



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter – December 2023

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NEW YEARS DAY BIRD RACE 2024

We would like to invite as many birders as possible to take part in the **Lincolnshire 2024 New Year's Day bird race** event. Similar to previous years, birders can choose what areas they wish to visit, whether it be your local patch or you may fancy going somewhere completely different. There are no time constraints, you can contribute for as little or long as you like on the day. It would be great to cover as many different habitat types in the county as possible to maximise the species count. We will then tally up all the species recorded collectively and see what total we can get.

This event has been quite successful the last couple of years with an incredible 139 species recorded in 2023, an impressive 146 species recorded in 2022 and an equally impressive 144 species in 2021! **Can these totals be beaten in 2024?**

Highlights from 2023 included Crane, Tundra Bean Geese, Bewick's Swan and Great Northern Diver. Highlights from previous years have included: White-tailed Plover (East Halton - 2022), Richard's Pipit (RSPB Frampton Marsh - 2022) and Smew (Baston Pits - 2021).

The above species just go to show that you never know what you might stumble into and promises to be an enjoyable day for all. Not to mention a nice way to start your 2024 year list! A rough set of rules for the day is outlined 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 Monday 1st January 2024
3. Observers can record independently or in groups
4. No use of tape luring allowed
5. No stringing
6. All records/sightings to be submitted via BirdTrack or eBird by January 3rd. Alternatively records can be sent by email to rdoan@lincstrust.co.uk if preferred.

The Sumatran Ground-Cuckoo – David Cohen

You always know it's a good birding tour if your experienced guide sees a new life bird. It's something my wife and I have experienced on several occasions over the last few years as we've travelled the world in search of birds. The more experienced the guide, the greater their excitement, the better the experience and usually the better the celebration back at the lodge over dinner.

In January 2015, the author of the Field Guide to the Birds of Mexico waded into the ocean up to his waist to get a photograph of a Purple Sandpiper, which turned up on the coast near San Blas and provided him with a welcome addition to his Mexico List. The following year, our guide in Sri Lanka, who first described the Serendib Scops Owl as a new species, found a subspecies of the Blue-throated Flycatcher in a patch of forest near Tanamalwila, which should have been in Myanmar or Thailand. Two years later, our guide in Madagascar, who has probably seen more birds in Africa than anyone, added Oriental Pratincole to his Madagascar list, when a couple of birds were picked up by strong trade winds and transported from their usual habitat in South-East Asia to a marsh on the east coast of the island.



More recently, in October 2022, our regular guide in Brazil, a Canadian by birth, took us on a three-week trip through the Pantanal and the Atlantic Rainforest into the marshes of Southern Brazil. Whilst doing so, we passed close to an area where his colleague had recorded a Tropeiro Seedeater a few weeks earlier. This bird is listed as "Vulnerable" by BirdLife International with a population of only 9,000 birds, due to the loss of its breeding habitat and collection for the bird trade. It's a very hard bird to find in the breeding season and its wintering areas are poorly known, so a couple of hours detour from our planned route seemed well worth the effort. Fortunately, we managed to obtain some excellent sightings of a singing male – a life bird for our guide and ourselves.

So, on a recent trip to Java and Sumatra, when our guide alerted us to the possibility of finding the elusive Sumatran Ground-Cuckoo, our ears pricked up. Our guide has seen over 1200 birds in Indonesia, so the prospect of a new bird excited her and the rest of our group. Apparently, the bird had been seen at a new site, which was easy to access from the lodge we were due to

stay in and we all agreed that this was a “must see” bird, particularly as the only other reliable site required a three-day trek through a remote forest and involved fording three waist-deep streams and several nights under canvas.

Ground-Cuckoos are large, terrestrial birds, that spend most of their time on the ground, feeding on giant ants, other insects, and fruit. They are subject to a great deal of hunting pressure because of their large size and are therefore extremely shy and notoriously difficult to see well. South-East Asia has three species – Coral-billed in Cambodia and Thailand, Bornean in Borneo, and the Sumatran. My wife and I had been fortunate to see the Bornean Ground-Cuckoo on a trip to Sabah in 2013, but only on the seventh or eighth attempt. We therefore knew how tricky its Sumatran relative was likely to be and how much time we might have to devote to finding it.

