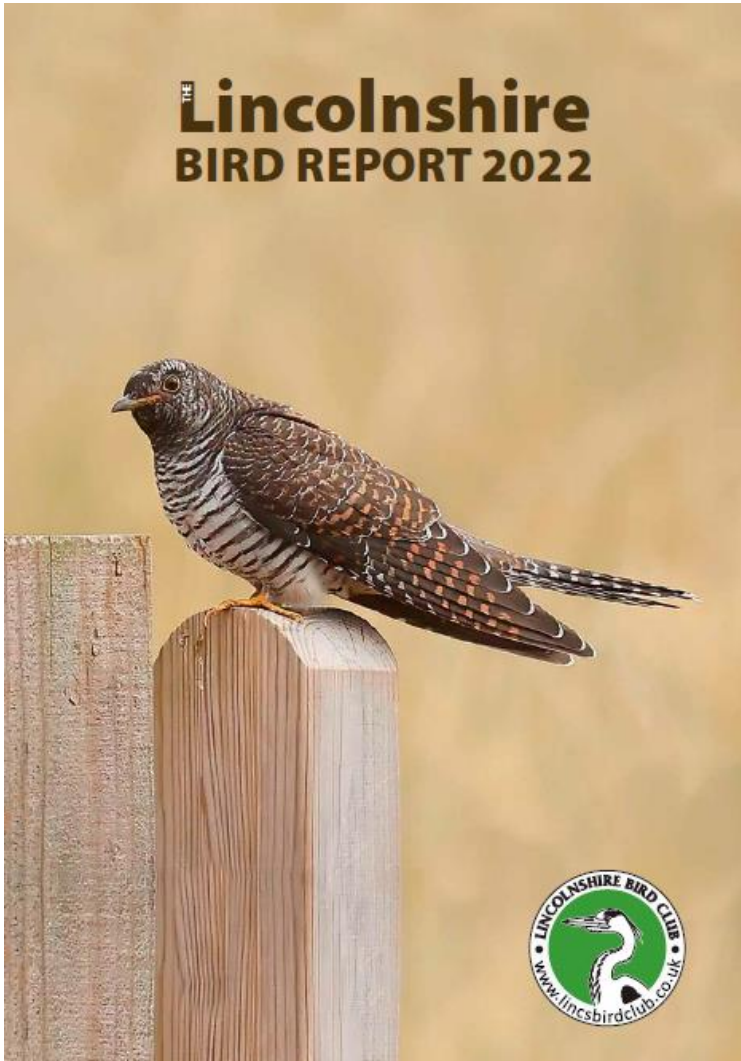




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### The Lincolnshire Bird Report 2022

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 LBC Annual Report is at the printers.

We expect it to be sent out to ALL paid-up members in May 2024.

The publication of the Bird Report involves a huge amount of work, with many individuals involved in its publication and thanks are due to the observers and organisations who submit and share records to LBC and our County Recorder Phil Hyde who oversees our records process and the team that processes them into our database. He also solicits, checks, and edits much of the other material in the report. The Lincolnshire Bird Records Committee (LBRC) chaired by Nige Lound vets our records, and Roy Harvey provides support as secretary. Philip Espin collates our records for our annual report to the Rare Breeding Birds Panel and that information is replicated in relevant species accounts in this report. He also prepares the analysis of BBS data in species accounts and the Trends of our red data species of conservation concern on the inside back cover.

We hope you like the front cover, a juvenile Cuckoo by John Clarkson taken at Rimac on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## LBC Report 2022 - Data collection

Our database is now under the stewardship of Charlie Barnes at Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership. We have made progress towards producing high-quality species data packages largely thanks to the technical skill of Jon Cooper. Data came from the following sources in 2022.

Dataset	n
BTO Birdtrack data	248440
eBird data	119701
LBC data	23270
BTO WeBS data	14431
RSPB data	2810
LBRC BBRC data	127
Total	408779

If you **DON'T** submit records to the LBC, we encourage you to start using BTO BirdTrack....

An incredible number of people are involved with the report...

**Ringling Report 2022** - We are happy to include a full ringing report once again this year thanks to Professor Carl Soulsbury with what we hope you will find is a refreshing approach to the county ringing data.

**Contributing Authors 2022** - The LBC would like to thank all of the authors who volunteered their time to complete species write-ups or articles for the 2022 report. Species accounts came from Andrew Chick (7), Phil Espin (76), Vin Fleming (21) and Phil Hyde (210).

**Photographers** - the LBC is very grateful to the photographers who supplied images for the 2022 report. All images included in the report have been obtained in Lincolnshire during 2022 and many are referred to in the text. All images are labelled with the photographer's name.

**Records and contributions** - The Lincolnshire Bird Report is an annual publication of records, articles and photographs relating to all aspects of Lincolnshire ornithology. **We are very keen to hear from anyone who is interested in volunteering to help produce future bird reports, please contact [chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk)**.

