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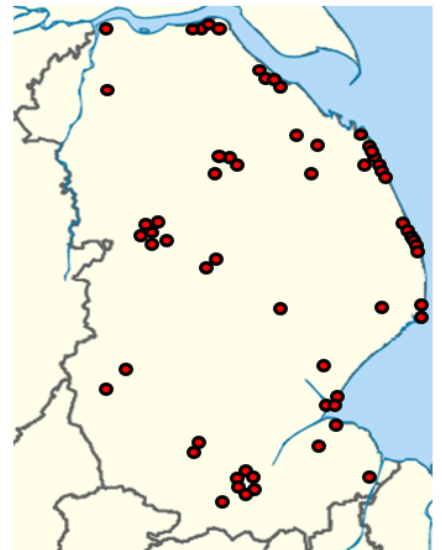
Barry Clarkson's funeral

It transpires Barry did not want a funeral and it was arranged for his remains to be cremated with no one in attendance on January 22nd. The post mortem revealed Barry died of pneumonia which was a surprise to everyone. It has been suggested that one way we could honour Barry's memory would be to have a memorial walk for him at Rimac, his local patch. We will plan to do that in March/April. If you would like to attend please email pmjespin@gmail.com to confirm your interest and you'll be advised when the date is decided.

New Year's Day 2024 – Write-up by Richard Doan

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the 2024 New Year's Day bird race. The event produced the highest total yet with a staggering 154 species recorded, by an incredible 104 people, from 60 locations throughout Lincolnshire! A full list of species recorded can be found at the bottom of this report and shows a comparison from the last four years (since the first event in 2021).

Included in this year's tally were 11 species that have not been recorded on past events. Some of these highlights included: a group of 4 Shorelark at Gibraltar Point, this is the first time that this species has wintered in Lincolnshire for several years. The popular Lesser Yellowlegs at RSPB Frampton Marsh showed very well out from the car park (present for 105 days!), this site continues to attract some fantastic waders – perhaps a Killdeer next!? The Waxwing invasion that occurred in the UK during autumn 2023 continued with birds being



recorded at Gibraltar Point, Fiskerton Fen, New Holland, Grantham and Sibsey on the day, these beautiful birds really do take some beating! Doddington Hall Estate has been nicely put on the birding map, with the discovery of an over-wintering Great Grey Shrike in 2023, it was enjoyed by many observers on New Year's Day. An over-wintering Whimbrel at the south end of The Wash was also very noteworthy, typically there are less than 10 birds wintering in the UK!

Sea-watching was very productive at Gibraltar Point with Great Northern Diver, Long-tailed Duck, Red-necked Grebe, Little Gull, Gannet and Kittiwake all being recorded. A Great Northern Diver was also seen off Wolla Bank and a Long-tailed Duck at Rimac.

Birds of prey were again very well represented with Hen Harrier recorded from RSPB Frampton Marsh, Gibraltar Point, Saltfleetby, Willow Tree Fen and an excellent record from Trent Port! A back up cast of Merlin, Peregrine, Marsh Harrier and Red Kite. The latter species continuing to increase its distribution throughout Lincolnshire especially in the south of the county and on the Wolds.

Despite searching the Pink-footed Goose flocks along the coast there were very few records of the scarcer geese (white-fronted and bean) which can sometimes be located with some patience. The only noteworthy record was of a group of White-fronted Geese at East Halton. Swans, however were well represented with Bewick's being

recorded at RSPB Frampton Marsh and Deeping High Bank, this species has really suffered in recent winters. Whoopers were present in excellent numbers in the south of the county.

The Willow Tree Fen roost was excellent in the evening and produced 14 Marsh Harrier, a ringtail Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, 6 Common Cranes, 100+ Goosander and 3 Cattle Egret. This site is now producing daily sightings of Crane alongside an excellent array of other species and is well worth a visit in 2024!



Great Grey Shrike © Josh Hedley Jan 2024



Lesser Yellowlegs at Frampton © Roy Harvey

As is customary, a few plastic's made the list in the form of a Red-crested Pochard and a Barnacle Goose. Not to mention the controversial Feral Pigeon! The exotic Mandarin Duck failed to make an appearance again for the second consecutive year in Lincoln.

A fine drake Smew returned to winter at Whisby Quarry, this appears to be the only wintering record in Lincolnshire this year, with no records from former haunts in the south of the county.

Some species were again absent such as Willow Tit and the now extinct Lesser Spotted Woodpecker. An absence of 'white-winged' gulls was also noted with no records of Glaucous or Iceland Gull. Mediterranean Gull continues to be a scarce bird in Lincolnshire during the winter months with no sightings again.

Cress Marsh near Grimbsy produced the only Common Sandpiper record of the day, feeding alongside 3 Green Sandpiper. The latter species was also noted from Marston STW. Other wader highlights included a Jack Snipe at Boultham Mere, a Spotted Redshank at South Ferriby and 6 Avocet at RSPB Frampton Marsh.

An obliging Glossy Ibis put on a good show at Deeping Lakes as did the Long-eared Owls. Cattle Egret now appears to be taking up residence (in all corners of Lincolnshire) after successful breeding in neighbouring counties, there were 12 birds present on New Year's Day, including 5 birds at Rimac, 1+ at Alkborough, 2 at Willow Tree Fen and 4 at RSPB Frampton Marsh.

Convenham Reservoir produced the only record of Shag for the county, alongside the over-wintering Great Northern Diver that continues to delight visitors.

Lapland Bunting made it onto the list for the first time with the sighting of an individual at Gedney Drove End. Twite and Snow Bunting remain in good numbers at their stronghold sites in the north of the county.

Thanks again to everyone who took part in this year's event. We hope you all have an excellent year bird watching in 2024!



Grantham Waxwing © Steve Nesbitt

Writeup by Richard Doan

SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Brent Goose	1	1	1	1
Canada Goose	1	1	1	1
Barnacle Goose	1	1	1	1
Greylag Goose	1	1	1	1
Pink-footed Goose	1	1	1	1
Tundra Bean Goose	1		1	
White-fronted Goose	1	1	1	1
Mute Swan	1	1	1	1
Bewick's Swan		1	1	1
Whooper Swan	1	1	1	1
Egyptian Goose	1	1	1	1
Shelduck	1	1	1	1
Shoveler	1	1	1	1
Gadwall	1	1	1	1
Wigeon	1	1	1	1
Mandarin Duck	1	1		
Mallard	1	1	1	1
Pintail	1	1	1	1
Teal	1	1	1	1
Red-crested Pochard	1	1	1	1
Pochard	1	1	1	1
Tufted Duck	1	1	1	1
Scaup	1	1	1	1
Eider	1	1	1	1
Velvet Scoter	1	1	1	
Common Scoter	1	1	1	1
Long-tailed Duck	1	1		1

SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Goldeneye	1	1	1	1
Smew	1			1
Goosander	1	1	1	1
Red-breasted Merganser	1	1	1	1
Red-legged Partridge	1	1	1	1
Grey Partridge	1	1	1	1
Pheasant	1	1	1	1
Red-throated Diver	1	1	1	1
Black-throated Diver	1			
Great Northern Diver	1	1	1	1
Fulmar				
Little Grebe	1	1	1	1
Red-necked Grebe				1
Great Crested Grebe	1	1	1	1
Slavonian Grebe	1			
Black-necked Grebe				
Grey Heron	1	1	1	1
Great White Egret	1	1	1	1
Bittern	1	1	1	1
Little Egret	1	1	1	1
Gannet	1		1	1
Shag		1		1
Cormorant	1	1	1	1
Sparrowhawk	1	1	1	1
Marsh Harrier	1	1	1	1
Hen Harrier	1	1	1	1

SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Red Kite	1	1	1	1
Common Buzzard	1	1	1	1
Water Rail	1	1	1	1
Moorhen	1	1	1	1
Coot	1	1	1	1
Crane			1	1
Oystercatcher	1	1	1	1
Avocet	1	1	1	1
Lapwing	1	1	1	1
Golden Plover	1	1	1	1
Grey Plover	1	1	1	1
Ringed Plover	1	1	1	1
Curlew	1	1	1	1
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	1	1	1
Black-tailed Godwit	1	1	1	1
Turnstone	1	1	1	1
Knot	1	1	1	1
Ruff	1	1	1	1
Sanderling	1	1	1	1
Little Stint		1		
Dunlin	1	1	1	1
Woodcock	1	1	1	1
Jack Snipe	1	1	1	1
Snipe	1	1	1	1
Common Sandpiper		1	1	1
Green Sandpiper	1	1	1	1
Redshank	1	1	1	1

SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Spotted Redshank	1	1	1	1
Kittiwake				1
Black-headed Gull	1	1	1	1
Little Gull				1
Mediterranean Gull				
Common Gull	1	1	1	1
Great Black-backed Gull	1	1	1	1
Glaucous Gull				
Iceland Gull				
Herring Gull	1	1	1	1
Caspian Gull	1			
Yellow-legged Gull	1			
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	1	1	1
Common Guillemot	1		1	
Razorbill		1		
Stock Dove	1	1	1	1
Feral Pigeon	1	1	1	1
Wood Pigeon	1	1	1	1
Collared Dove	1	1	1	1
Barn Owl	1	1	1	1
Tawny Owl	1	1	1	1
Little Owl	1	1		1
Long-eared Owl	1	1		1
Short-eared Owl	1	1	1	1
Kingfisher	1	1	1	1
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker				

SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
Green Woodpecker	1	1	1	1
Kestrel	1	1	1	1
Merlin	1	1	1	1
Peregrine	1	1	1	1
Jay	1	1	1	1
Magpie	1	1	1	1
Jackdaw	1	1	1	1
Rook	1	1	1	1
Carrion Crow	1	1	1	1
Raven	1	1	1	1
Waxwing				1
Coal Tit	1	1	1	1
Marsh Tit	1	1	1	1
Willow Tit				
Blue Tit	1	1	1	1
Great Tit	1	1	1	1
Bearded Tit	1	1	1	1
Skylark	1	1	1	1
Shore Lark				1
Cetti's Warbler	1	1	1	1
Long-tailed Tit	1	1	1	1
Chiffchaff	1	1	1	1
Blackcap	1	1	1	1
Goldcrest	1	1	1	1
Wren	1	1	1	1
Nuthatch	1	1	1	1

SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Treecreeper	1	1	1	1
Starling	1	1	1	1
Blackbird	1	1	1	1
Fieldfare	1	1	1	1
Redwing	1	1	1	1
Song Thrush	1	1	1	1
Mistle Thrush	1	1	1	1
Robin	1	1	1	1
Stonechat	1	1	1	1
House Sparrow	1	1	1	1
Tree Sparrow	1	1	1	1
Dunnoek	1	1	1	1
Grey Wagtail	1	1	1	1
Pied Wagtail	1	1	1	1
Meadow Pipit	1	1	1	1
Water Pipit	1	1	1	1
Rock Pipit	1	1	1	1
Chaffinch	1	1	1	1
Brambling	1	1	1	1
Bullfinch	1	1	1	1
Greenfinch	1	1	1	1
Twite		1	1	1
Linnet	1	1	1	1
Lesser Redpoll	1	1	1	1
Crossbill				
Goldfinch	1	1	1	1
Siskin	1	1	1	1

SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lapland Bunting				1
Snow Bunting	1	1	1	1
Corn Bunting	1	1	1	1
Yellowhammer	1	1	1	1
Reed Bunting	1	1	1	1
Ring-necked Duck		1		1
White-tailed Plover		1		
Cattle Egret		1		1

SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024
Richard's Pipit		1		
Lesser Yellowlegs				1
Great Grey Shrike				1
Glossy Ibis				1
Goshawk				1
Whimbrel				1
SPECIES TOTAL	144	146	139	154
YEAR	2021	2022	2023	2024

Great Northern Diver rescue at Covenham Reservoir

A first winter Great Northern Diver has been wintering at Covenham Reservoir for the last couple of months. On 24th January Grimsby birder Chris Atkin spotted it on the bank edge bleeding and with line tangling its bill and neck. It was still strong and on 25th I saw it around 08.30 swimming along the north wall unable to dive and its neck in an unnatural “hog-tied” like position.

At lunchtime on Friday 26th, Keith Robinson, a res regular since the early 70s called me from his car on his way home to say the diver was at the top of the bank in the north west corner near the sailing club looking distressed. He thought it should be possible to jump over and grab it. If he had been 20 years younger he would have done it himself. I decided to go and get it but realised it was likely to need two people, one to hold the diver and one to cut the line from round it's bill.



Great Northern Diver in twine © Chris Atkins Jan 2024



I put out a call for help on the Louth birders WhatsApp group and Owen Beaumont responded saying his partner Alex Masterman a trained zoo keeper who was luckily on her day off would come and help. I got to the res first and decided to locate the bird but it was not where it was supposed to be. I called Keith and he said he'd seen two people approaching it as he left, maybe they had got it. I spoke with a windsurfer who'd been there an hour and he'd seen no one doing anything like that. I scanned around and spotted it in the north east corner. At that point Alex arrived with a big grin and an even bigger landing net, happy to be out rescuing a bird.

As we walked the half mile or so to the north east corner she explained her experience catching gannets when she'd worked at the Mablethorpe Seal Sanctuary & Wildlife Centre. As we got to the

final 100 yards we could see the bird right in the corner up against the wall at the top of the slope. I bent low and sneaked past it and gave hand signals to Alex who was keeping out of sight next to the fence to line herself up with the birds position while avoiding scaring it off. Then she went for it. With a quick glance she moved forward, checked the birds position and swung the net expertly over the wall and netted the diver like a big butterfly in one scoop. In a single movement she brought the diver onto the pathway and held the net down to keep it still. I leapt forward and covered it with a towel.



