



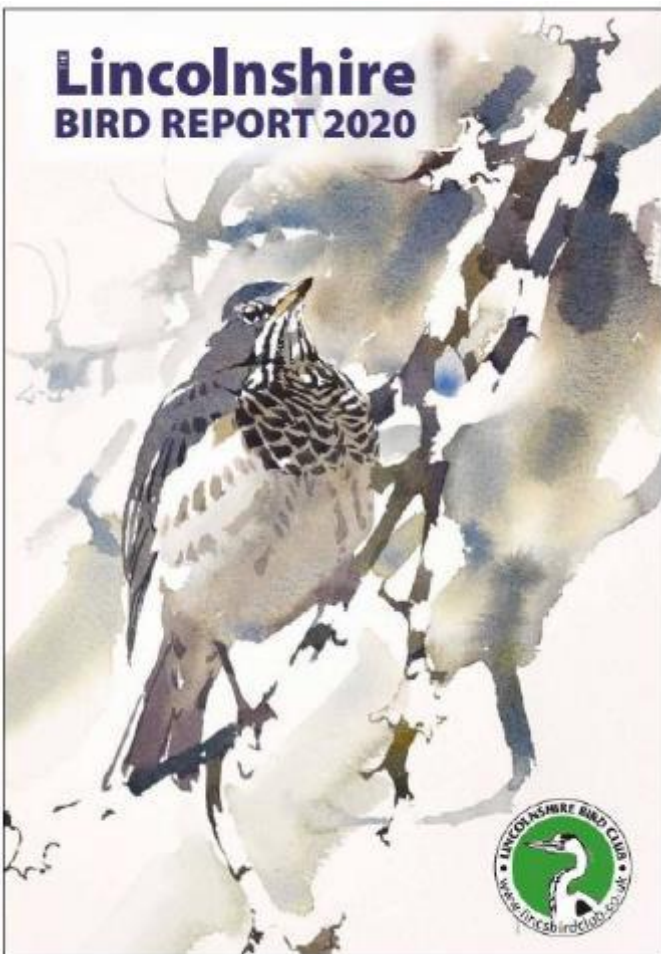
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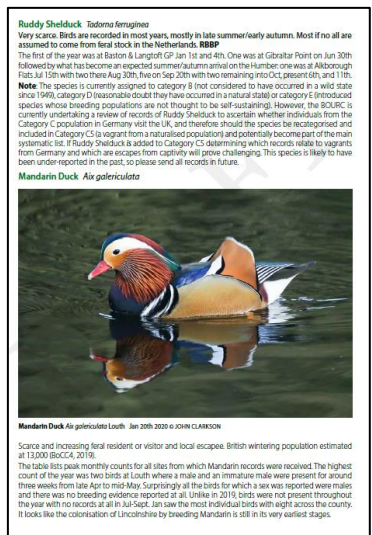
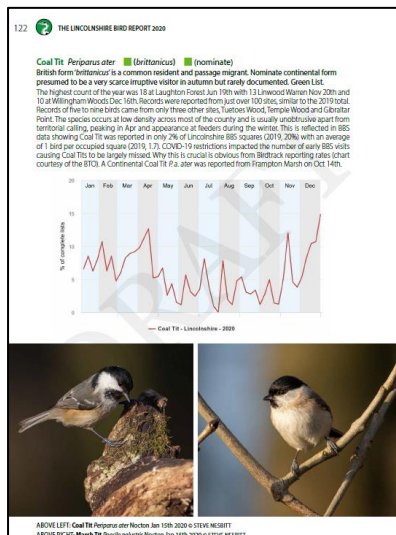


At the time of writing the Lincolnshire Bird Report 2020 is being printed and will be sent to all member sometime after 10th May 2022.

PLEASE make sure your membership is up to date to ensure you receive your copy.

The report is **SENT** to the postal address associated with your LBC website membership account.

If you have changed address in the last year, **PLEASE** login to your account and update your address