**Submissions of Records** - All observers are encouraged to submit records on a regular, at least monthly, basis as this helps considerably with managing the workload and speeding up production of the annual report. If it isn't possible to submit records until the end of the year, the deadline is by the end of February of the following year. Late records cause serious problems in drafting the systematic list and may be omitted. The names of all contributors will be published unless individuals ask us to omit their names. There are several ways of submitting records to LBC, and below we list some of the best. Please remember that, as a small, volunteer-run organisation, we are unable to monitor and extract records from the many personal blogs and similar online sources that now exist. Your records are valuable, so please make sure that they are sent somewhere secure and accessible.

**Black Brant** *Branta bernicla nigricans*

Former vagrant, first seen in 1982; just three records prior to 1991. Now very scarce but almost annual in small numbers with Dark-bellied Brent flocks. **LBRC**.

An adult was at Butterwick Low Jan 11th with the Dark-bellied Brent flock (which also included a Red-breasted Goose). Another was found at Freiston Shore Sep 29th (PS).

**Dark-bellied Brent Goose** *B.b. bernicla*

Very common coastal winter visitor Sep-May, mainly to The Wash and outer Humber. Scarce but regular in summer, especially on The Wash. Occasional inland. Threshold for international importance 2100; for national importance 980. Amber List.

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Frampton Marsh	3000	4000	3500	2000	1200	3	2	2	18	600	3000	1500
Butterwick	10000	205	255	200	98	-	1	-	37	410	915	1250
Freiston	2000	5000	400	776	500	3	3	3	600	2006	633	1100
Benington	3001	250	450	200	187	-	-	-	-	700	300	-
Donna Nook	1200	541	400	92	-	-	-	-	21	500	1000	1000
Witham Mouth	2000	173	1000	74	-	-	-	60	7	380	450	-
Tetney	600	1200	279	100	78	39	-	64	5	100	300	404
Wainfleet	1436	720	41	59	52	-	-	-	-	48	356	400
Dawmsere	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000

All of the sites tabulated recorded counts which exceeded the threshold for both national importance, and the first four exceeded the threshold for international importance. An estimated 10,000 were recorded at Butterwick Jan 12th and 5,000 Freiston Shore Feb 8th. Most of the counts of 1000 or more were on The Wash, but on the Humber, there were 1100-1200 at Donna Nook Jan-Feb, and another 1000 in Nov-Dec, while Tetney had 1200 Feb 9th.

**Dark-bellied Brent Goose** *B.b. bernicla* Frampton Marsh RSPB Dec 24th 2022 © Neil Smith



Wintering birds stayed well into May with large flocks in The Wash until mid-month with a few remaining until the end of the month. Summering birds were noted Jun-Jul mainly on The Wash and with 39 Tetney Jun 17th on the Humber, and rather oddly 64 there Aug 15th. Returning birds were noted from late Sep when 275 were at Freiston Shore Sep 25th and 600 Sep 29th. There were virtually no reports from inland sites with the notable exception of Toft Newton Reservoir where five were present in the spring on May 5th, and 22 in the autumn Oct 25th. A few colour-ringed birds were noted, among them Red/Black N4 ringed at Kinnun, Terschelling (Netherlands) Apr 3rd, 2012, seen in a flock at Gibraltar Point Feb 1st. First recorded there Mar 14th, 2014, it was subsequently present Feb 1st-Mar 3rd, 2016; Nov 6th, 2016-Mar 12th, 2017; Jan 8th-Mar 19th, 2018; Mar 1st, 2019; Jan 25th, 2020; Jan 25th-Mar 5th, 2021. A remarkable series of sightings showing site fidelity.

**Pale-bellied Brent Goose** *B.b. hrota*

Scarce coastal winter visitor, in variable numbers. Threshold for international importance 100 (Svalbard population) and 400 (Nearctic population); national importance 34 (Svalbard population) and 16 (Nearctic). Amber List.



**A single Pale-bellied Brent Goose** *B.b. hrota* with **Dark-bellied Brent Goose** *B.b. bernicla* at Frampton Marsh RSPB Feb 11th 2022 © Steve Nesbitt  
**Dark-bellied Brent Goose** *B.b. bernicla* Frampton Marsh RSPB Dec 24th 2022 © Neil Smith

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Oct	Nov	Dec
Frampton Marsh	2	-	3	4	3	1	7	-
Freiston	8	4	1	-	1	-	1	-
Gibraltar Point	1	2	1	2	6	-	2	1
Butterwick	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anderby	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wainfleet	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donna Nook	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Huttoft	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetney	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Humberston	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

**BirdTrack and eBird:** Many birders are now using BirdTrack ([www.bto.org/birdtrack](http://www.bto.org/birdtrack)) or eBird ([ebird.org/home](http://ebird.org/home)) to maintain their personal records online and these make up the bulk of records we receive (60% and 30%, respectively). All such records (barring confidential ones) for Lincolnshire are passed to us by BTO and eBird and are published in this report, subject to our usual checking procedures. LBC supports these sites and a single submission to either will suffice; there is no need for you to send duplicate records direct to LBC. Please ensure your BirdTrack and eBird sites have a clear geographic place name in them and an accurate OS grid reference or we cannot use the data. Site names like “Home”, “Patch” or “A52” are unusable.

