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Colin Casey Obituary

Through the LBC I had quite a bit of contact with Colin Casey. He would ring me and say....."Here's the situation...." And an hour later I would have a very hot ear and no doubt what the situation was... A few months ago, when Steve Keightley passed away I asked Colin to write his obituary. The irony is, if Steve was still alive I would have asked him to write Colin's! The following is a selection of thoughts from some people who knew him...

Andrew Chick

After a long fight (and I mean fight) against his myeloma, Colin Casey sadly passed away in the early hours of August 1st at the age of 71 yrs. His contribution to the Bird Club was hugely significant in many ways, most of them connected to his considerable IT knowledge. He rebuilt the website when the old one was in danger of collapsing; for the past several years he imported records from eBird, BirdTrack and elsewhere, collated that data, checked it, removed anomalies, and dispatched summary spreadsheets to the County Recorder and his faithful band of annual report writers. Most recently he was the driving force behind the production of the new Birds of Lincolnshire, not only during the writing stage but in the 12-18 months beforehand when he and I checked the existing LBC database, imported old records not yet archived and generally 'tidied' it up as best we could. His ability to spot errors in the database, as well as in my own edited spreadsheets, was unerringly accurate. He has left some very large shoes to fill.

On the birding front, I had known Colin for more than 30 years, had been to the Scillies with him on several occasions (I won't mention the time we ran out of petrol on the M5 in his brand new Sierra Sapphire which, to quote him, "had all the bits and bobs). His wicked sense of humour, enthusiasm and general ebullience made for good company and a sense of getting things done, achieving goals. In the wider world, Colin was unfailingly generous and helped many people with various personal issues, often helping out financially. He will certainly be missed for very many reasons. RIP.





I only got to know Colin when he resumed birdwatching following the death of his beloved wife Kay. I remember Steve Keightley giving him advice on what optics to purchase.

I soon learnt that Colin was a many faceted character. In the club we know him as a very competent birder but he was also an excellent photographer and something of an IT wizard! In addition to wildlife his other passion was for powerful vehicles, mostly American and many heavily customised to his own design. On some occasions he combined his passion for wildlife and vehicles; notably his recent drive up to the arctic circle in a powerful camping vehicle which he designed and modified. On this trip he saw many rare birds and even photographed bears in the wild.

Six of us; Steve and Sally Keightley, Robin Bainbridge, my wife Sue and I enjoyed some memorable birding holidays with Colin including trips to Costa Rica, Panama and The Gambia. We had all holidayed in The Gambia before except for Colin, for which it was his first time. So, at the beginning of the trip Colin challenged our bird guide Lamin Nije to find him 300 species of birds and in return he would buy him a suitable safari vehicle in which he could take his clients! I think that Colin finished the trip on 298 bird but agreed to buy Lamin the car anyway.

Colin located a left hand drive safari vehicle in Spain and brought it back to the UK where he added a roof rack, new wheels and tyres and restored it to better than new condition. Colin's plan was to drive it all the way down to The Gambia and deliver it personally to Lamin. It was at this point that Colin was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer and thus had to cancel the trip. Being

the big hearted guy that he was Colin shipped the vehicle to The Gambia anyway and Lamin became the proud owner of the best safari vehicle in the country. Soon afterwards Sue and I spent Christmas in The Gambia and Lamin took us on birding trips in the vehicle. We were able to report back to Colin what a huge success his gift to Lamin was.

Finally I just wanted to say that Coilin had the amazing knack of getting his camera straight onto a bird, even in the relative gloom of rain forests and jungle, resulting in some brilliant photographs. Colin was a larger than life character and we miss him already.



Ian Misselbrook

From Colin Cross, Manager and Head Ringer at Kartong Bird Observatory in The Gambia via Facebook Messenger to me on hearing of Colin's passing:-

"I'm sorry. Colin was a big hearted guy who did his best to help people here in The Gambia. I often think of you all when passing the place where we saw the Button Quail."

Colin and Kaye were founder members of the South Lincs RSPB. They managed to do RSPB sales for the group despite being very busy with their own business. I know that he did lots of work with stats about various species and I was grateful for the work he did for me about swifts. Sarah Mitchell, the RSPB conservation officer for the area said he did lots of stats for her too. For sure he did a good job for birds in particular.

Barry Hancock

I had known Colin loosely for over 30 years, he was a keen twitcher who often travelled with Steve Keightley, Alec Parker and Phil Hyde all over the country, and me and my crew (Andy Sims, John Clarkson and Rob Carr) would bump into them regularly in the late 1980s and 1990s from Isles of Scilly to northern Scotland. At some point he faded from the scene focusing on his business and other interests. In Sept 2017 Colin, Steve, Phil Hyde and Andrew Chick and I met up at a cafe in Horncastle. By that time Colin had got back into birding, had time on his hands and was interested in helping the Club. Phil Hyde has already described above the impact he made but there was one other point that he was single minded about. He had taken part in the fieldwork of the Lincs Atlas project in the 1980s and served on the LBC committee in the early 90s. To him the lack of publication was unfinished business and if there was one thing Colin did not like it was unfinished business. He badgered to get the original, now obsolete data discs and when he did in early 2019, he put his IT skills to work and soon resurrected original species breeding maps and supporting narrative accounts. When he got his teeth into something the man was a fanatic but boy did he get things done himself and he knew how to make others get things done too. Phil Hyde and I helped him to turn what he had brought back from the dead into a book and the ghost of the Atlas was finally laid to rest with publication in July 2020.

