



## Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - December 2021

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### LBC Annual Report 2020

The Lincolnshire Bird Club 2020 report is in production. Unfortunately, there has been a slight delay in the collation of the 2020 data, but it is ALL now available and approximately 30% of the species accounts have been completed. The estimated print data will be published in the Jan eNewsletter.

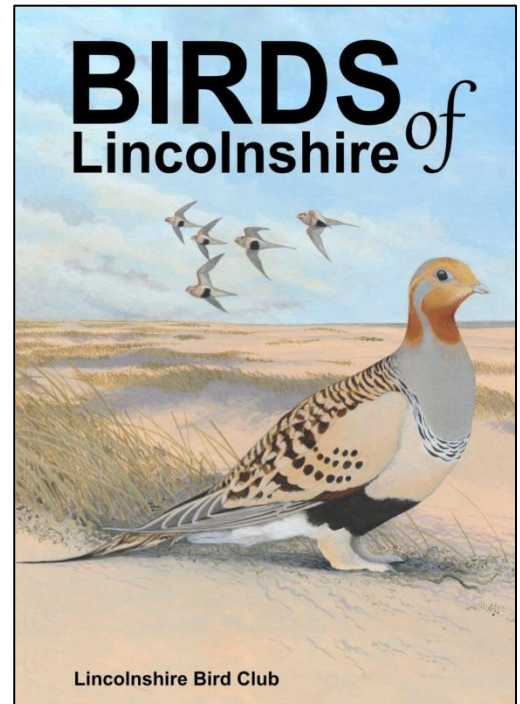
We would like to thank Jon Cooper and Charlie Barnes (GLNP) for helping with the 2020 data, a job that Colin Casey had undertaken for a number of years but was sadly unable to complete in 2021 due to certain data not being available before he became too ill to finish the job.

### Call for 2020 Bird Photographs

Could anyone with images of birds photographed in 2020 please send copies to [info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk). All pictures in .jpg format please. PLEASE include the species name, location, date and your initials in the image file name. All images will be fully credited. All emails will be acknowledged, so if you don't get a response, please check that they have been received.

### BoL Christmas Present

Stuck for a Christmas present idea – look no further than the highly acclaimed Birds of Lincolnshire, still available for members at £30 plus p&p – Buy online at <https://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk/site/index.php/information/birds-of-lincolnshire-publication-date>



**For Sale – Black-throated Thrush at Grimsby: Watercolours by Darren Woodhead**

We will be using some of Darren Woodhead's original watercolours of the Black-throated Thrush at Grimsby in the 2020 LBC Report. The images are all for sale, contact Darren on [info@darrenwoodhead.com](mailto:info@darrenwoodhead.com) (prices shown below).

All the images were done the day that Darren saw the bird (8th February 2020). Two of the images were photographed by a professional photographer and two by iphone (so there is a slight difference in light, but they are all painted on the same coloured paper). All are painted using the finest quality Winsor and Newton Artist quality Watercolours, the pigments of which really do sing – something that is difficult to really show on a photograph – the beauty of watercolours for sure. All can be sent flat and would be posted by Royal Mail Special Delivery guaranteed next day, which is fully insured, free of charge.



**Black-throated Thrush III, Grimsby, 260 x 360mm £550**  
08.02.2020



**Black-throated Thrush I, Grimsby, 260 x 360mm £550**  
08.02.2020



**Black-throated Thrush against the light, Grimsby, 080220 360 x 280mm £695**





**Black-throated Thrush** studies FS1, 560 x 380mm £ 750



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## Zoom Meeting

An Easy Christmas Bird Quiz

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

7.30 p.m.

Why not join with friends, you will need paper,  
pencil, drinks and nibbles

See LBC Events for the Zoom Link



**LBC EVENTS ZOOM Link** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4240761972>



## Construction of new lifeboat station will be delayed to safeguard shorebirds

Artist's impression of the proposed new Cleethorpes lifeboat station as it will be seen from the promenade (Picture: RNLI)



CONSTRUCTION work on a proposed new lifeboat station will be delayed to safeguard overwintering shorebirds.

Although the £3-million project is scheduled to start in April next year, piling will be postponed until May 1 by which time the Knot, Dunlin, Curlew, Sanderling and other species should have flown north to their breeding grounds.

The delay has been agreed following discussions between the RNLI, Natural England and North East Lincolnshire Council.

Works will then be put on hold again after August 31 when the birds will be returning.

A downside is that there is likely to be displacement for migrating Common and Sandwich Terns which often rest on this part of the beach during early August.

The new station, to be built on the beach, will replace the existing one, which is on a public highway, and will have its own slipway for launch and recovery of the lifeboat.

Target date for completion is mid-2023.

JW

**Overwintering Knot on Cleethorpes Beach**



## Grimsby RSPB Local Group zoom talks

Did you know that Fulmars will fly up to 300 miles out to sea to find food compared to just 21 miles for Razorbills ? Or that White-tailed Eagles spend 92% of their time just perched in a tree? Did you know that Blacktoft Sands has recorded 280 species on site including 53 species of wader? Do you know how the Humber reserves are managed and being linked with new sites being developed like Island Farm? Do you want to know how to find and photograph your own Lincolnshire bird rarities?



Well, if you had joined Grimsby RSPB Local Group zoom talks over the last year all this would be old hat to you!

