



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - April 2022

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Anne Goodall

21/09/1946 - 14/03/2022

Anne Goodall sadly passed recently following a short illness. Anne was a well known ringer, ecologist and longest serving Chair of LBC from 1992 to 2007. Her funeral will be at Lincoln Crematorium on Monday 4th April at 1.00pm. Her lifelong friend, colleague and fellow LBC committee member, Janet Eastmead who was Hon. Secretary when Anne was Chair, writes:

"Anne was born in Wakefield on 21 September 1946, to 'Charlie' and 'Sally' Staples. Her father was in the RAF and her mother was a Nurse. She has a younger sister, Gill. The family was posted to RAF stations in Wales and Germany amongst others and finally to RAF Waddington. By this time her mother was a Sister at Lincoln County Hospital and, after retiring from the RAF her father became an Administrator there. When Anne left school she too obtained a post there in the Pathology Department and this is where I first met her. A shared interest in birds led to us to begin training to obtain bird-ringing licences from the BTO where, in due course, she served on the Ringing Committee for a while. She was, of course, a founder member of the Lincolnshire Bird Club and worked tirelessly on the club's publications.

After leaving the Pathology department she met and married Robin and they had a son, Iain. During this time she also took several medical research posts for NHS Consultants in Lincoln and London.



Having developed by this time a deep interest in the natural world in general she went on to obtain an MSc in Zoology at Hull University.

She then began to undertake bird surveys for an ecological consultancy in Lincolnshire. After a while, together with two or three other surveyors, she started a new consultancy, ESL (Ecological) Ltd., in Horncastle, which they later moved to Lincoln and which became very successful.

By this time she was living in Chambers Wood Cottages where she continued bird ringing. She also helped to set up the introduction and monitoring of Hazel Dormouse into the wood and a bat monitoring group.

Despite several attempts to retire she continued work until very recently.

My best friend for 60 years, we spent many weekends and holidays all over the UK from the Scilly Isles to Shetland, from Alderney to the Western Isles - birding, botanising and exploring the geology and archaeology of the British Isles. I will miss her terribly."

Words by **Janet Eastmead** and Images supplied by **Lorna Griffith**



Events programme for summer 2022

Our Events organiser Chris Gunn has put together the following summer programme. Please support these events if you can. This is the first time in many years that we have arranged a programme like this and it is hoped that we can bring members together and enjoy a great time birding. If you'd like to go on a trip and have no transport please put a request on either the LBC Discussion Forum or tweet @Lincsbirding and we'll see what can be arranged.

Tuesday 10th May

Whisby – Dawn Chorus

Meet outside the Visitor Centre at 5.30 a.m.

Saturday 11th June

Visit to Alkborough

Meet at the car park at SE886 223 at 2.00 p.m.

Saturday 2nd July

Visit to Donna Nook

Either meet in the car park at 7.00 a.m. for the first circuit or 9.00 a.m. to join the first group for the second circuit.

Saturday 6th August

12 hour boat trip from Grimsby £75

Meet DN31 3SD at 8 a.m.

This trip will be by booking only and further details will be announced on the website and in the next edition of The Heron.

Saturday 3rd September

Visit to Frampton Meeting at either or both 9.00 a.m. or 1.00 p.m. for a guided walk outside the Visitor Centre PE20 1AY

Followed by a BBQ at 4.00 p.m. cost and venue TBA

The idea is to either spend a full day or half day birding as you wish followed by a BBQ at a nearby location on the edge of Boston. It is hoped that this will be a good social event. If you just wish to do the birding that is fine and you can also do just the BBQ but why not go for the full experience!

Saturday 1st October

Visit to Gibraltar Point

Meet 9.00 a.m. at the Visitor Centre

For further information see the Lincs Bird Club web site and future editions of The Heron.



General News

Bird Fair

You've probably heard that Bird Fair returns this summer at a new site close to Rutland Water at the Rutland County Showground near Oakham from Friday 15th July to Sunday 17th July. I'm sure many of you will be going and it is to be hoped that the new venue provides as fine an experience as the old one. LBC looked at taking a stand at the new Bird Fair to promote the Club, sell our publications and meet our members but sadly the cost proved prohibitive.

Spurn Migfest Weekend

We've heard that Migfest will be on the weekend of Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September. LBC took a stand last year but will not be doing so this year. It is a great event, well worth attending and the key speaker will be Alex Lees talking on vagrancy so hopefully he can whisper up the big one!

Looking for a new patch near Lincoln?

Su Colman of Nettleham Woodland Trust has written in with the following request:

Two local birdwatchers have collected monthly bird data at Ashing Lane Nature Reserve since 2013, but they have recently given up the activity. I have collected together their findings on our website, which has also been submitted through BirdTrack.

The data is at: <https://www.nettlehamwoodlandtrust.co.uk/detailed-bird-observations.html>

Would any Bird Club members be interested in covering this nature reserve as a 'local patch'? The Reserve is near Dunholme, just north east of Lincoln off the A46. We would like to continue to add to the citizen science showing the biodiversity there.

If you can help please contact Su direct on s+NWT@smmjv.com.