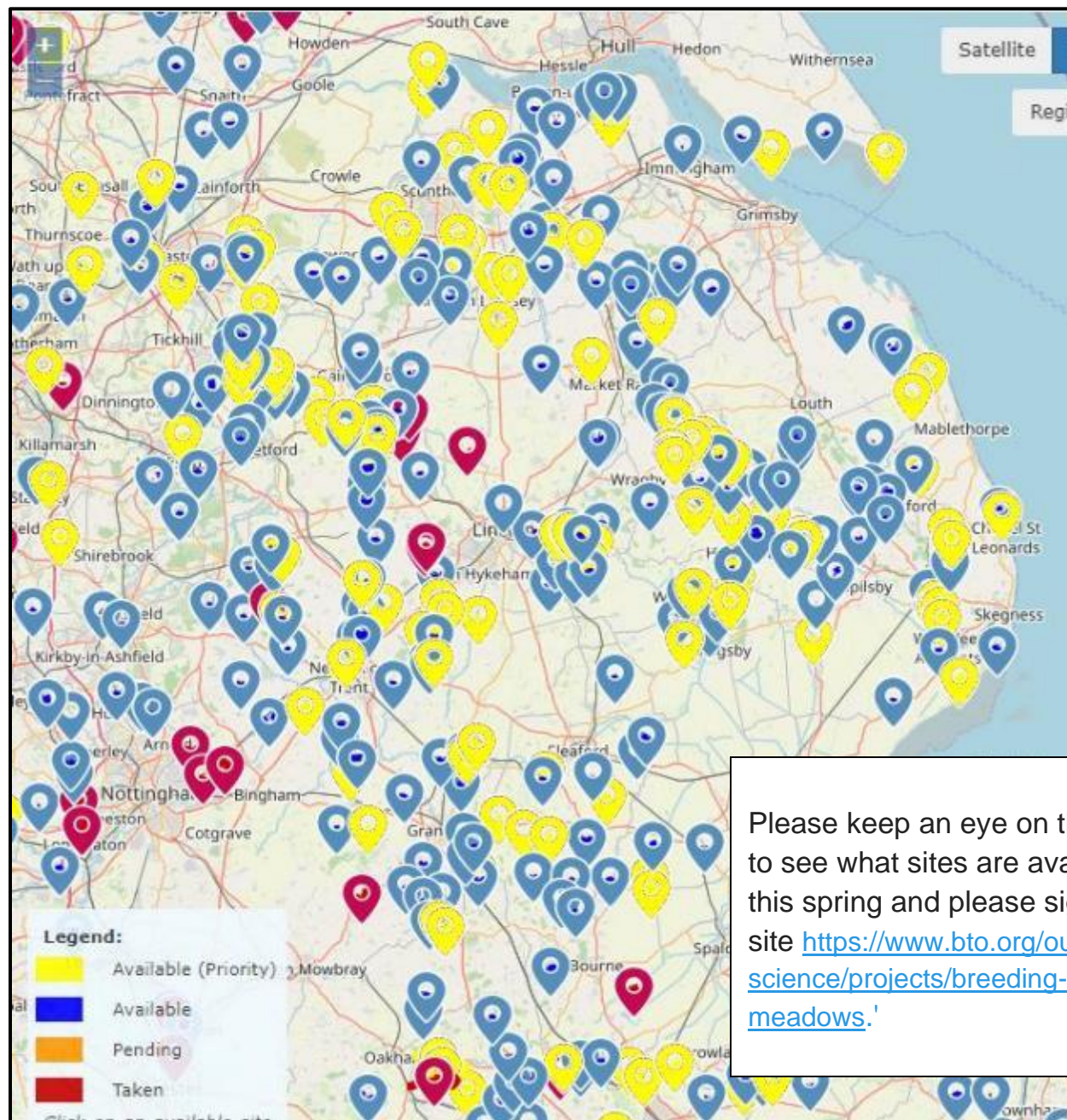


BTO request for assistance with wader surveys

BTO have been in touch to tell us they have just received confirmation that funds are available to run the Breeding Waders of Wet Meadows again in 2022, with the aim of filling in gaps in coverage. Those sites that were surveyed in 2021 will not be re-surveyed in 2022.

The purpose is to assess existing and new wet grassland and other breeding wader habitats for birds such as Curlew, Lapwing, Redshank and Snipe. It will involve up to four visits from mid-April to the end of June within allocated sites. Surveyors will need to be able to identify common waders by sight and sound and be familiar with display and territorial behaviour.

Here is a snapshot of the sites available:



LINCOLNSHIRE SPRING BIRD RACE - 14th May 2022

We have scheduled another county wide bird race event on 14th May which nicely coincides with International Global Bird day.

The aim of the bird race is to record as many species as possible in Lincolnshire during a single day. It would be great to have as many birders involved as possible on the day covering a wide range of different habitats and areas. This will help maximise the potential for a big species count on the day. It will be fascinating to see what total could be achieved collectively in the county during peak spring migration.

The previous two New Year's Day bird race events have seen over 140 species recorded. In May, could it be possible to collectively record 160 or even 170 species in Lincolnshire? Summer migrants will all be back on territory, a few winter wildfowl may be hanging on and perhaps a few rarities. May is renowned for producing the unexpected so there is no knowing what may be discovered. A list of rules for the day is set out below...

