# Lincolnshire Bird Club eNewsletter

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## **Colin Casey**

Sad news that Colin passed away on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 after battling illness over the last three years. Colin has been on the birding scene and a member of Lincs Bird Club for over 40 years and has been well known to many. More recently he has used his technical expertise to update the club's website, membership system and bird database. His attention to detail has put him at the heart of our annual report process.

On top of all that his drive and determination saw the resurrection and publication of the Lincolnshire Bird Atlas in 2020. Colin knew he didn't have much time left and he wanted to see his work on the county bird records turned into a book. Work started

on the Birds of Lincolnshire on 20th July 2020 just over a year ago and it was published in March. Eight months from start to finish must be a record for a full county avifauna. The design of the book, the tables, graph production and photograph selection were all down to Colin. Phil Hyde and Phil Espin wrote the text and John Clarkson sourced the photographs and proof read the text. It was a real team effort that would not have happened without Colin's single minded personality and desire to get things done.

Following hard on the heels of the loss of his best mate Steve Keightley, Colin will be greatly missed. A fuller tribute will appear next month.



## **British Birds Review**

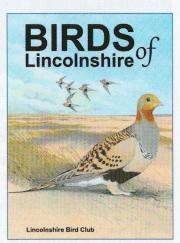
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## **Birds of Lincolnshire**

By Colin Casey, John Clarkson, Phil Espin and Phil Hyde Lincolnshire Bird Club, 2021 Hbk, 240pp; many colour photographs, maps, charts ISBN 978-0-9538257-2-1; £44.99

Lincolnshire, Britain's 'most brute and beastly shire' (Henry VIII, 1536), is where I grew up and started birding. It's one of Britain's biggest counties and, contrary to popular belief, its landscape and habitats are surprisingly varied. Yet despite its prime, east-coast location, the density of both resident and visiting birders, especially inland, is low compared with neighbouring coastal counties.

It is three decades since the previous Lincolnshire avifauna (Lorand & Atkin 1989), and this new book focuses chiefly on the 30 years since then. It provides a complete listing of scarce and rare species in the county – but for more details on earlier records of commoner birds and breeding populations, you would ideally want Lorand & Atkin to hand, plus another recent LBC publication, *Lincolnshire Bird Atlas 1980–99: an historical perspective*. Most resident birders in the county will surely have all three but visitors will be well served with just this new volume. The book is A4, hardback and 'only' 240 pages, which makes it much easier to handle than some other, much heavier



and more unwieldy county avifaunas, although the font size is on the small side and the design is cramped. A series of good introductory chapters cover a summary of bird recording in the county: bird habitats and natural regions, the breeding birds of Lincolnshire, important sites in the county, and an introduction to the systematic list.

This book's genesis is worth mentioning. After producing the *Lincolnshire Bird Atlas* 1980–99, Colin Casey decided that, during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown and a subsequent period of shielding, he would tackle another project, an update to Lorand & Atkin. He enlisted three co-authors and set to work. This book has appeared in just a year and is testament to a great deal of effort in a short space of time.

In the systematic list, there are generally 4–6 species on each double-page spread, which includes (mostly) 1–3 small photos of the species in Lincolnshire, or computergenerated artwork if there are no known images – typically of rarities with no recent records. For rare and scarce species, there is a table of all records giving date, site and count (but not observer names), and a small map of the county showing in which 5-km grid square the records have been. A brief text summarises recent trends, notable records, etc.

For breeding birds, that low density of observers provides more of a challenge, but I found the summary information easy to follow and, based on my old home area, pretty accurate. It's a familiar tale of loss or dramatic contraction of many farmland and woodland species, balanced by burgeoning populations of, for example, generalist predators and certain waterbirds. There is a colour-based horizontal bar graph showing an estimate of abundance and distribution in the first and last of the BTO national atlases, plus 1980-89 (the Lincolnshire Bird Atlas again) and a more recent period of 2016-19, as well as an index of change for commoner species. In addition, for those commoner species, there is a standard chart for 1994-2019 comparing BBS trends nationally, in the East Midlands region and Lincolnshire.