Arriving at the entrance to the forest just after dawn, we started to walk in on a good tarmac track. This soon deteriorated into a rough, rocky track as it headed uphill, and we had to cross a couple of streams before we arrived at the area where the bird had been seen. We settled down to wait for the bird to announce its presence. We had coffee and snacks, lunch, and afternoon tea, but the bird failed to call. Our local guide was convinced the bird was nearby and a ranger from the forest reserve showed us a video of the bird, taken on his phone the day before not far from where we were waiting. However, the bird still refused to show and at three pm we decided to cut our losses and head back to our lodge. It was a rather sombre group that sat down to dinner that night and it didn't take us long to complete the Bird List.

The following day was spent in a different forest on the nearby Tapan Road, and we were relieved to be walking about, looking for birds after our lengthy period of inactivity the day before. We had excellent views of a pair of Graceful Pittas, which came into a feeding station quite close to the road – beautiful birds with a rose-red belly and electric blue eyebrows and wing linings. They were followed by a Marbled Wren-Babbler, another incredibly beautiful bird, which crept around us low to the ground, offering good views from time to time as it crossed a few open areas. As we walked along the road, we found Blyth's Hawk Eagle and Rufous-bellied Eagle flying above the forest with Gold-whiskered and Black-browed Barbets calling from the treetops. The bright red Temminck's Sunbird continued the “red and rufous” theme of the morning, and we managed to record a more respectable list at the log call before dinner that evening.



However, the Ground-Cuckoo continued to occupy our thoughts and it was no surprise that we found ourselves at the entrance to the forest the following dawn. Again, we made our way up the track to our previous spot and settled down to wait for the bird to call. At about 09:30, one of the local guides told us that the bird was calling further up the track, and the whole group set off at speed. After about a quarter of a mile, we found another guide at the entrance to a trail, and he directed us to make our way into the forest. After about a hundred yards, we met our third guide in a small clearing, and he invited us to settle down to view a relatively open area where a couple of fallen logs had created a clearing.

As we made ourselves comfortable, the bird called and we held our breath as not one, but two birds appeared out of the dense undergrowth. They crossed the open area and one of the pair stood tall on one of the logs, paused for a moment, looked straight at us, and called once again before slipping away into the forest. We could hardly believe what we had just seen, and we were all in a state of shock when the birds returned into view and crossed the fallen logs once more before heading back into the deeper undergrowth from which they had first appeared.

Quietly, we made our way back to the main track before celebrating wildly with high fives and whoops of delight. Our tour guide was quick to add the record to her E-Bird account, taking her total for Indonesia to 1203, whilst we just couldn't believe that we had seen the birds and seen them so well. We all agreed that this was the Bird of the Trip, pushing other notable sightings of three species of Pitta (the afore-mentioned Graceful, plus Schneider's and Javen Banded) into the supporting places.

Ground Cuckoo photo by Susan Myers



What a bird and what an incredible experience – one we will treasure in our rocking chairs, when we are too old to travel! Now, how do we get to see the Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo in Thailand?

David Cohen

Lincolnshire Dotterel records, 2022 – appeal!

The majority of the 2022 records have been collated and checking and writing is underway. It appears from the database that we have that there were no records at all of Dotterel in 2022. If anyone has a record(s) not yet submitted, would you please contact myself at philhyde55@gmail.com as soon as convenient. Thank you!

Phil Hyde, County Recorder.

Book review: *The Extraordinary World of Birds* by David Lindo

They say you shouldn't try to foist your own hobbies on to your children and grandchildren.