During this time Colin was already going through treatment for myeloma and having to self isolate months before Covid came along. I spoke with Steve Keightley at Frampton and he told me how important the Atlas and work with LBC records had been to keeping Colin going during his long isolation. So in July 2020 just as the Atlas was published when Colin suggested producing a new Birds of Lincolnshire, I knew two things. It would be a nightmare and the book would get done! We had strong discussions about content, he wanted a book based on rare and scarce bird data and photos, I wanted common birds to feature equally with a good narrative text. In the end we reached agreement and the book was published in March 2021 in only eight months from start to finish. Colin kept saying he was up against the clock and could die before the book was finished but I didn't believe him. He seemed tough and indestructible. The truth is he gave his all and his various treatment cycles sapped him more than he let on. He had to have something to keep going and Birds of Lincolnshire and Colin's unique design flair that is reflected in it, is a fitting testament to his birding life.

I should add that this newsletter and the way it is produced on google docs was Colin's idea and it is ironic it is being used to salute his passing. Farewell Colin, we will miss you more than you would ever believe!

Philip Espin

I only knew Colin as an engaging and welcoming volunteer committee member with a special interest in computing. He was unique in my limited lifetime as being the only individual I have come across who thought of a radically different way of doing something and actually came up with the solution to prove it could work, even though not all his ideas were accepted. Colin was ever willing and accessible on the phone to assist me personally with my very basic computing skills, being very patient and never trying to undermine or belittle me. I personally do not know how Colin was able to fight and work for the Lincolnshire Bird Club for so long through his period of debilitating illness and treatment and yet still attain his outward easy going demeanour. Colin will be sadly missed by me and many others.

Bill Sterling

I first met Colin in the mid 1980's. He always greeted you with a friendly word and a mischievous smile. Colin was technologically gifted and happily and freely shared the benefit of his expertise.

I went on several twitches with Colin. On a trip to Portland for a Dark-eyed Junco, I was even afforded the honour of sharing the driving of his car. I particularly remember a twitch to Bempton for a Booted Warbler. En route, we discovered that the Humber

Bridge was closed and had to divert via Goole, making us short of time. To reduce our loss, Colin frequently took the wrong lane at roundabouts, grinning broadly and upbraiding himself aloud with the words "Colin, you naughty boy." That's how I will remember him. Rest in peace, my friend.

Gervase Orton

Whilst working as a rep for Godfrey Holmes he decided to start his own business (LINCO) in the mid 1980s with his wife Kay. LINCO, selling and distributing automotive parts to local garages, took off quite quickly and he opened several depots at Boston, Spalding, Lincoln, Horncastle, Grantham and Melton Mowbray. He was quite proud of the fact that he started his business from nothing, (just a bank loan and his expertise!) and went on to sell it in 2001 for several million to "Exhausts Unlimited" with the new company trading as EU Linco.

I first met Colin around 1985 and quickly became friends. He was interested in all wildlife but particularly birds and butterflies. I went on a few twitches with him, most notably with Steve Keightley to see the Ancient Murrelet on Lundy, getting soaked on deck on a memorable trip in very rough weather; and a Killdeer in Anglesea. On another occasion I travelled to Inverness and back in a day to see a Ross's Gull. I was feeling sorry for him, and helped with the driving, as nobody else wanted to go with him

(as us locals had already seen Ross's Gull in Norfolk a few years earlier). I saw another Ross's Gull with Colin near Liverpool a few years later.

Colin was a kind and generous man, he funded repairs to the Witham Mouth hide. He didn't suffer fools gladly and he was passionate about getting things done. I've no doubt that the photographic book Birds of Lincolnshire would not have come out without Colin's drive to push the project forward. Utterly tragic to lose Colin so soon after the untimely death of his best birding mate Steve Keightley in the same year.



Alan Ball

My first recollection of Colin was from around 1990 – he came to Gibraltar Point on a county bird race with Steve Keightley in May 1992 and I was able to inform them that there was a Woodchat Shrike on site. Even in those early days Coin and Steve were a great birding team. Colin was a successful businessman and one of his companies was Otus – they produced digital print and helped with the first electronically produced bird report for Gibraltar Point. The first digital photo to appear was of a singing male Serin that Colin had taken footage of in my garden.

