021, the RSPB made the decision to cancel survey plans. Whilst this is a great shame, preventing targeted surveying intended to fill gaps in coverage, the volunteer support for the survey means coverage had already exceeded expectations.

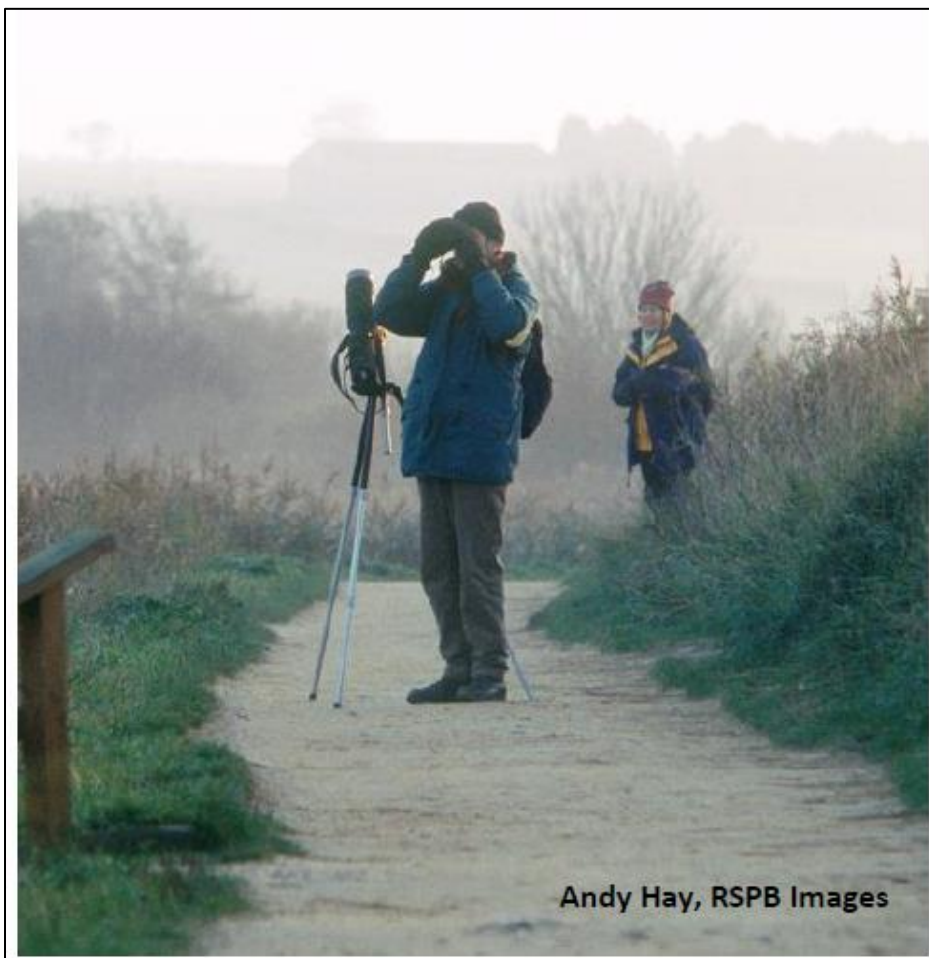
Any remaining data from 2020, including in cases where lockdown restrictions meant surveying was not completed, should be submitted online at <https://national-willow-tit-survey-rspb.hub.arcgis.com/pages/submit-data> or by email to Simon Wotton at simon.wotton@rspb.org.uk.



Revised guidance on the reporting of rare breeding birds

The Rare Breeding Birds Panel seeks to encourage the recording of rare breeding birds, and the reporting of these records through established channels to enable them to monitor their vulnerable populations. The Panel also seeks to aid the conservation of rare breeding birds. Most obviously, this is through our monitoring, and conservation and research uses of our vast archive. But in addition, we work to ensure that the birds themselves are kept safe, by supporting efforts to minimise the risks that they face: the threat of deliberate attempts to persecute raptors, and to take the eggs or chicks of rare breeding birds, and the risk of accidental disturbance to breeding attempts. Sadly, disturbance through recreational activities around breeding sites may be growing, and in particular the risk of disturbance through the presence of birdwatchers and bird photographers is of increasing concern.