1. Only species within the county boundary can be counted
2. Species can be counted and recorded any time between 00:00 – 23:59 on Saturday 14th May 2022
3. Observers can record independently or in groups
4. No use of tape luring allowed
5. No stringing

Records can then be sent via BirdTrack or eBird or alternatively via email to rdoan@lincstrust.co.uk.



Volunteers wanted to help with the Gibraltar Point Shorebirds!



Little Terns @Philip Millns

Gibraltar Point NNR is home to Lincolnshire's last Little Terns, and one of the few places in the county with breeding Ringed Plover.

The colony faces a large number of threats from both humans and predators and this threat has only been made more severe by new habitat forming to the north of the sanctuary which is already attracting nesting birds. We are looking for volunteers to help in two key aspects of protecting the colony; beach wardening, in which volunteers will protect the colony by preventing members of the public from entering the sanctuary and engaging them on the importance of the sanctuary (with plenty of time for vismig and sea watching in-between!) and night wardening where nests are watched over throughout the night to prevent predation by fox.

If you are interested in volunteering to protect Lincolnshire's last Little Terns, please contact the Shorebirds Warden at Liamandrews183@gmail.com.

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.

15-17 July 2022 Global Bird Fair Rutland County Showground

It looks like LBC may be at the Bird Fair after all. We have been working with Visit Lincolnshire on developing a Lincs Coastal Birding Trail to be hosted on their website and to be launched this month. As a result the Lincs Tourism department at Lincolnshire County Council have offered to pay for a stand if LBC promote the bird trail and visiting Lincs. Details to be finalised but if you'd like to volunteer to help out on the stand at the Bird Fair in any capacity please email chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk.

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.



LBC Report – Photographs


Anyone looking at the most recent annual report will see that Lincolnshire is blessed with numerous quality bird photographers who freely provide their excellent images for use in the annual report. The quality of the images makes the report stand out from the crowd. The Lincolnshire Bird Club is extremely grateful to all the photographers that have over the years given their images so generously.

Andrew Chick has been responsible for collecting photographs for use in the Annual Report. The most difficult part of this role is selecting which images we are NOT going to use – it is often an embarrassment of riches!

Having undertaken this role for at least c. 10 years Andrew has decided to stand down. Fortunately, former Lincs North County Recorder, John Clarkson has agreed to take over and therefore ALL images for future reports should be sent direct to John (johnrclarkson @ btinternet.com).

To make life easier when compiling the report, it is very helpful if photographs can be renamed the image files to include the bird name, the date, the location and the photographs initials (e.g. Redshank_GibPt_030422_APC.jpg).

If you have a lot of images to send in for consideration, then it may be best to use the WeTransfer system. Finally, please accept our apologies, but we can't use every image we received, but we do use as many as we can!




Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* ■
Alkborough Flats Apr 15th 2020 © GRAHAM CATELY

Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* ■
Scarce visitor, mainly coastal in Apr-Sep, and exceptionally in winter. Amber List. Threshold for international importance: 160; for national importance: 1. **RBBP.**

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Frampton Marsh	1	-	1	-	2	2	30	32	32	-	-	-
Gibraltar Point	-	-	-	2	3	9	19	30	28	1	-	1
Alkborough Flats	-	-	-	5	14	27	32	10	-	-	-	-
Croft Marsh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-
Tetney Marshes	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Witham Mouth	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Cress Marsh	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croft	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-


Recorded in nine months of the year with more than 950 records from 28 sites. First of the year was at Frampton Marsh on Jan 10th, present on and off until 23rd. Singles were at three sites in Mar-Apr with five at Alkborough Flats Apr 25th, increasing to 14 by Jun 29th this group included two fledged juveniles of the year which had come from elsewhere - it is known that the adults at Fairburn lngs travel to Alkborough during the breeding season to feed there. Up to three fledged juveniles were present there to mid-Jul. The top three wetland sites in the table above contributed the highest counts, peaking Jul-Sep with Alkborough having a record site count of 32 on Aug 12th. Gibraltar Point's Aug peak (30) came on 11th while that at Frampton Marsh (32) was recorded on Aug 15th. Duplication due to inter-site movements may have occurred but to give an idea of the numbers present in Aug there were three dates in the month when counts were made at all three of the top three sites. The combined totals were 67 (5th), 54 (9th) and 65 (14th). Birds moved on during Sep with counts of more than 20 last seen at Gibraltar Point on 14th (28). Single birds were seen at several coastal sites Oct 7th-17th, possibly the same individual; there were no Nov records but the last of the year was at Woodhall Spa Airfield on Dec 2nd. No colour-ringed birds were reported but in previous years most colour-ringed birds have come from The Netherlands with one from western France. Given that adult breeding birds in the UK fly into Lincolnshire sites to feed, a breeding attempt in the near future looks very likely.



Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* Gibraltar Point Jul 2nd 2020 © PAUL NEALE

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Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis* ■
Rare visitor/passage migrant, mainly autumn to spring. Green List. **LBRC, RBBP**
At the 2019 breeding site where a pair of 2CY birds fledged two young the same pair, now in their 3CY, were present and again fledged two young that flew in early Jul; in addition, a second male and a 2CY female were seen in spring. Away from the breeding site there were two reports from Gibraltar Point, an imm female Apr 6th (KMW), and an unaged female Apr 11th (BWd, S. Hunter, R. Hardwick).



Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* ■
Fairly common passage migrant and summer visitor, increasing in winter. Amber List. **RBBP.**

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Alkborough	10	3	2	10	5	6	3	4	1	6	2	4
Frampton Marsh	4	7	5	3	2	2	4	3	5	3	6	6
Gibraltar Point	3	3	4	10	5	2	2	5	4	8	1	2
Anderby	1	4	5	12	1	1	3	1	6	1	1	-
Sutton Bridge	3	-	4	3	4	3	5	3	-	4	3	3
Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe	1	-	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	8	8
East Halton	4	4	1	-	2	2	2	2	1	3	3	2
Read's Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	4	1	11
Goshill	3	3	2	-	2	1	2	2	1	3	3	1
Boston Fen	2	2	3	1	2	2	4	-	3	1	-	2

An improvement in breeding fortunes across the county this year with a total of 40 pairs; 24 of these fledged 45 young. This compares to the 33 pairs in 2019, 23 of which fledged 33 young. In the north, GPC's long running study found 16 males and 17 females raising 24 young, two females more and two fledglings less than in 2019. On the coast between Donna Nook and Skegness (plus probable pairs in brackets: two pairs raised five young (3). Around The Wash two pairs raised three young (4) while inland three pairs raised 13 young (9). In the early winter period in Jan around 76 birds were reported across the county up from 51 in 2019. These were split between the Humber (31), coast (2), inland (25) and The Wash (18) with a maximum of 10 at Alkborough on Jan 18th. The peak count across the county was in Apr when the combined peak total was 91. These were split between the Humber (17), coast (34), inland (24) and The Wash (16). The peak individual site count of the year was 12 at Anderby Creek on Apr 11th which involved a passage of birds south. In addition to those sites in the table, other significant counts included nine at Wingland Marsh on Nov 7th and six at Far lngs on Jan 1st.



TOP: **Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis* with **Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone* North Lincs Mar 10th 2020
© GRAHAM CATELY
LEFT: **Marsh Harrier** *Circus aeruginosus*
Frampton Marsh Mar 4th 2020 © NEIL SMITH

LBC trio fly the flag for birding at Lincolnshire Showground event

THERE was brisk interest in the Lincolnshire Bird Club stand at an event at the Lincolnshire Showground on April 10.

Along with other organisations such as the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation, LBC was at the Countryside Lincs show to bang the drum for the great outdoors.

On duty were committee members Mike Harrison, Bill Sterling and Jim Wright.

As well as distributing leaflets and booklets (chiefly back copies of the county bird report), they invited visitors to take part in a photo-quiz to identify 12 farmland birds.

There were some very interesting entries, with one entrant even coming up with a new species - Willow Bunting!

The winners were the O'Connor family - Lynda, James and Jasmine (10) - from Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, whose prize was a copy of *Birds of Lincolnshire*.

It would have been 12 out of 12, but they were marked down half-a-point for just answering "wagtail" for the Pied Wagtail.

It is hoped some of the visitors will become LBC members, but the main purpose of our attendance was to promote both the club and birding to visitors of all ages.



Promoting the club at Countryside Lincs - (from left) Mike Harrison, Jim Wright and Bill Sterling

Book review: *The Birdwatcher's Wife* by Gayle Smith Padgett

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

That seems to have been the guiding philosophy of American author Gayle Smith Padgett as she watched the growing enthusiasm of her husband, Ralph, for birding.

When Ralph announced that he was keen to take a year-long sabbatical in France with a quest to see a minimum of 200 species, she resolved to be part of the adventure.

While he got on with the serious business of bird detecting, she valiantly volunteered both to lug the scope and to keep the day-to-day records which were to provide the basis of a book, *The Birdwatcher's Wife*, published by Eagle Owl Press.

Although birding is at the core of the narrative, the book is enriched by her reflections on other matters - the delights of French cuisine, the splendour of the Roman architecture and the charm of outdoor markets, art galleries and quirky lingerie boutiques.

The author confesses that, at least initially, she could "scarcely tell the difference between a magpie and a swift", but, as their journey continues, she comes increasingly to share Ralph's passion (and some of his expertise) for all things avian - plumage, song, behaviour and distribution.