Through his company and with the help of cameraman Alec Parker, a series of Birding Plus videos were produced featuring national rarities and foreign birding trips. Gambia was a favoured location for Colin and on one trip, he bet his guide Lamin that he could not find 300 species for him — despite not quite achieving the target, Colin honoured his side of the bet anyway and bought Lamnin a 4WD vehicle which he planned to drive out to Gambia had he not been diagnosed with myeloma. Story here — https://www.lincolnshirelive.co.uk/news/man-forced-buy-tour-guide-2498649

In recent years though Colin's involvement with the Bird Club, Colin made many trips to Gibraltar Point assisting with the database and taxonomic changes – we spent hours debating the likes of *alba* and *flava* wagtails – mostly in good humour! but Colin left us behind with his technological expertise!

Kev Wilson

Migfest: what is it about Yorkshire?

Writing Birds of Lincolnshire (2021) brought home to me that old chestnut of why do Yorkshire and Norfolk seem to do so much better than Lincs for scarce and rare passerine migrants? I've thought about it on and off over my birding life of nearly 50 years. Of course, Lincolnshire does pretty well and a lot better than inland counties and many coastal counties, but does it do as well as it should?

Some of the pat answers include not enough coverage in Lincs because there are too few birders and too much cover makes the birds harder to find. There may be a great deal of truth to both these factors, but I have come to think there is a more fundamental reason. I used to think it might simply be a function of the length or our relative sea facing coasts: Yorkshire broadly 80 miles, Lincolnshire 40 miles and Norfolk 65 miles.

Over the last 10 years I've been lucky enough to spend a lot of time at sea and flying backwards and forwards across the North Sea to Holland and Germany for work. Many of these flights have been at night in the dark. Most of our scarcer birds originate in the east and are following their normal migration routes south and west in the autumn. Many are heading for Africa via the Iberain Peninsula. They drift across the North Sea at night on these south and west vectors across a broad front at up to 20,000 feet and these vectors will vary according to each birds physiological status and environmental conditions, especially wind direction and visibility and where they've set off from on the near continent.

After a long flight they want to reach land and they go for the closest land they detect. If you've flown at night you will know the answer. So which is it? The map below shows the sea areas of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk from the centre of the North Sea. The lines have been drawn using standard at sea border determinations. I can't find anywhere that British birds clubs have divided up sea areas between them, so this is just my opinion of how it should be done. If you know of any agreed boundaries,

please let me know. This is important now that Wilson's Petrel is no longer a BBRC rarity. Birds have already been recorded off Yorkshire, where do we draw the boundary if we get one offshore from Lincs?

Look at the relative sea areas on the map. They broadly divide out: Yorkshire 72%, Norfolk 23% and Lincs 5%. The map acts as a proxy to show which county is nearer to birds as they come across the North Sea. I suspect that Lincs is in a scarce migrant shadow for most inbound birds that are off their usual migration route. From the east they see Norfolk first, from the north-east, Yorkshire. This isn't the whole picture, most birds when they hit the coast will continue to move along it and if they come south from Yorkshire and west from Norfolk we still get a share of them. Of course, some will be on a vector and in weather conditions that bring them direct to Lincs.

It would be useful to compare the results for migrant birds at constant ringing effort at sites on the coasts in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk to see if this can shed any light.

Hopefully as the new Motus network comes into place we will get a better understanding of the way birds migrate across the North Sea. We've been trying to get some movement on this at Gibraltar Point but to no avail so far. In the end a whole complex web of factors will affect the final outcome in terms of birds found.

This theory doesn't explain why we don't get many rare seabirds too. The factors affecting seabirds, and waders and wildfowl for that matter, are different. There is not enough deep water close into the



coast for most seabirds and seemingly not enough feeding opportunities close in to attract them. This may have something to do with bathymetric conditions and the apparent fact that a finger of the Gulfstream comes down the eastern side of Britain as far as the Holderness coast but loses out to the output from the Humber estuary. Obviously with a north-easterly blow these considerations go out of the window. The best potential area, the southern extent of the submarine canyon known as "the Silver Pit" lies around 25 miles east of North Somercotes. As I write I see a Fea's Petrel has been reported off Spurn. If we could arrange some pelagics out to the Silver Pit in July-Oct we could be in business! Anyone got a boat?

Lincs ornithologist Alex Lees, Senior Lecturer in Biodiversity at Manchester Metropolitan University has a book coming out on vagrancy this autumn and I'm looking forward to reading it and learning more about the subject.