The RBBP's statement on the disturbance of rare breeding birds can be found [here](#), and it should be remembered that most rare breeding bird species are listed on Schedule 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). It is an offence to intentionally disturb birds listed on Schedule 1 whilst they are building a nest or in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young, or to disturb dependent young even if not in the nest. It is also an offence to recklessly disturb these species, through for instance trying to get a better view or photograph by going too close to the birds, leading to the potential for accidental disturbance.



Andy Hay, RSPB Images

Given that placing news on the breeding locations of some species into the public domain can be to their detriment, the RBBP has always urged caution over sharing of active breeding locations of sensitive rare breeding birds. But in the excitement of finding rare breeding birds, this caution is not always uppermost in birders' minds. Sightings can be shared in the blink of an eye, far and wide, through a wide variety of electronic means – by reporting to BirdGuides and/or RBA, and via message boards, Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp – as well as the old-fashioned way of telling a friend.

With that in mind, we have just published revised guidance on the reporting of rare breeding birds during the breeding season to encourage birdwatchers to think carefully about how they share any exciting discoveries of rare breeding birds or those that might be breeding. The key messages are that:

- 1) birders should be aware of the law concerning all birds, but in particular those laws regarding rare breeding birds (those on Schedule 1) and disturbance,
- 2) if a rare breeding bird is found, they should first consider the possibility that it might be breeding, or about to attempt to breed, and
- 3) if this is a possibility, then consider carefully whether sharing the news is in the best interests of the birds.

It is impossible to provide hard and fast rules governing whether it is appropriate to share news on rare breeding birds in the public domain, as the context – of species, region, site, current protection and threats – is important. In some circumstances, sharing the locations of even relatively common breeding birds can be unwise, but, conversely, we can all share sightings of great breeding rarities if they are protected adequately. And it is not the role of the RBBP to actively police birders' activities. However, the new guidance, along with an accompanying blog and an article on BirdGuides, provide, we feel, sufficient advice to encourage sensible behaviour on this subject.

We hope these will be of value to county bird recorders in encouraging good practice in their recording areas, and we'd encourage you to promote them amongst your networks.

RBBP Photos

The RBBP requires photos of rare breeding birds in order to promote our work – on their website, in social media, PowerPoint presentations, in this newsletter and in other publications including our annual report in British Birds. However, our photographic library is not as good as we would like and we often struggle to find appropriate pictures, especially when a particular species' photo is required.

We know, however, that there are many fantastic photos of relevant species out there. We would be very grateful if there are any photographers who feel able to donate photos to our library, to be used in the various media mentioned above. If you have any photos that might be of use to us, of any of the species on our list (see www.rbbp.org.uk/list-of-species-currently-reported-on-by-rbbp/) then I'd love to hear from you. Or maybe you might be able to pass this request onto photographers in your network?

In particular, we are keen to have photos of 'real' breeding birds – individuals showing breeding evidence (e.g. singing, displaying, carrying food, at the nest, or with young) – for our annual reports, taken in the year being reported upon. So, for the forthcoming report, taken in 2019. Of course, we would expect photos to have been taken under a Schedule One disturbance licence when this is required.

Lincolnshire Bird News - May 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.

Lincolnshire Latest Bird News - May 2021

31/05/2021

Cress Marsh

7 Little Egret, Barnacle Goose, c70 Lesser-black Backed Gull, 2 Little Ringed Plover, Yellow Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, Little Gull, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, 700 Knot, Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill, Lesser Whitethroat

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, 2 Spoonbill

Tathwell

27 Corn Bunting, 2 Sand Martin, Common Quail, 6 Yellow Wagtail

30/05/2021

Alkborough

Glossy Ibis

Belton House

2 Raven

Croft Marsh

2 Little Gull

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, Spoonbill

Normanby

4 Bee-eater (over)

29/05/2021

Alkborough Flats

Golden Oriole

Anderby Creek

Common Quail

Chapel Point

2 Bee-Eater (over)

Croft Marsh

Little Gull

Donna Nook

Osprey

Fiskerton Fen

2 Shoveler, 2 Common Term, 6 Cetti's Warbler

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, Little Gull, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill, Grasshopper Warbler

Gibraltar Point

3 Spoonbill

Rimac

Stone Curlew

28/05/2021

Croft Marsh

4 Little Gull

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, 3 Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, 450 Red Knot, Short-eared Owl