**National Rarities** - Nationally rare birds are indicated as such by the identifier BBRC (British Birds Rarities Committee) after the species name in the systematic list in this report. Consideration of records of these is by the BBRC and submission of details should be made direct to BBRC at [www.bbrc.org.uk](http://www.bbrc.org.uk) and a copy sent to the county recorder at [recorder\\_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk).

**Data Sources used in the 2022 Bird Report**

LBC offers their thanks to the following individuals and organisations for supplying and letting us use their data in the 2022 bird report. Apologies to anyone we have missed off the list.

**BTO BBS Data.** James Heywood, the Organiser of the Breeding Birds Survey, provides the Lincolnshire-specific BBS data. The BTO/JNCC/RSPB Breeding Bird Survey is a partnership jointly funded by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), with fieldwork conducted by volunteers. It is important to note that owing to Covid restrictions impacting BBS early visits in mid-April to mid-May 2020, the BBS data is more open to interpretation and trends information has not been produced this year.

**BTO BirdTrack Data.** Data supplied by BirdTrack has been used in the production of the 2020 bird report. BirdTrack provides free online bird recording software for Britain and Ireland and is being developed in a partnership between the BTO, RSPB and Birdwatch Ireland. All Lincolnshire records are available for download by the LBC. Further details can be found at [www.birdtrack.net](http://www.birdtrack.net). Where we have used annual BirdTrack reporting rate data for Lincolnshire, graphs have been down-loaded from the BTO website.

**BTO Heronry Data.** LBC is grateful to Barrie Wilkinson, our county organiser, for supplying data on breeding Grey Heron and Little Egret in Lincolnshire. This long running dataset is extremely important for the monitoring of herons in Lincolnshire, and we would encourage all LBC members to submit data to this survey.

**LBC Forum:** For LBC members, you can post sightings of what you have seen, where and when you saw them, on our forum (with an image if you have one). Go to the LBC website [www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk](http://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk) log in and follow the links to the forum.

The table shows the top 10 sites with cumulative monthly peak counts of 120 or more in the year. Birds were present all year round. Reads Island, though it no longer supports a breeding population, continues to be the only internationally important site for Avocet in Lincolnshire though the Sep peak count dropped to 1,115 from 1,600 in 2021. The breeding success of Avocet in the county was better this year. The total breeding pairs reported of 207 was up from 179 in 2021 and fledging success was much better reported. For the first time breeding success is reported in table form below.

Site	Probable Pairs	Confirmed pairs	Total Pairs	Fledged Young
Frampton Marsh	-	144	144	135
Burgh le Marsh	20	-	20	?
Freiston	-	13	13	?
Gibraltar Point	-	10	10	3
Middlemarsh Farm	-	6	6	5
Anderby	-	5	5	7
Horse Shoe Point	-	2	2	?
S-T Dunes NNR	-	2	2	4
Cress Marsh	-	3	2	?
Alkborough	-	1	1	0
Manby Wetland	-	1	1	2
Donna Nook	-	-	0	-
East Halton	-	-	0	-
Goxhill	-	-	0	-
Killingholme	-	-	0	-
Total	20	187	206	156

Sites with no pairs had breeding birds in 2021 but none in 2022, although birds were present in the breeding season. Sites with a question mark in the fledging column had no reports of breeding success. The Wash held 93% of the breeding population this year. The reasons for the declining attraction of all the Humber Pits and lagoons are not clear but perhaps reedbeds good for Bitterns and lagoons good for Avocet breeding don't mix for whatever reason? Alkborough Flats has had no successful breeding pairs since 2011. The recorded productivity at RSPB Frampton Marsh is particularly gratifying and the installation of what is demonstrably a highly successful predator proof fence is paying dividends. Success at Gibraltar Point was limited due to predation of nests by foxes, and this is likely to be a continuing limiting issue for Avocets breeding in the county.



Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* Frampton Marsh May 19th 2022 © Niel Smith

**Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus***

Common but declining breeding species, becoming scarce, and very common passage migrant and winter visitor. Red List. Threshold for international importance: 20,000; for national importance: 6,200.