Alex Masterman and the GND!



Great Northern Diver with twine © Phil Espin Jan 2024

Then Alex eased the bird's head and neck out and checked the damage. There was what looked like baler twine wrapped multiple times around the bird's bill, tongue, neck and wings. I held the bill open while Alex cut the twine from around its mandibles and tongue. She carefully removed it from the neck and around the wings. The bird appeared weak and did not struggle too much. Alex examined it and the bird felt skinny but not emaciated. She thought it needed to be checked over before release and given some fish and rest in a warm dark room to recover from its ordeal before being released back on the reservoir.

After some quick photos, Alex wrapped the bird in the towel securely and carried it back to the car park, putting it in a travelling cat basket she had bought for the purpose. On the way back while fully wrapped in the towel the bird gave a single classic yodeling call, which earned it the American soubriquet "Loon". Alex called her old boss at Animal Gardens who quickly agreed to take the bird in and give it the best chance to be returned to the reservoir after rehabilitation.

On examination afterwards the offending twine looks like baler twine. How it got in the reservoir one can only guess. It does serve to make the point though that all rubbish discarded by man poses a risk to wildlife and should be cleaned up.

UPDATE: We are pleased to report the bird was released at Covenham Res on 29th January 2024 and all appeared to be well, but we are sad to report that the bird has since tragically died. A big thank you to the staff at Mablethorpe Seal Sanctuary & Wildlife Centre for all their hard work – Write up Phil Espin



Main: Great Northern Diver in wildlife rescue transport box © Phil Espin Jan 2024

Insert: Video grab of the bird being released at Covenham Res on 29th Jan 2024

Mablethorpe ringed Purple Sandpiper 9LA from Svalbard!!!

What an amazing find by Dean Nicholson on Mablethorpe Beach!



9LA on the Mablethorpe Outflow © Andy Sims Jan 2024

Ringling Details: 8B44S43 Flag 9LA Left tarsus : metal. Left tibia : orange colour ring. Right tibia: (dark) green flag engraved with three white letters LAO:LBM:RAGW(9LA)F

Age/sex/biometrics: IK (young bird , hatched 2021) . Wing - mm. Weight -g. Bill - mm.

Ringling date: 30.08.2021

Ringling Place- LoFF-huset(78°13'26"N , 015°40'02"E) Longvearbven, Svalbard / Spitsbergen

Ringer: Venke Ivarrud /
Sunnmare Ringling Group

Finding date: 19.01-
22.01.2024

Observed: Mablethorpe
(53°20'27"N-000°15'39"E)
Lincolnshire, England / UK

Distance: 2831 km SSW.

Direction: 202deg.

Time: 2-4-23 (2 years-4
months-23 days after ringling)

Observer: Reported by Dean
Nicholson,



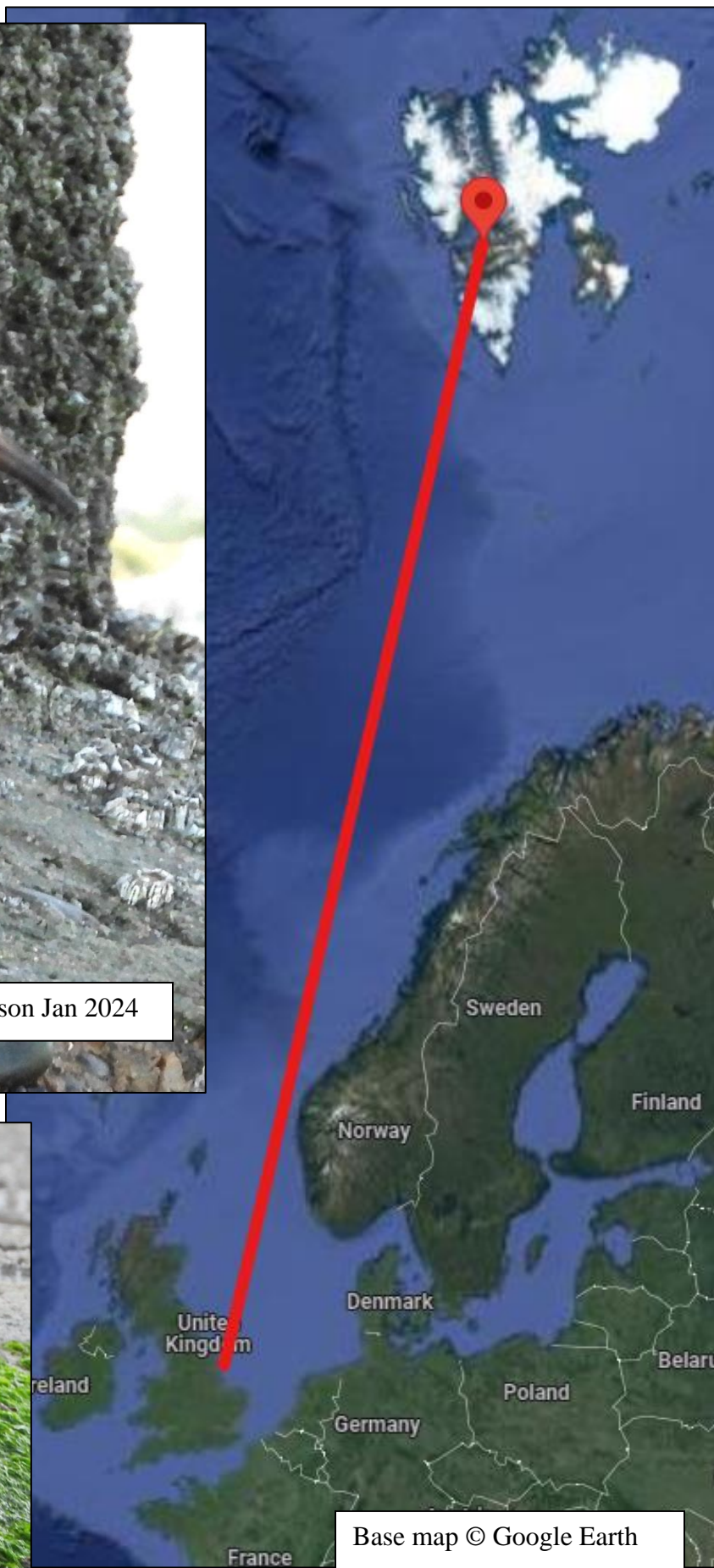
The ringling location 78°13'26"N, 015°40'02"E taken from © Google Maps