The book ends with a 27-page gallery of images that showcase mostly the more recent rarities, and then a detailed checklist of the Lincolnshire list as an appendix.

Aesthetically, the book is a bit quirky. I wouldn't claim to be a huge fan of the layout or the colours used - it will, for example, be challenging for anyone who's red-green colour blind, and the various shades of green are somewhat hit and miss in my copy. Most of the photos in the systematic list are quite small and sadly lack details of where and when they were taken, although there are a number of fine aerial views, which are given more space. An hour's work tarting up the template for the Excel file used for the graphs would have made a huge improvement; but then again, how much does all that really matter? It's not a book to sit on a coffee table to impress the neighbours, it's a book to present a lot of information as succinctly and as accurately as possible; and the more I read it, the more I admired the content. We should salute all the authors who give up a huge amount of their spare time to produce books like this, and Colin Casey and his team have certainly delivered the goods.

**Roger Riddington** 

## Cut End Hide

The Environment Agency has completed work on the Cut End Hide and the new sign naming the hide after the late Steve Keightley is now up.

Hide users should be aware there is a difficulty with the new lock in that it locks itself once you are in the hide. It is important to remember if you don't have a key and someone lets you in don't get left behind and locked in. The locksmith has been contacted to rectify the issue but in the meantime don't get stuck in there!

We are in the process for setting up new arrangements for issuing keys. Members will be able to buy a key off the website and have it posted to them by our Sales Secretary Bill Sterling.



## LBC at Spurn Migration Festival 10 -12 September 2021

This year LBC will be taking a stand at Spurn Migfest to sell our publications including Birds of Lincolnshire, The Lincolnshire Bird Atlas and our 2019 Bird Report. The event runs from 6pm on a Friday evening through to 4pm Sunday and in the absence of the Rutland Bird Fair which has been cancelled for its second year, Migfest is being billed as the biggest social gathering of birders in Britain this year.

The headline speaker is renowned Irish birder Killian Mullarney. The full programme of speakers and events can be viewed here: Spurn Migfest 2021 Programme. Hopefully some good birds will drop in as they pass onto Lincolnshire, quite possibly sadly never to be seen again!

If you plan to visit, please drop by at the LBC stand and say hello. Even better than that if you are able to provide some voluntary cover at anytime during the weekend please contact me on chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk.



We will be raffling a copy of the limited edition print of Nik Borrow's Pallas's Sandgrouse painting that provided the acclaimed cover for Birds of Lincolnshire. All proceeds will go towards funding a unique memorial to the late Steve Keightley who passed away earlier this year. This will take the form of a former Wash navigation buoy that will be positioned on the RSPB Frampton side of the mouth of the Witham opposite the Cut End hide which will be adapted to provide sheltered viewing for sea watching from the bank.

There will be an opportunity for members not visiting Migfest to buy raffle tickets electronically through the website and we will publicise that as soon as the webpage is modified to do it.

All participants will be allocated a row in a spreadsheet and on the afternoon of Sunday 12th September a draw will be made using a random number generator to determine the winner.

Phil Espin

## **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 <u>chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk</u> and we'll fix up a call for a chat.

Phil Espin

## 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.

## **Louth Peregrines**

The sight and sound of four juvenile peregrines flying around St. James Church today (27th June) stopped passers-by in their tracks with all eyes turning skywards. It also marked the end of the breeding season for Louth's peregrines – the most successful so far since they first nested on the church in 2015.

Four healthy young birds from four eggs laid, was a first for the St. James pair and what made it special was the intimate views the webcam, paid for by the LBC, gave of the whole process – courtship, copulation, egg laying and feeding. Once out of the nest tray, the juveniles chose to spend much of their time on the south and west sides of the tower walkway, whereas the cameras covered the north and east sides. Perhaps two more cameras for next year?