Phil Espin

Request for a volunteer for the new post of Events Organiser

LBC has over 400 members and we would like to bring them together in all kinds of events. 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'd like to hold regular Zoom meetings on a range of subjects to engage younger people with birding and also have meetings on reserves at which experienced members can share their knowledge of bird identification and where birds are most likely to be found. We'd like to have a memorial day for Steve Keightley at Frampton Marsh this Autumn, perhaps 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

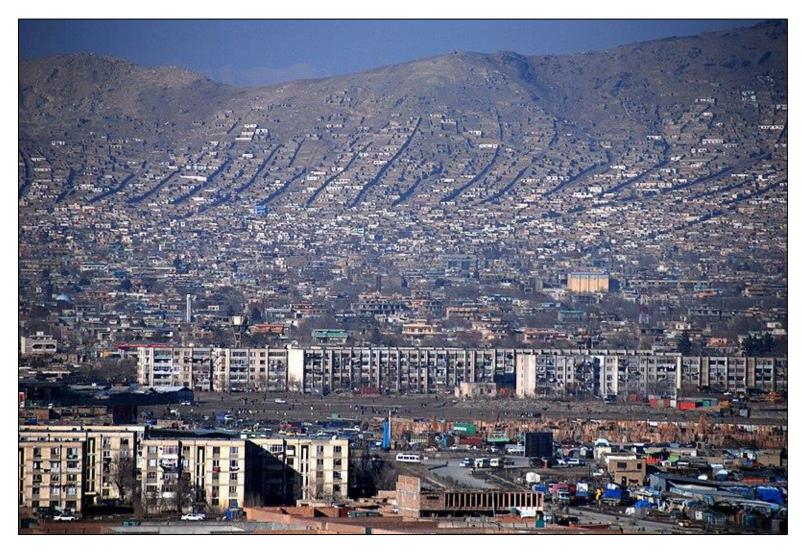
Ruddy Shelduck review

The BOURC is currently undertaking a review of all British records of Ruddy Shelduck to ascertain whether individuals from the Category C population in Germany visit the UK and therefore should the species be recategorised and included in Category C5 - a vagrant from a naturalised population - and potentially become part of the main systematic list. However, if Ruddy Shelduck is added to Category C5 determining which records relate to vagrants from Germany and which are escapes from captivity will prove challenging.

All Lincolnshire records in our database were submitted in response to BOURCs request to all County Recorders. As it is likely this species may have been under-reported in the past, so please send all records in future. Most observers will also be aware of the similar South African Shelduck, *Tadorna cana*, and occasionally of hybrids between the two species so beware! **Phil Hyde**



A Birdwatcher in Kabul



Few UK birders have been to Afghanistan and numbers will never increase while the present tragedy continues to unfold.

Back in 1937, an ornithologist who had the opportunity to spend the first fortnight of April in and around the capital, Kabul, was 59-year-old retired British Army colonel Richard Meinertzhagen who was evidently impressed by the birds he encountered.

In his account, he wrote: "The country around Kabul was characterised by streams bordered by poplars, extensive fruit gardens and homesteads, the horizon bounded by bare rocky mountains.

"Spring was in its earliest stage. On the hills a few small scarlet tulips were out, some small mauve primulas and an exquisite golden crocus. At first, there were no summer-visiting birds and many from the north were still in their winter quarters, some passing through.

"In the marshes, Bittern and Jack Snipe abundant. Black-throated thrushes and Bramblings were in the gardens. Crested Larks were common on cultivated land and the Red-rumped Chat was abundant in the hills.

"On the mountain streams, there were Dippers along with Grey and White Wagtails.

"Wallcreepers were particularly abundant while, in the heavens, Griffons and Black Vultures could be seen soaring high above snow-covered fields.

"Lammergeiers were common, and a few were observed every day, their magnificent flight being a source of delight and beauty.

"Though spring passage had scarcely begun, a few Swifts, both Common and Alpine, appeared, plus a few Bee-eaters, Swallows and Pallid Harriers. Bluethroats began passing through. Magpies were busy building nests even in the snow-congested valleys.

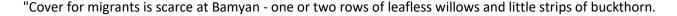
"In Kabul we found a poulterer's shop in the bazaar. The contents were astonishing.

"On sale were a Grey Heron, two Snowcocks, a few Chukar, four Avocets, 14 Stilts, many baskets of Short-toed Larks, a few Coots and many Teal, Pintails, Shovelers and Pochards, a Demoiselle Crane, two Bitterns and a box of Little Ringed Plovers."

Later, Meinertzhagen ventured outside Kabul to such destinations as Bamyan by which time spring migration was in full swing.

"The number of Bluethroats was incredible," he continued.

"Wrynecks were in hundreds, House
Sparrows were arriving in a desperate hurry to get to their breeding grounds. Early-morning mist would bring to ground such travellers as the Great Reed Warbler.



"In these the migrants clustered, unable to leave because everything beyond was bare and forbidding.

"We beat the buckthorn hedges out every morning and there was always something new - a Grasshopper Warbler or masses of Lesser Whitethroats or a flock of Red-breasted Flycatchers."

A downside to the trip was the frequency of waking up to an icy wind - no fun, especially at times when they had to spend the night under canvas.

It was also dismaying to witness "the small village boys turn out with catapults loaded with small gravel, a deadly weapon at close quarters, and poor little warblers fall an easy victim. On one occasion they even brought down a Sparrowhawk with gravel."