9LA on the Mablethorpe Outflow © Dean Nicholson Jan 2024



© Andy C Sims Jan 2024



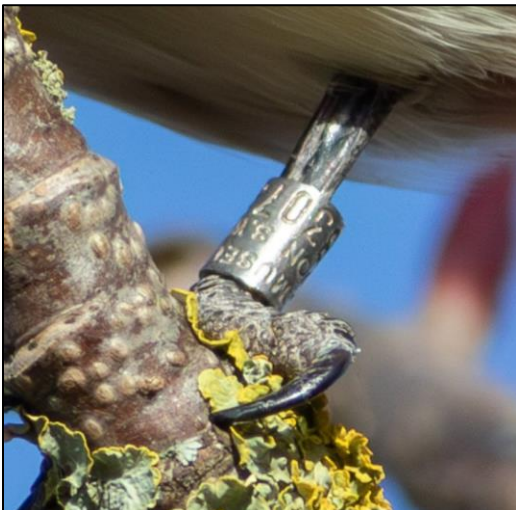
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Grantham (BTO ringed) Waxwing



Ringed Waxwing in Grantham © Steve Nesbitt January 2024

The Grantham (BTO ringed) Waxwing found by Dave Roberts and photographed by Steve Nesbitt on 21st January 2024 in Grantham. It was ringed in Orkney on 29th October 2023 (Total distance = 693 miles)



This bird was **ringed** by Orkney Rg as age definitely hatched during current year, sex male on 29-Oct-2023 15:30:00 at Finstown, Orkney, UK

OS Map reference HY2613 accuracy 0, - co-ordinates 58deg 55min N -3deg -6min W accuracy 0.

It was **found** on 21-Jan-2024 time unknown at Grantham, Lincolnshire, UK

OS Map reference SK4036 accuracy 0, - co-ordinates 53deg 51min N 0deg -20min W accuracy 0.

Finding condition: Sight record by non-ringer

Finding circumstances: Metal Ring Read in Field

Extra information: Associating with one other WW, ring expertly read by Steve Nesbitt

Wind farm giant wins appeal to build 500 Kittiwake nesting tower - but a hurdle remains

WIND farm giant Ørsted - an important employer in Grimsby - has won its appeal to build a 500-pair kittiwake breeding tower on the North-east coast of England.

Back in June 2022, Hartlepool Borough Council planners refused its application to demolish a former yacht club to make way for the project after heeding the concerns of those residents concerned about potential noise, smell and other 'nuisance'.

There was also an objection from landowner and port operator PD Ports that the proposed development could result in "environmental constraints affecting the current and future operations at and investment within the port".

The refusal was a setback to Denmark-based Ørsted because one of the conditions for its proposed 200-turbine Hornsea 3 windfarm off the Lincolnshire/ Yorkshire Coast is that mitigation breeding habitat must be provided to compensate for the number of Kittiwakes (estimated up to 73 a year) at risk of death from collision with the rotating turbine blades.

Hence the company's decision to appeal which was considered by independent inspector Susan Hunt. After having heard numerous submissions and carried out a site visit, she overturned the council's planning decision and determined in favour of the project.

In her report, the inspector states: "Evidence from elsewhere indicates that the introduction of a purpose-built nesting structure will, over time, alter the distribution of existing nesting sites across the town, notably around Hartlepool Headland and the port area. As a result, noise from Kittiwakes which currently nest relatively close to residential properties are likely to decrease which should be of benefit in terms of effects on living conditions."

As part of the same mitigation project, the company has already built three other nesting structures, all in Suffolk - two at Lowestoft and one at Sizewell.

Why none in Lincolnshire - for instance, in Grimsby where Ørsted has an operations and maintenance hub for its southern North Sea windfarms?

As a colonial nesting species, kittiwakes are strongly attracted to areas where others are already nesting, and there is no known colony in Lincolnshire.

The Danish company has set 2027 as a target date for completion of Hornsea 3 windfarm - but there is still a significant hurdle to be cleared.

PD Ports, which is maintaining its opposition to the project, owns the 175-metre approach road to the proposed site of the Kittiwake tower, and the company is refusing access to Ørsted and its contractors.

What next? Negotiations between the two parties have collapsed, so Ørsted has given notice of its intention to seek a Compulsory Purchase Order on the access road.



* Picture shows artist's impression of the proposed 10-sided tower. (Image: LDA Design)

Write up by Jim Wright

The Conservation Buddha

Hi, My name is Stephen Thompson, I have been a Greenkeeper for 33 years, 32.5 of them at John o' Gaunt G. C in Bedfordshire and since 5th June 2023 at Woodhall Spa G.C in Lincolnshire. I have always had an interest in birds from an early age but since working at John o' Gaunt my interest in all wildlife has grown dramatically. I love working outside, it's great being able to combine your hobby and your job but I never thought when I started that a golf course could be such amazing place for wildlife. Golf Courses around the UK really do offer a huge array of habitats for wildlife to make it their home.



John o' Gaunt G C Bluebells in full bloom



Woodhall Spa Hotchkin Course

Being outside most of the time you start to notice more and you become aware of just how valuable a Golf Course is in terms of adding to the local biodiversity. I was involved in various projects such as putting up Nestboxes and creating wildflower areas. At John o' Gaunt I recorded:



- over 100 species of birds (Inc Osprey, Red Kite, Barn Owl and Kingfisher)
- 23 species of Mammals (Inc Otter, Water Vole and Badger)
- 25 species of Butterfly (Inc 1 record of Purple Emperor)
- 460 species of Moth (Inc the rare White-spotted Pinion Moth)
- 19 species of Dragon/Damselfly (Inc Emperor & 4 Spotted Chaser)
- Various other species such as Wasp Spider & Roesel's Bush Cricket.
- 157 species of fungi

I now take all of my experience and knowledge to Woodhall Spa Golf Club and carry on my work with wildlife & conservation and improving the 2 courses & promoting golf courses in a positive light.

Woodhall has 2 amazing golf courses, a SSSI Heathland course (Hotchkin) and a parkland course (Bracken) with lots of trees, ponds and a big lake. **In my first 6 months I have already recorded 14 species of Dragon/Damselfly, 14 Species of Butterfly, nearly 50 species of Birds and added a further 76 species of Moth to the site list which now stands at 311.**



Photos above all taken at Woodhall Spa Golf: Swallow chicks in nest, Small Red-eyed Damselfly, Gatekeeper and Clouded Buff Moth

In March 2022 I set up my own website, initially to help promote wildlife and conservation on golf courses writing blogs but also offering services such as survey work, talks to local schools/wildlife groups etc and selling Nestboxes.



Here are some of the nestboxes I have for sale, more can be made to order:

25mm or 32mm holes, £8 each or £11 with a metal plate around the entrance to protect from Woodpeckers

The site has grown and been updated and now includes blogs and stories of wildlife etc from around the UK such as recent holidays or mothing nights, guest blogs too and photos/videos but still at it's core is the promotion of golf courses and their place in the UK as a home for nature.