Geoff Mullett

## Action for Swifts: New developments on Swift bricks

Following in the wake of John Hancock's work with the planners at his local East Lindsey District Council, Joy Croot has set up a similar arrangement with North east Lincolnshire Council. John Hancock writes "Its official that swift nest bricks are being used by other species like house sparrows, house martins and starlings plus tits and that's acceptable. This will help planners because it solves their problem with providing nest sites for these other species. The universal swift bricks will receive British Standard certification in the next few months which will also help planners."

If any member in Lincoln, North Lincolnshire, West Lindsey, North and South Kesteven, Boston or South Holland is interested in following up on Swift bricks with their own councils, we could cover the county. If you are interested please contact John on hancock721@btinternet.com and he will be happy to advise how to proceed.

## Colour-ringing again proves it's worth

A **Black-headed Gull** ringed by Alan Ball on February 13th, 1999 at Slippery Gowt Lane Landfill Site (Boston) was colour-ringed in Poland on May 18th, 1999 at Jezioro Ryńskie, a lake in NE Poland. This was a white darvic ring with the black letters TRUE (yes, true!). It was not seen again until May 10th, 2019 and at the same Polish lake. The next installment of this story came when Nige Lound saw the bird on 28th July 2021 at Middlemarsh Farm grasslands reserve (see full details below). Another valuable piece of data from colour-ringing and of yet another gull commuting between Lincolnshire and Poland. Note in the photograph below that the Common Gull to the right of the Black-headed Gull carries a standard metal ring, although it was not possible to read the letters and/or digits, nor to say which scheme it had been ringed under.

Another colour-ringed Black-headed Gull (awaiting full details) was noted by Graham Carley on July 30th 2021 at North Killingholme Haven Pits carrying a blue colour ring on the right tibia with the code T2W9. This is most probably also a Polish-ringed bird.

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Please be advised that it is currently not possible to attach photos to bird statements. This is due to technical reasons, until the main implementation of the new solution, photos should be sent by e-mail to ring@miiz.waw.pl.								
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Black-headed Gull 'White-TRUE', Middlemarsh Farm LNR, 28th July 2021 © Nige Lound.

## **Colour-ringed Avocets**

Two colour-ringed Avocet chicks were noted by Graham Catley at Alkborough Flats on July 31st, yellow flags 6V and 6X. These were a brood of just two chicks ringed at Conder Green near Lancaster on June 1st. Both youngsters had been seen at Leighton Moss on July 14th prior to arriving at Alkborough. The Alkborough flock numbered 49 when Graham saw them there on July 31st, down from 109 the previous day. Keep a sharp eye out for all CR waders as they build up at our wader hotspots!

## Long-staying Glossy Ibis at Alkborough Flats

The Glossy Ibis at Alkborough, now present for 69 days is clearly now in moult with c.6 inner primaries replaced and some central tail feathers plus some underpart feathers looking like new adult colours, its skittish and never close. It still has a way to go to beat the Frampton 2014 bird (130 days) but as a 2cy bird with no reason to move on, there is certainly plenty of food available. This fine wetland has also played host to up to 6 Great White Egrets and 80 Little Egrets of late.

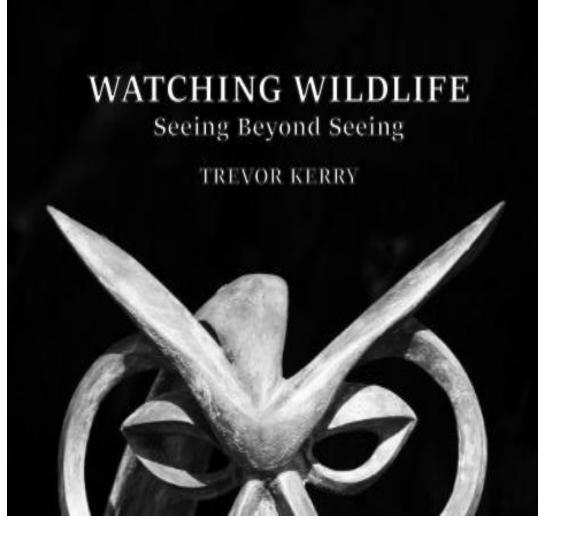


Glossy Ibis, Alkborough Flats, 28th July 2021; © Graham Catley.