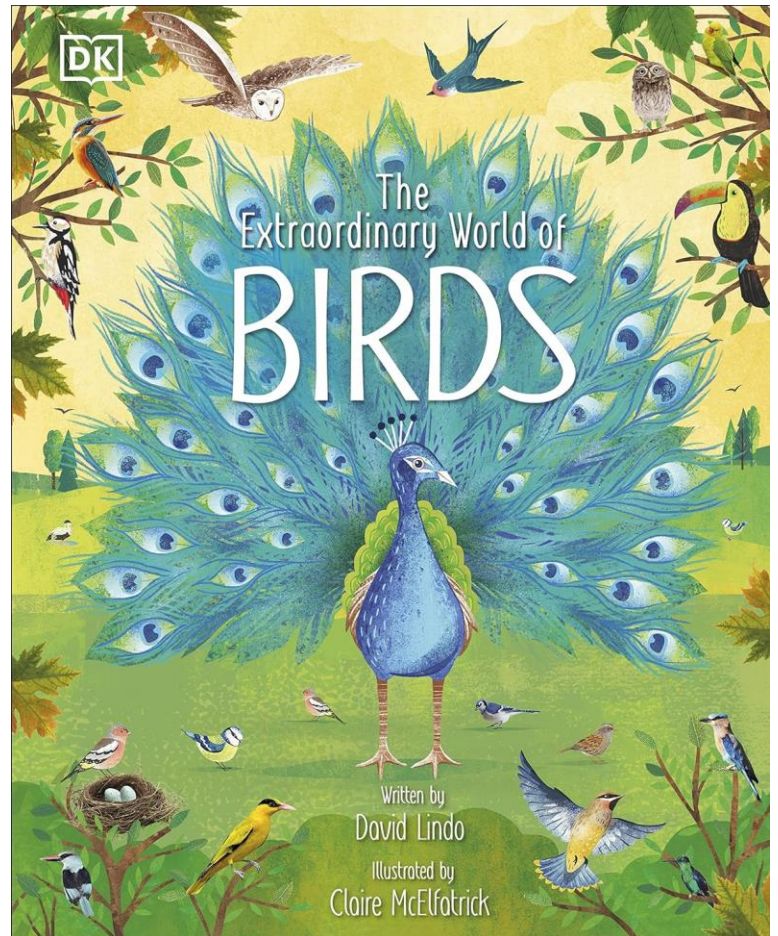
But surely when it comes to birding there is no harm in giving things a bit of nudge?

The latest book by David Lindo, also known as the Urban Birder, provides an excellent intro with its concise span across plumage feeding, migration, behaviour, anatomy, habitat choice and much else

Because children are fascinated by dinosaurs, the author does not forget to describe how these magnificent creatures of yesteryear were the forebears of birds.

Inevitably, given Lindo's special interest, there is a section on how many birds have learned to co-exist with man in towns and cities - one of them being the Senegal thick-knee (similar to our stone curlew) which has evidently taken to nesting on gravel rooves in Cairo.

A word, too, for the excellent illustrations by Claire McElfatrick which seem to fly out of the page.



The *Extraordinary World of Birds* is published at £14.99 in hardback by Dorling Kindersley.

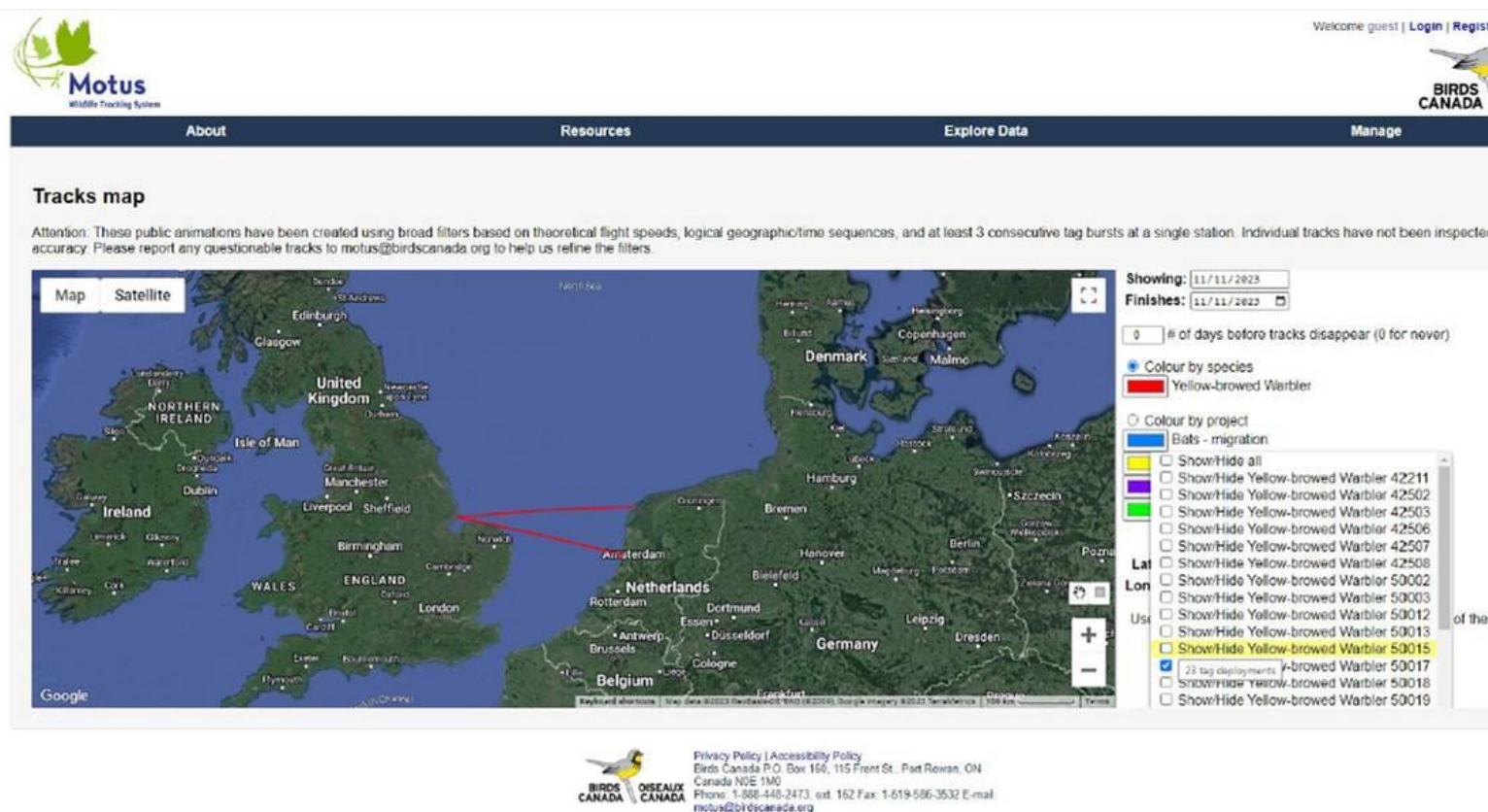
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MOTUS News from Gib Point