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Frampton Marsh	8000	8000	5000	450	100	51	136	300	500	500	5000	1000
Gibraltar Point	9120	2200	90	20	8	40	120	140	300	1200	1570	5000
Alkborough Flats	3000	2510	134	37	58	162	250	141	170	600	3200	3000
Boston	2500	500	40	30	30	100	375	400	2000	4500	350	
Freiston	2000	1200	70	2	6	6	7	10	1	300	1450	3000
Goxhill	2200	600	52	22	7	1	1	10	-	9	140	3900
Reads Island	2000	7	-	-	-	-	4	11	22	2300	1000	1500
Fockerby	1100	1200	30	15	-	1	20	-	200	100	900	3000
Killingholme	1297	2350	10	6	2	20	1	20	20	-	1240	250
Donna Nook	2025	1600	-	-	-	-	-	56	400	50	462	400



A familiar but declining species but still recorded widely across the county with around 5500 records from around 180 sites. The most significant sites are tabulated. A count of 9120 at Gibraltar Point, Jan 1st, was the highest of the year followed by 8000 at Frampton Marsh on the same date. These two sites were the only ones to surpass the threshold for national importance. Overall, the highest counts of the year were Jan-Mar and Oct-Dec, as in 2021.

The nadir was in Apr-Jun as wintering birds moved out, leaving a small residual breeding population. Confirmed breeding records came from Alkborough Flats, Anderby Marsh, Boston GP, Boston Fen LWT, East Halton, Frampton Marsh (82 pr, 2022; 65pr, 2021), Gibraltar Point, Middlemarsh Farm, Seaview wash (S-T Dunes NNR) and West Ashby.



**White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus***  
Vagrant. Turkey and Middle East to Asia.

The individual first seen at East Halton Dec 31st, 2021, remained there until Mar 6th, 2022, and then relocated to Frampton Marsh Mar 9th-Apr 4th (J. Bray, et al). It then disappeared before being seen at various sites in Norfolk, Apr 9th-11th and again May 23rd-24th, before it was somewhat miraculously relocated at Rimac, S-T Dunes NNR May 26th-28th (P.Ro, J.Row, et al). All Lincolnshire and Norfolk records assumed to relate to the same bird. Accepted by BBRC; British Birds 116: 546-602 & BBRC WIP file, March 2024).

LEFT TOP: Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus* Frampton Marsh Apr 15th 2022 © Niel Smith

LEFT: White-tailed Lapwing *Vanellus leucurus* East Halton Mar 6th 2022 © Mark Johnson

**BTO WeBS Data.** Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) data are used; kindly made available by the WeBS partnership, a joint scheme of the British Trust for Ornithology, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and Joint Nature Conservation Committee (the last on behalf of the statutory nature conservation bodies: Natural England, Natural Resources Wales and Scottish Natural Heritage and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland) in association with The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust. Although WeBS data are presented within this report, in some cases the figures may not have been fully checked and validated. Therefore, for any detailed analyses of WeBS data, enquiries should be directed to the WeBS team at the British Trust for Ornithology, The Nunnery, Thetford, IP24 2PU (webs@bto.org).

**eBird.** Data checked and supplied by Josh Hedley (Lincs eBird validator) has been used in the publication of the 2022 bird report. Further details on how to input your records to eBird can be found at [www.ebird.org/](http://www.ebird.org/). It is important that eBird users check their settings after recording species lists on the mobile app to ensure the site name and location is correctly entered.

**Gibraltar Point Dataset.** Kev Wilson for supplying data from Gibraltar Point NNR and Gibraltar Point Bird Observatory, and for answering queries about records.

**Grimsby Areas Members Group.** Bill Sterling for submitting data from the Grimsby Areas Members Group.

**Kestrel, Barn Owl, and Little Owl Data.** Alan Ball and Bob Sheppard for supplying data from their extensive ringing project in Lincolnshire.

**LBC Database Team.** Charlie Barnes of the GLNP has overseen the entry of all records into the database. All records that are submitted on the LBC Forum and via the online records system are collated by the club.



Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Barton Pits Mar 1st 2022 © Graham Catley

The table shows sites with cumulative monthly peaks of three or more birds. This is the first year Cattle Egret has not been considered by LBRC. Birds were present in all months except Nov with a record count of six at Saltfleetby St Clement on Apr 13th and Baston on Jul 13th. In all, reports came from 23 sites of which 17 reported a peak of one bird, three had two, Frampton had three and Saltfleetby and Baston had six.

One of these sites provided the first breeding record in the county. During a heronry survey on Apr 21st a Cattle Egret was observed attending a nest in a Larch tree also occupied by two pairs of Little Egrets and a Grey Heron. Observations from outside the wood revealed that two birds were commuting to the wood and to a feeding area to the north-east. A follow up survey on Apr 29th revealed that both birds were still going in and out of the wood presumably with food. Later surveys failed to detect any sign of the birds within the woodland although by this stage the canopy was quite dense and the nest hard to see. Photographs taken with a drone were unfortunately not of sufficient quality to ascertain whether the nest had young or not. This is the first observation of breeding by Cattle Egrets in Lincolnshire, but presumably more instances will follow as the species' meteoric rise in numbers continues unabated. No birds were seen at this site in 2023.