## Trevor Kerry Watching Wildlife: Seeing beyond Seeing Kindle/e-book 2021

This is a book about wildlife which manages to convey a sense of nostalgia alongside a realistic approach to the natural world. It paints intimate pictures but avoids anthropomorphism. It is heavy with a sense of place. It looks beyond what is seen to what is perceived: sights, sounds, smells, emotions.

This is a wildlife book which will appeal to people who like not just the subject matter but the process of reading: the cadence of words and the effects which they create. It is a thinking person's book in which the individual chapters have the potential to be re-visited. Chapters cover locations in Lincolnshire, Suffolk, London, Durham, Yorkshire and Holy Island, and habitats as varied as the airfield, the moor, the wood, the fen, the garden and the churchyard.



### The Author

Trevor enjoyed a career as a teacher in all phases of education from primary to doctoral supervision, and was an academic involved with leadership training at home and abroad. He has written more than 30 technical books. He is also the author of *Of Roseates and Rectories: the birding biography of the Revd F L Blathwayt* and *Birds, Birds, Birding* - some stories and travelogues. He is an amateur photographer with more than fifty international awards to his name.

## **Cleaning out nest boxes**

Cleaning out nest boxes over the winter helps to remove parasites that might be in the nesting material and allows for a fresh nest to be built in the spring. Bird Protection Law permits the cleaning out of nests between 1 September and 31 January. Some hole-nesting species, including sparrows, may have second or third broods in the same nest. The nests of these species should be left until sometime during the autumn when it is certain that they are no longer in use.



## Fancy a free night in Cley?

Theresa Spencer of Cley writes as follows: "Dear chairman, I have recently moved to Cley in North Norfolk half a mile from the Cley Marshes Visitor Centre. I have a small annex which has been completely refurbished (only suitable for one person) on the side of my house which I intend to let out to bird watchers in the very near future. I was wondering if it would be possible to mention this to anyone who might be interested. As this is a new venture for me I would be happy to let someone stay free of charge in the first instance to enable me to gain feedback. I would be most grateful if you would consider my request. Please see photo attached. I wrote back for more details and Theresa is still happy for a single reviewer to visit for a night to provide feedback. Ultimately the room will cost £55 a night plus £10 for continental breakfast if required. Theresa can be contacted by email on teresaspencer@btinternet.com.

If you get the free night please share your feedback with us all!



## Lincolnshire Bird News - July 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.

31/07/2021 Alkborough Flats 60 Avocet, 3 Curlew, 14 Dunlin, 60 Little Egret, 24 Black-tailed Godwit, 2 Greenshank, 3 Marsh Harrier, Glossy Ibis, 60 Lapwing, 3 Spotted Redshank,7 Ruff, Bearded Tit Baston & Langtoft Pits Black-necked Grebe Boultham Mere 2 Common Crane (over SE)



Two Common Crane that flew SE over Boultham Mere this morning - Image © Andy Sims

Frampton Marsh 2 Marsh Harrier, Hobby, 2 Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, 8 Spoonbill, 20 Yellow Wagtail Freiston Shore Caspian Gull Gibraltar Point Short-eared Owl Job's Lane 9 Little Egret, 3 Egyptian Goose

30/07/2021 Baston & Langtoft Pits Black-necked Grebe, Bar-tailed Godwit Frampton Marsh Pacific Golden Plover



A splendid shot of the obliging Pacific Golden Plover at Frampton Marsh - Image © Roy Harvey