The MOTUS station at Gib Point has had its first detection at Gibraltar Point. A tagged Yellow-browed Warbler that came across from the Dutch coast on 16th October 2023.

Another Yellow browed Warbler was detected at a Motus station at Dungeness around the same period.

The map below shows the route taken by the bird on its westward journey and then its later return to the Dutch coast further south! Short return crossings such as this have also been shown by tagged Nathusius Pipistrelle bats.



All Motus data is in the public domain, so it is a great resource for citizen scientists in addition to the core scientific work that it contributes to.

Details of the 'Gib' monitoring station can be seen here at [Gibraltar Point Bird Obs Motus Detections](#)

Yellow-browed Warbler is a particularly interesting candidate species for research given recent changes in its status in Western Europe and possible changes in migration route/response to changes in climate.

With thanks to GPBO, Lincolnshire Bird Club, Sea-changers and donations made in memory of Dick Lambert to support our Motus scheme.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker – a submissibile species

Given the rarity, or extinction, of this species in the county, discussion with the records committee and others around the county, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker records need to be documented and submitted from and including 2022 onwards, please!

The last proven record of breeding in the county was of the pair which bred on the outskirts of Lincoln in 2016. The male of this pair was seen several times during Jan-Mar 2019, but failed to find a mate. Since then, there have been reports of calling birds and 'brief' sight records but given the recent rarity of the species and the National decline that suggests there is no hope of a resurgence in the species' fortunes. Accordingly, the records committee (LBRC) request that observers submit full descriptions together with photographs and (if possible) sound recordings of calling and/or drumming birds (other species can mimic them or sound like them, including Nuthatch and Starling).

Phil Hyde, County Recorder



Lesser Spotted Woodpecker Lincoln, 14th February 2015 © Mike Cook

LBC Annual Report 2022

The Lincolnshire Bird Club 2021 report is in production.

We would like to thank Jon Cooper and Charlie Barnes (GLNP) for helping with the 2022 data.

Call for 2022 Bird Photographs

Could anyone with images of birds photographed in 2022 please send copies to info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk. Or PLEASE use the WeTransfer system (<https://wetransfer.com/>) to the same email address.....

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!



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Britain poised for big Waxwing winter

Britain looks set to enjoy its biggest “Waxwing Winter” for at least a decade....

The popular species hasn't erupted in Britain since 2016-2017 – and even then, big flocks were largely restricted to northern England and Scotland. Prior to that, the last truly major irruption was as long ago as winter 2012-13.

However, the signs of a significant arrival have been showing since early October, when good numbers began to appear in the Northern Isles. Since then, the irruption has gained significant momentum – flocks in excess of 500 birds have been recorded in Elgin, Moray, and Inverness, Highland, during the first week of November, while birds have been encountered as far south-west as South Wales, south-west England and western Ireland. The largest group seen in England so far has been 60 in North Yorkshire, with east-coast sightings as far south as Essex.