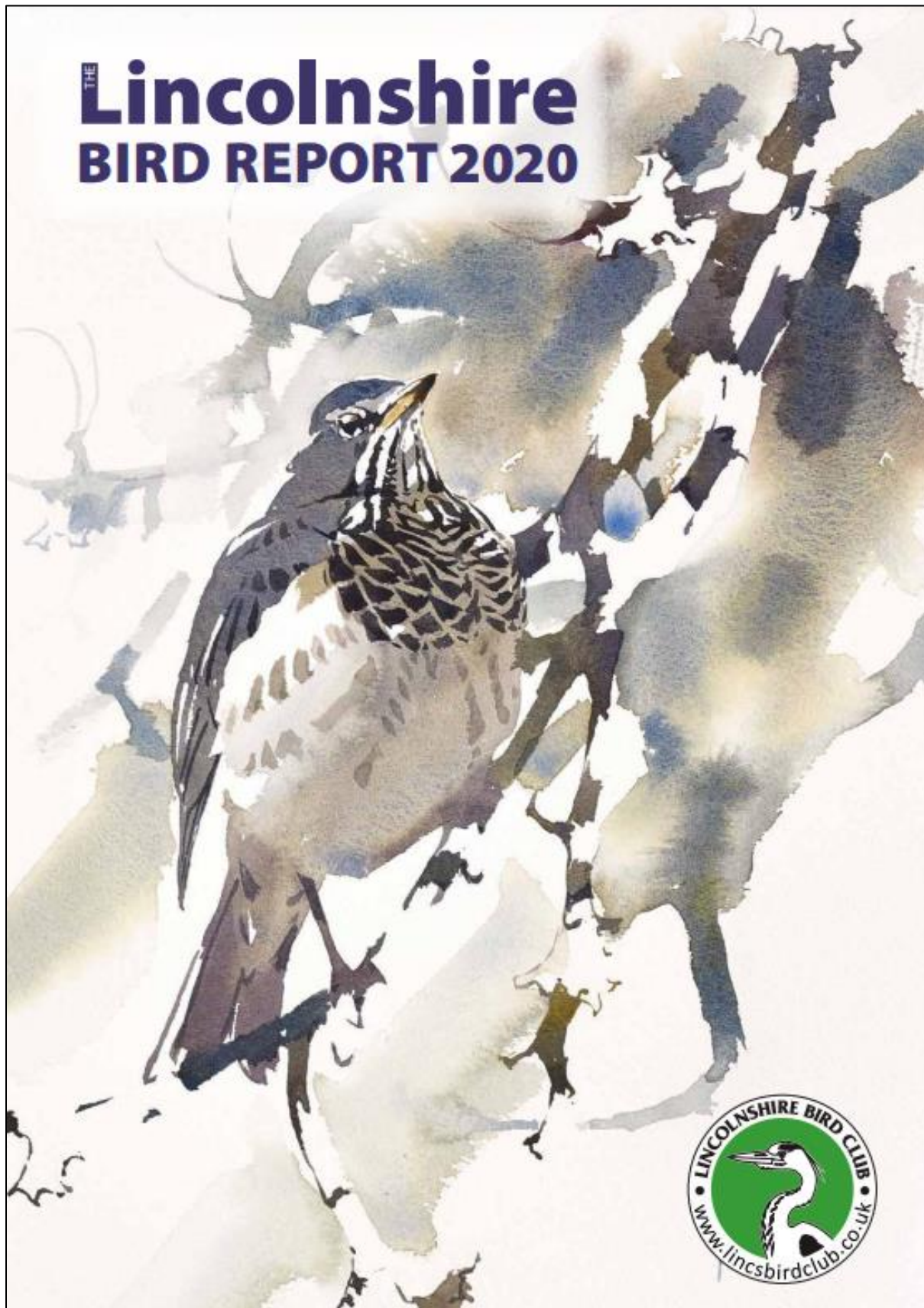
Colour ringed Black-headed Gull at Messingham

Orange 2B12 ringed at Dunkirk colony Cambs Latitude 52.4496 N, Longitude 0.2272 E in 2014

Seen Messingham by Dean Nicholson July 13th 2018, present March 19th - 21st and looking set to breed 2022 GPC



Lincolnshire Bird Club Report 2020 is at the Printers!



Book Review: *The Wryneck* by Gerard Gorman

Who would ever think of scanning seaweed in the hope of glimpsing a . . . Wryneck?

According to a new book dedicated to the species, migrating Wrynecks "often forage among rocks and seaweed on beaches, presumably searching for fly larvae, sandhoppers and the like".

However, their preferred diet consists of ants which they like to seek out on mosaic habitats that comprise traditional farmed pastures, meadows, patches of rock or barren ground and trees.

They also favour former military bases which have reverted to grasslands and abandoned industrial and mining site with pioneering vegetation.

In his entertaining and authoritative new book, *The Wryneck*, Gerard Gorman laments the disappearance in Great Britain of a bird which was once a widespread and relatively common breeding summer resident.

The last nesting records for our islands were of a pair in Buckinghamshire in 1985 and one in Ross-shire in 2002.

Writes the author: "Regrettably, Britain has the ignominy of being the only country in Europe from which Wrynecks have become extirpated as breeding birds."

What went wrong? The author, an expert on the world's woodpecker family, of which the Wryneck is one, acknowledges that degradation of habitat may be a factor, but it is probably not the only one.

The decline of the Wryneck set in as far back as the late 1800s, long before the introduction of agro-chemicals and the intensification of how orchards, a favourite habitat, were managed.