**Western Cattle Egrets – the UK context**

The Avalon Marsh reserves in Somerset are managed by a group of conservation organisations: RSPB at Ham Wall, Natural England at Shapwick Heath, and Somerset Wildlife Trust at Westhay Moor and Catcott Complex. The area has become well-known as the focus for other newly colonising herons including Great Egret, Little Bittern, Night Heron and Purple Heron as well as Western Cattle Egret.

After a well-documented influx of Western Cattle Egrets in late 2007, mainly to southwest England, it was widely anticipated that some birds may stay to breed, and so it was that breeding was later proved in Somerset, where 2-3 pairs bred at two sites fledging at least two young. Since then, their numbers have dramatically increased and in Jan-Feb 3-400 birds roosted at Westhay, although the only confirmed breeding colony was at Swell Wood where there was a minimum of six nests.

Since then, the species has bred in Cheshire/Wirral, Devon, Dorset, Essex, Gwent, Hampshire, Meirionnydd, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, and West Sussex.

**Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea***

Fairly common resident, partial migrant, and winter visitor. WeBS threshold for national importance: 450 Green List.

Counts of apparently occupied nests from the BTO Heronry survey organised in Lincolnshire by Barrie Wilkinson are tabulated below. In total there were 173 active nests noted, down from the 184 in 2021. The total is down mainly due to the lack of counts from Fitties Nature Reserve and Warren Plantation. Additionally, at Patterson's Pit localised disturbance within the wood caused birds to relocate to the edge of the site with numbers down from 20 to 12 occupied nests last year. Finally, Troy Wood contained no nests for another year, suggesting this once productive site has now been abandoned.

Site	Nests	Site	Nests
Abbey Wood	20	Moses Farn Wood	4
Appletree Ness	15	Nocton Wood	11
Baston Sand & Gravel Pits	4	North Cotes Spinney	4
Belton Park	11	Patterson's Pit	12
Bishopsbridge	4	The Deeps	5
Fitties Nature Reserve	No survey	The Mere, Deeping St James	9
Hartsholme Country Park	14	Troy Wood	Nil
Hospital Cottage Spinney	10	Warren Plantation	No survey
Kirkby Pits (west)	10	Welland Farm	6
Lea Marsh	Nil	Willoughby Wood	29
Long Wood	5		

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* Belton House NT May 2022 © Andrew Chick



**Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.** Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, including Dave Bromwich, Richard Doan Grahame Hopwood, and Barrie Wilkinson.

**North Lincolnshire Marsh Harrier Monitoring.** Graham Catley for access to his marsh harrier monitoring data. For more details contact Graham Catley at [gpcatley@gmail.com](mailto:gpcatley@gmail.com) or via his website at [grahamcatley.com](http://grahamcatley.com)

**Redshank Data.** LBC are grateful to Wild Frontier Ecology, Natural England and the RSPB for information regarding the Redshank breeding surveys undertaken in 2022.

**Ringling Data.** The Online BTO Ringing Report, the Bowden and Ball Partnership, the Mid-Lincs Ringing Group, Gibraltar Point Bird Observatory, Wash Wader Group, and the Birkland Ringing Group for submitting their annual ringing reports.

**RSPB.** For supplying data from their reserves at Frampton Marsh, Freiston Shore, Read's Island and Tetney Marsh.

**Whisby Nature Park Dataset.** Grahame Hopwood for supplying data from Whisby Nature Park.

## A BIG Thank You to EVERYONE who submitted records for the 2022 report....

We'd like to thank all the 1,400 birders who provided us with records for this report. Especially the top ten record providers who between them accounted for 30% of the records received:

Rank	Observers	n
1	Nige Lound	19944
2	Richard Lorand	18589
3	Andrew Sims	12582
4	Andrew Dove	11777
5	Josh Jones	11313
6	Brian Hedley	11295
7	Philip Espin	9389
8	Paul Sullivan	8907
9	Richard Doan	8457
10	Phil Hyde	6927

Here is the data broken down in two different ways we hope you will find interesting. Feel free to draw your own conclusions.