Gibraltar Point

Hobby, Ring-necked Pareskeet

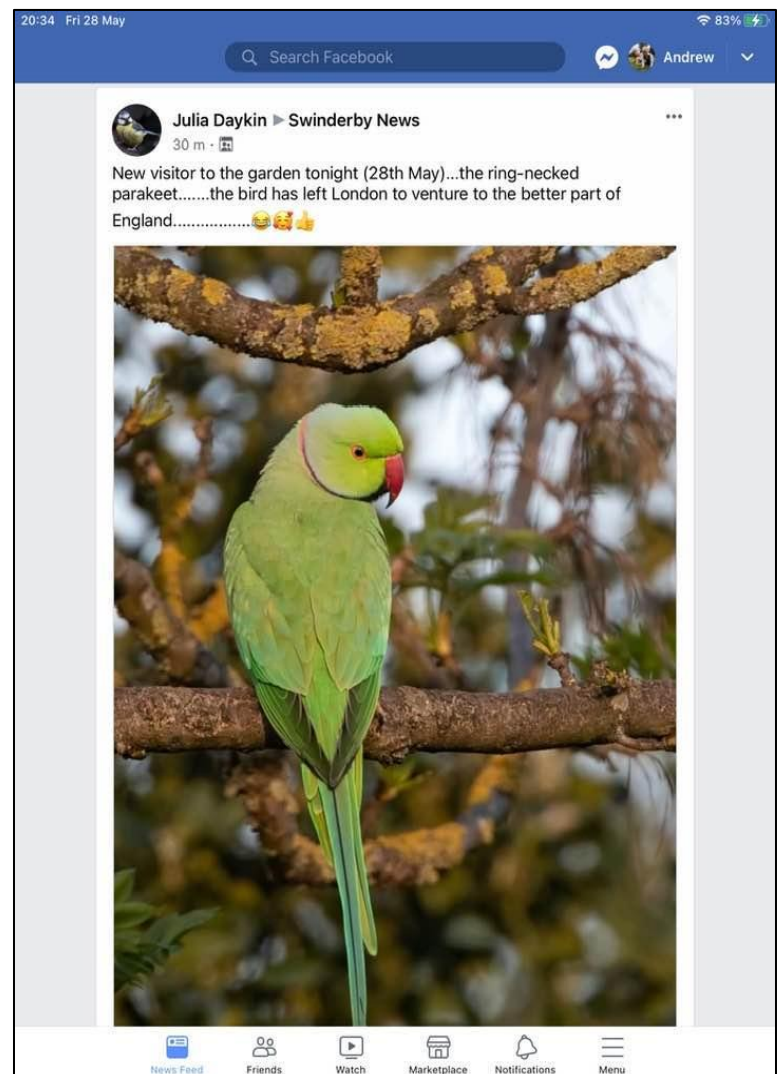
Scopwick

Common Quail (sound recorded yesterday night)

Swinderby

Ring-necked Parakeet (in a private garden)

Some people have all the luck, a Ringed-necked Parakeet in a private garden - Image © Julia Daykin



Whisby

2 Great White Egret



2 Great White Egret on Teal Lake, Whiby - Image © Grahame Hopwood

27/05/2021

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Curlew Sandpiper, 150 Grey Plover. 3 Spoonbill, Grasshopper Warbler, Wheatear

Freiston Shore

30 Reed Bunting, 2 Avocet, Barn Owl, 80 Brent Goose, 15 Tree Sparrow, Sedge Warbler, Reed Wabler

Keelby

Ring-necked Parakeet

Rimac

Purple Heron

Rosper Road Pools

Osprey

Wolds

30 Corn Bunting, 34 Linnet, 40 Skylark, 5 Tree Sparrow, 32 Yellowhammer, 2 Yellow Wagtail

26/05/2021

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, 3 Short-eared Owl, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Freiston Shore

Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Golden Oriole



The Golden Oriole that was briefly at Gibraltar Point - Image © Nige Lound

25/05/2021

Gibraltar Point

3 Buzzard, Cuckoo, 3 Little Gull, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Red Kite, 2 Spoonbill, Grasshopper Warbler