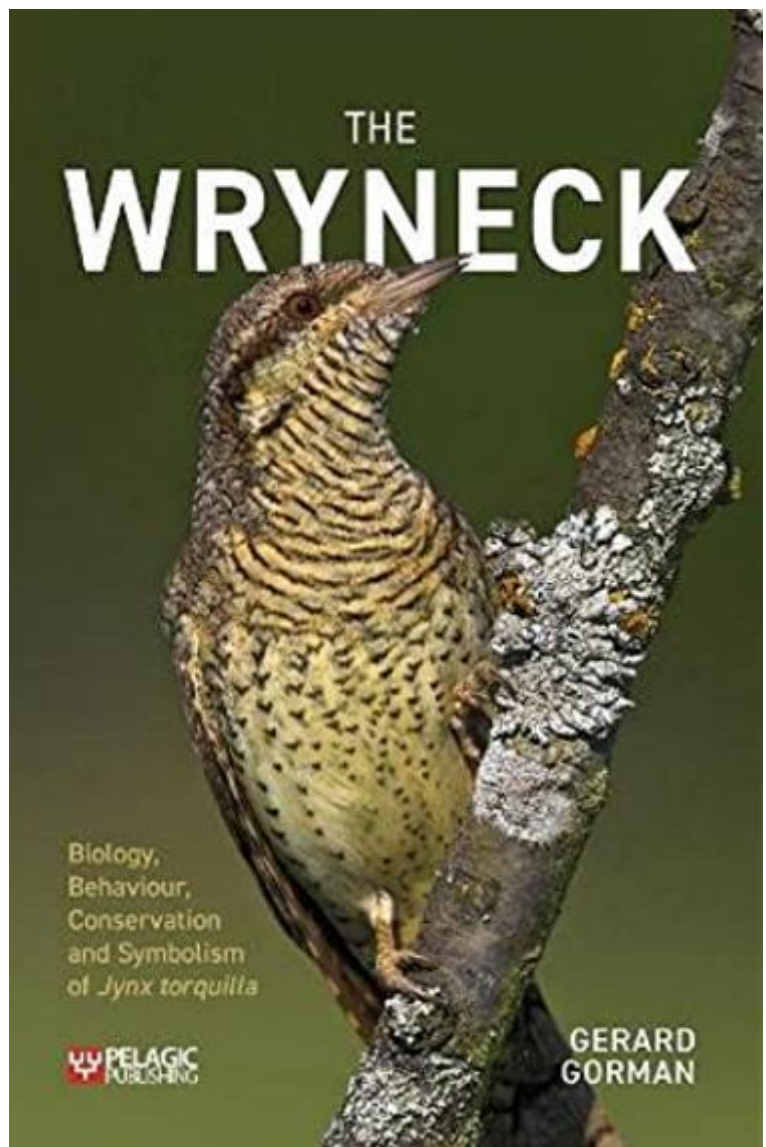
What is more, there has been no comparable demise in the Green Woodpecker, a species which has similar habitat and feeding requirements.

On the plus side, Wrynecks (up to about 300 a year) still occur on migration in Britain, prompting hopes, admittedly slim, that the bird may yet return as a breeder.

To UK birders, the author's exploration of the collapse of the Wryneck is perhaps the most intriguing part of his narrative, but the remaining 200 or so pages are also full of fascinating information based both on his own research and his study of authoritative articles by other ornithologists.

The species' behaviour, its diet, its worldwide distribution, its favoured habitats and its place in folklore and mythology are all covered in absorbing detail.

Published at £24.99 by Pelagic Publishing (<https://pelagicpublishing.com>), *The Wryneck* is available wherever good books are sold.



Arctic Norway - March 2022 by Andrew Chick

Our first trip abroad since the pandemic.... We planned to travel to Arctic Norway in mid-March but Caroline contracted COVID at the beginning of the month so we delayed departure to ensure a -ve test result before we left!

Varanger has been long on my travel wish list, in fact ever since Martin Garner spoke to the **Lincs Bird Club** and was promoting the 'Gullfest' trips in the early 2000's it had always been a trip I had fancied.

I booked everything independently and rearranging flights and accommodation due to the COVID delay was painless (with the exception of Scandic Hotels who refused to change the booking and we lost our money.....so I would avoid them), whilst in Norway we brought everything with 'plastic' and there was no requirement for local currency....

We booked a car with Hertz (a perfectly adequate Suzuki Swift) with 'Piggdekk' tyres (consisting of little metal studs within the thread that are essential for grip during winter weather driving and they seemed to enable us to go anywhere no matter how deep the snow was) The car worked out about £90 per day with fuel just a bit more expensive than in the UK.

We planned the whole trip using the Birding Varanger book produced by Biotope, an excellent guidebook and fully recommended (the maps are easy to follow, and they seamlessly guide you around the essential birding locations).

We flew to Norway on 24th March and returned on the 31st. We used SAS and travelled London Heathrow to Oslo with a connecting flight to Kirkenes (I understand some birders fly to Finland and drive over the border which appears to be a slightly cheaper option).



We had originally booked to visit Birk Husky in the Pasvik Valley on arrival, but due to the change in booking the same itinerary wasn't possible, so we had an extra day in Kirkenes (not ideal but neither a disaster all things considered).

We picked up our car from the airport and stayed in the Thon Hotel (c. £150 per night and quite luxurious compared with our normal standard of accommodation!), with the added bonus of an amazing all you could eat breakfast with fresh local salmon, cooked meats, Nordic sweets and pastries, countless muesli selections and an endless supply of quality coffee.... (I'm surprised we actually managed to leave the restaurant and go birding, there was certainly no need for any lunch)! My only comment regarding the hotel was the static from the carpet was lethal, particularly when negotiating the lift buttons!

We generally found accommodation was expensive but very good quality and always spotlessly clean. The cheapest was c. £62 per night AirB&B and the average was c. £100 per double... breakfast was included, and WiFi was always better than anything we have in rural Lincolnshire!! At the AirB&B we self-catered for a couple of nights....