Gibraltar Point Red-necked Phalarope (south) Huttoft Bank Red-necked Phalarope (south)

29/07/2021 Anderby Creek Dunlin, 35 Red Knot, 2 Common Scoter, Arctic Skua, 5 Common Tern, 420 Sandwich Tern Baston & Langtoft Pits Black-necked Grebe Frampton Marsh Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Plover, Wood Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill, Little Stint Gibraltar Point 5 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, Spotted Redshank, 3 Common Sandpiper 8 Spoonbill, 3 Little Tern Lincs Coastal CP Dunlin, Bar-tailed Godwit, Mediterranean Gull, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Sanderling, Common Sandpiper, Purple Sandpiper, Arctic Skua, Great Skua, Arctic Tern, Sandwich Tern, 47 Whimbrel

28/07/2021 Alkborough Flats Glossy Ibis Baston & Langtoft Pits Black-necked Grebe Donington on Bain 2 Corn Bunting, 2 Quail, 3 Raven Far Ings Bearded Tit Frampton Marsh Brent Goose, Bar & Black-tailed Godwit, 25 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, 2 Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Plover, Ruff, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 8 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Teal, Turnstone, 2 Whimbrel



Wood Sandpiper at Frampton Marsh today - Image © Andy Sims

#### Gibraltar Point

2 Greenshank, Spotted Redshank, 3 Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 14 Sandwich Tern, 5 Spoonbill, Wigeon

27/07/2021

Alkborough **Glossy Ibis Baston & Langtoft Pits Black-necked Grebe** Frampton Marsh Pacific Golden Ployer (by bottom car-park), Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 5 Spoonbill Gibraltar Point 120 Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, 14 Spoonbill, 20 Swallow, 25 Sandwich Tern, 14 Whimbrel 26/07/2021 **Baston & Langtoft Pits Black-necked Grebe** Frampton Marsh 9 Golden Plover, Pacific Golden Plover, Raven, 3 Spotted Redshank, Common Sandpiper 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, 25 Spoonbill, Little Stint **Gibraltar Point** 4000 Dunlin, 40000 Red Knot, 4 Spotted Redshank, 1500 Sanderling, Arctic Skua, 21 Spoonbill, 5000 Sandwich Tern Grimoldby Little Owl **Trent Port, Marton** Cuckoo, Hobby, Sparrowhawk Messingham SO Bittern, 5 Little Egret, 2 Egyptian Goose, Jay, 70 Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, 2 Snipe, 4 Swallow, c23 Common Tern Saltfleet Haven 2 Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl Wainfleet Marsh 15000 Starling 25/07/2021 Alkborough Flats **Red-rumped Swallow Baston & Langtoft Pits Black-necked Grebe** Frampton Marsh Garganey, Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Plover, Spotted Redshank, 3 Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint **Freiston Shore Caspian Gull Gibraltar Point** 311 Curlew, 6600 Dunlin, Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Mediterranean Gull, 22000 Red Knot, 1320 Oystercatcher, 160, Redshank, 4500 Sanderling, 22 Little Tern, 2700 Sandwich Tern, 13 Spoonbill, 6 Whimbrel Grimoldby Red Kite Sutton on Sea Eider, Gannet, Little Gull, 145 Common Scoter, 350 Sandwich Tern 24/07/2021

24/07/2021 Alkborough Flats Glossy Ibis East Halton Skitter/Dawson City 160 Curlew, 16 Little Egret, 180 Black-tailed Godwit, Marsh Harrier, 5 Common Sandpiper, 6 Snipe, 2 Bearded Tit Frampton Marsh 100 Avocet, 5 Curlew, 750 Dunlin, 6 Bar-tailed Godwit, c 2000 Black-tailed Godwit, 15 Greenshank, c2500 Red Knot, c50