During a total of eight weeks in northern Afghanistan, Meinertzhagen was touched by the friendliness of the people.

His write-up concluded: "I need hardly say that we received every kindness and help from all Afghans we met, and, from start to finish, we never experienced one atom of disagreeableness from the local inhabitants."

Jim Wright



Lincolnshire Bird Club to take stand at Spurn MigFest

LBC will be rubbing shoulders with the big beasts of the birding world later this month.

In a pioneering venture, our club will be one of more than 20 exhibitors taking stand space in the marquee at the Spurn Migration Festival (September 11-12).

The stall is costing us £140, but it represents a rare opportunity to sell copies of our publications, make contacts and raise the profile of the club.

Other organisations to be represented will be the RSPB, the BTO, Swarovski, Opticron and various acclaimed artists such as Darren Woodhead and Ray Scally.



Our stand will be close to the marquee entrance - turn left and second along between Sue Lambourne Art and British Birds magazine.

The full list of exhibitors is:

- * British Birds
- * Ray Scally
- * Darren Woodhead
- * Start Birding
- * Gatt Art
- * Oriental Bird Club
- * Spurn Bird Observatory
- * Birding Abroad
- * Spurn Book Stall
- * RSPB
- * Dragonfly Glass Art

- * In Focus
- * BTO
- * Yorkshire Coast Nature
- * Lincolnshire Bird Club
- * Swarovski
- * Sue Lambourne Art
- * Opticron
- * Martin Standley
- * Royal Society of British Artists
- * Flamborough Bird Observatory

There will also be a food stall within the marquee on both days.

Jim Wright

Lincolnshire Bird News - August 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.

31/08/2021

Frampton Marsh

Little Stint, Black Tern and a Pied Flycatcher Baston & Langtoft Little Stint Alkborough Spoonbill, Glossy Ibis, Little Stint Baston Fen Cattle Egret Gibraltar Point Common Rosefinch, 2 Pied Flycatcher Saltfleetby Pomarine Skua

30/08/2021 Alkborough Flats Glossy Ibis, 19 Spoonbill Baston Fen 3 Whinchat Baston & Langtoft Pits Cattle Egret



Little Stint on the Reservoir at Frampton Marsh - Image © Tom Malarkey

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, Pied Flycatcher, 2 Short-eared Owl, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 24 Spoonbill, 14 Little Stint, Black Tern, Whinchat

Freiston Shore

Long-tailed Skua, Osprey, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

6 Pied Flycatcher, Black Tern

Huttoft Bank

Little Gull, Long-tailed Skua, Black Tern



Little Gull on the beach at Huttoft today - Image © John Clarkson

Skegness

Caspian Gull (boating lake)

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe

2 Red-throated Diver, Little Gull, Purple Sandpiper (N), 25 Arctic Skua, Long-tailed Skua, Pomarine Skua (N), Black Tern Whisby

Black Tern

29/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

300 Dunlin, Guillemot (on the Trent), 60 Ringed Plover, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, 9 Little Stint

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Hobby, 4 Short-eared Owl, 7 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 24 Spoonbill, 10 Little Stint, Black Tern, Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear

Freiston Shore

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Peregrine Falcon 3 Marsh Harrier, 8 Sand Martin, 30 Common Scoter, 7 Little Stint, 60 Barn Swallow

Gibraltar Point

Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Redshank, Redstart, 19 Spoonbill, Bearded Tit, Wryneck

East Halton Skitter

2 Guillemot, Yellow-legged Gull, 4 Water Rail, Wood Sandpiper, 3 Whinchat

28/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis, Osprey, 20 Spoonbill, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

Donna Nook

Osprey

Frampton Marsh

2 Cattle Egret, Hobby, Merlin, 24 Spoonbill, 24 Spoonbill, 6 Little Stint, Black Tern, Black Stork

Freiston Shore

Little Gull, Curlew Sandpiper, Great Skua, 7 Little Stint, Black Tern, 2 Whinchat, Wryneck

Kirton Marsh

Whinchat

Sandilands

Long-tailed Skua

27/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Bittern, Spotted Redshank, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 4 Little Stint, 10 Spoonbill, Garden Warbler, Whimbrel, Whinchat

Baston & Langtoft Pits

2 little Stint

Cut End

Pied Flycatcher, Long-tailed Skua

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

Frampton Marsh

2 Cattle Egret, 2 Osprey, 4 Short-eared Owl, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 20 Spoonbill, Black Stork, 50 Grey Wagtail, Wryneck

Freiston Shore

Red-throated Diver, 20 Eider, Hobby, 2 Osprey, Common Redstart, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 3 Arctic Skua, 8 Little Stint, Black Stork, 3 Black Tern, Little Tern, Wheatear, Wryneck

Gibraltar Point

Wood Sandpiper, Long-tailed Skua, Pomarine Skua, 3 Temminck's Stint, 50 Grey Wagtail, 9 Yellow Wagtail, Whimbrel, Green Woodpecker.