It remains to be seen how the influx will play out across Britain and more importantly in Lincolnshire, but the signs so far suggest that it'll be the best Waxwing winter for several years. The photo below was taken by Graham Catley at Barton Pits in January 2013, probably the best year for them in Lincolnshire.... Will the winter 2023/24 live up to the hype....



Lincolnshire Bird News - November 2023

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.

30/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

3 Buzzard, **Great Northern Diver**, Goldeneye, Pochard, **Raven**, **Purple Sandpiper**, **Greater Scaup**, **Shag**, **Smew (male)**



Greater Scaup at Covenham Reservoir - Image © Chris Grimshaw

29/11/2023

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Russian White-fronted Goose

Cleethorpes

20 Snow Bunting

Covenham Reservoir

Purple Sandpiper, Smew

Deeping Lakes

3 Long-eared Owl

Fosdyke

2 Cattle Egret

Frampton Marsh

Brambling, 2 Great White Egret, 2 Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, Merlin, Spoonbill, Bearded Tit, Cetti's Warbler

Gibraltar Pont

Water Pipit

Huttoft

2 Little Auk, 6 Short-eared Owl, 4 Velvet Scoter

Marsh Yard

3 Snow Bunting

Martin Fen

Waxwing

Tetford

8 Waxwing

Tetney Lock (village)

26 Waxwing

Tetney Marsh

Chiffchaff, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Hen Harrier, 2 Kingfisher, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, 300 Common Scoter, Grey Wagtail, Cetti's Warbler

28/11/2023

Anderby Creek

Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter, 2 Waxwing



Two Cattle that were at the floods at Short Ferry - Image © Russell Hayes

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver, Goldeneye, Goosander, Purple Sandpiper, Greater Scaup, Smew (m)

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Elm House Farm

3 Waxwing

Frampton Marsh

12 Curlew, Dunlin, Great White Egret, 2 Peregrine Falcon, Black-tailed Godwit, Lapwing, 100 Linnet, c30 Pintail, 2 Snipe, 6

Whooper Swan, Lesser Yellowlegs

Short Ferry

2 Cattle Egret

Toft Newton

2 Great Northern Diver

27/11/2023

Frampton Marsh

6 Bewick's Swan, 60+ Whooper Swan, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

Long-tailed Duck

Mablethorpe

Velvet Scoter

Market Rasen

3 Waxwing

Willow Tree Fen

7 Common Crane

26/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver, Greater Scaup, Smew (male)

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl

Gib Point

Little Auk

Saltfleetby

16 Barnacle Goose, 410 Brent Goose, 220 Pink-footed Goose, Pintail. 160 Shelduck, 20 Whooper Swan

Short Ferry

140 Dunlin, 2 Cattle Egret, 2 Great White Egret, 2000 Golden Plover, Grey Plover, 40 Redshank, Little Stint, 400 Whooper Swan, Turnstone

25/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe, Greater Scaup, Smew (male)

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Doddington Park

Lesser Redpoll

Farmer's Lane (?)

Osprey

Fiskerton Fen

15 Little Egret

Frampton Marsh

5 Bewick's Swan, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

3 Bewick's Swan

Horseshoe Point

2 Snow Bunting

Nocton Fen

Marsh Harrier

Rimac

Waxwing

Short Ferry

Black-headed Gull, Lapwing, Redshank, c70 Whooper Swan

24/11/2023

South Cockerington

6 Waxwing

Doddington Park

2 Lesser Redpoll

Frampton Marsh

Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

Snow Bunting

Horseshoe Point

Snow Bunting, 30+ Twite

Mablethorpe

Velvet Scoter

Seaview

Gannet, 40 Common Scoter

Yaddleshorpe Ponds

Osprey

23/11/2023

Churchill Lane

Tree Pipit

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Donna Nook

200 Lapwing, 2600 Oystercatcher, 500 Golden Plover, 180 Shelduck, 7 Whooper Swan

Fiskerton Fen (floods)

Cattle Egret, 5 Great White Egret, 27 Little Egret, 2 Egyptian Goose, 5000 Black-head Gull, 2 Grey Heron, 4000 Starling

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

Brambling, Red-throated Diver, Eider, Hen Harrier, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Scoter, Siskin

Short Ferry (floods)

5000 Black-headed Gull, 1000 Lapwing, 100 Mute Swan, 35 Whooper Swan, 5000 Starling

Willow Tree Fen

7 Common Crane, Hen Harrier

22/11/2023

Boultham Mere

105 Pink-footed Goose

Fiskerton Fen

Cattle Egret

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, Spoonbill, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