The highlights for her include watching an Eagle Owl deep in the Alpilles and discovering nesting Guillemots on the Brittany coast.

Witty and fast-paced, *The Birdwatcher's Wife* is available from Amazon, price £9.52 in paperback or £5.13 in the Kindle edition.

Jim Wright

The Birdwatcher's Wife



Gayle Smith Padgett

Belton House: Bird's eye drone reveals more nesting herons than expected – from the BBC website....



A bird's eye view of nesting herons taken by a drone at a stately home has revealed an unexpected number of nests, the National Trust said.

Flown about 50ft (15m) above the trees the drone saw 11 nests, nine more than experts predicted. It was the first time a drone had been used to get a better look at the birds at Belton House in Lincolnshire.

Ecologist Andrew Chick said the nests meant 22 herons were incubating three to four eggs each. The nests were revealed as part of the British Trust for Ornithology's annual heronry census.



The drone flight adhered to strict guidelines for wildlife monitoring, the National Trust said. The increase in heron numbers showed the impact of the charity's conservation work on the stretch of the River Witham which runs through the Belton estate.

Natural river features such as riffles - shallower, faster moving sections of a stream - have been restored to attract white-clawed crayfish and brown trout.

Heron could live up to 20 years, said Mr Chick. They usually lay their first egg in mid-March and only have one brood per year.



Mr Chick said: "These herons have probably chosen to nest in this particular Scots Pine tree because of its easy access to Belton's ornamental ponds and rivers, which the National Trust has been actively managing and improving.

"It's likely the herons have been present at Belton for decades, but thanks to the view from above this year we've been able to get a much more accurate record of how many are nesting in the heronry."

Carl Hawke, nature conservation adviser at the National Trust, said the larger heronry was "great news to discover". The team at Belton hopes their discovery shows heron numbers in the county are improving.

Photos by Andrew Chick, Steve Nesbitt and the National Trust

Lincolnshire Bird News - April 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.

Lincolnshire Latest Bird News - April 2022

30/04/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck, Bar-tailed Godwit

Boultham Mere

Common Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

Great White Egret, **Osprey, Redstart, Red-rumped Swallow**

Hallington Top

Hobby

North Somercotes

Wryneck



Peetr Locking has all the luck, a second Wryneck in his North Somercotes garden - Image © Mark Johnson

Skidbrooke

15 Whimbrel

Whisby

Black Tern (for an hour only)

29/04/2022

Baston Fen

Wood Sandpiper

Deeping Lakes

Wood Sandpiper, Whimbrel

Donna Nook

Wryneck



A stunning shot of a Wryneck at Donna Nook - Image © Steve Clipperton

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Spotted Redshank, Red-rumped Swallow



Spotted Redshank at Gibraltar Point - Image © Jeremy Eyeons

Huttoft Bank

Wryneck

Rimac

Ring Ouzel

28/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

3 Common Crane, Wood Sandpiper, 10 Spoonbill

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Little Gull

Croft Marsh

Water Pipit

Crowle

Arctic Tern

Donna Nook

Wryneck

Frampton Marsh

Garganey

Gibraltar Point

2 Garganey, Caspian Gull, Short-eared Owl, Ring Ouzel, Wood Sandpiper, 2 Spotted Redshank, 3 Spoonbill, Red-rumped Swallow, Black Tern

27/04/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck, 4 Bar-tailed Godwit, 12 Arctic Tern

Donna Nook

Wryneck

Frampton Marsh

Garganey

Gibraltar Point

Great Northern Diver, Caspian Gull, Ring Ouzel, Short-eared Owl, Water Pipit, 2 Spotted Redshank, 3 Spoonbill, Red-rumped Swallow

Swanholme Lakes

6 Barn Swallow, Treecreeper, Garden Warbler, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker

Trent Port

Oystercatcher, 2 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Common Sandpiper, Whimbrel

26/04/2022

Baston Fen

Short-eared Owl

Deeping Lakes

2 Bar-tailed Godwit

Donna Nook

Wryneck

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, Greenshank, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Merlin, Pintail, Spotted Redshank, 3 Spoonbill, 3 Little Stint, Whimbrel

Freshney

Cetti's Warbler, Reed Warbler

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, Turtle Dove, Great White Egret, Hawfinch, Hobby, Spoonbill, 3 Grasshopper Warbler

Sutton on Sea

3 Whimbrel

Trent Port

12 Blackcap, Bullfinch, 11 Chiffchaff, House Martin, Oystercatcher, Shelduck, 4 Willow Warbler, 4 Common Whitethroat, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Green Woodpecker