Please do take a look at my site, let me know what you think, all contact details are on the site. I am also active on social media: Conservation Buddha on Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok and Twitter.

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If anyone has any questions, feel free to drop me a message on what's app or by email

Stephen Thompson

'Nightingale evenings' draw enchanted crowds to parks and squares of Moscow

NIGHTINGALES may have been lost to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's Whisby reserve on the outskirts of Lincoln, but the species' song is still a feature of summer nights in the Russian capital, Moscow. In his fascinating book, *The Birds Are Our Friends*, author Yessengali Raushanov says that, on late-May evenings, Muscovites head for the city's parks, squares and woods to listen to the nightingale's song.

He writes: "Up to 5,000 nightingales are currently registered in Russia's capital city and its adjacent territories.

"People call the last days of May 'nightingale evenings'. All the newspapers, magazines, radio and TV announce the nightingale's arrival as an important event and encourage everyone to listen to its song."

"Organisations consider this moment a significant cultural event. They allocate special vehicles to transport staff and appoint security guards. It is a good tradition to uphold."

This fascinating insight from Raushanov is one of many which pull back the curtain on little-known aspects of birdlife in Russia and other parts of central and eastern Europe. The author achieves this not just through straightforward ornithological narrative but also through his exploration of the place of birds in legend, religion and superstition as reflected in poetry and art.

For instance, he says there are some who still believe that swallows hibernate for winter in the bottom of ponds. They swear that, when the water freezes over, if you put your ear to the ice, you can hear the birds twittering underneath.

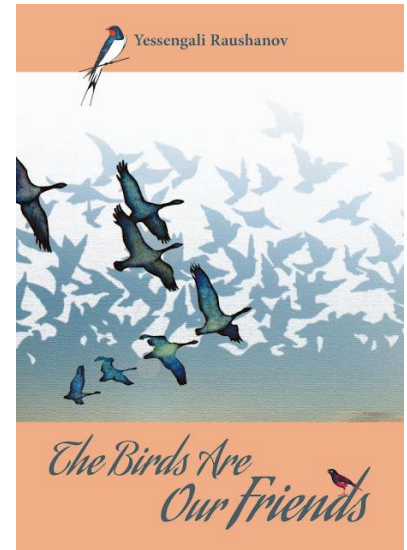
Don't be in too much of a hurry to scoff! The author, who writes from a Muslim (and sometimes anti-Christian) perspective, includes in his book a reminder that, in one of his sermons, a former Bishop of Hereford solemnly declared pronounced from the pulpit that birds "migrate to the moon for winter".

Whether the Bishop's congregation believed him has not been recorded.

Books by authors with foreign names tend not to sell well in Britain, but this title is worthy of a large readership because it sheds so much light on the birding scene, both past and present, in a part of the world with which most of us are unfamiliar.

There are some errors - for instance, the chapter on swifts is illustrated with images of swallows - and the translation is sometimes a little wooden. But such is the author's enthusiasm and the quality of his content that any shortcomings are readily overlooked.

Only 64 when he died, Raushanov was a native of Kazakhstan. He combined birding with writing poetry and plays. He even managed to translate Shakespeare's *Hamlet* into Kazakh! *The Birds Are Our Friends* which is exquisitely illustrated throughout, is published in paperback (£18.99) by Scottish company Whittles Publishing. www.whittlespublishing.com. Write-up by Jim Wright



Lincolnshire Airfields Curlew Survey 2024

We are pleased to report that so far 18 out of 29 survey squares have been taken by volunteers with 11 left to be covered as follows:

Cranwell	2
Digby	4
Waddington	2
Scampton	3



If you can cover any squares at these sites, please contact Survey Organiser Phil Espin on pmjespin@gmail.com. The survey will require 2 hours per square on an early spring visit, a late spring visit and for any squares with potential breeding Curlews; an early July visit to try and confirm breeding success.

Members have also volunteered to cover Hawthorpe grasslands and Wickenby Airfield on the same survey basis. If you have a large area of grassland on your doorstep where Curlews may have bred in the past and you would like to see it covered by yourself or someone else, please get in touch and identify the site so we can look at covering it.

Wilder Doddington: would you like to get involved?

Following the discovery of a wintering Great Grey Shrike at Wilder Doddington to the west of the Lincoln bypass on 10th December, Isobel Wright the Rewilding Manager for the project got in touch with Phil Hyde and he and Phil Espin met with Isobel on 19th December to discuss the project and how LBC and its members might assist. Fifteen hundred acres of farmland and woodland are being rewilded and arable farming operations were stopped in 2021. BBS type surveys have been conducted from 2021-2023 to monitor changes in the bird populations on site as the former arable fields revert to grassland and wood pasture.

The habitat already looks excellent, and the Phil's were pleased to relocate and photograph the Shrike when they went for a walk across a small part of the site after the meeting. Isobel and her assistant, Wilder Ranger Heather Sunderland were thrilled to catch up with the Shrike themselves. Neither are expert birders but their enthusiasm and passion for rewilding and bringing back nature to Doddington are obvious. LBC members and the public are free to bird the estate from public rights of way. What they would really like is to build a team of local birders who are prepared to bird the non-public areas of the estate regularly and share records with them and ultimately for some to lead guided bird walks for which they would be paid. To do this would involve engaging with the Estate's health and safety rules and carrying a radio the estate would provide.



Getting involved is a tremendous opportunity to share in the undoubtedly positive changes in nature and bird life that will occur through the years. If you are interested, please contact Heather on her email which is heather@doddingtonhall.com.

Lincolnshire Bird News – January 2024

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.

31/01/2024

Frampton

Lesser Yellowlegs, Hen Harrier, Peregrine, Corn Bunting,

Gibraltar Point

Smew, Whooper Swan (51), Hen Harrier, single Waxwing

Grimsby

Green Sandpiper

30/01/2024

Frampton

Lesser Yellowlegs

Paradise

Green-winged Teal

29/01/2024

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver (re-released back on to the Reservoir)

Cradge Bank

Velvet Scoter

Culverthorpe

Great White Egret

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis, Long-eared Owl

Frampton

Lesser Yellowlegs

Freiston Shore

2 Great Scaup

Gibraltar Point

5 Corn Bunting, Lapland Bunting, 25 Snow Bunting, 3 Long-tailed Duck, HH (m), 4 Shore Lark, 4 Water Pipit, Smew (rh), 51 Whooper Swan, Bearded Tit, 2 Waxwing

Huttoft

2 Short-eared Owl

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Scunthorpe

Glossy Ibis

28/01/2024

Common Drove, Crowland

7 Corn Bunting

Cowbit Marsh

Grey Plover, 21 Turnstone, Velvet Scoter, 2 Bewick's Swan

Deeping High Bank

37 Bewick's Swan, Whooper Swan

Wilder Doddington

Great Grey Shrike

Paradise

Green-winged Teal

Scunthorpe

Glossy Ibis (Kingsway NR)