General, everything Norwegian is expensive and there really isn't a budget option. To save some money we took several flasks which we filled with hot water at breakfast and made sandwiches for lunch. There were occasional cafes and restaurants, but these were expensive and often shut by 18.00hrs (don't risk trying to get food anywhere after 19.00hrs as you would be out of luck). A petrol station burger and chips cost us £17 each and a cafe pizza was c. £20 each. Don't even think about alcohol, a supermarket six pack of the cheapest generic beer was £25 (we actually sneaked a cheeky bottle of port into our luggage, a great way to finish the day on) and we also took a selection of snacks to reduce the trip costs...



Varanger is within the Arctic circle, so we were prepared for the cold. During our stay, the average temperature was -5 °C, with peak daytime rising to -1 °C and the coldest we encountered was a chilly -16°C.... (Looking for the Northern Lights was blisteringly cold and I nearly lost my fingers trying to work my camera). There was fresh snow fall everyday but the snow ploughs operated 24-7 and everything worked very smoothly. The main issue we encountered was that the roads were lined with a continuous 2ft wall of snow (created by the snowploughs and often filling the roadside vantage points) making it both difficult and dangerous to just stop anywhere (although there was in fact very little traffic), but a frustrating situation from a birding perspective!

During our stay the clocks changed, and it was light from 05.00hrs through to approximately 19.30hrs (meaning we just caught the Northern Lights at around 22.00hrs) a couple of weeks later and the chances of seeing them is gone.

Around Kirkenes we encountered standard species including Gulls loafing around the harbour, Black Guillemots, Ravens and winter thrushes. There was a surprising number of displaying Greenfinches and calling Redpoll were everywhere. On the outskirts of town we saw our only Willow Grouse of the whole trip...

On our first full day we travelled to the small fishing village of Bugoynes, not so much of a birding day, but it gave us a chance to get used to driving on snow packed roads and a chance to see the many local reindeer. Bugoynes was beautiful and was well worth the trip. We encountered our first eider ducks in the harbour and watched a nice selection of gull around the fishing boats (this is the King Crab capital of the world, apparently).



The following day we headed south to the taiga forest of the Pasvik valley which was beautiful and our accommodation at Birk Husky was excellent. The view from our bedroom across the frozen river gave panoramic views of neighbouring Arctic Russia (just a stone's throw away, complete with military observation towers, although they appeared unmanned during our stay). There were bird feeders outside the office with Pine Grosbeak (singing) and frosted Arctic Redpolls just about everywhere. It was good to get prolonged views of Willow Tits a species we have lost locally but doing well in the taiga.

A full day trip sledging with Birk Husky was a trip highlight. We travelled about 10km to the 'wilderness cabin' where I was dropped off and Caroline and the guides spent a couple of more hours sledging. The feeders at the cabins were well stocked and attracted an endless conveyor of Siberian Tit's, Siberian Jay's and Northern Bullfinches while the Red Squirrels were incredibly tame.

That evening we travelled back to Kirkennes and then on to Varangerbotn as our base from which to explore the Tana River basin. The road between Tana Bru and Austertana is the recommended location to see Northern Hawk Owl and it didn't disappoint. It took two passes to eventually find a pair of owls, which were very conveniently located near an accessible pull-in and afforded excellent views in sunshine and making for the perfect lunchtime stop. The birds were located in a birch 'hedgerow' within a farming landscape surrounded by scattered farm buildings. They were approachable, although the waist high snow drifts around the field margins prevented us getting too close. For me this was the trip highlight and was my final European owl species (my iSpy book is now complete).... This is a species I had missed during a trip to Finland, so exciting stuff....

For the remainder of the week, we explored the northern side of the Varangerfjord.... Dominated by rafts of sea duck, Kittiwakes and Purple Sandpipers... At Nesseby we encountered our first Steller's Eiders of the trip, which became progressive commoner the further east we travelled, along with King Eiders and numerous Common Eider. Long-tailed Duck and Red-breasted Merganser were also frequent, and every inlet supported numerous Purple Sandpipers with occasional Oystercatchers. Glaucous Gull were found regularly with Iceland Gulls seen at just two locations. The Kittiwake colony on the sea cliffs at Ekkeroy was stunning with c. 100,000 birds creating a spectacle (but unfortunately both Gyr Falcon and White-tailed Sea Eagle were conspicuous by their absence both here and for the remainder of the trip).





Our AirB&B in Vadsø was excellent, very cosy and located just a short walk to the harbour with bonus nearby Waxwings and very confiding Fieldfares.

Along the route were numerous well placed and pleasingly designed Biotope bird hides (although a better description would be a wind shelters) which made the perfect refuge's and ideal lunch /coffee making stops.

Our day trip to Vardo unfortunately corresponded with a change in the weather with constant snowfall, blizzards and biting wind curtailing any chance of visiting the island of Hornøya. The 120km round trip won't be forgotten quickly with whiteout conditions and the only way of following the road was by aiming the hire car between the carefully placed roadside marker poles and praying (whilst at the same time dodging oncoming and overtaking snowploughs and buses which didn't seem to want to slow down no matter how poor the visibility). From Vardo we could clearly see Hornøya with 10,000's of auks flying around the cliffs, but there was little chance of identifying a Brunnich's Guillemot! As a consolation we treated ourselves to a slice of pizza and an ad hoc coffee from the back of the post office, a chance to get out of the wild wind and warm up a little!

All in all, an excellent trip if only spoiled a little bit by the local cost of living which curtailed us immersing ourselves in the full Nordic culture. Everyone we spoke to was very welcoming and extremely helpful, all could speak English so there was no language barrier. The scenery is simply stunning and the winter landscape was breathtaking. I would definitely recommend a trip in March, but personally I might wait until May/June before returning again....