Marston

Red-rumped Swallow

Skillington

Common Quail

24/05/2021

Belmont

Raven

Gibraltar Point

4 Buzzard, 2 Cuckoo, Turtle Dove, Greenshank, 3 Little Gull, Red Kite, Short-eared Owl, Cetti's Warbler

Manby Wetlands (back flash)

Lesser Scaup



Lesser Scaup at Manby Wetlands - Image © Roy Harvey

Swanpool

Cuckoo

Woodhall Spa

Common Crane

23/05/2021

Billinghay

Whooper Swan

Bottesford

Osprey

Covenham

Greater Scaup

Frampton Marsh

Cuckoo, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Hobby, Short-eared Owl, Water Rail, Wood Sandpiper, 2 Temminck's Stint, 3

Little Tern, Marsh Warbler

Gibraltar Point

2 Little Gull

Job's Lane

150 Sand Martin, 60 Common Swift

Lincoln

Peregrine Falcon, Red Kite

Marshchapel

Osprey

22/05/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis, Spoonbill

Anderby Creek

3 Cuckoo, Marsh Harrier, Cetti's Warbler

Covenham Reservoir

Hobby, Greater Scaup

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Barnacle Goose, 2 Little Gull, Little Owl, Short-eared Owl, Little Ringed Plover, Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Spoonbill