There is no membership as such for Grimsby RSPB Group, you just pay £3 for each talk: at the moment all monthly talks are on Zoom. Hopefully next year we will be able to meet in person but, hopefully, with the presentations also being available virtually. Simply email the Group Leader, Martin Francis ([martin.francis2@ntlworld.com](mailto:martin.francis2@ntlworld.com)), and he will add your name to the mailing list so that he can send you the payment details and Zoom links. You can find out about future events and talks easily by going to Grimsby Local Group - The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds ([rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk))

As a taster of what you could have been enjoying, there is a special Christmas Offer for a limited time only: the recent excellent talk by Pete Short ( Humber Reserves Site Manager ) called 'A Humber Odyssey ' is available FREE! So get emailing Martin for your free event!

Or better still, join the Group for its December Zoom talk on the 20th, 'The Natural History of Christmas' by Dr Michael Leach. Mike Leach is an outstandingly experienced and knowledgeable wildlife photography who has visited the Group on 7 previous occasions. His talks have never failed to inform, entertain and amuse his whole audience. This talk is not to be missed. (Instructions for joining the mailing list are above).

If you have any views on the Local Grimsby RSPB Group; how it could better meet your needs and interests; anything that puts you off being more involved with the Group; then please don't be afraid to share your (polite) opinions with Martin!



Lizzie Oakley, Project Assistant with **Boultham Park Lake Restoration Project** are holding a series of talks on Wildlife and Conservation, starting with this Thursday (2nd December) with Leigh Marshall from the Welney Waterfowl and Wetland Centre talking about the Trials and Tribulations of Creating and Managing Wetlands. This is sure to be a really interesting talk, and we would really appreciate it if you could please share this on your socials and amongst your members, I have attached the posters for the event.



  
Boultham Park

**BOULTHAM  
PARK  
WILDLIFE &  
CONSERVATION  
TALKS**

**02.12.2021**  
**6pm-7pm. £3.00**  
**Linkage Education Centre**

  
**WWT**

**Trials and Tribulations of creating & managing wetlands**  
**Leigh Marshall - WWT Welney Wetland Centre Manager**

Leigh and his team manage over 400 hectares of wetland reserve as well as an eco-friendly visitor centre, welcoming around 30,000 visitors each year. Leigh has worked in conservation for over 28 years specialising in habitat management and species protection. For Project Godwit, Leigh oversees all activities at WWT Welney and manages the crucial Lady Fen site, the only remaining site holding breeding black-tailed godwits at the Ouse Washes.

**To book your place email us at [Boultham.park@lincoln.gov.uk](mailto:Boultham.park@lincoln.gov.uk) or call 01522 873607**

  
Boultham Park

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## Boultham Park Wildlife and Conservation Talks



**02.12.2021. 6pm-7pm. £3.00. Linkage Education Centre**

### **Trials and tribulations of creating & managing wetlands**

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**16.12.2021 6pm-7pm £3.00. Linkage Education Centre**

### **Growing The Community Together**

Mary Hollis - Founder and chief executive of Green Synergy

Having volunteered on a range of community development, agricultural and environmental projects in the UK and abroad including a vocational training centre in Botswana. When Mary moved to Lincolnshire in 2010, she was shocked that Lincoln was without a city farm or community garden and together with a group of like-minded people began to discuss whether it may be possible to set one up. Ideas began to develop into action and in 2012 Green Synergy was founded.



**13.01.2022 6pm-7pm £3.00. Linkage Education Centre**

### **Cherishing our Churchyards, Graveyards and Cemeteries - The God's Acre Project**

Helen Gamble - Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service Project Officer

Helen has worked in the Lincolnshire Wolds for over 20 years, providing advice and, where appropriate, helps to deliver grant aid to farmers, landowners and community groups on works to implement landscape, wildlife and access improvements within the Wolds. The Gods Acre Project acknowledges churchyards, graveyards and cemeteries as the important greenspaces they are supporting a wide range of species.

**Steve  
Lovell  
Green  
Spaces**

**27.01.2022. 6pm-7pm. £3.00. Linkage Education Centre**

### **Wildlife and Habitats of Lincoln and the surrounding area**

Steve Lovell - Garden designer and conservationist

With 28 years experience of garden design and soft landscaping, adult education and conservation, Steve Lovell is now proprietor of Greenspaces nature, running specialist UK tours and day trips to watch birds and other native wildlife.





## Humberside Police appoint full-time wildlife crime officer

Pc Lawrence Grant (pictured) has taken over as the Wildlife, Rural and Heritage Crime Officer for the South Bank of the Humber - including the Cleethorpes, Grimsby and Immingham areas. He succeeds PC Jane Proud who has retired. Says Pc Grant: "My mother's parents were farmers in the area but my grandfather had retired by the time I was born. "He still retained some land around the farm house and I enjoyed tending it with him, digging out ditches etc."

"As a child I loved being outdoors and completed my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award while at college.

"My passion for addressing rural and wildlife crime developed while I was working in Barton and subsequently Brigg. "I felt that rural communities often got overlooked due to most of our demand coming from urban communities."



Pc Grant became a police officer in 2016. He recalls: "I worked in Grimsby on Incident Response and Prisoner Processing, then Incident Response at Barton Police Station, before moving to a neighbourhood police officer role at Brigg. "Having worked in so many varied roles I have a good understanding of how investigations progress. This allows me to effectively investigate crimes, knowing each previous and subsequent steps in an investigation.