Andrew and Caroline Chick March 2022





Lincolnshire Bird News - March 2022

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.

31/03/2022

Anderby Creek

2 Garganey

Cleethorpes

2 Chiffchaff, 3 Gadwall, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 10 Red Knot, 30 Oystercatcher, Pochard, 20 Redshank, 100 Sanderling, 2 Shoveler, 13 Tufted Duck

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch, 3 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, Little Gull, White-tailed Lapwing, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 2 Spotted Redshank, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Yellow-legged Gull. (See ringing blog for a fuller report)

Swanpool

2 Chiffchaff, Greenfinch, 2 Jay

Water's Edge

Snow Bunting

30/03/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Frampton Marsh

2 Garganey, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, White-tailed Lapwing, 2 Little Ringed Plover, Water Rail, Spotted Redshank, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Hoopoe, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank

Water's Edge

Snow Bunting

Whisby

Cetti's Warbler

Willow Tree Fen

Barn Swallow



Usually difficult to get such an excellent photo of a Cetti's Warbler - Image © Jacqueline Spindley

29/03/2022

Alkborough Flats

Avocet, 2 Bittern, 8 Buzzard, 7 Garganey (6m 1f), 70 Black-tailed Godwit, 7 Marsh Harrier, 6 Grey Heron, 2 Water Rail, 4 Spotted Redshank, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Spoonbill, 2 Bearded Tir, 6 Cetti's Warbler

Far Ings

Bittern, Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, 3 Marsh Harrier, 2 Kingfisher

Frampton Marsh

2 Garganey, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, White-tailed Lapwing, Merlin, Barn Owl, Spotted Redshank, Jack Snipe

Gibraltar Point

3 Blackcap, Brambling, 4 Corn Bunting, 28 Eider, 16 Fieldfare, Marsh Harrier, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Black Redstart, 78 Redwing, 320 Sanderling, 27 Song Thrush, Stonechat, Yellow Wagtail, Whimbrel, Willow Warbler, 3 Woodcock

Marston

Barn Swallow

Wolla Bank

Iceland Gull

28/03/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Donna Nook

Rock Pipit, Twite

Far Ings

Bittern

Frampton Marsh

3 Garganey, White-tailed Lapwing, Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Buzzard, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Marsh Harrier, Red Kite, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Water Pipit, Sparrowhawk, Yellow Wagtail

Scopwick

Common Scoter (over)