Hartsholme Park

19 Grey Heron

Rimac

Great White Egret

Saltfleetby/ Theddlethorpe

Red-throated Diver, 19 Fulmar, 12 Gannet, Common Scoter

21/05/2021

Croft Marsh

2 Little Gull

Frampton Marsh

Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint

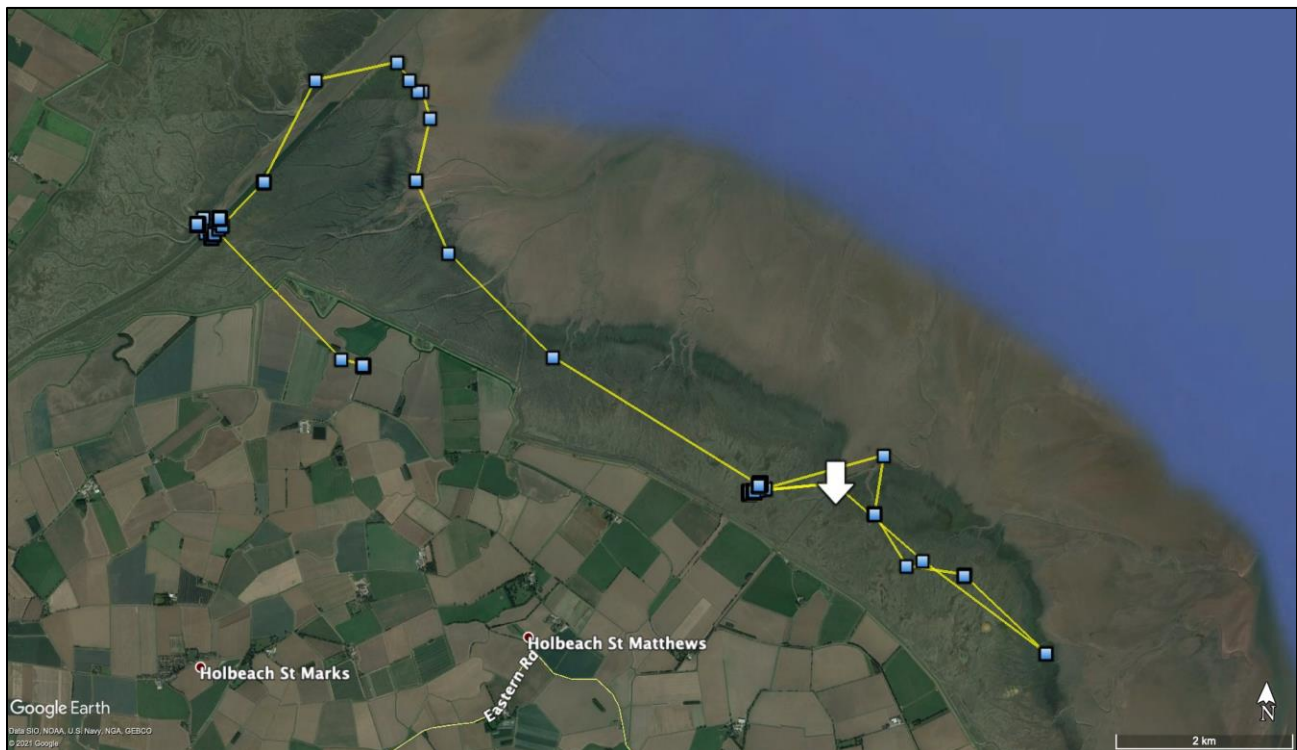
Holbeach area

White-tailed Eagle,

The latest data shows the WTE has moved just over 4 miles south-east back to the area on the Wash near Holbeach St Matthews that it favoured before coming to Frampton.

Yesterday it spent an hour at the mouth of the Welland between 11:00 and 12:00 before moving SW. The white arrow was 05:30 this morning. Not sure how accessible that area is, but if there is anyone local who can check it out then please do let them know.

Information from Tim Mackrill from the Roy Dennis organisation



20/05/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis

Boultham Mere

2 Common Tern (mating)

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Eagle (over & south), 2 Little Gull, 4 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

Gib Point News (14/05/2021)

Peregrine Falcon, Spotted Flycatcher, Marsh Harrier, Spoonbill, Wheatear,

Mediterranean Gull (Seen on the 14th and subsequently noted that this was the 13th sighting of a colour ringed bird at Gib Point and only the second recovery ringed in the UK. Ring 2X5R, Coquet Island, Northumberland and ringed as a Pullus)

Messingham

9 Gadwall, Yellow-legged Gull, 135 House Martin, 100 Sand Martin, 4 Pochard, 2 Common Tern, 14 Shelduck +4 juveniles, 2 Shoveler, 100 Swift, Cetti's Warbler, Reed Warbler 20

Rimac

Purple Heron

19/05/2021

Boultham Mere

Yellow-legged Gull

Cleethorpes CP

Grasshopper Warbler

Cress Marsh

Yellow-legged Gull

Donna Nook

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Eagle, Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill, 4 Little Stint

Freiston Shore

Tree Pipit

Gibraltar Point

Fieldfare, Garganey, Black Kite, Long-eared Owl, Spoonbill

Manby Wetlands

Wood Sandpiper

Seacroft

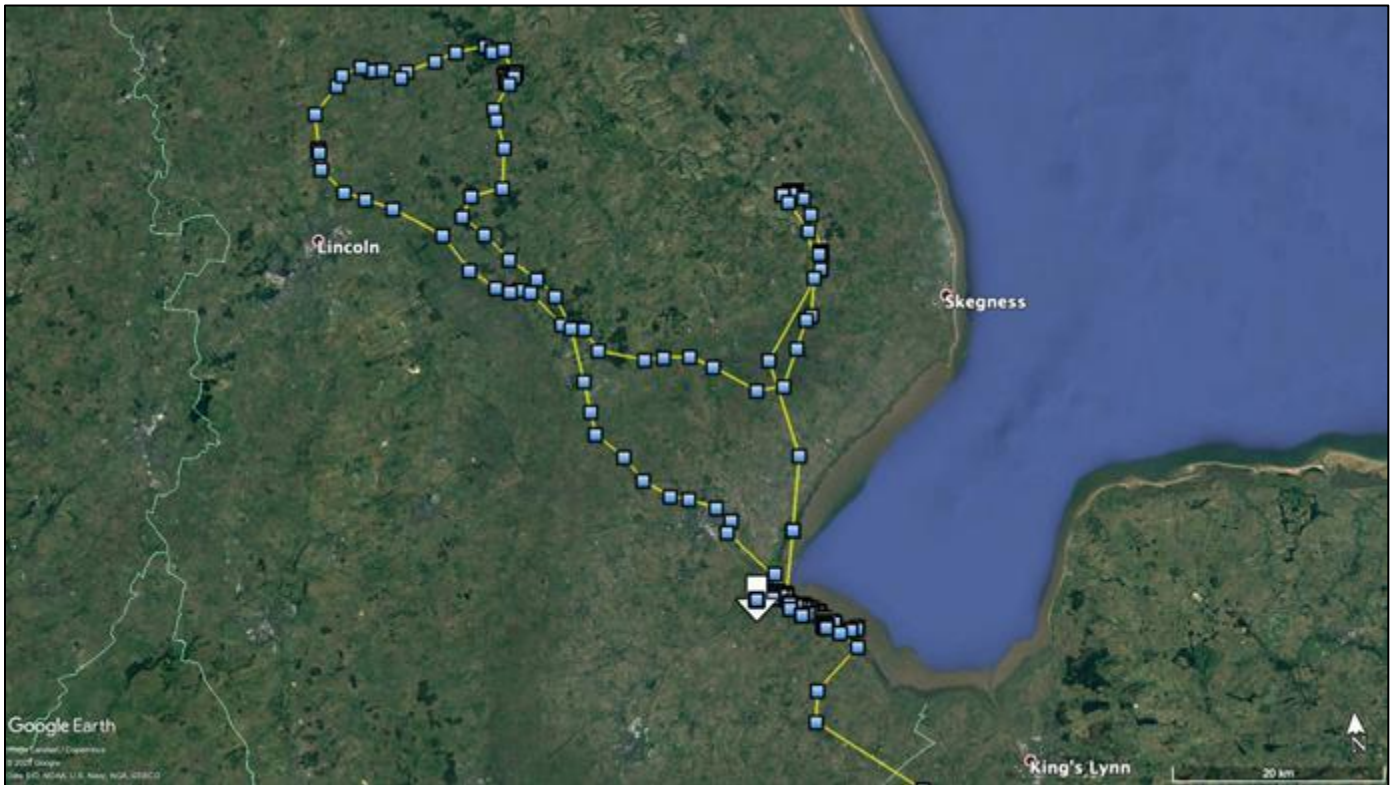
Hoopoe (in private garden)