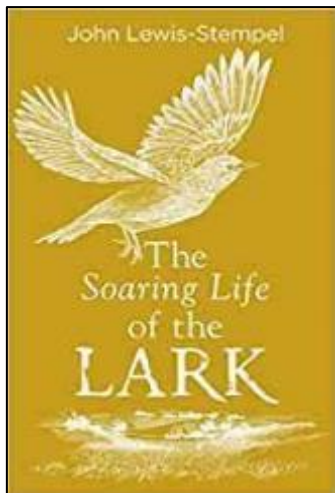
"Seasonal issues such as hare coursing continue to be reported frequently in autumn during and after harvest when the fields are reduced to stubble. This brings with it damage to newly seeded drill crops and gateways. "As a wildlife crime officer, I have received specialist training to investigate wildlife crimes such a badger baiting, hare coursing and poaching. I carry out this role full-time.

"What I cannot say often enough is that the public should report any and all crime no matter how small.

"Rural crime is often under-reported and I would ask for people to call 101 with anything that is concerning them." More about how Humberside Police tackles rural crime is at: [www.humberside.police.uk/wildlife-and-rural-crime](http://www.humberside.police.uk/wildlife-and-rural-crime)

Jim Wright

## BOOK REVIEW: THE SOARING LIFE OF THE LARK



SMALL is beautiful. That seems to be the message from Doubleday Books with their pre-Christmas publication of nature writer John Lewis-Stempel's charming new book - *The Soaring Life of The Lark*.

It consists of fewer than 100 A5 pages of his own reflections, plus black-and-white sketches and poetry from yesteryear.

Had it not been for the fact that it is published in hardback, it could almost be classified as a pamphlet rather than a book. But those caveats aside, it is very pleasingly produced, and, costing only £9.95, represents good value in these inflationary times.

In his whistlestop tour of larkland, the author explores how this declining bird of open spaces has inspired poets from Wordsworth to Shelley (his own favourite being George

Meredith) and composers such as Vaughan Williams whose famous *The Lark Ascending* was apparently written as he walked the clifftop outside Margate in Kent in the first week of the 1914-18 war. Borrowing from one of his earlier books, *Where Poppies Blow*, the author also describes how, in the same war, seemingly endlessly cheerful skylarks lifted the spirits of suffering soldiers in the trenches of the Western Front.

He laments both how larks were once exploited in their thousands by the caged birds trade and the ongoing decrease in their population in Europe as the result of modern intensive agricultural methods. Despite concerns about the future of skylarks, Lewis-Stempel strikes a refreshingly positive tone throughout his reflections. "Maybe it is the fancy of frail humans to believe the birds sing for us," he writes. "But listen to the skylark's song - surely it is Nature's own music."

## SEAWATCHING - THE FOULER THE WEATHER, THE BETTER THE BIRDING

A SPIRITED defence of seawatching has been sounded by a leading ornithologist in the United States.

Contrary to Bill Oddie's description of it as "the most tedious of all pursuits", Christopher W. Leahy says there is "no greater pleasure (with a couple of exceptions) than to repose near the coast in the teeth of a cyclone watching masses of blurry avian forms passing through foggy oculars".

On his side of the word, the challenge is to keep "a sharp look-out for the Long-tailed Jaeger or Bridled Tern that is bound to show up if you stick it out a little longer".

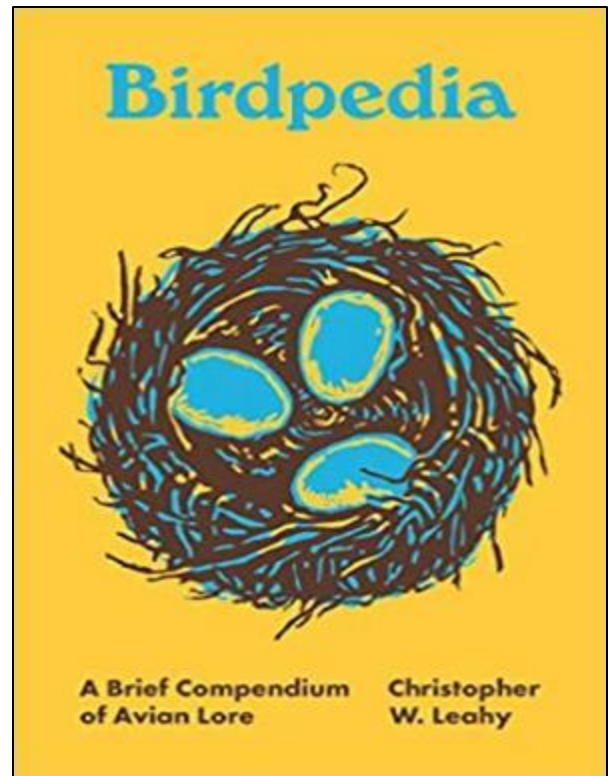
He notes: "On a promising seawatching day, the weather is likely to be spectacularly foul - gale force winds howling and sheets of sleet streaming directly into your face and telescope.

"The bad weather has the effect of pushing bird species that normally shun the sight of land (e.g. shearwaters and phalaropes) into viewing range.

Leahy (author, incidentally, of *The Birds of Mongolia*) describes the "propensity to seawatch as a reliable genetic marker that divides the birding community".

He acknowledges that another downside is that it is "relatively stationary", but insists that every birder, even if "born seawatch-negative" should "endure" the experience at least once.