100 Avocet, 5 Curlew, 750 Dunlin, 6 Bar-tailed Godwit, c 2000 Black-tailed Godwit, 15 Greenshank, c2500 Red Knot, c50 Lapwing, 10 Oystercatcher, Grey Plover, c15 Little Ringed Plover, Pacific Golden Plover, 10 Ringed Plover, c50 Common

Redshank, 4 Spotted Redshank, 15 Ruff, 10 Common Sandpiper, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 12 Green Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 5 Common Snipe, Little Stint, 3 Turnstone plus Ruddy Shelduck and c29 Spoonbill Freiston Shore Garganey Gibraltar Point 650 Sanderling, 8 Spoonbill,

#### 23/07/2021

Frampton Marsh

7 Greenshank, Little Gull, Hobby, 2 Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Plover, Water Rail, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 8 Green Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 30 Spoonbill, 20 Common Tern



Two of the thirty Spoonbill that actually woke up for a moment or two at Frampton Marsh - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Gibraltar Point 2 Spotted Redshank, 11 Spoonbill, Great Spotted Woodpecker Holbeach Marsh Great White Egret Manby 8 Avocet, 4 Dunlin, 29 Lapwing, Water Rail, 11 Green Sandpiper, 2 Whimbrel Saltfleetby Pomarine Skua

22/07/2021 Alkborough 2 Great White Egret, Glossy Ibis, 14 Spotted Redshank Black Bank Buzzard, Common Quail (possibe), 3 Mistle Thrush, Great Spotted Woodpecker Cress Marsh Gull-billed Tern



A splendid find Gull-billed Tern at Cress Marsh - Image © Chris Atkin

Frampton Marsh Pacific Golden Plover, 4 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 27 Spoonbill Gibraltar Point 5 Spoonbill Baston & Langtoft Pits Black-necked Grebe Manby Flashes 15 Grey Heron, 15 Green Sandpiper Saltfleetby c750 Black-headed Gull, Gannet (several), Greenshank, c20 Common Scoter (south), Pomarine Skua, 28 Sandwich Tern, Scotton Common 3 Buzzard, Kestrel, 5 Swift Sutton Bridge White Stork

21/07/2021 Frampton Marsh Pacific Golden Plover, 15 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck Gibraltar Point Spotted Redshank, 17 Spoonbill Saltfleet Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Common Scotter

20/07/2021 Deeping Lakes Whimbrel Frampton Marsh 6 Greenshank, Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Plover, 7 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 16 Spoonbill Gibraltar Point 5 Spoonbill, Common Quail Marston Yellow-legged Gull Ruskington Red Kite

19/07/2021



The distant Pacific Golden Plover at Frampton Marsh briefly this morning - Image © Andy Sims

Frampton Marsh

Avocet, Black-tailed Godwit, Little Gull, Lapwing, Ringed Plover, Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Spotted Redshank, Ruddy Shelduck, Snipe, Oystercatcher, Wood Sandpiper, 14 Spoonbill, Common Tern, Reed Warbler Gibraltar Point Short-eared Owl, Wood Sandpiper, 17 Spoonbill Paradise Great White Egret, Spoonbill

18/07/2021 Alkborough Flats Glossy Ibis, 11 Spotted Redshank, 16 Spoonbill Baston & Langtoft Pits Black Necked Grebe Donnington on Bain 3 Common Quail Frampton Marsh Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper Gibraltar Point 7 Spoonbill Toft Newton Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Common Tern

17/07/2021

Frampton Marsh

Bar-tailed Godwit, Black-tailed Godwit, Red Knot, Short-eared Owl, Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 15 Spoonbill



Ruddy Shelduck at Frampton Marsh - Image © Jeremy Eyeons

Theddlethorpe Little Owl Spalding White Stork

## 16/07/21

### Frampton Marsh

200 Avocet, 2 Corn Bunting, 300 Dunlin, 12 Little Egret, 100 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1000 Black-tailed Godwit, 300 Lapwing, 1 Brent Goose, Short-eared Owl, 3000 Red Knot, 4 Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 14 Spoonbill, 20 Pied Wagtail, 4 Turnstone, Whimbrel