Stamford

Cuckoo

Details of the White-tailed Eagle that has roamed Lincolnshire in the last four days

The bird is G461, a 2cy male from IoW that has been in West Norfolk recently. It flew across to the Lincolnshire side of the Wash on 14/5 and spent two days on the Wash near Holbeach St Mary. It then completed a big circuit of Lincolnshire on 16/17 before returning to the Holbeach St Mary area yesterday. This morning it has moved to Frampton. I have attached map showing all these movements.



Track of the White-tailed Eagle through Lincolnshire in the last few days



A very distant view (!) of the White Eagle out on the Saltmarsh at Frampton Marsh - Image © RSPB Frampton Marsh

18/05/2021

Bardney

Raven

Croft Marsh

2 Little Gull

Donna Nook

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

Honey Buzzard, White-tailed Eagle, Tree Pipit, 4 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

5 Cuckoo, 2 Garganey, 2 Little Gull

Seacroft

Hoopoe (in private garden)

Scopwick

Common Scoter (one sound recorded over after dark)

17/05/2021

Far Ings

Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

3 Common Crane, 3 Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Spoonbill, 3 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, Firecrest, Marsh Harrier, Ring Necked Parakeet, 14 Swift, 2 Cetti's Warbler

16/05/2021

Cress Marsh

Spoonbill

Far Ings

2 Bittern, Hobby

Frampton Marsh

2 Black Necked grebe, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill, 2 Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

Honey Buzzard, Firecrest, 6 Gannet, Osprey, Treecreeper, Wood Warbler, 3 Whimbrel

Rimac

3 Cuckoo, Great White Egret, Hobby, 2 Grasshopper Warbler

15/05/2021

Baston Fen

2 Grey Partridge

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier

Freiston Shore

Curlew Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

Honey Buzzard, Little Gull, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 2 Spoonbill

Nocton Fen

2 Marsh Harrier

Willow Tree Fen

Short-eared Owl

Yawthorpe

Common Quail

14/05/2021

Far Ings

Bittern, Hobby

Frampton Marsh

4 Mediterranean Gull, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 8 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint 3 Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

Mediterranean Gull

Marston

Curlew, Pochard

13/05/2021

Boultham Mere

Cuckoo, Hobby, Common Sandpiper

Deeping Lakes

Turnstone

Frampton Marsh

Little Gull, Spotted Redshank, Little Stint, 3 Temminck's Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, 6 Spoonbill