Long-tailed Duck, Slavonian Grebe, 2 Snow Bunting

Mablethorpe

Greater Scaup, Common Scoter

Saltfleetby

Meaty Redpoll

Tongue End

Short-eared Owl

21/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

Snow Bunting, Slavonian Grebe, Mediterranean Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, Tawny Owl, Greater Scaup, Shag

Donna Nook

2 Red-throated Diver, Peregrine Falcon, Gannet, 800 Brent Goose, Marsh Harrier, 6 Kittiwake, Merlin, 31 Common Scoter, 2 Woodcock

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Hen Harrier, 270 Whooper Swan, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

18 Red-throated Diver, 2 Long-tailed Duck, 31 Little Gull, 450 Common Scoter

Humberston

2 Waxwing

Rimac

5 Cattle Egret

Saltfleetby

20+ Snow Bunting

Short Ferry

40 Dunlin, 4 Cattle Egret, 14 Little Egret, 2 Great White Egret, 14 Goosander, 2 Marsh Harrier, 3000 Lapwing, 800 Golden Plover, 60 Redshank, 280 Whooper Swan, 4000 Teal, 700 Wigeon

Sutton on Sea

2 Red-throated Diver, Tundra Bean Goose, 17 Kittiwake, 2 Red-breasted Merganser, Razorbill

Swallow

6 Waxwing

Yaddlethorpe Ponds

Osprey

20/11/2023

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Lesser Yellowlegs



The Great Northern Divers at Toft Newton Reservoir early afternoon today - Image © Andy Sims

Gibraltar Point

Water Pipit

Grantham

Siberian Chiffchaff

Messingham

Great White Egret, 350+ Greylag Goose, Teal, Tufted Duck, 3 Shelduck, Shoveler

Toft Newton

34 Coot, 2 Great Northern Diver, Fieldfare, 12 Little Grebe, 10 Great Crested Grebe

Willow Tree Fen

3 Common Crane, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl

Yaddethorpe Ponds

Osprey



The Osprey viewed from the road past Yaddethorpe Ponds today - Image © Chris Grimshaw

19/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe

Crook Bank

21 Snow Bunting

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier, Lesser Yellowlegs

Halton Marsh

4 Cattle Egret

Holbeach Marsh

20 Twite

Willow Tree Fen

2 Hen Harrier, 11 Common Crane

Winter's Pond

Long-tailed Duck

Yaddleshorpe Ponds

Osprey

18/11/2023

Barton upon Humber

Red-throated Diver

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Lesser Yellowlegs

Halton Marsh

Snow Bunting, Red-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck, 4 Cattle Egret

Rimac

4 Cattle Egret

Short Ferry (floods)

50 Whooper Swan

Nocton Fen

24 Dunlin, 2 Marsh Harrier, 500 Lapwing, Kestrel, 15 Mute Swan

Toft Newton

2 Great Northern Diver, Greater Scaup

17/11/2023

Boultham Mere

Grey Heron, 6 Grey Partridge, Song Thrush (singing)

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe

Cut End

19 Cattle Egret

Donna Nook

2 Hen Harrier

Short Ferry

3 Whooper Swan, Grey Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Little Stint, Lesser Yellowlegs

Freiston Shore

Black Brant

Gibraltar Point

Mealy Redpoll, Crossbill

Huttoft

Brent Geese, Marsh Harrier, Whooper Swan

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck

Marston

33 Fieldfare, Marsh Harrier, Green Sandpiper, 2 Cetti's Warbler

Neville Wood

20 Brambling

Toft Newton

2 Great Northern Diver, Greater Scaup

Willow Tree Fen

11 Common Crane, 2 Hen Harrier

16/11/2023

Anderby Creek

Black-throated Diver

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe, Shag

Cut End

20+ Cattle Egret, 100+ Common Scoter, Brambling (car-park)

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Hen Harrier, Bewick Swan, Lesser Yellowlegs

Freiston Shore

Water Pipit

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting

Short Ferry (floods)

4 Goldeneye, 7 Goosander, 600 Lapwing, 40 Pintail, 200 Shoveler, 300 Whooper Swan

Sutton on Sea

Long-tailed Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Scoter

Willow Tree Fen

Hen Harrier

Winters Pond

Snow Bunting

15/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

Shag, Slavonian Grebe

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Hen Harrier, Water Pipit, Lesser Yellowlegs