\* Leahy's comments come in his entertaining and informative new book, *Birdpedia - A Brief Compendium of Avian Lore* (Princeton University Press, £9.99) in which he covers some 200 topics, ranging from the latest insights on migration to how the approach of British birders diverges from that of their counterparts in the US where 54 per cent are women.



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## Lincolnshire Bird News - November 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](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk). Records of more common species are still very important and should be submitted to the county Recorder (again, send all records to [recorder\\_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk)) or submitted online using the **BTO BirdTrack** or **eBird Apps**. ALL records will then be added to the Lincolnshire Bird Club data-base, to be included in the Annual Reports. **PLEASE NOTE** that none of these reports have been verified or checked by the Lincolnshire Bird Club Records Committee. Please note that the close off date for records for the 2019 Lincs Bird Report is 1st May 2020, after this we cannot guarantee inclusion.

**30/11/2021**

**Brandy Wharf**

**3 Corn Bunting, 2 Goosander**



Corn Bunting near Brandy Wharf - Image © Andy Sims

**Covenham Reservoir**

**Grey Phalarope**

**Gibraltar Point**



Great Northern Diver, 4 Snow Bunting

**Mablethorpe**

Purple Sandpiper

**Millennium Green**

Siberian Chiffchaff (possible)

**Red Hill Reserve**

100 Brambling, 30 Chaffinch, 50 Goldfinch, 20 Yellowhammer

**Trent Port, Marton**

45 Blackbird, 3 Peregrine Falcon, Goldcrest, Jay, Kingfisher, Redshank, Siskin, 55 Wigeon, Green Woodpecker

**29/11/2021**

**Boultham Mere**

8 Gadwall, 50 Mallard, 5 Shoveler, 11 Teal, 5 Whooper Swan

**Covenham Reservoir**

Coot 300, 60 Tufted Duck, 40 Goldeneye, Grey Phalarope, Pochard, 4 Redshank, 5 Grey Wagtail, 30 Pied Wagtail, 100 Wigeon



The Grey Phalarope at Covenham Reservoir - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**Dunsby Fen**

2 Brambling, 3 Buzzard, 75 Canada Goose 170 Greylag Goose, 2 Marsh Harriers, 2 Grey Heron, 2 Kestrel, 2 Red Kite, Woodcock, Green Woodpecker

**Grainthorpe Marsh**

Barn Owl, Buzzard, 2 Little Egret 1500 Brent Goose, 2 Marsh Harrier, Kestrel, 1000 Red Knot, 180 Oystercatcher, 350 Shelduck

**Louth Canal**

Buzzard, Kingfisher, Water Rail





A stunning photo of a Water Rail in the Louth Canal - Image © John Clarkson

**Toft Newton**

280 Coot, 32 Great Crested Grebe, 41 Little Grebe, 27 Pochard

**Witham Mouth**

5 Red-throated Diver, 12 Eider 32 Goldeneye, 4 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, 4 Great Crested Grebe, 4 Guillemot, 20 Red-breasted Merganser

**28/11/2021**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Ring-necked Duck

**Black Bank, Messingham**

Blackbird, 3 Buzzard, 2 Coal Tit, Fieldfare, Jay, 4 Kestrel, 10 Linnet, Redwing, 25 Siskin, Tree Sparrow, 60 Starling, 2 Whooper Swan, Mistle Thrush, Great Spotted Woodpecker

**Chapel Point**

Little Auk

**Covenham Reservoir**

Grey Phalarope

East Halton Skitter

Long-tailed Duck, Pale-bellied Brent Goose

**Deeping High Bank**

2 Short-eared Owl

**Far Ings**

Bittern

**Trent Port, Marton**

2 Bullfinch, Great White Egret, 2 Kingfisher, 2 **Raven**, 119 Redwing, Treecreeper, 115 Wigeon

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Barn Owl, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Hen Harrier** (♂), Kingfisher, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, **Little Stint**, **Stonechat**

**Gibraltar Point**

Glaucous Gull

**Sutton on Sea**

Little Auk, Great Northern Diver

**Tallington Lakes**

Greater Scaup

**Witham End**

4 Black-throated Diver, 2 Hen Harrier (both ♀)

**27/11/2021**

**Boultham Mere**

27 Gadwall, Goosander, 14 Shoveler

**Chapel Point**

**Little Auk**, 2 Avocet (N), Red-throated Diver, Fulmar, 4 Guillemot, **Glaucous Gull** (N), 164 Kittiwake, **Puffin** (S), 12 Great Skua,

**Covenham Reservoir**

Grey Phalarope

**Donna Nook**

Lapland Bunting, Caspian Gull, Merlin, Twite

**East Halton Skitter**

Leach's Storm Petrel

**North Hykeham Pits**

15 Goldeneye, 2 Goosander, 3 Pintail, 2 **Smew** (♀ briefly)

**Killingholme Marshes**

2 Pomarine Skua

**Marston**

Marsh Harrier

**Sutton on Sea**

Fulmar, 7 Gannet, 2 Goosander, 105 Kittiwake, Razorbill, 45 Common Scoter, **Great Skua** 5 Pomarine Skua