One of the three Temminck's Stints at Frampton Marsh - Image © Paul Sullivan

Gibraltar Point

Cattle Egret, Little Gull, Spoonbill

Keelby

Hobby

Willingham by Stow

Egyptian Vulture high over and flying to the West

12/05/2021

Burgh le Marsh

2 Turtle Dove

Cleethorpes

Peregrine Falcon

Cress Marsh

Spoonbill



Peregrine Falcon on survey - Image © Jim Wright

Doddington Park

Lesser Redpoll

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank, Jack Snipe, Spoonbill



Jack Snipe at Frampton Marsh - Image © Andy Sims

South Hykeham

Barn Owl

Tetney Marsh

Dotterel

11/05/2021

Donna Nook

Garganey

Frampton Marsh

Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Black-necked Grebe, Short-eared Owl, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 2 Jack Snipe, 4 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint, 2 Temminck's Stint, Wheatear

Freiston Shore

Wood Sandpiper, Spoonbill

Humberston

2 Cuckoo

Manby Wetlands

Glossy Ibis

Messingham

Bittern, Cuckoo, 9 Egyptian Goose, 10 Shelduck, 30 Swift, 2 Common Tern

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe Dunes

Spotted Flycatcher, Great Grey Shrike



A common Cuckoo at Rimalc - Image © Robert Atkinson

10/05/2021

Asgarby

2 Spoonbill over

Boultham Mere

Hobby

Churchill Lane

Spotted Flycatcher

Deeping Lakes

2 Black Tern, 2 Little Tern

Frampton Marsh

Curlew Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

Red-rumped Swallow

Manby Wetlands

Glossy Ibis

Trent Port

Cuckoo, Curlew, Fieldfare, 12 Swift

09/05/2021

Cleethorpes

c30 Wheatear

Doddington Park

3 Lesser Redpoll

Far Ings

6 Barnacle Goose, Bittern, Cuckoo, 2 Hobby, Osprey, 3 Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

Curlew Sandpiper, Grasshopper Warbler, Greenshank, Whimbrel

Rimac

Great White Egret, Hobby, 20 Wheatear, Whimbrel, 2 Whinchat

Trent Port

Cuckoo, Fieldfare, Green Woodpecker, 2 Raven, 25 Barn Swallow

RAF Woodhall

4 Wheatear

Saltfleet

10 Dunlin, 10 Ringed Plover, 20 Wheatear, Lesser Whitethroat

Tetney Lock

c24 Wheatear in the area

08/05/2021

Alkborough

Garganey, Spoonbill

Baston Fen

Spoonbill

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Turnstone

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret

Far Ings

1000 Sand Martin, 3 Ring Ouzel, Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill, 1000 Barn Swallow,

Gibraltar Point

20 Avocet, Cuckoo, Ring Ouzel, Garganey, Whinchat, Cetti's Warbler

Trent Port

Red-legged Partridge, Common Sandpiper, Green Woodpecker,

Saltfleetby- Theddlethorpe

Turtle Dove, Tree pipit, Wheatear, Wood Warbler

07/05/2021

Baston Fen

Common Quail (heard), Spoonbill

Bonby Carrs

Pallid Harrier

Far Ings

2 Bittern, Mediterranean Gull, 2 Hobby, 2 Marsh Harrier,
Hobby, 3 Ring Ouzel, Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill, 2 Wheatear

Frampton Marsh

Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Little Gull, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier

Hawthorpe

2 Wheatear

Hubbert's Bridge

2 Arctic Tern

A stunning capture of a Pallid Harrier at Bonby Carrs - Image

© Lesley Everatt



06/05/2021

Alkborough Flats

Temminck's Stint

Boultham Mere

Common Sandpiper

Doddington Park

Lesser Redpoll (joint latest ever garden bird)

Far Ings

Bittern, Marsh Harrier, Cetti's Warbler, 50 Sand Martin, 50 Barn Swallow, 3 Swift, 3 Common Tern

Fillingham

Common Crane (over)

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Turtle Dove, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Woodlark, Wood Sandpiper

Saltfleet Haven

2 Buzzard, Cuckoo, Greenshank, 3 Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl, 4 Yellow Wgtail, Sedge Warbler

05/05/2021

Alkborough Flats

2 Ring Ouzel

Bardney

Raven, Swift

Far Ings

Pied Flycatcher, Hobby (harassing hirundines), Grasshopper Warbler

Frampton

Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, 3 Garganey, Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill,

Humberston

Ring Ouzel

Marston

3 Swift

Swanholme Lakes

2 Jay, Song Thrush, 3 Garden Warbler, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Whisby

Nightingale

Willow Tree Fen

The recently hatched Common Crane has sadly died....