First the sites getting best coverage based on the number of records provided from them. Records were received from 577 sites in total:

Rank	Site Name	Records
1	LWT Gibraltar Point	56560
2	RSPB Frampton Marsh	51434
3	RSPB Freiston	20994
4	Baston	12336
5	LWT Boultham	11594
6	LWT Anderby	10562
7	Marton	10078
8	East Halton	9864
9	Covenham	9587
10	S-T Dunes NNR	8883

Second, the number of visitors providing records from each site:

Rank	Site Name	Visitors
1	RSPB Frampton Marsh	532
2	LWT Whisby	184
3	LWT Gibraltar Point	182
4	Alkborough	167
5	LWT Deeping St James	130
6	East Halton	111
7	LWT Barton Pits	110
8	RSPB Freiston	98
9	Baston	72
10	S-T Dunes NNR	69

Over 5400 records were received from more than 260 sites in 2022, and the highest count of the year was 98 at Gibraltar Point on Mar 28th, with an autumn peak there of 72, Sep 5th. The table lists the top 11 sites based on summed monthly peaks in excess of 50 over the year. BBS reported the species from 83.6% of squares (2021, 83%) with an average of 2.7 birds per occupied one km square (2021, 2.4) and showed that Duncock is our 13th most widespread bird. All 30 counts of 40 or more came from Gibraltar Point. The highest count from another site was of 25 from Louth, Mar 15th, and several of 20 or more elsewhere on the coast. There were no recoveries of birds away from the county, but a TCY bird trapped at Gibraltar Point Jun 16th, 2013, was found dead near Washfleet on Jul 27th, 2022, aged just over 9 yr. old.

**Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava flavissima***

Summer visitor and passage migrant. British form 'flavissima' common. Lincolnshire holds around 20% of the world population, perhaps our most important bird of conservation concern. Several other subspecies are scarce/rare. Red List.

Site	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Anderby	-	3	2	2	14	352	6
Halton	-	3	5	7	7	259	1
Gibraltar Point	1	32	12	1	7	178	107
Frampton Marsh	-	60	8	2	14	59	100
Toft Newton Reservoir	-	61	13	11	20	60	25
Freiston	-	1	2	3	40	96	2
Alkborough Flats	-	50	-	-	2	60	21
Covenham Reservoir	-	18	2	1	9	22	20
Middlemarsh Farm	1	15	5	5	7	15	14
Wintestingham	-	-	-	-	-	-	45

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava flavissima* Wainfleet May 20th 2022 © Andrew Chick



The highest counts of the year were 352 at Wolla Bank reedbed (Anderby), Aug 20th and 259 at Huttoft Pit, Aug 25th. Records were received from around 135 sites and reports came from eight months of the year. The table lists the top 10 sites based on summed monthly peaks in excess of 30 over the year. The first bird reported was one at Dawswere on the early date of Mar 11th. Singles followed at Gibraltar Point and Middlemarsh Farm on Mar 31st. The first double figure count was 12 at Toft Newton on Apr 13th around which time birds were widespread across the county. The April spring peak was also at Toft Newton with 61 on Apr 18th with 60 at Frampton Marsh on the same date. BBS reported Yellow Wagtail from 35% of squares (2021, 38%) with an average of 2.4 birds per occupied one km square (2021, 3.9). The autumn best passage day was on Aug 19th at Gibraltar Point where the 178 included 122 south. A count of 158 roosting at Anderby Creek was on the same date followed by the two highest counts of the year at Wolla Bank reedbed and Huttoft Pit, mentioned above. The largest count outside the table was 30 at South Kelsey on Aug 7th. The last birds were singles at Gibraltar Point and Frampton Marsh on Sep 29th followed by a really late one at Sandlands on Nov 2nd.

**Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea***

Scarce passage migrant (mainly coastal) and winter visitor (mostly inland). Scarce and local breeder increased in recent years. Amber List.

Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gibraltar Point	-	-	4	1	2	2	1	15	15	5	1	-
Louth	3	2	6	6	4	2	1	3	3	8	4	2
Covenham Reservoir	2	3	2	2	-	1	-	2	1	4	3	8
Skeldief	1	1	4	2	6	2	1	3	2	2	2	1
Marton STW	3	4	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	4	2	2
Baston GP	2	-	1	1	6	-	2	2	2	2	2	1
Little Bytham	2	3	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	2	3	-
Pyewipe Marsh	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	4	3	1
Anderby	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	7	2	1	-
Alkborough Flats	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	3	1	1	-



Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* Grantham Nov 3rd 2022 © Steve Nesbitt