**Witham End**

Leach's Storm Petrel

**26/11/2021**

**Anderby Creek**

Little Bunting, Ring Ouzel, Arctic Tern

**Gibraltar Point**

**Hen Harrier** (♂), Short-eared Owl

**Saltfleetby**

7 Snow Bunting, 8 Twite

**25/11/2021**

**Alkbororough Flats**

Stonechat

**Anderby Creek**

**Brambling**, **Little Bunting**, 72 Chaffinch, 52 Goldfinch, 2 Guillemot, **Ring Ouzel**, 3 **Rock Pipit**, 10 Lesser Redpoll, 84 Siskin, **Great Skua**, Arctic Tern, 43 Whooper Swan

**Crook Bank to Churchill Lane**



7 Snow Bunting, 8 Twite

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier (♂), Twite

**Gibraltar Point**

Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Marsh Harrier, **Stonechat**

**Hartsholme Park**

2 Goosander (♂ ♀), 5 Grey Heron, 2 **Tawny Owl**, c50 Shoveler (including a raft of about 40)



A raft of about 40 Shoveler in Hartsholme Park - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**North Hykeham Pits**

5 Bullfinch, Chiffchaff, 3 Goldcrest, 6 Goldeneye, Goosander, 2 Jay, 2 Kingfisher, **Water Rail**, 8 Siskin, Treecreeper, Grey Wagtail, Great Spotted Woodpecker

**Swanholme Lakes**

Goosander 6 (4 ♂ 2 ♀)

**24/11/2021**

**Baston Fen**

**Water Pipit**

**Boultham Mere**

10 Whooper Swan, various numbers present every day since 15th of Oct

**Frampton Marsh**

Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Stonechat, Whooper Swan

**Freiston Shore**

**Mandarin Duck**

**Killingholme**

Purple Sandpiper

**Mablethorpe**

Little Auk, Purple Sandpiper, Smew (♀)

**Theddlethorpe (Crook Bank)**

60 Snow Bunting

**Wainfleet All Saints**

Hen Harrier (♂), Short-eared Owl

**Whisby**

28 Lesser Redpoll, Water Pipit, Meally Redpoll, 7 Siskin

**23/11/2021**

**Deeping High Bank**

Cattle Egret, Goosander

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl

**Gibraltat Point**

Short-eared Owl

**Scopwick**

Black Redstart

**Whisby**

19 Goldeneye, Kingfisher, 620 Lapwing, Pintail, Water Rail, 18 Lesser Redpoll, 5 Siskin, Treecreeper 235 Wigeon

**Wroot**

Hen Harrier

**22/11/2021**

**Bardney**

250 Lapwing, 400 Linnet, 200 Golden Plover, 60 Redwing

**Frampton Marsh**

40 Curlew, Hen Harrier (m), Kingfisher, Merlin, Barn Owl, 2000 Golden Plover, Stonechat

**Gibraltar Point**

3 Little Auk, Snow Bunting (over), 3 Great Northern Diver, Red-necked Grebe, 2 Little Gull, Leach's Storm Petrel (N), 2 Velvet Scoter, Manx Shearwater, 3 Great Skua

**Huttoft Bank**

Snow Bunting, Great Northern Diver, Long-tailed Duck, Gannet

**Huttoft Pit**

c 300 Brent Goose, 3 Whooper Swan

**Manby Wetlands**

2 Green Sandpiper

**Sutton on Sea**

2 Little Auk, Great Northern Diver, Long-tailed Duck, 24 Gannet, Goldeneye, 31 Brent Goose, 8 Kittiwake, Red-breasted

Merganser, Pintail, 194 Common Scoter, 61 Shelduck

**Witham End**

5 Red-throated Diver, 6 Eider, 9 Goldeneye, 2 Gannet, 10 Guillemot, Pale-bellied Brent Goose

**21/11/2021**

**Chapel Point**

Black-throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Long-tailed Duck, Red-necked Grebe, Puffin, Manx Shearwater, 10 Pomarine Skua

**Deeping Lakes**

Ruddy Shelduck

**Far Ings**

Purple Sandpiper

**Frampton Marsh**

Short-eared Owl

**Gibraltar Point**

Little Auk, Peregrine Falcon, Fulmar, Goosander, Caspian Gull, 5 Little Gull, 6 Pomarine Skua.

**Huttoft**

**Pomarine Skua**

**Mablethorpe**

2 Long-tailed Duck, Glaucous Gull, Sooty Shearwater



Glaucous Gull on the beach today at Mablethorpe - Image © Josh Fusiara

**Saltfleetby**

3 Lapland Bunting, 51 Snow Bunting

**Trent Port, Marton**

2 Bullfinch, Peregrine Falcon, Kingfisher, 65 Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, 2 Snipe, 33 Long-tailed Tit, 58 Wigeon, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker

**Whisby**

Bearded Tit (heard only)

**20/11/2021**

**Chapel Six Marshes**

12000 Common Starling (murmuration)

**Far Ings**

Purple Sandpiper

**Frampton Marsh**

Buzzard, 250 Pink-footed Goose, 4 Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Little Stint, Stonchat, 23

Whooper Swan

**Freiston Shore**

4 Jay, 144 Siskin

**Gibraltar Point**

Pink-footed Geese, Slavonian Grebe, Merlin, 3 Short-eared Owl, Pintail, Black Redstart, Swallow, 7 Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

**Marton**

33 Whooper Swan



**Witham End**

Great Northern Diver, Red-throated Diver

**19/11/2021**

**Anderby Creek**

Swallow

**Baston Fen**

Water Pipit

**Crook Bank**

52 Snow Bunting

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier (♂), Marsh Harrier, Stonechat, Curlew Sandpiper, Swallow, Whooper Swan