04/05/2021

Alkborough Flats

Spoonbill

Anderby Creek

3 Curlew Sandpiper

Croft Marsh

Garganey

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe

Gibraltar Point

Garganey (Jackson's Marsh), 3 Barnacle Goose, Greenshank, Little Gull, 4 Arctic Tern, 14 Little Tern, 60 Sandwich Tern, Garden Warbler,

2 Whimbrel, Lesser Whitethroat

Louth

Common Sandpiper, Yellow Wagtail

Water's Edge

Ferruginous Duck (escaped)

03/05/2021

Anderby

Lesser Whitethroat



Nice capture of a Lesser Whitethroat at Anderby - Image © Tom Green

Boultham Mere

Hobby, Swift

Brigsley

Ring Ouzel (private garden)

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, Mediterranean Gull, Wood Sandpiper, Jack Snipe, Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Wood Sandpiper

Marston

Red Kite, 20 House Martin, 2 Swift, 3 Yellow Wagtail

East Halton Skitter

Ring Ouzel

Swanholme Lakes

Garden Warbler

Whisby

Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Nightingale

02/05/2021

Alkborough Flats

42 Snow Goose (over about 11:15. Also seen at Abram, Manchester 08:06, Fairburn Ings 09:55, Wheldrake 10:25)

Anderby
Whimbrel
Bardney
Raven
Baston Fen
Common Quail
Brigsley
Ring Ouzel



Lucky people. A Ring Ouzel in a private Brigsly garden - Image © Mike Harrington

Chapel Six Marshes

Cuckoo, 2 Marsh Harrier, 2 Yellow Wagtail, Reed Warbler, 60 Sedge Warbler, Tree Pipit, 3 Whimbrel, 2 Lesser Whitethroat

Dole Wood

Common Quail

Frampton Marsh

Dotterel, 3 Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Jack Snipe

Humberston

3 Ring Ouzel

Job's Lane

3 Buzzard, Cuckoo, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Oystercatcher, Sparrowhawk, Garden Warbler, 14 Willow Warbler

Witham Mouth

23 Whimbrel

01/05/2021

Alkborough Flats

Garganey

Barrow Haven

2 Red-crested Pochard, Common Sandpiper

Baston & Langtoft Pits

6 Arctic Tern

Covenham Reservoir

Little Ringed Plover

Cress Marsh

Spoonbill



The beautiful Little Ringed Plover - Image © Mark Johnson

Frampton Marsh

2 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Wood Sandpiper



Excellent Photo of the confiding Wood Sandpiper at Frampton Marsh - Image by Andrew Chick

Gibraltar Point

Red-throated Diver, 2 Garganey, 4 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Ring Ouzel, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, 5 Redwing, Common Sandpiper, 2 Spoonbill, 60 Little Tern, 80 Sandwich Tern

Holbeach Marsh

2 Greenshank, Black Tern, 8 Commic Tern, White Wagtail, 2 Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear, 10 Whimbrel

Humberston

Ring Ouzel (up to five reported)

Immingham

White-tailed Eagle (late afternoon)

Market Rasen/ Tealby Area

White-tailed Eagle ("G318, the WTE that wintered in the Wolds, is back in the Market Rasen-Tealby area. After leaving Lincs in early Feb she returned to IoW and then spent a couple of months on the South Coast. However she flew north to North Wales last weekend, and has then headed east from Staffordshire over the last couple of days". Yesterday she was in the Welbeck Abbey/Cresswell Crags vicinity in Notts)

Raithby

2 Ring Ouzel

SeaView Farm

Ring Ouzel

Trent Port, Marton

2 Bullfinch, 2 Curlew, 3 Lapwing, 4 Sand Martin, Oystercatcher, Common Sandpiper, Treecreeper, 3 Wigeon

Welton (Lincoln)

Wryneck (present for second day)

Whisby

Cuckoo, Mediterranean Gull, Nightingale, 2 Swift, 6 Garden Warbler

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

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

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

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Confidential Bat Records

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USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

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Natural England

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Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

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