Skegness

2 White Stork

27/03/2022

Baston Fen

Bar-tailed Godwit

Denton Reservoir

Grey Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

2 Garganey, White-tailed Lapwing, Spotted Redshank, Little Stint

Irby Dale

c30 Siskin

Job's Lane

8 Chiffchaff, 2 Green Woodpecker, 2 Oystercatcher

Killingholme

Grey Wagtail

Nebraska Wetland

200 Fieldfare, Goosander

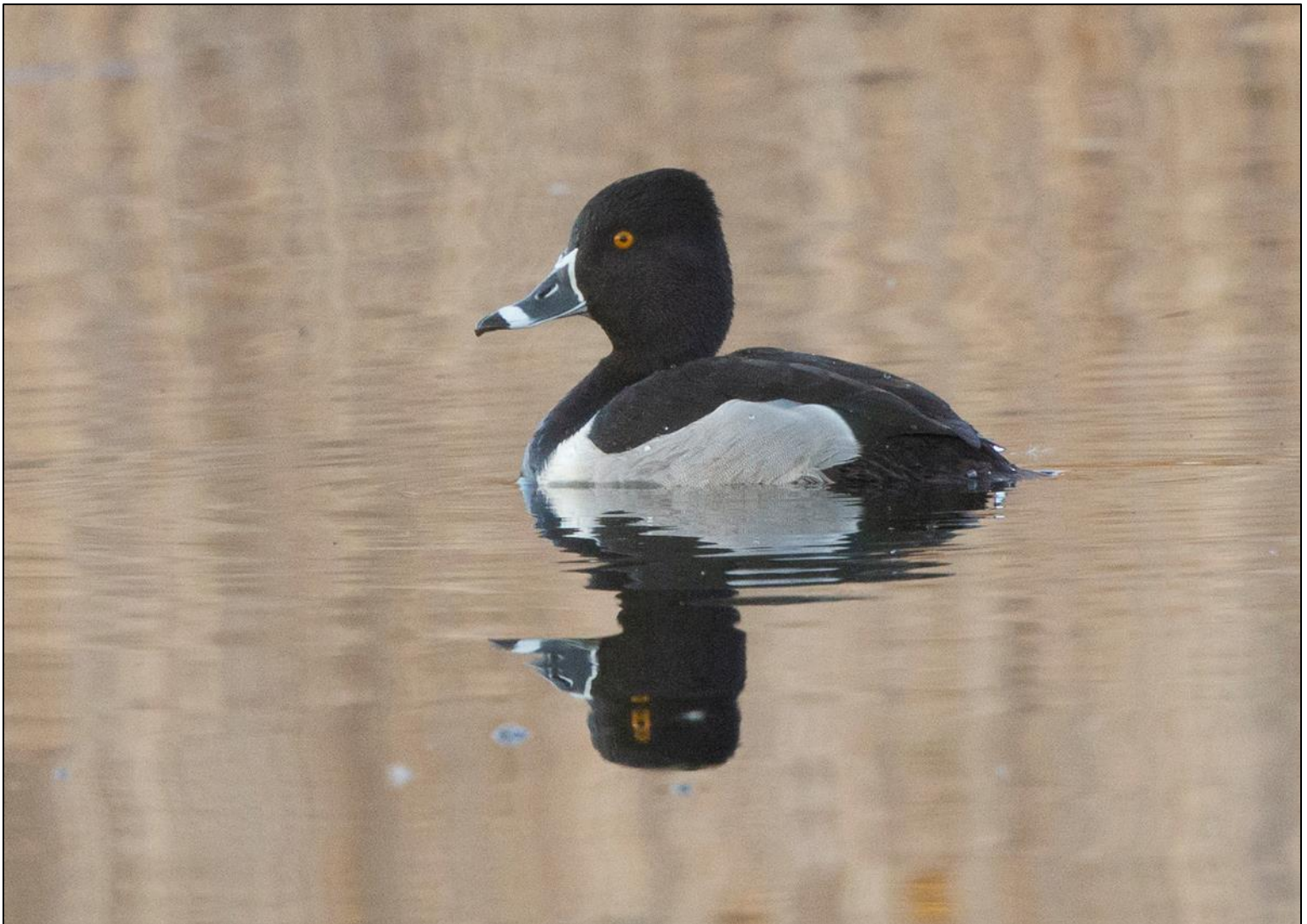
Trent Port

4 Redshank, 32 Redwing, 16 Snipe, 20 Mute Swan, 2 Whooper Swan, 15 Teal, 29 Wigeon

26/03/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck



The long staying Ring-necked Duck at Baston & Langtoft Pits - Image © Will Bowell

Far Ings

2 Bittern

Frampton Marsh

8 Garganey, White-tailed Lapwing, Red Kite, Water Rail, Little Ringed Plover Spotted Redshank, Little Stint, Wheatear

Gibraltar Point

Black Redstart

25/03/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Donna Nook

Snow Bunting, 2 Buzzard, Red Kite, 13 Snipe, 21 Twite

Frampton Marsh

3 Garganey (on Reservoir 2m 1f), Great White Egret, Mediterranean Gull, White-tailed Lapwing, Spotted Redshank, Jack Snipe, 2 Little Stint, 2 Twite,

Gibraltar Point

3 Brambling, 5 Crossbill, Great White Egret, 12 Fieldfare, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 17 Magpie, Merlin, 7 Pintail, 2 Black Redstart, 48 Redwing, 126 Siskin, Jack Snipe, Whimbrel, 5 Woodcock

Toft Newton

2 Garganey

Willow Tree Fen

2 Buzzard, Common Crane, Great White Egret, 2 Marsh Harrier, 2 Red Kite

24/03/2022

Cogglesford Mill

Black Redstart



Black Redstart in Sleaford at Cogglesford Mill - Image © Ian Misselbrook

Donna Nook

Snow Bunting

Swanpool

26 Whooper Swan

Trent Port

11 Chiffchaff, 5 Fieldfare, 3 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 2 Oystercatcher, 5 Redwing, Green Woodpecker

23/03/2022

Alkborough Flats

2 Bittern, 13 Little Egret, 150 Barnacle Goose, 5 Little Gull, 4 Marsh Harrier, 4 Pintail, 5 Water Rail, 55 Shoveler, 11 Cetti's Warbler

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch 20 Goldfinch, 14 Siskin, 2 Lesser Redpoll

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, Little Stint, 6 Twite

Freiston Shore

Garganey

Gibraltar Point

11 Corn Bunting, Lapland Bunting, Crossbill, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Hawfinch, 2 Red Kite, Barn Owl, 6 Pintail, Water Pipit, Black Redstart, Sandwich Tern, 170 Siskin, Starling murmuration

Louth

Buzzard, Long-eared Owl

Long-eared Owl in Louth - Image © John Clarkson

Messingham

Cattle Egret

22/03/2022

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch, 6 Lesser Redpoll, 25 Siskin

Far Ings

Sedge Warbler

Frampton Marsh

2 Garganey, White-tailed Lapwing, 3 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Long-eared Owl

Raithby Lake, Louth

2 Garganey





One of the Garganey at Raithby Lake - Image © John Clarkson

River Bain Pit

2 Garganey 2 Mandarin Duck, 5 Goldeneye, 2 Egyptian Goose. 17 Shoveler

Swanpool

2 Grey Partridge

Water's Edge

Blackcap

21/03/2022

Alkborough Flats

Garganey

Baston & nLangtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Doddington Park

4 Bullfinch, 7 Lesser Redpoll, 22 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, Spotted Redshank, 2 Little Stint, 2 Twite, Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

3 Firecrest, Hawfinch

Killingholme Haven Pit

98 Avocet

Swanpool

3 Chiffchaff, Kingfisher, Treecreeper, Siskin

20/03/2022

Alkborough Flats

American Wigeon

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch, 27 Goldfinch, 9 Lesser Redpoll, 37 Siskin, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Far Ings

3 Glossy Ibis (over west)

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, 2 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, White-tailed Lapwing, Pintail, Little Ringed Plover, Spotted Redshank, Little Stint

Marston

43 Common Snipe

River Witham, Lincoln

Goosander

19/03/2022

Boultham Mere

2 Whooper Swan

Doddington Park

5 Lesser Redpoll, 30+ Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, White-tailed Lapwing, 2 Little Stint

Freiston Shore

2 Garganey

Holbeach Marsh

97 Whooper Swan

Langtoft

Ring-necked Duck

Lincoln

20 Whooper Swan

Marston

Brambling

Trent Port

7 Chiffchaff, 10 Gadwall, Sparrowhawk, 24 Whooper Swan, 35 Wigeon

Winter's Pool

The Gull?