**Gibraltar Point**

Lapland Bunting, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl

**Hykeham Pits**

Swallow

**Lincoln (Doddington Park)**

2 Sparrowhawk

**Messingham**

5 Bullfinch, 2 Buzzard, Great White Egret, 2 Peregrine Falcon, 3 Goldcrest, Marsh Harrier, 400 Lapwing, 10 Pochard, 6 Shelduck, 8 Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

**Saltfleetby**

2 Hen Harrier (♂ ♀), 15 Twite

**Tallington Lakes**

Greater Scaup

**Whisby**

Bittern, Cetti's Warbler, Chiffchaff, 4 Goldcrest, 2 Water Rail, 5 Redwing, 2 Sparrowhawk, Mistle Thrush, 2 Grey Wagtail

**18/11/2021**

**Frampton Marsh**

3 Avocet, 2 Snow Bunting, Buzzard, Cattle Egret, Peregrine Falcon, 600 Brent Goose, 2 Hen Harrier (♂ ♀), 6 Marsh Harrier, 2 Kestrel, 1500 Lapwing, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, 20 Pintail, Rock Pipit, 300 Golden Plover, 3 Stonechat, 1500 Teal, 4000 Wigeon

**Freiston Shore**

Cattle Egret

**Gibraltar Point**

Avocet, 8 Red-throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Eider, Gannet, 25 Black-tailed Godwit, 220 Brent Goose, Hen Harrier (♂), 2 Marsh Harrier, Water Rail

**Heighington Fen**

5 Corn Bunting

**Rimac**

2 Hen Harrier (♀ ♂)

**Swanpool**

7 Grey Partridge

**17/11/2021**

**Long Bennington**

2 Kittiwake (W)

**Boultham Mere**

Goosander, Kingfisher, Stonechat, 5 Whooper Swan, Grey Wagtail, Cetti's Warbler

**Deeping Lakes**

2 Ruddy Shelduck

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-throated Diver, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Tundra Bean Goose, Hen Harrier, 3 Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Water Pipit, 5 Stonechat

**Gibraltar Point**

Bullfinch, **Corn Bunting**, **4 Snow Bunting**, Great White Egret, Goosander, **Hen Harrier**, Short-eared Owl  
**Millennium Green**  
**Mandarin**  
**Saltfleetby**  
**Velvet Scoter**  
**Swanholme Lakes**  
2 Goosander (♂ ♀), Great Spotted Woodpecker, Treecreeper



Goosander on Pike Drain - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**Whisby**  
Great White Egret, 700 Lapwing, **Water Pipit**, **Water Rail**, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 9 Siskin

16/11/2021

**Baston Fen**  
**Water Pipit**  
**Bottesford**  
**Rose-ringed Parakeet**  
**Crook Bank**  
**3 Long-tailed Duck**, Common Scoter (large flock), **Velvet Scoter**  
**Frampton Marsh**  
**Peregrin Falcon**, **Hen Harrier (male)**, **Merlin**, Short-eared Owl, **Stonechat**  
**Friskney**  
**Hen Harrier**  
**Gibraltar Point**  
**Hen Harrier**  
**Mablethorpe**  
**3 Long-tailed Duck**, 2 Velvet Scoter  
**Saltfleetby**  
**28 Snow Bunting**, Little Auk, 2 Velvet Scoter  
**Seacroft**  
**Twite**  
**Whisby**  
**Bittern**, **Greater Scaup**



Rose-ringed Parakeet an unexpected visitor in a private garden - Image © Alan Hudson

15/11/2021

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**



Ring-necked Duck

**Boultham Mere**

Buzzard, 2 Mandarin Duck, Great White Egret, 6 Whooper Swan



Buzzard today not far from Boultham Mere - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**Cleethorpes**

13 Snow Bunting

**Haddington**

Hen Harrier (male)

**Messingham**

2 Great White Egret

**North Hykeham to Aubourn**

7 Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, 4 Kestrel, Little Owl, Tawny Owl, 2 Grey Partridge, Green Woodpecker

**Mablethorpe**

Little Auk, 4 Long-tailed Duck, 4 Eider, Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter

**Saltfleetby**

17 Snow Bunting

**Tallington Lakes**

Greater Scaup

**14/11/2021**

**Boultham Mere**

102 Pink-footed Geese

**Brickyard Lane**

4 Shore Lark





One of the four Shore Lark that were at Brickyard Lane this morning - Image © Russel Hayes

**Churchill Lane**

Pallas's Warbler

**Deeping Lakes**

Ruddy Shelduck

**Gibraltar Point**

c250 Little Gull, Pomarine Skua

**East Halton Skitter**

Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl,, 2 Water Pipit, Green Sandpiper, Common Scoter. 3 Stonechat

**South Hykeham**

2 Peregrine Falcon, 2 Goldcrest, 135 Lapwing, 90 Golden Plover, Lesser Redpoll, Siskin, 2 Sparrowhawk

**Marton**

Cattle Egret, Ring-knecked Parakeet

**Marston**

2 Marsh Harrier, Green Sandpiper, 10+ Snipe

**Normanby**

Hawfinch

**Ruckland**

8 Red Kite

**Saltfleetby**

25 Snow Bunting

13/11/2021

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret

**East Halton Skitter**

2 Short-eared Owl, 2 Water Pipit

**Gibraltar Point**

Little Auk, 19 Snow Bunting 41 Little Gull Greater Scaup

**Whisby**

Bittern

**12/11/2021**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Little Gull

**Deeping Lake**

Ruddy Shelduck, Swallow

**Donna Nook**

Water Pipit

**Frampton Marsh**

Peregrine Falcon, Marsh Harrier, Red Knot, Merlin, Pintail, Spotted Redshank, Stonechat