Stanton Pit

3 Russian White-fronted Goose

Trent Port

7 Bullfinch, 3 Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, Little Grebe, Red Kite, Stonechat, Grey Wagtail

27/01/2024

Cowbit

Grey Plover, Velvet Scoter



Velvet Scoter at Cowbit Marsh - Image Will Bowell

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis, Long-eared Owl

Wilder Doddington

Reed Bunting, Kestrel, Great Grey Shrike

Donna Nook

100+ Twite

Frampton Marsh

Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver, 3 Long-tailed Duck, Great Northern Diver, 4 Red-throated Diver, 2 Raven, 115 Shoveler, 2 Stonechat, 53 Whooper Swan, 3 Waxwing, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Grantham

Waxwing

Marston

Hen Harrier

Paradise

Green-winged Teal



Glossy Ibis at Kingsway Park Scunthorpe © Roy Harvey



Green-winged Teal at Paradise Pool, Saltfleet Haven © Roger Labbett

26/01/2024

Barton-upon-Humber

15 Waxwing (Baysgarth Park)

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver (distressed bird netted, relieved of obstructions and taken in to care)



The Great Northern Diver rescued at Covenham Reservoir

Wilder Doddington

Great Grey Shrike

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, **Hen Harrier**, Marsh Harrier, Pintail, 3 Ringed Plover, **Water Rail**, **Whooper Swan**, Lesser Yellowlegs (**129th day**)

Freiston Shore

2 Greater Scaup

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Willow Tree Fen

8 Common Crane

25/01/2024

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver (**distressed**), **Raven**, Shag

Donna Nook

200 Twite

North Somercotes

2 Mandarin

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Rimac

5 Cattle Egret, 1000+ Pink-footed Goose (**over**), **2 Stonechat**

Sandilands

3 Short-eared Owl

24/01/2024

Anderby Creek

Short-eared Owl

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver, Shag

Deeping High Bank

35+ Bewick's Swan, **450+ Whooper Swan**

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl

Cut End

5 Cattle Egret, **Hen Harrier**, **Red-breasted Merganser**

Wilder Doddington

Great Grey Shrike

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier (m), **Lesser Yellowlegs**

Gibraltar Point

Chiffchaff, **Smew**

Marston

Barnacle Goose, **Hen Harrier**, **Marsh Harrier**, **Merlin**

Pyewipe

Great Northern Diver

Twenty

6 Common Crane

23/01/2024

Boultham Mere

Pochard, **Woodcock**

Cress Marsh

Caspian Gull

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton

Lesser Yellowlegs

Freiston Shore

2 Greater Scaup

Gibraltar Point

55 Red-throated Diver, 2 Long-tailed Duck, 250 Eider, 10 Red-breasted Merganser, Velvet Scoter, 5 Woodcock

Grantham

2 Waxwing

Job's Lane

Smew (male)

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Marston

Hen Harrier (male)

Trent Port

3 Bullfinch, 950 Black-headed Gull, 110 Fieldfare, 240 Common Gull, Shelduck, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Stonechat, 36 Teal, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker



Drake Smew at Job's Lane Pit, Whisby © Phil Hyde

22/01/2024

Black Bank

50 Golden Plover, 17 Mute Swan, 8 Whooper Swan

Burringham

47 Fieldfare, 100 Common Gull, 2 Kestrel, 100 Lapwing

Cleethorpes

Purple Sandpiper



Purple Sandpiper at Cleethorpes - Image © Jim Wright

Cut End
50+ Red-throated Diver
Doddington Park
2 Siskin, 8 Lesser Redpoll, 500+ Starling (at dusk)
Dorrington Fen
Corn Bunting, 100 Fieldfare, 1000 Golden Plover
Freiston Shore
8 Cattle Egret, 6000 Brent Goose. Water Pipit, 2 Greater Scaup
Frampton Marsh
8 Snow Bunting, 3 Long-tailed Duck, 4 Red Kite, 150 Linnet, Barn Owl, 32 Whooper Swan, Twite, Waxwing, 4 Woodcock, Lesser Yellowlegs (car-park)

21/01/2024

Crook Bank
19 Snow Bunting
Deeping Lakes
Glossy Ibis

Gibraltar Point

Red-necked Grebe (off shore), 4 Shore Lark, Velvet Scoter (off shore)

Grantham

2 Waxwing (Princess Drive)

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

South Rauceby

Stonechat

Stanton's Pit

3 Russian White-fronted Goose

Wilder Doddington

Great Grey Shrike

Winter's Pool

2 Russian White-fronted Goose



Stonechat showing well today at South Rauceby © Stewart Wilson

20/01/2024

Bagmoor

Ring-necked Duck

Caenby Corner

40+ Waxwing

Cleethorpes

Purple Sandpiper

Cradge Bank

Grey Plover

Crook Bank

28 Snow Bunting

Deeping High Bank

Bewick's Swan (at last one)

Deeping Lakes

3 Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis

Doddington Park

c2500 Starling (in to roost)

Donna Nook

100+ Twite

Frampton Marsh

2 Hen Harrier

Gibraltar Point

Puffin, Velvet Scoter

Haven Mouth

Spoonbill, Lesser Yellowlegs

Saltfleetby

Hen Harrier

Sandilands

2100 Common Gull, Marsh Harrier, 2 Short-eared Owl, 4 Whooper Swan

Wilder Doddington

2 Stonechat

Willow Tree Fen

Cattle Egret, 9 Common Crane, Peregrine Falcon, 72 Goosander, 2 Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 3 Kestrel, Barn Owl, Water Rail,, Snipe, 2 Sparrowhawk, 32 Whooper Swan

Winter's Pool

Russian White-fronted Goose

19/01/2024

Alkborough

Glossy Ibis

Cleethorpes

14 Snow Bunting

Deeping High Bank

30 Goosander, Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier, Red Kite, 4 Bewick's Swan, c800 Whooper Swan in two obvious large herds and several smaller little ones. (Grid Reference (TF22726 14144), (What Three Words - (seducing.powers.riverboat)



Bewick's Swan New Road, Deeping High Bank - Image C Andy Sims

Deeping Lakes

2 Cattle Egret, Great White Egret, Glossy Ibis, Kingfisher, c4 Long-eared Owl,

Frampton Marsh

Shore Lark

Gibraltar Point

8 Snow Bunting, 3 Long-tailed Duck, Hen Harrier (m), 4 Shore Lark, 8 Waxwing

Huttoft

Short-eared Owl

Rimac

3 Cattle Egret

Skegness

Caspian Gull

Tallington Lakes

24 Goldeneye, Great Scaup

Tongue End

2 Common Crane, 3 Short-eared Owl

18/01/2024

Alkborough Flats

Glossy Ibis

Boultham Mere

2 Woodcock

Cleethorpes

Purple Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, 100 Linnet, Water Rail, Stonechat, 142 Whooper Swan