## Stunning results from early visits of the 2024 Lincolnshire Curlew Survey

The Survey is being run by LBC in conjunction with Natural England and the RAF Ornithological Society who have the credentials to get access to secure RAF airfields. Twenty nine tetrads are being covered around active and former RAF airfields and as we go to press Phil Espin, the Survey Leader's (very) preliminary assessment of pairs based on summary reports is as follows Barkston (5), Cranwell (4), Digby (5), Waddington (4), Scampton (8) and Coningsby (1). A totally unexpected total of 27 pairs, suggesting a Lincs Curlew population much bigger than anyone could have anticipated and approx 5% of the English lowland population. Surveys at old breeding sites Hawthorpe grasslands and Wickenby found no birds. This is great early news and it will be interesting to see how things look on the late surveys which will be done from 15th May. Over 90% of these pairs are on the airfields themselves but it is possible if and when clutches are taken from airfields that birds may try "off airfield" and it will be important to follow up squares with no curlews this time to see what's happening in May/June. Thank you to LBC members Alan Ball, Les Batty, Phil Espin, Gary Fenwick, Gillian Fisher (NE), Vin Fleming, Brian Hedley, Barrie Hunt, Nick Tribe (NE), Stephen Wayling and Isobel Wright for their hard work and the RAFOS team led by Keith Cowieson: Sue Berrecloth, Scott Drinkell, Jayne Lindley, Brian Lyon and John Wells.

If you have any Curlew potentially breeding near you please submit breeding evidence via Birdtrack/eBird or contact Phil Espin on

[pmjespin@gmail.com](mailto:pmjespin@gmail.com) with the details. We are particularly keen to establish just how successful Curlew are at raising chicks in Lincs so anything you can add would be greatly appreciated.



Breeding Curlew at Barkston Heath (digiscoped image from c100m) by Phil Espin



A Lincolnshire Curlew's nest found April 27th 2024 at Cranwell (Image by Keith Cowieson).



This Curlew's nest was found under licence on RAF Cranwell Airfield, with no access to the general public.

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## **GIBRALTAR POINT SUMMER MIGRANT WALK FULLY BOOKED**

The GIBRALTAR POINT on SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024

7.30 – 10.30 to be followed by refreshments in the Visitor Centre is now FULLY BOOKED

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Prescott Tel.01472 840142

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### **Barry Clarkson Memorial birding at Rimac**

An informal memorial event will be held at Rimac on Saturday morning 25th May to remember Barry who died on Boxing Day 2023 and had no funeral service. Barry loved Rimac and the idea will be to turn up in the morning whenever you wish and chat to others you bump into around the reserve. Then if you wish, meet to reminisce with others over your own packed lunch around midday at Rimac car park.



Barry and John Clarkson at Stonebridge October 2015 © Chris Grimshaw

## **Bonaparte's Gull at Frampton Marsh by Andrew Chick**

As many members may know, I moved temporarily to Cumbria in October 2022. Although now 'out' of county I still edit the eNewsletter, look after the website and am part of the LBC Committee.

On 11th April I had a meeting at RSPB Frampton, which was my first time back in Lincolnshire in 2024.

Having attended a meeting at RSPB Road's Farmhouse in the morning with members of the RSPB, Natural England and the Environment Agency it was decided to finish the meeting with a walk around the reserve.

We were walking passed the mound near the entrance to the 360 hide when a gull, which was too big to be a Little Gull and too small to be a Black-headed Gull was seen 'just' sitting on the water in the reed bed scrape..... It was an Adult Bonaparte's Gull!

Such a great way to find Lincolnshire's second ONLY Bonaparte's Gull.

That week Frampton Marsh was "ON FIRE", with a terrific line-up of sightings that ALSO included an adult Red-breasted Goose, the continuing Lesser Yellowlegs, a Black-winged Stilt, as well as Black Tern, two Little Gulls, Channel Wagtail, two Garganey, three Common Cranes, two Curlew Sandpipers and two Little Stints!

As far as I am aware, the Bonaparte's Gull was last seen on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



**The Frampton Marsh Adult Bonaparte's Gull found on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Photo © Ian Misselbrook)**

Bonaparte's Gull are named after Charles Lucien Bonaparte, a French ornithologist and nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte!

This species is native to North America and can be found in both inland and coastal areas, often near bodies of water such as lakes, rivers, and coastal bays. Bonaparte's Gull is known for its distinctive black hood during the breeding season and its pale grey plumage.



**The Frampton Marsh Adult Bonaparte's Gull with a Black-headed Gull on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Photo © Andy Sims)**

Bonaparte's Gull typically nests in boreal forests and other forested areas near bodies of water such as lakes, ponds, and slow-moving rivers. Bonaparte's Gull's tree-nesting habits and use of forested areas for breeding make them distinct among all gull species.

## Woodchat Shrike at Anderby Marsh

Some excellent images of the Woodchat at Anderby Marsh by James Siddle on 25th April 2024.

The earliest county record.



The first Woodchat Shrike in Lincolnshire was seen at Gibraltar Point on Jun 7th 1960.

Up to 2019, there has been a total of 14 individuals in the county.

Seven out of the 14 have been found in spring, and six in autumn, plus one bird at Saltfleet Haven on Jun 30th 2008. The latter was thought possibly to belong to the Balearic race *badius* but there was not enough evidence for a submission as such to BBRC.