Scunthorpe

Osprey

14/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

Black Throated Diver, Goosander, Slavonian Grebe, Yellow-legged Gull, Greater Scaup, Shag, Raven



Slavonian Grebe at Covenham Reservoir - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Little Stint, Stonechat, 21 Whooper Swan, Lesser Yellowlegs

Freiston Shore

15 Cattle Egret

Gibraltar Point

Black Throated Diver, 2 Great Northern Diver, 12 Little Gull

Messingham

85 Gadwall, 40 Pink-footed Goose, 12 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Cetti's Warbler

13/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe, Shag

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Hen Harrier, Lesser Yellowlegs

Freiston Shore

Firecrest

Gibraltar Point

Hen Harrier

Toft Newton

2 Great Northern Diver

12/11/2023

Boultham Mere

7 Whooper Swan

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe, Shag

Frampton Marsh

Blackcap, Long-tailed Duck, 2 Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, 4000 Starling, Stonechat, Whooper Swan
Gibraltar Point
Little Bunting, Snow Bunting, Firecrest
Marston
Barnacle Goose
Swanpool
Tawny Owl
Trent Port
Chiffchaff, 6 Goldcrest, 26 Red-legged Partridge, 2 Redshank, 4 Snipe, Great Spotted Woodpecker
Yaddleshorpe Ponds
Osprey

11/11/2023

Boultham Mere
Greater Scaup
East Butterwick
20 Lapwing, 6 Linnet, Marsh Harrier, 6 Grey Partridge, c600 Golden Plover
Frampton Marsh
Long-tailed Duck, Great White Egret, Hen Harrier
Halton Marsh
2 Short-eared Owl, 3 Water Pipit
RAF Woodhall
5 Whooper Swan
Short Ferry (floods)
Blackcap (m), 500 Black-headed Gull, 300 Lapwing, 3 Shelduck, 100 Mute Swan, 9 Whooper Swan
Toft Newton
2 Great Northern Diver
Tongue End
5 Common Crane
Winter's Pond
Long-tailed Duck

10/11/2023

Baston Fen
Short-eared Owl
Crook Bank
9 Snow Bunting
Donna Nook
3 Buzzard, Red-throated Diver, Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 3 Merlin, 2 Sparrowhawk
Frampton Marsh
Long-tailed Duck, 4 Cattle Egret
Freiston Shore
Water Pipit
Marston
Fieldfare, 2 Stonechat
Trent Port
100+ Fieldfare, Short-eared Owl, Stonechat
Winters Pond
Long-tailed Duck
Yaddleshorpe Ponds, Scunthorpe
Osprey

09/10/2023

Anderby Creek
Curlew, Dunlin, Pink-footed Goose, Kestrel, Pintail, Redshank, Shoveler, Whooper Swan, Teal, Cetti's Warbler, Wigeon
Barton on Humber

5 Waxwing

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe

Donna Nook

Hen Harrier, 10 Waxwing

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck

Freiston Shore

Hen Harrier, American Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

Hen Harrier, Twite

Harrington

3 Red Kite

Huttoft

4 Dunlin, Gannet, Pink-footed Goose, Oystercatcher, Common Scoter

Huttoft Pit

Little Egret, 69 Teal



Strange sight at Huttoft Pits today, one of 69 present - Image © Andy Sims

Saltfleetby NNR

8 Snow Bunting

Stockwith Mill

4 Green Sandpiper

Sudbrooke

Buzzard

Toft Newton

Great Northern Diver

08/11/2023

Ashbyville Lake

Shag

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe

Donna Nook

8 Waxwing

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Long-tailed Gull, Spoonbill, 6 Whooper Swan

North Hykeham

1 Waxwing

Mablethorpe

Little Gull, 4 Waxwing

Scunthorpe

2 Waxwing

07/11/2023

Cleethorpes

Purple Sandpiper



Purple Sandpiper at Cleethorpes - Image © Martin Meehan

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Peregrine Falcon, Goldeneye, 6 Greenshank, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Spoonbill, Stonechat, Whooper Swan

Halton Marsh

6 Cattle Egret

Market Rasen
c 30 Whooper Swan

06/11/2023

Alkborough Flats

2 Cattle Egret

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Donna Nook

Peregrine Falcon, 3 Gannet, 700+ Brent Goose, 1400+ Pink-footed Goose, Greenshank, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 2 Red-breasted Merganser, Merlin, 700 Oystercatcher, 1000+ Golden Plover, Woodcock