Gibraltar Point

Long-tailed Duck, 3 Water Pipit, 14 Waxwing, 39 Whooper Swan

Huttoft Bank

2 Short-eared Owl

Mablethorpe

Purple Sandpiper

Sibsey

2 Waxwing

Willow Tree Fen

3 Common Crane



Glossy Ibis at Deeping Lakes - Image © Chris Grimshaw

17/01/2024

Cleethorpes

Purple Sandpiper, 10 Curlew

Cut End

Purple Sandpiper

Deeping Lakes

Red-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck, Cattle Egret, Fieldfare, Long-eared Owl

Donna Nook

120 Twite



Fieldfare at Deeping Lakes - Image © Mike Weedon

Frampton Marsh

Greater Scaup, Lesser Yellowlegs

Freiston Shore

Glaucous Gull, 2 Greater Scaup

Gibraltar Point

9 Snow Bunting, Red-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck, Slavonian Grebe, 2 Hen Harrier, 4 Shore Lark, 8 Water Pipit, Bearded Tit, 2 Waxwing, 46 Whooper Swan

Millennium Green

3 Goosander, 2 Egyptian Goose, Redwing, 5 Siskin

RAF Woodhall Spa

3 Tundra Bean Goose

Rimac

Long-tailed Duck, Cattle Egret

Sutterton

Hen Harrier

Wilder Doddington

Goldfinch, Kestrel, Linnet, Redwing, Yellowhammer

16/01/2024

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver

Cowbit

Long-tailed Duck, Turnstone

Deeping High Bank

Short-eared Owl, 22 Bewick's Swan

Deeping Lakes

Red-throated Diver, 3 Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, 4 Long-eared Owl, 2 Bewick's Swan

Donna Nook

100 Twite

Elm House Farm

460 Pink-footed Goose

Fishtoft

3 Cattle Egret

Gibraltar Point

9 Water Pipit

Hartsholme Park

Goosander, 7 Grey Heron

Louth

10 Waxwing

RAF Woodhall Spa

3 Tundra Bean Goose

Sibsey

17 Whooper Swan

Tetney Lock

14 Waxwing

Willow Tree Fen

9 Common Crane

15/01/2024

Brant Broughton

Hen Harrier

Cowbit

Long-tailed Duck

Deeping Lakes

Red-throated Diver, Glossy Ibis, 2 Long-eared Owl

Frampton Marsh

Greater Scaup, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Waxwing

Great Hale

5 Waxwing

Mablethorpe

Velvet Scoter

Tongue End

2 Common Crane, 2 Cattle Egret, 3 Short-eared Owl

RAF Woodhall Spa

3 Pink-footed Goose, 3 Tundra Bean Goose

14/01/2024

Cowbit

Turnstone

Crook Bank

8 Snow Bunting

Cut End

Goosander, Red-throated Diver, Red-breasted Merganser, Grey Plover, Common Scoter

Deeping High Bank

6 Bewick's Swan

Deeping Lakes

Red-throated Diver, **Glossy Ibis**, **2 Long-eared Owl**



Red-throated Diver that showed nicely at Deeping Lakes - Image © Will Bowell



Tundra Bean Goose at RAS Woodhall © Russ Hayes

Digby Fen

3 Goosander

Donna Nook

120 Twite

Frampton Marsh

9 Avocet, Bearded Tit, Brambling, Peregrine Falcon, 14 Goldeneye, Merlin, Greater Scaup, Stonechat

Gibraltar Point

2 Hen Harrier

RAF Woodhall Spa

3 Great White Egret, 3 Pink-footed Goose, 3 Tundra Bean Goose

Rimac

5 Water Pipit

Skegness

3 Long-tailed Duck

Willow Tree Fen

9 Common Crane, 2 Cattle Egret, 106 Goosander, 2 Hen Harrier, 28 Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Barn Owl, Little Owl, Tawny Owl, Sparrowhawk, 3 Bewick's Swan, 150 Whooper Swan

13/01/2024

Deeping Lakes

Red-throated Diver, Glossy Ibis, 2 Long-eared Owl

Donna Nook

2 Lapland Bunting, Hen Harrier, Merlin, 210 Twite

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier, Greater Scaup, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

18 Snow Bunting, 3 Long-tailed Duck, Little Gull, Hen Harrier (m&f), 4 Shore Lark, 5 Waxwing (approach road)

Rimac

34 Snow Bunting, 4 Water Pipit

Old Wood

Buzzard, Goldcrest, 2 Nuthatch

Wilder Doddington

2 Reed Bunting, Kestrel, Redwing, Great Grey Shrike (north of road)

Willow Tree Fen

5 Common Crane, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, 3 Bewick's Swan

12/01/2024

Anderby Creek

2 Short-eared Owl

Cradge Bank

Little Gull, Short-eared Owl

Deeping High Bank

Spotted Redshank

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis, Long-eared Owl

Frampton Marsh

Avocet, Brambling, Buzzard, Long-tailed Duck, Peregrine Falcon, 20 Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Barn Owl, Pintail, Stonechat,

Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler, Lesser Yellowlegs

Freiston Shore

Water Pipit

Gibraltar Point

2 Snow Bunting, 8 Red-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck, 6 Eider, Goldeneye, Bean Goose, 800 Brent Goose, Guillemot, 4 Shore Lark, Barn Owl, 3 Water Pipit, 60 Redwing, Whooper Swan, 4 Woodcock, Harbour Porpoise

Pyewipe

Spotted Redshank



Black Brant at Donna Nook 12/01/24 © Chris Atkin

11/01/2024

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis, Long-eared Owl

Deeping St Nicholas

2 Bewick's Swan, 359 Whooper Swan

Doddington Park

2 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Siskin

Frampton Marsh

Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

7 Snow Bunting, 3 Long-tailed Duck, Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier, 4 Shore Lark, Red-breasted Merganser, Barn Owl, 2500 Grey Plover, Ringed Plover, c80 Common Scoter, Woodcock



One of the four elusive Shore Lark on the beach north of Greenshank Creek at Gibraltar Point - Image © Andy Sims

Rimac

5 Cattle Egret

Saltfleet

24 Little Egret, Song Thrush

South Ormsby

70 Brambling, 12 Red Kite

Tallington Lakes

3 Greater Scaup

Tongue End

8 Common Crane

Willow Tree Fen

2 Buzzard, 5 Common Crane, 2 Cattle Egret, 22 Goosander, Hen Harrier, 8+ Marsh Harrier, 1000 Lapwing, 150 Golden Plover, Ruff

10/01/2024

North Cotes

Black Brant

Deeping Lakes

Gloosy Ibis, Long-eared Owl

Short Ferry

2 Red Knot, Waxwing

Frampton Marsh

Lesser Yellowlegs



The very obliging Lesser Yellowlegs that dropped in to the car-park at Frampton Marsh shortly after we arrived - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Gibraltar Point