18/03/2022

Alford

Treecreeper

Alkborough Flats

Bearded Tit, Cetti's Warbler

Boultham Mere

2 Kingfisher, 10 Shoveler, Sparrowhawk

Deeping Lake

Red Kite

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch, Lesser Redpoll, 21 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, White-tailed Lapwing, Little Ringed Plover, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

2 Firecrest, Woodcock

Heighington Fen

Corn Bunting

Louth

Woodcock

Scunthorpe

Woodlark

Trusthorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Winter's Pool

The Gull?

17/03/2022

Anderby Marsh

3 Garganey

Branston

Water Rail

Doddington Park

3 Bullfinch, 16 Goldfinch, 14 Lesser Redpoll, 34 Siskin

Far Ings

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Hen Harrier, 3 Firecrest, Black Redstart, Woodlark

Langtoft

Smew (f)

Marston

Brambling

South Ferriby

Red Kite

16/03/2022

Anderby Marshes

3 Garganey

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch, 6 Lesser Redpoll, 28 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

2 Firecrest, Hen Harrier (rt), Sand Martin, Short-eared Owl, Wheatear

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Pyewipe, Grimsby

Iceland Gull

Snipe Dales

Blackcap, Brambling, 18 Chiffchaff, 80 Fieldfare, 4 Jay, 60 Redwing, 6 Siskin, 2 Willow Tit, Grey Wagtail

Trent Port

Brambling, 3 Bullfinch, 5 Chiffchaff, 105 Fieldfare, 2 Oystercatcher, Green Woodpecker

Winter's Pool

Mystrery Gull (aka Slaty-backed) still present in the afternoon

15/03/2022

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 10 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Hen Harrier (male)

Hartsholme Park

2 Great Crested Grebe, 5 Grey Heron, Shoveler

Messingham

Cattle Egret

Pinchbeck

Common Scoter (flock over during the night), Spoonbill (over)

Swanholme Lakes

6 Great Crested Grebe, 2 Jay, 12 Shoveler, Treecreeper



Well camouflaged Treecreeper, Swanholme Lakes, Lincoln - Image © Chris Grimshaw

14/03/2022

Alvingham

Hen Harrier



A splendid shot of a Hen Harrier over Alvingham, Louth - Image © Steve Plant

Black Bank

20 Goosander on the Trent

Branston Hall

Treecreeper

Deeping St Nicholas

Wheatear

Far Ings

Sand Martin, Osprey

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Little Ringed Plover

Winter's Pool

Slaty-backed Gull ????, 11 Curlew, 2 Oystercatcher, Skylark, Sparrowhawk



The "what is it Gull" showing it's underwing feathering nicely at Winter's Pool, East Halton - Image © Andy Sims

Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck, 2 Smew

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Manby

Redwing, **Water Rail**, **8 Whooper Swan**

Marston

Green Sandpiper, Oystercatcher

Messingham

Cattle Egret, **2 Mediterranean Gull**, 65 Pochard, 28 Redwing, 26 Shoveler, 3 Cetti's Warbler

Whisby complex

5 Buzzard, **Mediterranean Gull**, Red Kite, Sand Martin

13/03/2022

Bratoft

Chiffchaff, **Red Kite**

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, **Little Stint**

Gibraltar Point

Firecrest

Hartsholme

Chiffchaff, Nuthatch

Jobs Lane

300 Black-head Gull, 2 Common Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, 5 Oystercatcher, 3 Shelduck, 14 Shoveler, 50 Wigeon

Langtoft

Ring-necked Duck

Mablethorpe

Possible Siberian Chiffchaff

Messingham

Cattle Egret, **Goshawk**, **3 Mediterranean Gull**



Cattle Egret showing well at Messingham - Image © Wayne Gilliat

Rimac

Marsh Harrier, 3 Grey Heron

Stanton's Pit

Lapland Bunting

Trent Port

3 Bullfinch, Chiffchaff, 15 Cormorant, 12 Gadwall, Redshank, 14 Teal, 25 Wigeon,

Tunman Woods

Chiffchaff, 2 Nuthatch, 8 Long-tailed Tit, Treecreeper

Utterby

Red Kite

Whisby (Scotland Farm)

8 Egyptian Goose (just past lake), 2 Oystercatcher

12/03/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Sand Martin, Little Ringed Plover

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier (male), Marsh Harrier, White-tailed Lapwing, Merlin, Little Ringed Plover, Jack Snipe, Little Stint

Halton Marsh

A possible Slaty-backed Gull, Chiffchaff, Hen Harrier (male), Water Pipit



A stunning photo of a suspected Slaty-backed Gull at Winter's Pool - Image © Graham Catley

Swanpool

Little Egret, Jay

Willow Tree Fen

Short-eared Owl

11/03/2022

Alkborough Flats

Spoonbill

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, Little Stint

Saltfleetby

Hen Harrier (male)

Wainfleet All Saints

Short-eared Owl

Willow Tree Fen

Common Crane

10/03/2022

Anderby Creek

Brambling, 345 Chaffinch, 15 Linnet, Mediterranean Gull, 56 Siskin, Woodlark

Baston Fen

Woodlark

Far Ings

Sand Martin

Frampton Marsh

120 Avocet, 6 Bearded Tit, Peregrine Falcon, Mediterranean Gull, White-tailed Lapwing, 2 Pintail, 2500 Golden Plover, Ringed Plover, Redshank, Spotted Redshank, Common Sandpiper, Little Stint, Turnstone, American Wigeon, Woodlark