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Spotted Redshank

Freiston Shore

6 Cattle Egret

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, 2 Snow Bunting, 4 Bean Goose, Red-necked Grebe, Hen Harrier, Shorelark, 4 Twite, Woodlark

Mablethorpe

Waxwing

Scopwick

Ring Ouzel (sound recorded)

Whisby

Great White Egret, Jay

Willow Tree Fen

Hen Harrier

05/11/2023

Covenham Reservoir

Slavonian Grebe

Cress Marsh

Buzzard, Little Egret, 8 Little Grebe, 3 Meadow Pipit, Stonechat, 44 Teal

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, Hen Harrier, 16 Marsh Harrier, Red Kite, Barn Owl, 6 Pintail, Rock Pipit, Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill, 6000 Starling, 60 Whooper Swan, American Wigeon, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

Snow Bunting, 16 Little Gull, 6 Grey Phalarope (South), Pomarine Skua

Messingham

Jay, Osprey, Greater Scaup, Cetti's Warbler

Tetney Lock

Brambling, Buzzard, 10 Curlew, Little Grebe, Marsh Harrier, Kestrel, 200 Lapwing, Short-eared Owl, 2000 Golden Plover, Raven

Trent Port

Kingfisher, 2 Raven, 2 Stonechat, 11 Whooper Swan

Willow Tree Fen

Hen Harrier, 3 Short-eared Owl

04/11/2023

Alkborough Flats

Smew (rh)

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck

Gibraltar Point

Green-winged Teal

Grantham

Hen Harrier

Huttoft Bank

Velvet Scoter

Toft Newton Reservoir

Great Northern Diver

03/11/2023

Ashbyville Lake

Buzzard, Goldcrest, Goosander, Jay

Cut End

Great Northern Diver

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, Hen Harrier, 50 Ruff, Siskin, 14 Whooper Swan

Gibraltar Point

2 Lapland Bunting, Black-throated Diver, 2 Firecrest, 91 Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, Siberian/Amur Stonechat, 7 Arctic Tern, 2 Woodlark

Willow Tree Fen

7 Common Crane, Hen Harrier

Saltfleetby

Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, 180 Pink-footed Goose, Hen Harrier, 8 Marsh Harrier, Sparrowhawk, 129 Whooper Swan, Woodcock

Toft Newton

Great Northern Diver

Whisby

2 Common Crane (sw)

Witham St Hughes

2 Common Crane

02/11/2023

Bardney Dairies

Hoopoe

Baston & Langtoft Pit

Great Northern Diver

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, 650 Fieldfare, 7 Goldeneye, 16 Marsh Harrier, 2000 Golden Plover, Spoonbill, 4000 Starling, Stonechat, Bearded Tit, 9 Whooper Swan

Freiston Shore

Long-tailed Duck

Gibraltar Point

Little Auk, Velvet Scoter, Waxwing

Spalding

Gannet

Toft Newton

Great Northern Diver

Trent Port

65 Gadwall, 7 Goldcrest, 90 Pink-footed Goose, 1300 Black-headed Gull, 44 Shoveler, Snipe

01/11/2023

Anderby Creek

Common/Pallid Swift, 8 Waxwing (S)

Ashbyville Lake

3 Shag

Bardney Dairies

Hoopoe

Caythorpe

Shag

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck
Freiston Shore
Cattle Egret
Huttoft Bank

Little Auk
Swanpool
Tawny Owl



The splendid photograph of the Hoopoe taken at Bardney Dairies yesterday - Image © Russell Hayes

Trent Port

Chiffchaff, 1450 Fieldfare, 21 Gadwall, 32 Pink-footed Goose, 560 Black-headed Gull, 320 Common Gull, 145 Lesser Black Backed Gull, **Kingfisher**, 12 Shoveler, Siskin, 1200 Starling, 32 Teal, 35 Wigeon

Wainfleet All Saints

Hen Harrier

Lincs Bird Club Website

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

Twitter [@Lincsbirding](#)

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/LincolnshireBirdInformation/>

LBC County Bird Recorder

Phil Hyde recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk

BTO - <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

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>

enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk

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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Force Wildlife, Rural Crime Officer

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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

Contact: Sarah Lambert - sarah.lambert7@ntlworld.com

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

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-](http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php)

[publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php](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

01775 766286 or e-mail: annettefaulkner@btinternet.com

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: annettefaulkner@btinternet.com

USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

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

Contact: charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk

or for more general queries:info@glnp.org.uk

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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