Nebraska Wetlands

Buzzard, Marsh Harrier, 30 Sand Martin, 20 Pochard, Barn Swallow

Rimac

Whinchat

Toft Newton

Black Tern

26/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Great White Egret, 10 Greenshank, 5 Pintail, 17 Spotted Redshank, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 9 Spoonbill

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 20 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Wryneck

Freiston Shore

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Osprey, Redstart, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 20 Arctic Skua, Long-tailed Skua, Pomarine Skua, Little Stint, Black Tern, Wryneck

Gibraltar Point

2 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 26 Spoonbill

Huttoft Bank

6 Little Gull, Sabine's Gull, 50 Arctic Skua, 2 Long-tailed Skua, 4 Black Tern

25/08/2011

Deeping Lakes

Osprey, 3 Ruddy Shelduck

Far Ings

Cetti's Warbler

Frampton Marsh

2 Cattle Egret, Hobby, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, 5 Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Spoonbill, Water Rail, Whimbrel, Whinchat

Freiston Shore

Garganey, Redstart, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Pied Flycatcher, 24 Spoonbill

Keelby

Spotted Flycatcher

Baston & Landtoft Pits

Spotted Redshank

Sutton on Sea

5 Arctic Skua, 44 Common Scoter, Long-tailed Skua, Black Tern, 600 Sandwich Tern

Theddlethorpe

Pied Flycatcher, Curlew Sandpiper

24/08/2021

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Sandwich Tern

Deeping Lakes

Ruddy Shelduck

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Little Stint, Black Stork, 25 Spoonbill, 4 Whimbrel

Freiston Shore

Wryneck

Gibraltar Point

Pied Flycatcher, Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Saltfleetby

2 Curlew Sandpiper

Sandilands

Barred Warbler

Sutton on Sea

93 Cormorant, Eider, 3 Gannet, 96 Common Scoter, 6 Arctic Skua, 2 Long-tailed Skua (N), 3 Arctic Tern, 42 Common Tern, 265 Sandwich Tern, 7 Whimbrel



The splendid Wryneck re-located again at Freiston Shore - Image © Dean Eades

23/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

90 Avocet, 35 Dunlin, Great White Egret, 40 Little Egret, 69 Black-tailed Godwit, Marsh Harrier, Gloosy Ibis,1 Knot, 120 Lapwing, 20 Golden Plover, Green Sandpiper, 70 Snipe, 9 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Freiston Shore

Black-necked Grebe, Wryneck

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, Hobby, Merlin, 2 Short-eared Owl, Ruff, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Snipe, 34 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Black Stork, Water Rail, 3 Wheatear (village)

Gibraltar Point

2 Spotted Redshank, 28 Spoonbill

Mablethorpe

Little Gull, Long-tailed Skua, 3 Black Tern

Saltflletby

Barred Warbler

Tumby Woods

Buzzard, 2 Chiffchaff, Swallow



The Wryneck that was at Freiston this morning - Image © John Badley

22/08/2021

Alkborough Flats,

2 Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint

Baston Fen

Cattle Egret, Wood Sandpiper

Cleethorpes

300 Knot, 100 Common Tern

Cress Marsh

11 Little Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Common Sandpiper, 3 Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

Far Ings

Redstart

Frampton Marsh

Dotterel, Garganey, 7 Short-eared Owl, 20 Golden Plover, Pacific Golden Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, 28 Spoonbill, 3 Little Stint,

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Black Tern

Gibraltar Point

Long-tailed Skua, 28 Spoonbill

Trent Port, Marton

5 Blackcap, Bullfinch, 5 Chiffchaff, Hobby, 2 Raven, Siskin, Treecreeper

Read's Island

1300 Avocet, 131 Curlew, 300 Dunlin, 5 Bar-tailed Godwit, 70 Ringed Plover, 250 Redshank, Spotted Redshank, 1000 Common Shelduck

Saltfleetby

Purple Sandpiper, 5 Black Tern

East Halton Skitter

Caspian Gull, Wood Sandpiper

21/08/2021

Baston Fen

Cattle Egret



Cattle Egret at Baston Gravel Pits - Image © Ian Miss

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Greenshankk, Kingfisher, Merlin, 3 Short-eared Owl, Green Sandpiper, Grey Plover, Water Rail, 30 Ruff, Common Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Greater Scaup, 30 Spoonbill, Black Stork, Whimbrel

Freiston Shore

Black Stork

Gibraltar Point

Cattle Egret, Great White Egret, Pied Flycatcher, Pacific Golden Plover, 4 Spotted Redshank, 27 Arctic Skua, 17 Spoonbill, 3 Little Stint, 7 Arctic Tern

Saltfleetby

Pied Flycatcher

20/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

200 Avocet, 2 Great White Egret, Spotted Redshank, 10 Spoonbill

Anderby Creek

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Bar-tailed Godwit, Guillemot, Kittiwake, 2 Golden Plover, 8 Sanderling 10 Common Scoter, Arctic Skua, 150 Sandwich Tern Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

East Halton Skitter

Wood Sandpiper, 4 Ruddy Shelduck, 4 Arctic Tern

Frampton Marsh

11 Spotted Redshank, Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Little Stint, 28 Spoonbill, Black Stork (P.M.)



Little Stint at Frampton Marsh - Image © Andy Sims

Freiston Shore

Black Stork (A.M.)