**Gibraltar Point**

Lapland Bunting, 15 Snow Bunting, 3 Great Northern Diver, Great White Egret, 130 Little Gull, Hen Harrier, Water Pipit, Arctic Skua

**Swanpool**

30 Lesser Redpoll, Stonechat, 6 Whooper Swan

**11/11/2021**

**Barkston**

6 Grey Partridge, 108 Golden Plover

**Boultham Mere**

Great White Egret, 12 Whooper Swan

**Deeping High Bank**

2 Bewick Swan, Whooper Swan

**Donna Nook**

Brambling, 4 Snow Bunting, Fielfare, Jay, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Water Pipit, Spotted Redshank, 3 Twite

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Cattle Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier (♀), Merlin, Water Rail, 2 Stonechat, Little Stint, Bearded Tit

**Gibraltar Point**

Great White Egret,

Pintail, 3 Water Rail,

Jack Snipe, Stonechat

**North Hykeham Pits**

Mandarin Duck

**Saltfleet Haven**

Ring Ouzel

**Sleaford**

Mandarin Duck

The brilliant colours of  
the Mandarin Duck at  
Sleaford - Image ©  
Steve Nesbitt



**10/11/2021**

**Barton upon Humber**

Siberian Chiffchaff

(Humber Bridge

Viewing Area

**Deeping Fen**

Dotterel, 3000 Golden

Plover, Pacific Golden

Plover

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Avocet, Cattle

Egret, Guillemot, **Merlin**, Short-eared Owl, **Water Rail**, **2 Stonechat**, **2 Whooper Swan**, Grey Wagtail

**Gibraltar Point**

**2 Brambling**, **18 Snow Bunting**, **3 Great Northern Diver**, 2000 Pink-footed Goose, **2 Merlin**, **Short-eared Owl**, **3 Stonechat**, **7 Water Rail**

**Huttoft**

Sanderling, **9 Snow Bunting**, **Stonechat**

**Louth**

Goosander



A female Goosander on the Louth Canal - Image © John Clarkson

**Millennium Green**

Mandarin Duck (♂), 5 Goldeneye, Water Rail, Green Sandpiper, Kingfisher, 2 jay, 3 Chiffchaff, 2 Blackcap, 6 Goldcrest, 2 Treecreeper, 2 Bullfinch, 4 Lesser Redpoll, 21 Siskin

**Tallington Lakes**

**Greater Scaup**

**Whisby**

Great White Egret, 429 Lapwing

**09/11/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

**Richard's Pipit**





**Richard's Pipit - Alkborough Flats - Image © Graham Catley**

**Deeping Fen**

Golden Plover, [Pacific Golden Plover](#)

**Gibraltar Point**

[Lapland Bunting](#), [20 Snow Bunting](#) (Millennium Ridge) and around 15 Greenshank Creek, [4 Red-throated Diver](#), Great White Egret, 2 Gannet, 2 Short-eared Owl, [25 Spotted Redshank](#), 2 Velvet Scoter, Jack Snipe, 2 Spoonbill

**Grimsby**

[Black Redstart](#)



**Black Redstart in Grimsby - Image © Nick Coulbeck**

**Messingham SQ**

4 Buzzard, 2 Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier, 2 Kestrel, 30 Pochard, 6 Shelduck, Sparrowhawk, Cetti's Warbler

**Saltfleet Haven**

2 Shore Lark

**Toft Newton**

Snow Bunting

**East Halton Skitter**

Water Pipit

**Tallington Lakes**

Greater Scaup

**08/11/2021**

**Boultham Mere**

Kingfisher, Sparrowhawk, 5 Whooper Swan, Treecreeper, Cetti's Warbler

**Brickyard Lane**

Dusky Warbler (200 yards south of track)

**Crook Bank**

Siberian Chiffchaff

**Deeping Fen**

Pacific Golden Plover

**Far Ings**

3 Bittern 4 Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher, Woodcock

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

Corn Bunting, Lapland Bunting, Snow Bunting, Gannet (in car-park). Ring Ouzel, Short-eared Owl, Ring-necked Parakeet, Water Pipit, Twite

**Inley Drove - South Holland Main Drain**

Grey-crowned Crane (escapee)



An unusual escapee that some may come across and wonder what it is

**Mablethorpe**

6 Snow Bunting, 2 Long-tailed Duck, Common Scoter

**Tallington Lakes**

Ring-knecked Duck

07/11/2021

**Frampton Marsh**

Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, 2 Little Stint, 2 Stonechat, 15 Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

**Freiston Shore**

2 Brambling, Tundra Bean Goose, 12 Rock Pipit 280 Siskin, 41 Whooper Swan, 12 Twite

**Humberstone Fitties**

Long-tailed Duck

**Huttoft**

Yellow-legged Gull

**South Hykeham**

43 Fieldfare, 27 Redwing

**Trent Port, Marton**

Blackcap (male), 2 Bullfinch, 16 Fieldfare, 76 Pink-footed Geese, 3 Goldcrest, Kingfisher, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 24 Redwing, 7 Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Stonechat, 34 Wigeon