25/04/2022

Bardney

Cuckoo

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Turnstone

Callan Lane Wood

Blackcap 8, Buzzard, Chiffchaff, Cuckoo, 12, Raven 3+, Barn Swallow, 2 Garden Warbler, Willow Warbler, 15, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Donna Nook

Wryneck

Hawthorpe

Buzzard, Red Kite

Hubberts Bridge

Common Crane

Rimac

Ring Ouzel

Swanpool

2 House Martin

Willow Tree Fen

Common Crane

24/04/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Bar-tailed Godwit, 5 Little Gull, Turnstone

Covenham Reservoir

Snow Bunting, Little Gull

Donna Nook

Wryneck



A splendid Wryneck at Donna Nook - Image © Mark Johnson

Far Ings

Bittern, Marsh Harrier

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, Pale bellied-Brent Goose, Greenshank, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Little Stint. Yellow

Wagtail, Wheatear, Whimbrel

East Halton

3 Arctic Tern

Saltfleet

Ring Ouzel

23/04/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck, Bar-tailed Godwit, Little Gull, 2 Grey Plover

Covenham Reservoir

2 Buzzard, 2 Great Crested Grebe, Little Gull, 2 Common Sandpiper, 4 Shelduck, 75 Barn Swallow, Grey Wagtail, Yellow Wagtail, Common Whitethroat

Frampton Marsh

Little Gull, Greenshank, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, Spoonbill, 3 Little Stint, Sedge Warbler, Wheatear

Harstholme Park

6 Grey Heron

Lea Marhes

3 Curlew, 6 Lapwing, 2 Grey Partridge, 20 Sand Martin, 2 Oystercatcher, 2 Tree Sparrow, 6 Barn Swallow

Rimac

Ring Ouzel

Swanholme Lakes

2 Barn Swallow

22/04/2022

Butterwick Marsh

200 Dark-bellied Brent Goose, Marsh Harrier, 70 Shelduck, Jack Snipe, 15 Whimbrel

Immingham

Fieldfare, 300 Black-tailed Godwit, 4 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Ruff, Green Sandpiper, Jack Snipe, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, Wheatear

Kirkby Moor

2 Jay, Mistle Thrush, 2 Stonechat

Nocton Fen

3 Marsh Harrier, Yellow Wagtail

RAF Woodhall

Black-tailed Godwit, 6 Little Ringed Plover, Whimbrel

Rimac

Ring Ouzel

21/04/2022

Ancaster

60 Corn Bunting

Boultham Mere

Cuckoo, Great White Egret

Covenham Reservoir

3 Common Sandpiper, Arctic Tern, 20 Yellow Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

2 Garganey

Freiston Shore

Ring Ouzel

Gibraltar Point

Hawfinch, Ring Ouzel, 3 Spotted Redshank, Red-rumped Swallow

Messingham

33 Gadwall, 2 Marsh Harrier, 6 Lapwing, Ring Ouzel (Horse Paddock), Oystercatcher, 12 Shelduck, Sparrowhawk, Barn Swallow, 2 Arctic Tern, 2 Mistle Thrush, 2 Song Thrush, 6 Cetti's Warbler

20/04/2022

Donna Nook

1 Curlew, 4 Common Redshank, 2 Barn Swallow, 2 Grasshopper Warbler

Frampton Marsh

Little Gull, 2 Spotted Redshank, 2 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Hawfinch

Paradise

4 Avocet, 1 Curlew, 4 Common Redshank

Saltfleetby

Ring Ouzel

Swanpool

Yellow Wagtail, Lesser Whitethroat

19/04/2022

Belton Park

2 Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff, Goldcrest, 4 Jay, Coal Tit



A beautiful Goldcrest at Belton Park - Image © Steve Nesbitt

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, Little Gull, Black-necked Grebe, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Hawfinch, Short-eared Owl, Hen Harrier (m), Spotted Redshank

Rimac

Grasshopper Warbler, Common Whitethroat



Grasshopper Warbler at Rimac - Image © John Clarkson

Marton

Common Sandpiper

Toft Newton

Common Scoter

Water's Edge

2 **Bittern**, 4 Bullfinch, 2 Goldcrest, 2 Pochard, 2 Common Tern, Barn Swallow, 2 Treecreeper, 10+ Cetti's Warbler, Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler, 6 Willow Warbler

18/04/2022

Donna Nook

4 Blackcap, 2 **Corn Bunting**, 2 **Cuckoo**, Fieldfare, 49 Black-tailed Godwit, **Pale-bellied Brent Goose**, 2 Greenshank, Sand Martin **Common Redstart**, 9 Snipe, 5 Barn Swallow, Whimbrel, 4 Wheatear, Common Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat

Far Ings

3 **Bittern**, 4 Marsh Harrier, Common Sandpiper, Common Tern, **Bearded Tit**

Gibraltar Point

Ring Ouzel

Halton Marsh

Ring Ouzel, 2 Wheatear

Humber Bank (Pyewipe to Stallingborough)

Black-tailed Godwit, Little Ringed Plover, Wheatear

Humberston

2 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Sedge Warbler

Job's Lane

16 Great Crested Grebe, Black-headed Gull, 4 Oystercatcher, 8 Teal, 2 Wigeon

Millennium Green

Blackcap, Chiffchaff, 2 Egyptian Goose, 5 Great Crested Grebe, Oystercatcher, Song Thrush, Cetti's Warbler, Willow Warbler

Scartho

2 **Wheatear**

Theddlethorpe

2 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 10+ Wheatear

Toft Newton

Channel Wagtail, 60 Yellow Wagtail



Channel/Blue-headed Wagtail at Toft Newton Reservoir - Image © Ged Tranter

Willow Tree Fen

4 Common Crane

17/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

10 Common Crane, 8 Spotted Redshank, 4 Spoonbill



An amazing sight of 10 Common Crane over Alkborough maze this morning - Image © Graham Catley

Anderby Creek

Bittern, 26 Barnacle Goose, Water Pipit, Little Ringed Plover, 7 Swallow, Yellow Wagtail

Baston & Langtoft Pits

2 Avocet, Ring-necked Duck

Caistor

Osprey (SW)

Frampton Marsh

Little Gull

Holbeach Marsh

Great White Egret, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 2 Red-breasted Merganser, White Wagtail, 3 Yellow Wagtail 3 Whimbrel

Millennium Green

Smew (drake)

Rimac

Ring Ouzel

Swanpool

Cuckoo, Common Whitrthroat

RAF Woodhall

Cuckoo

16/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

Meadow Pipit



Meadow Pipit at Alkborough Flats - Image © Geraldine Gray

Boultham Mere

Reed Warbler

Bourne

Cuckoo

Deeping Lakes

Sandwich Tern

Far Ings

Bittern, 2 Marsh Harrier, 10 Yellow Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, 2 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill, Little Stint, 2 Whooper Swan, 2 Yellow Wagtail

Gibraltar Point

Hawfinch, Ring Ouzel 3 Grasshopper Warbler

Humberston

Common Redstart

Scotter

Ring Ouzel

15/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

Garganey, 8 Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill

Eagle

Barn Swallow

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Garganey, Hawfinch



Hawfinch at Gibraltar Point - Image © Steve Clipperton

Humberston

Ring Ouzel

Moggs Eye

Hen Harrier (male)

Weelsby Woods

Marsh Harrier, Ring Ouzel, Lesser Whitethroat

14/04/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Gull

Boultham Mere

Kingfisher

Far Ings

Marsh Harrier

Frampton Marsh

Cuckoo, White-tailed Eagle (released bird), Little Gull, Common Sandpiper, Spoonbill, Little Stint, Whitethroat

Gibraltar Point

Firecrest, 2 Hawfinch, Red Kite, Ring Ouzel, Tree Pipit, Barn Swallow, White Wagtail, Grasshopper Warbler, Sedge Warbler,

Whimbrel, Common Whitethroat, 5 Wheatear

Legbourne

3 White Stork (over)

Marston

Cetti's Warbler, Sedge Warbler, 2 Yellow Wagtail

Pig Lane

Mistle Thrush, Green Woodpecker

Trent Port

36 Fieldfare, 26 Linnet, Grey Partridge, Green Sandpiper, Barn Swallow, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker

Wainfleet Marsh

Avocet, Buzzard, Curlew, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Golden Plover, Common, Redshank, Yellow Wagtail

13/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

Cattle Egret

Baston Fen

Spoonbill

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Cradge Bank - River Welland

Common Redstart

Frampton Marsh

2 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Gull, Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Firecrest

Saltfleetby St Clement

6 Cattle Egret (largest total recorded in Lincs)

Whitton

7 Common Crane (over-east)

Wolla Bank

Siberian Chiffchaff

12/04/2022

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier

Frampton Marsh

2 Garganey, Little Gull, 3 Little Stint, 11 Little Ringed Plover, Spotted Redshank, 2 Wheatear

Freiston Shore

Common Whitethroat

Gibraltar Point

Little Ringed Plover, Spotted Redshank

Marton area

Blackcap, 4 Buzzard, 11 Chiffchaff, 2 Shelduck, Tree Creeper, Tree Sparrow, 4 Wheatear, 2 Willow Warbler, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker

Whisby

30+ Blackcap, 30+ Chiffchaff, 4 Grey Heron, 20+ Shoveler, 12 Willow Warbler

RAF Woodhall

2 Wheatear, Willow Warbler

11/04/2022

Deeping Pits

Grey Plover

Doddington Park

2 Blackcap

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Garganey, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, 3 Little Stint, Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear

Freshney

Kestrel, Blackcap, Ring Ouzel

Jobs Lane

Little Egret, 4 Oystercatcher

Toft Newton

2 Black-necked Grebe

Whisby

Cattle Egret



Cattle Egret, a first for Whisby - Image © Brian Cocksedge

10/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

Spoonbill, Grasshopper Warbler

Barton Pits

Ferruginous Duck (ringed)

Baston Fen

76 Whooper Swan

Covenham Reservoir

Black-necked Grebe, Yellow Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, 3 Little Stint, Wheatear, Willow Warbler

Job's Lane

3 Blackcap, 3 Buzzard, 12 Chiffchaff, 2 Oystercatcher, 2 Shoveler, 10 Teal, 4 Wigeon

Messingham

34 Whooper Swan

Skegness

Black Redstart

09/04/2022

Little Bytham

Osprey

Caistor

Blackcap, 2 Sand Martin, 12 Redwing, 2 Tree Sparrow, 4 Barn Swallow

Covenham Reservoir

Black-necked Grebe, Spoonbill



The Black-necked Grebe at Covenham Reservoir - Image © Mark Johnson

Covenham Reservoir

Black-necked Grebe, Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

3 Garganey, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Little Gull, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 3 Little Stint, Barn Swallow, Sedge Warbler. [The White-tailed Lapwing](#) now looks as though it is at Ken Hill Marsh, Norfolk

08/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

Spotted Redshank

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Callans Lane Wood

Willow Warbler

Covenham Reservoir

Black-necked Grebe

Deeping Lakes

Osprey, Yellow Wagtail

Donna Nook

Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Little Ringed Plover, Water Rail, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Little Gull

Willow Tree Fen

2 Common Crane

07/04/2022

Covenham Reservoir

Black-necked Grebe, Yellow-legged Gull, 4 Sand Martin, 3 Barn Swallow

Far Ings

Barn Swallow

Frampton Marsh

2 Garganey, Little Gull

Hartsholme Park

Lesser Black-backed Gull, 3 Grey Heron, Jay

06/04/2022

Covenham Reservoir

Black-necked Grebe, Little Ringed Plover

Far Ings

Blackcap, Marsh Harrier,

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, 2 Little Stint

Sibsey

Red Kite

Willow Tree Fen

2 Common Crane



A Common Crane showed briefly at Willow Tree Fen - Image © Andy Sims

05/04/2022

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Doddington Park

8 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

4 Garganey, Little Gull, Ring Ouzel, Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Garganey, Spotted Redshank

04/04/2022

Cleethorpes

13 Curlew, 2 Purple Sandpiper, Barn Swallow, Turnstone



Two Purple Sandpiper and a Turstone on The North Promenade Cleethorpes - Image ç Jim Wright

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Garganey, Goldeneye, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Red Kite, Pintail, Spotted Redshank, Little Stint, Sedge Warbler

Gibraltar Point

Brambling, Snow Bunting, Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, Water Pipit, Spotted Redshank, Stonechat

03/04/2022

Doddington Park

11 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, 5 Garganey, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, White-tailed Lapwing (saltmarsh), Merlin, Water Pipit. Water Rail, Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Water Pipit

02/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

Bewick's Swan

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Crook Bank

Siberian Chiffchaff

Doddington Park

2 Bullfinch, 8 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Crake, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, White-tailed Lapwing, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Garganey, Short-eared Owl

Langtoft

Smew (rh)

Trent Port

13 Buzzard, 8 Chiffchaff, 37 Cormorant, Little Grebe, **Raven**, Redshank, **Grey Partridge**, Red-legged Partridge, 10 Redwing, Shelduck, 3 Common Snipe, **Jack Snipe**, 4 Sparrowhawk, 70 Wigeon

01/04/2022

Alkborough Flats

Water Pipit, Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Crake, Garganey, Little Gull, 5 Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, White-tailed Lapwing, Pintail, Little Ringed Plover, Water Rail, Spotted Redshank



Spotted Crake on one of the footpaths at Frampton Marsh - Image © Josh Fusiara

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl, **Twite**

Mablethorpe

Caspian Gull

Nebraska Wetlands - Kirton in Lindsey

American Wigeon

Saltfleet

2 Short-eared Owl

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

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Love Lincs Plants [https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/what-we-](https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/what-we-do/love-lincs-plants)

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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

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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

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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

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

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Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

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Confidential Bat Records

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USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

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Natural England

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Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk

Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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



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