Black-tailed Godwit from 360 hide - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Gibraltar Point 24 Black-tailed Godwit, 2 Greenshank, 7 Spoonbill

15/07/2021 Frampton Marsh Short-eared Owl, Ruddy Shelduck, 15 Spoonbill, 4 Wood Sandpiper Gibraltar Point 3 Spotted Redshank, 11 Spoonbill

14/07/2021 Anderby Creek Little Gull West Ashby Red Kite Frampton Marsh Short-eared Owl, 3 Spotted Redshank, 4 Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck,14 Spoonbill Gibraltar Point

12 Spoonbill Scopwick **Common Quail** 13/07/2021 Frampton Marsh Cuckoo, Peregrine Falcon, 500+ Bar-tailed Godwit, Black-tailed Godwit, Hobby, 4000 Red Knot, Golden Plover, Grey Plover, Spotted Redshank, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Sandwich Tern, Turnstone **Gibraltar Point Roseate Tern** Scopwick **Common Quail** 12/07/2021 Bassingham Black Kite (a possible between Bassingham & Carlton Le Moorland) Cleethorpes 50 Curlew, Peregrine Falcon, 6 Bar-tailed Godwit Frampton Marsh 50 Bar-tailed Godwit, Kingfisher, 3000 Red Knot, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, 4 Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck **Freiston Shore 3 Roseate Tern Gibraltar Point** 15 Spoonbill Market Rasen Turtle Dove (linwood area - calling for last week) 11/07/2021 **Alkborough Flats** 7 Spoonbill Frampton Marsh Mediterranean Gull, 1000 Red Knot, Short-eared Owl, 6 Spotted Redshank, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck 13 Spoonbil, 3 Whimbrel **Gibraltar Point** 2 Common Eider, 15 Common Scoter, 1 Arctic Tern, 2 Common Tern, 250 Sandwich Tern 8 Spoonbill, Grasshopper Warbler Marston Yellow-legged Gull 10/07/2021 **Cleethorpes CP** Grasshopper Warbler Frampton Marsh Corn Bunting, Cuckoo, Greenshank, 2000 Red Knot, Short-eared Owl, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 13 Spoonbill **Gibraltar Point** 13 Spoonbill Grimoldby Swift (three swift nests in private garden) Rimac Short-eared Owl **Trent Port** 

7 Little Egret, 8 Gadwall, Lapwing, Little Ringed Plover, Common Sandpiper, Treecreeper, 8 Yellow Wagtail

09/07/2021 **Cress Marsh** Avocet, Buzzard, Golden Plover, Greenshank 8 Little Egret, Little Ringed Plover **Deeping Lakes** Mediterranean Gull Frampton Marsh Turtle Dove, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 9 Spoonbill **Freiston Shore** Whooper Swan, Roseate Tern **Gibraltar Point** 3 Spotted Redshank, 8 Spoonbilll Huttoft **Common Quail** Paradise Pool Spoonbill 08/07/2021 Frampton Marsh Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck **Gibraltar Point** 21 Spoonbill 07/07/2021 Anderby Creek 2 Cuckoo, 5 Marsh Harrier (3 fledged young), 600 Swift, Whinbrel Far Ings **Great White Egret** Frampton Marsh Corn Bunting, 2 Marsh Harrier, Spotted Redshank, 8 Spoonbill **Gibraltar Point** Spotted Redshank, 4 Spoonbill 06/07/2021 Alkborough Flats 13 Spoonbill **Gibraltar Point** 6 Spotted Redshank, 5 Spoonbill Paradise Pool 29 Redshank, Kingfisher, 2 Common Sandpiper, 2 Green Sandpiper 05/07/2021 Alkborough Flats 50 Avocet, 6 Spotted Redshank, 13 Spoonbill Anderby Marsh 2 Marsh Harrier, 200 Swift, Grey Wagtail Far Ings 2 Bittern, 3 Marsh Harrier, Bearded Tit Frampton Marsh **Ruddy Shelduck Gibraltar Point** 34 Avocet, Cuckoo, 4 Greenshank, Hobby, Spotted Redshank, 11 Spoonbill **Gosberton Clough** 