Gibraltar Point

10 Crossbill, 3 Brambling, Stonechat, 3 Woodlark

Market Rasen

2 Red Kite

Whisby

45 Goldeneye

09/03/2022

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Lapwing, Little Stint, American Wigeon



Inevitable that the White-tailed Lapwing should finish up at Frampton Marsh - Image © Paul Sullivan

Gibraltar Point

15 Corn Bunting, 2 Great White Egret, 2 Water Pipit, Water Rail, 2 Cetti's Warbler

08/03/2021

Anderby Marsh

68 Curlew, 170 Dunlin, 64 Gadwall, 20 Black-tailed Godwit, 188 Lapwing, Grey Plover, Ringed Plover, 16 Redshank, 450 Wigeon,

Donna Nook

Hen Harrier (m)

East Halton

Hen Harrier but no sign of the White-tailed Lapwing

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank, Little Stint, American Wigeon

07/03/2022

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl

Eagle

Egyptian Geese with young

Doddington Park

3 Bullfinch, 27 Goldfinch, 12 Lesser Redpoll, 8 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Red Kite, 1000's Golden Plover, Little Stint, 2 Whooper Swan, American Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

Hen Harrier

Hartsholme Park

7 Grey Heron, 2 Shoveler, Treecreeper, Grey Wagtail, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Millennium Green

3 Buzzard, Treecreeper

Morton (SW Lincs)

4 Crane (over)

Rippingale

8 Whooper Swan

Spalding

30 Whooper Swan

Whisby

2 Buzzard, 2 Chiffchaff, 17 Goldeneye, 2 Oystercatcher, 240 Golden Plover, Little Ringed Plover, 14 Redwing

06/03/2022

Frampton Marsh

30 Avocet, 2 Peregrine Falcon, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Merlin, Pintail, 2 Little Stint, Stonechat, 38 Whooper Swan, American Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver

Lincoln

2 Common Crane (over)

East Halton

White-tailed Lapwing

Marston

106 Lesser Redpoll

Tallington Lakes

Ring-necked Duck

Swanpool

4 Buzzard

Trent Port

5 Buzzard, 30 Gadwall, 3 Shelduck, 16 Teal, 110 Wigeon

Witham End

Black-throated Diver, 6 Great Northern Diver, 32 Red-throated Diver, 4 Slavonian Grebe, 1000+ Common Scoter

05/03/2022

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch, Coal Tit, 10 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

American Wigeon

East Halton

White-tailed Lapwing

Langtoft

Smew

Mablethorpe

Great Northern Diver, Purple Sandpiper, 2 Velvet Scoter

Trent Port

4 Bullfinch, 26 Cormorant, 18 Gadwall, 2 Goosander, Egyptian Goose, 32 Lapwing, 2 Shelduck, 4 Teal, Green Woodpecker

Weelsby Wood

Mediterranean Gull

04/03/2022

Doddington Park

3 Bullfinch, 9 Lesser Redpoll

Frampton Marsh

American Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

2300 Dunlin, 800 Grey Plover, 650 Sanderling

Rippingale

Siskin

Whisby

Great White Egret, Kingfisher



A Great White Egret at Whisby - Image © Jacqueline Spindley

03/03/2022

Anderby Marsh

65 Curlew, 14 Dunlin, 86 Gadwall, Mediterranean Gull, 5 Shoveler, 189 Teal, 453 Wigeon

Covenham Reservoir

Great Skua



Bonxie at Covenham Reservoir this morning - Image © Chris Atkin

Donna Nook

27 Twite, Stonechat

Friskney

Hen Harrier

Greetham/Fulletby

Rough-legged Buzzard

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Millennium Green

Brambling, 23 Lesser Redpoll, 19 Siskin

Hartsholme Park

5/6 Grey Heron, 3 Shoveler, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper

Swanholme Lakes

3 Goosander (2m 1f), 4 Great Crested Grebe, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Trent Port

2 Little Egret, 62 Fieldfare, 3 Raven

02/03/2022

Barton on Humber (Llama Land)

Cattle Egret

Frampton Marsh

American Wigeon

East Halton

White-tailed Lapwing

Langtoft

Ring-necked Duck

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Stickney

Glossy Ibis

01/03/2022

Akborough Flats

Spoonbill

Far Ings

3 Bittern, Cattle Egret (close by), 4 Marsh Harrier, 20 Cetti's Warbler

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Spotted Redshank, Tree Sparrow, Spoonbill, 3 Little Stint, Stonechat, American Wigeon



Stonechat at Frampton Marsh - Image © Ian Misselbrook

East Halton

White-tailed Lapwing

Doddington Park

4 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Siskin

Mablethorpe

4 Snow Bunting, Black-throated Diver, Caspian Gull, 2 Velvet Scoter

Marston

6 Chiffchaff, 2 Siberian Chiffchaff

Saltfleet Haven

Eider, 223 Brent Goose, 6 Marsh Harrier

Trent Port

Fieldfare, 9 Gadwall, Sparrowhawk, 15 Teal, 3 Treecreeper, 42 Wigeon

Witham End

Great Northern Diver, Kittiwake, Purple Sandpiper

Contact Information & Useful Lincs Websites

Lincs Bird Club Website

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

Twitter [@Lincsbirding](#)

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<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/>

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

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

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

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Lincolnshire Mammals

Chris Manning, Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com

Mammal Atlas

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

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

Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

Ashley Butterfield - learningoutdoors@btinternet.com

Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

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Confidential Bat Records

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USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

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Natural England

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

Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk

Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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



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