Huttoft Bank

Pied Flycatcher, Long-tailed Skua, 2 Roseate Tern (S)

Manby Wetlands

2 Little Egret, Greenshank, Black-tailed Godwit, 80 Lapwing, 4 Little Ringed Plover, Ruff, 11 Green Sandpiper, 8 Snipe Swanpool cow-fields

1 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Lesser Whitethroat

19/08/2021 Anderby Creek Pomarine Skua (N) Baston Fen Cattle Egret **Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, Pacific Golden Plover (only one now?), Scaup Greater. Spoonbill, Little Stint

Freiston Shore

Black Stork



A stunning close up of the Black Stork which returned across the river to Freiston Shore today - Image © Paul Sullivan

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, Curlew Sandpiper, 17 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Messingham

Buzzard, 5 Cormorant, 4 Egyptian Goose, 30 Lapwing, 2 Little Egret, Marsh Harrier, Red-crested Pochard, Water Rail, 10 Swallow, 21 Teal, 2 Common Tern

Swanpool cow-fields

2 Spotted Flycatcher



One of the Spotted Flycatchers in the cow-field hedge at Swanpool - Image © Andy Sims

Tattershall Bridge

66 Egyptian Goose (up stream)

RAF Woodhall

3 Greenshank, Hobby, 2 Green Sandpiper, 4 Snipe, 2 Wheatear

18/08/2021

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Cattle Egret, Black-necked Grebe

Frampton Marsh

Turtle Dove, 19 Greenshank, Hobby, 2 Short-eared Owl, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, 6 Spotted Redshank, 2 Greater Scaup, 2 Great Skua, Black Stork, 16 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, Pink-footed Goose, Hobby, Sand Martin, 26 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Barn Swallow, Swift, Whimbrel Manby Wetlands

2 Greenshank, Hobby, 2 Little Ringed Plover, 5 Ruff, 4 Green Sandpiper, Snipe

Nebraska Wetlands

2 Buzzard, Hobby, Marsh Harrier, House Martin, Swallow

Withern

Cuckoo, 16 Grey Heron, Green Sandpiper

17/08/2021

Baston Pits

2 Common Crane

Brickyard Lane

Fulmar, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 8 Arctic Skua, Long-tailed Skua, 10 Arctic Tern

Chapel Point

2 Roseate Tern

Cress Marsh

Wood Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

2 Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Curlew Sanpiper, 3 Great Scaup, 19 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Black Stork

Gibraltar Point

5 Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, 20 Spoonbill

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Osprey

16/08/2021

Winter's Pond

18 Avocet, 615 Black-tailed Godwit, 60 Redshank, 6 Common Sandpiper

Freiston Shore

2 Dunlin, 10 Black-tailed Godwit, Greenshank, 8 Ruff, Black Stork, 50 Barn Swallow, 2 Yellow Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Osprey, 2 Short-eared Owl, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Greater Scaup, 2 Ruddy Shelduck, 19 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint, Black Stork, 6 Little Ringed Plover, Whimbrel

15/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

8 Spotted Redshank, 15 Spoonbill

Cradge Bank

Whinchat

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

Frampton Marsh

2 Pacific Golden Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Greater Scaup

Freiston Shore

Wood Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill, Black Stork

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, 2 Greenshank, Short-eared Owl, Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Arctic Skua, 10 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Whimbrel

East Halton Skitter

Wood Sandpiper

14/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis

Cress Marsh

Wood Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, 25 Greenshank, Short-eared Owl, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Greater Scaup, 4 Little Stint, 2 Wheatear

Freiston Shore

Wood Sandpiper, Black Stork



Black Stork at Fraeiston Shore - Image © Steve Clippo

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Arctic Skua, Wood Sandpiper, 32 Spoonbill, Little Stint, 400 Sandwich Tern, 40 Willow Warbler, 2 Wheatear, Whinchat

13/08/2021

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Frampton Marsh

3 Marsh Harrier, Golden Plover, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Common Sandpiper, 3 Green Sandpiper, 16 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, Yellow-legged Gull, Curlew Sandpiper, 34 Spoonbill

East Halton Skitter

Wood Sandpiper

12/08/2021

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Cattle Egret, Black-necked Grebe

Cradge Bank (Boston Bulbs)

Whinchat

Crook Bank

3 Wood Sandpiper

Deeping Lakes

Wood Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

Dunlin, Hobby, Osprey, 3 Short-eared Owl, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, 4 Spotted Redshank, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, 16 Spoonbill, 5 Little Stint, Black Stork