**Marston**

13 Curlew, c400 Greylag Goose, Marsh Harrier, Water Rail, 75 Teal, Cetti's Warbler

**Rimac**

4 Marsh Harrier, Merlin Stonechat, 16 Whooper Swan

Merlin at Rimac - Image © John Clarkson

06/11/2021

**Baston Fen**

Ring Ouzel

**Deeping St Nicholas**

2000 Golden Plover, Pacific Golden Plover (in field east B1525 Littleworth Drove)

**Freiston Shore**

Tundra Bean Goose

**Gibraltar Point**

Jack Snipe, 2 Whooper Swan

05/11/2021

**Alkborough Flats**

c 32 Bearded Tit, 12 Black-tailed Godwit, 4 Goldeneye

(F), 110 Barnacle Goose, 100 Pink-footed Goose, 5 Marsh Harrier, Kestrel, Water Rail, 500 Golden Plover, 2 Grey Plover, 5 Ruff, Green Sandpiper, Whooper Swan, Bearded Tit

**Crook Bank**

16 Snow Bunting, 2 Siberian Chiffchaff, Fieldfare

**Frampton Marsh**

Curlew Sandpiper

**Gibraltar Point**

Lapland Bunting, White-fronted Goose, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Huttoft**

Short-eared Owl

**Mablethorpe**

Black Redstart

**Tallington Lakes**

Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup (♀)

04/11/2021

**Chapel Observatory**

Little Auk, 30 Snow Bunting, 150 Dunlin, 3 Little Gull, 200 Kittiwake, Short-eared Owl, 3 Purple Sandpiper, Manx Shearwater,





Arctic Skua, Great Skua, Pomarine Skua, 5 Whooper Swan, Woodcock

**Gibraltar Point**

Great White Egret, Lapland Bunting, Hen Harrier, Grey Phalarope (N)

**Mablethorpe**

16 Snow Bunting, Short-eared Owl

**Tallington Lakes**

Geater Scaup

**Theddlethorpe**

3 Snow Bunting, Bar-tailed Godwit, Sanderling



One of the Snow Bunting at Theddlethorpe - Image © John Clarkson

03/11/2021

**Alkborough Flats**

Red-throated Diver (over)

**Anderby Creek**

Red-throated Diver, 3 Gannet, 3 Goldcrest, Arctic Skua, Siskin, 3 Stonechat

**Frampton Marsh**

Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Green Sandpiper, Little Stint, American Wigeon

**Gibraltar Point**

3000 Pink-footed Geese, Bonaparte's Gull (off Mill Hill - then flew in to the Wash), Ring Ouzel, Jack Snipe, 30 Whooper Swan, 2 Woodcock

**Mablethorpe**

2 Brambling, Red-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck, Gannet, 310 Common Scoter, Great Skua, Jack Snipe

02/11/2021

**Baston Fen**

Water Pipit

**Donna Nook**

Short-eared Owl

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, Short-eared Owl, Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, American Wigeon

**Gibraltar Point**

Lapland Bunting, Hen Harrier, Ring Ouzel

**Mablethorpe**

Lapland Bunting, Long-tailed Duck, 500 Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter, 5 Twite

**Rippingale**

Hen Harrier

**Saltfleetby**

Lapland Bunting, 5 Twite

**01/11/2021**

**Baston Fen**

Water Pipit

**Crook Bank**

Long-tailed Duck

**Frampton Marsh**

Pectoral Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint, American Wigeon

**Gibraltar Point**

92 Little Gull (S)

**Mablethorpe**

4 Snow Bunting

**North Hykeham Pits**

Brambling, Chiffchaff, 7000 Black-headed Gull, 15 Lesser Redpoll, 17 Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Grey Wagtail

**Swanpool**

8 Grey Partridge, Sparrowhawk, Stonechat

**Trent Port**

6 Buzzard, 65 Red-legged Partridge, 6 Redwing, 3 Siskin, Sparrowhawk, Treecreeper

## 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

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BTO - <https://www.bto.org>

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

Birdguides - <https://www.birdguides.com/>

Rarebird Alert - <https://www.rarebirdalert.co.uk/>

### Recording

BTO Birdtrack - <https://app.bto.org/birdtrack/login/login.jsp>

eBird - <https://ebird.org/home>

iRecord - <https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/>

Nature Lister - <http://www.naturelister.co.uk>

Wildlife Recorder - <https://www.wildlife.co.uk>

### Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website

<http://lnu.org/>

LNU e-mail: [info@lnu.org](mailto:info@lnu.org)

**Love Lincs Plants** <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/what-we-do/love-lincs-plants>  
Love Lincs Plants Twitter feed  
[@LoveLincsPlants](#)

### Sir Joseph Banks Society

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

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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>

## FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

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Rural Crime News - <https://www.lincs.police.uk/news-campaigns/news/2019/rural-crime-news/>

## STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

<http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk/EasyTide/EasyTide/index.aspx>

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/guide-to-emails>

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/default.aspx>

Lyme Disease

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

## SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

### Botany

Botanical Group in South Lincs

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

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

Dr. David Sheppard - [d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com](mailto:d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com)

### Lincolnshire Mammals

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

### Mammal Atlas

You can download and print off a hard copy or view it online.

<http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php>

### Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

Ashley Butterfield - [learningoutdoors@btinternet.com](mailto:learningoutdoors@btinternet.com)

### Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

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Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

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## USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

### Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

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### Natural England

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

### Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

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

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

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





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