Common Quail Pyewipe 2 Mediterranen Gull

04/07/2021 Frampton Marsh Common Crane (over), Ruddy Shelduck East Halton Skitter Wood Sandpiper

#### 03/07/2021

Frampton Marsh

2500 Red Knot, 5 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Green Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 10 Spoonbill, Black Tern Far Ings

2 Bittern Gibraltar Point Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank Huttoft Bittern Spalding Common Crane (over)

02/07/2021 Alkborough Flats Baillon's Crake (a singing male present on the 5th, 6th & 7th of June - but not since) Frampton Marsh Great White Egret, Spotted Flycatcher, Greenshank, Little Gull, Marsh Harrier, 7 Spotted Redshank, Black Tern Gibraltar Point Spoonbill Messingham SQ 5 Buzzard, 2 Cetti's Warbler, 5 Little Egret, Montagu's Harrier, 3 Teal, 6 Swallow, 7 Common Tern

01/07/2021 Boultham Mere 4 Buzzard, 2 Kingfisher Frampton Marsh Ruddy Shelduck Gibraltar Point 2 Spoonbill Market Rasen 2 Siskin (adult and Juvenile in private garden)

One of the two kingfishers that were present at Boultham Mere today - Image © Andy Sims



#### **Contact Information & Useful Lincs Websites**

#### Lincs Bird Club Website

Website: http://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk Twitter @Lincsbirding Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LincolnshireBirdInformation/ LBC County Bird Recorder Phil Hyde recorder\_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk

BTO -<u>https://www.bto.org</u> RSPB - <u>https://www.rspb.org.uk/</u> Birdguides - <u>https://www.birdguides.com/</u> Rarebird Alert - <u>https://www.rarebirdalert.co.uk/</u>

#### Recording

BTO Birdtrack - <u>https://app.bto.org/birdtrack/login/login.jsp</u> eBird - <u>https://ebird.org/home</u> iRecord - <u>https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/</u> Nature Lister - <u>http://www.naturelister.co.uk</u> Wildlife Recorder - <u>https://www.wildlife.co.uk</u>

Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website http://lnu.org/ LNU e-mail: info@lnu.org

Love Lincs Plants <u>https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/what-we-do/love-lincs-plants</u>Love Lincs Plants Twitter feed <u>@LoveLincsPlants</u>

Sir Joseph Banks Society http://www.joseph-banks.org.uk enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust http://www.lincstrust.org.uk/

Lincolnshire Bat Group website <a href="http://www.lincsbatgroup.co.uk/">http://www.lincsbatgroup.co.uk/</a>

Butterfly Conservation Lincolnshire Branch http://butterfly-conservation.org/300/lincolnshire-branch.html

#### FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

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Rural Crime News - <u>https://www.lincs.police.uk/news-</u> 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/

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Lincolnshire Mammals Chris Manning, <u>Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com</u>

Mammal Atlas You can download and print off a hard copy or view it online. http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-publications/biodiversity/projects-andreports.php

Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group) Ashley Butterfield - <u>learningoutdoors@btinternet.com</u>

#### Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information. Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on 01775 766286 or e-mail: <u>annettefaulkner@btinternet.com</u> Confidential Bat Records You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette Faulkner on: <u>annettefaulkner@btinternet.com</u>

#### USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

#### **Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership**

http://www.glnp.org.uk/ Contact: charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk or for more general <u>queries:info@glnp.org.uk</u>

Natural England http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/

#### Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk

Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project <a href="http://www.lifeontheverge.org.uk/">http://www.lifeontheverge.org.uk/</a>



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