2 Corn Bunting, Snow Bunting, Black Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, 2 Long-tailed Duck, 4 Shore Lark, Sooty Shearwater, Jack Snipe, 50 Whooper Swan

Whisby

Great White Egret

Wilder Doddington

Stonechat

09/01/2024

Cowbit

Turnstone

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis, Long-eared Owl

Frampton Marsh

Brambling, Long-tailed Duck, Dunlin, Peregrine Falcon, Fieldfare, Goldeneye, 2 Hen Harrier, 35 Marsh Harrier, 3000 Lapwing, Linnets, Merlin, 500 Golden Plover, Redwing Ruff, 2 Greater Scaup, Whooper Swan, 5000+ Wigeon, Lesser Yellowlegs (day 113)

Gibraltar Point

4 Shore Lark

Grantham

4 Waxwing

Halton Marshes

Hen Harrier, Russian White-fronted Goose

Job's Lane

Smew

Rimac

4 Cattle Egret

Willow Tree Fen

11 Common Crane, 2 Cattle Egret, 2 Hen Harrier

08/01/2024

Cherry Willingham

2 Waxwing

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis, Long-eared Owl

Elm House Farm

680 Brent Goose, 21 Pink-footed Goose, c400 Mixed Gull. Marsh Harrier. 2 Kestrel, 750 Lapwing, 200 Starling

Far Ings

Bittern, Sparrowhawk

Frampton Marsh

Merlin, Greater Scaup, 5 Bewick's Swan, Lesser Yellowlegs

Grantham

300 Pink-footed Goose, 8 Waxwing

Rimac

4 Water Pipit

Tallington Lakes

Red-throated Diver, Greater Scaup

Willow Tree Fen

5 Common Crane, 2 Cattle Egret, 51 Goosander, Hen Harrier, 28 Marsh Harrier, 2 Sparrowhawk, 6 Bewick's Swan, 86 Whooper Swan

07/01/2024

Baston Fen

Water Pipit

Bourne (floods)

1 Bewick's Swan, 11 Whooper Swan

Cleethorpes

4 Snow Bunting

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver, Shag

Cowbit

Long-tailed Duck

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis, Long-eared Owl

Donna Nook

160+ Twite

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier, Glossy Ibis, 4 Brambling, Lapland Bunting, Merlin, Water Pipit. Greater Scaup, 2 Stonechat, 4 Bewick's Swan, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

2 Long-tailed Duck

Grantham

4 Waxwing

New Holland

2 Waxwing

Leadenham

Waxwing

Swanpool

Goldcrest, Stonechat, Song Thrush

Twenty

9 Common Crane

Willow Tree Fen

Cattle Egret, 2 Hen Harrier

06/01/2024

Alkborough Flats

Bearded Tit

River Ancholme

13 Goosander

Cowbit

Avocet, Long-tailed Duck, Peregrine Falcon, Greater Scaup, Sparrowhawk

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Dorrington Fen

3 Buzzard, 100 Fieldfare

Frampton Marsh

3 Greater Scaup. 3 Waxwing, Lesser Yellowlegs

Grantham

5 Waxwing

Job's Lane

Smew

Osgodby

Nuthatch, 2 Siskin, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Seacroft

4 Waxwing

Swanpool

103 Pink-footed Goose

Willow Tree Fen

Cattle Egret, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier

05/01/2024

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Doddington Park, Lincoln

12 Lesser Redpoll

Tetney Lock (village)

4 Waxwing
Wilder Doddington
Great Grey Shrike
Willow Tree Fen
Common Crane

04/01/2024

Anderby Creek
Snow Bunting, 3 Great Northern Diver
Cleethorpes
50 Snow Bunting
Wilder Doddington
Great Grey Shrike
Gibraltar Point
3 Long-tailed Duck, 3 Marsh Harrier, 4 Shore Lark

Grantham
17 Waxwing on Primrose Way and another 15 by the Asda car-park)
Lincoln (Carram Way)

2 Waxwing
Messingham,
Bittern, Buzzard, 9 Goldeneye, 120 Pink-footed Goose, Marsh Harrier, 120 Lapwing, 5 Shelduck, Cetti's Warbler
Seacroft
3 Waxwing
Willow Tree Fen
9 Common Crane

03/01/2024

Covenham Reservoir
Great Northern Diver, Shag
Deeping Lake
Glossy Ibis
Wilder Doddington (please note that from now on the whole of the extensive Doddington Hall Estate will be called Wilder Doddington)
Great Grey Shrike
Frampton Marsh
2 Great Scaup, Lesser Yellowlegs
Freiston Shore
Spoonbill
Gibraltar Point
4 Shore Lark
Lincoln (Carram Way}
2 Mistle Thrush, 11 Waxwing
Normanby-le-Wold
6 Waxwing
Rimac
6 Water Pipit

02/01/2024

Deeping Lakes
Long-eared Owl
Doddington Hall (area)
Great Grey Shrike
Doddington Park
10 Lesser Redpoll
Frampton Marsh
Hen Harrier, Greater Scaup
Gibraltar Point

4 Snow Bunting, Long-tailed Duck, 4 Shore Lark, Velvet Scoter

Grantham

1 Waxwing

Holbeach St Matthew

Hen Harrier

Job's Lane

Smew (male)

Lincoln (St George's Hospital area)

9 Waxwing

Willow Tree Fen

Common Crane

01/01/2024

Covenham Reservoir

Shag

Cut End

4 Cattle Egret

Job's Lane

Smew (male)

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Doddington Hall

Great Grey Shrike

Doddington Park

34 Goldfinch, 8 Lesser Redpoll

Frampton Marsh

Lesser Yellowlegs

Gedney Drove End

Lapland Bunting, Fieldfare, Hen Harrier, Yellowhammer

Gibraltar Point

9 Corn Bunting, 4 Snow Bunting, Great Northern Diver, 3 Long-tailed Duck, 100 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, Red-necked Grebe, 3000

Pink-footed Goose, 3 Little Gull, Hen Harrier, 4 Shore Lark, 4 Red-breasted Merganser, Merlin, 2 Pintail, Water Pipit, Water Rail,

11 Waxwing, 4 Woodcock

New Holland

2 Waxwing

Rimac

Long-tailed Duck, 4 Cattle Egret, 3 Water Pipit

Saltfleetby

28 Snow Bunting, Long-tailed Duck, 3 Water Pipit

Seaview Farm

Hen Harrier

Trent Port

Hen Harrier

Willow Tree Fen

2 Common Crane



Long-tailed Duck on the River Eua at Rimac - Image © Roy Harvey

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

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

Recording

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincolnshire Bat Group website

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Butterfly Conservation Lincolnshire Branch

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/300/lincolnshire-branch.html>

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STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

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

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

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

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

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

Lyme Disease

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

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

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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>

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Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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