Gibraltar Point

Common Crane, 3 Great White Egret, 3 Greenshank, 2 Common Redshank, 30 Spoonbill, 150 Barn Swallow, 140 Swift, Whimbrel Nebraska Wetlands

Corn Bunting, Hobby, 9 Grey Partridge, Sparrowhawk

Tetney Lock

Cuckoo, Greenshank, Sand Martin, 10 Redshank, Common Sandpiper



A Cuckoo at Tetney Lock - Image © Jim Wright

11/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Cattle Egret

Deeping Lakes

3 Ruddy Shelduck

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 3 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

4 Spotted Redshank, 34 Spoonbill

Leadenham

Osprey (over)

Messingham

2 Buzzard, 8 Egyptian Goose, Hobby, 40 Sand Martin, Sparrowhawk, 9 Barn Swallow, 14 Teal, Willow Warbler, Green Woodpecker

Tetney Marsh

Osprey, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, 21 Whimbrel

10/08/2021 Alkborough Flats Glossy Ibis Cleethorpes

50 Common Tern, 50 Sandwich Tern



Four of the 50 or so Common Tern which were on the beach at Cleethorpes today - Image © Nick Coulbeck

Frampton Marsh

2 Turtle Dove, 5 Short-eared Owl, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, 7 Spotted Redshank, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 27 Spoonbill, 4 Little Stint, Wheatear

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl, 24 Spoonbill, 3 Black Tern (S)

09/08/2021

Baston Fen

2 Common Crane

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher, 3 Grey Partridge

Frampton Marsh

2 Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 19 Spoonbill, 4 Little Stint, Wood Sandpiper

Paradise

Wood Sandpiper

Tetney

Black Stork

08/08/2021

Baston Fen

Wood Sandpiper

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Boultham Mere

Common Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

2 Short-eared Owl, 12 Spotted Redshank, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 24 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint, Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

27 Spoonbill

Killingholme Haven

133 Avocet, 3500 Bllack-tailed Godwit

Swanpool

5 Lesser Whitethroat

Tetney Lock

Wood Sandpiper

07/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Great White Egret

Baston Fen

Wood Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

33 Greenshank, Hobby, Red Kite, 2 Short-eared Owl, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, 6 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 21 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Temminck's Stint



The two Pacific Golden Plover at Frampton Marsh - Image ${\hbox{$\mathbb C$}}$ Steve Clippo

Gibraltar Point

18 Spoonbill

Paradise

Wood Sandpiper

06/08/2021

Baston Fen

2 Common Crane

Far Ings

Water Rail, Bearded Tit, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Frampton Marsh

Pacific Golden Plover, 6 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper 20 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint, Temminck's Stint, 5 Twite

Gibraltar Point

70 Avocet, 8 Greenshank, 6 Spotted Redshank, 2 Common Sandpiper, 3 Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 21 Spoonbill

Shep Whites

Cuckoo, 2 Marsh Harrier, Barn Owl, 2 Short-eared Owl

Stamford

Peregrine Falcon

Sutton on Sea

26 Gannet, 80 Golden Plover, 42 Common Scoter, Black Tern, 11 Common Tern, 180 Sandwich Tern

05/08/2021

Baston Fen

Wood Sandpiper

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Cattle Egret, Yellow-leged Gull, Wood Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

17 Greenshank, 2 Pacific Golden Plover, Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, 20 Spoonbill, Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

4 Spotted Redshank, 23 Spoonbill

04/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis, 26 Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, 10 Greenshank, Kingfisher, 5 Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Plover, 18 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Temminck's

Stint, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

2 Spoonbill

Grantham

Osprev (north-west)

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Skegness

Black Tern (North)

03/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis

Boultham Mere

Bittern

Eagle

8 Turtle Dove (up to 6 territories)

Frampton Marsh

2 Common Crane, Pacific Golden Plover, 18 Spoonbill, Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Little Ringed Plover, Water Rail, Spoonbill, Barn Swallow, Great Spotted Woodpecker

02/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Branston Island

2 Common Crane (circled overhead and drifted off north)

Frampton Marsh

Pacific Golden Plover

Tetney Marsh RSPB

Wood Sandpiper

01/08/2021

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Black-necked Grebe

Boultham Mere

Common Sandpiper

Cress Marsh

Green Sandpiper, Greenshank, Sedge Warbler

Frampton Marsh

Corn Bunting, Cuckoo, 10 Greenshank, Black-tailed Godwit, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Red Knot, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Pacific Golden Ployer, 2 Spotted Redshank, Common Sandpiper, 2 Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 8 Spoonbill, Whimbrel

Manby Wetlands

Wood Sandpiper

Paradise

66 Dunlin, Common Sandpiper, 4 Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 8 Snipe

Toft Newton

Dunlin, Grey Partridge, 24 Mute Swan

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LincolnshireBirdInformation/

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

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

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

Sir Joseph Banks Society

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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-

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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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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

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Natural England

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Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

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Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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