The earliest occurrence was of one at Chowder Ness, near Barton upon Humber, on May 1st 1994. However, there have also been birds at Donna Nook on May 2nd-3rd 1995 and May 4th 2003. The latest in autumn was one at Skidbrooke North End on Sep 21st 1974. Most have occurred along the coast, but with one on the Humber and two on The Wash. Most have been present for a single day but two have made prolonged stays, including the one at Frampton Marsh-Witham Mouth which was present for 46 days.



Woodchat Shrike ceased to be considered by BBRC in 1991 with 505 British records 1950-90. The trend has been for an increase in records and in the last four the annual mean number has risen steadily from 16, 1980-89 to 28, 2010-18 (White and Kehoe 2019).

Site Name	First Date	Last Date	Count	Notes
Gibraltar Point	07/06/1960		1	Adult
Gibraltar Point	26/05/1968		1	Adult male
Skidbrooke	21/09/1974		1	Immature
Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe	21/08/1977	22/08/1977	1	Immature
Donna Nook	06/08/1978		1	Immature
Gibraltar Point	16/05/1992		1	Female
Barton Pits	01/05/1994		1	Second calendar year male
Witham Mouth	30/07/1994	13/09/1994	1	Female
Donna Nook	02/05/1995	03/05/1995	1	Male
Donna Nook	04/05/2003		1	Female
Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe	09/06/2005		1	Female
Friskney	29/07/2006	23/08/2006	1	Adult female
Saltfleet	30/06/2008		1	
Gibraltar Point	17/08/2013		1	Juvenile

## Peregrine Update - St James' Peregrine Webcam 2024.

All is going well at St James's in Louth as we put together the May eNewsletter.

Watch live images at;

<https://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk/site/index.php/information/lbc-articlebloglist/744-peregrine-project-st-james-2024>



The 4th egg arrived on 5th April,

The pair share incubation duties, with the larger female usually spending the nights on the eggs as she can cover them better than the male. Changeovers tend to be infrequent, so spotting one on the website is a matter of luck. Fortunately, we are able to scan through the recordings and download them.

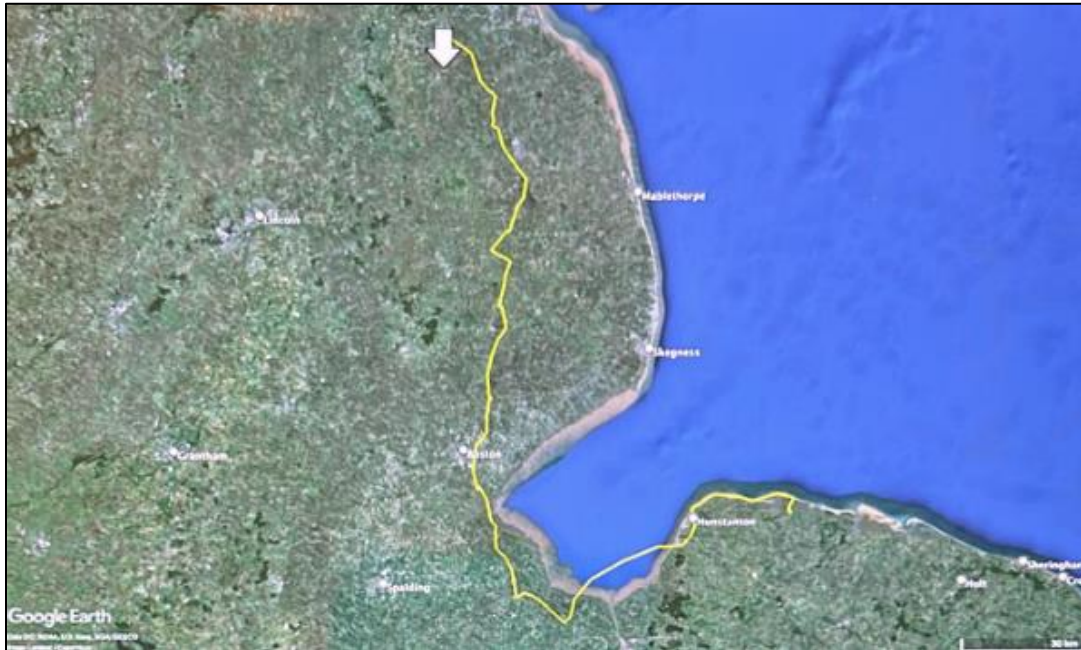
Expect the first egg to hatch around 7 May??

## Lincolnshire White-tailed Eagle sightings in April 2024

This month we have actually had two White-tailed Eagles in Lincolnshire.

G641 is a male released on low last summer. It was at Scolt Head in North Norfolk on the 25th and then flew around the Wash and up into North Lines on the 26th.

It is roosting near Hatcliffe (TF19859 99848). See map below.



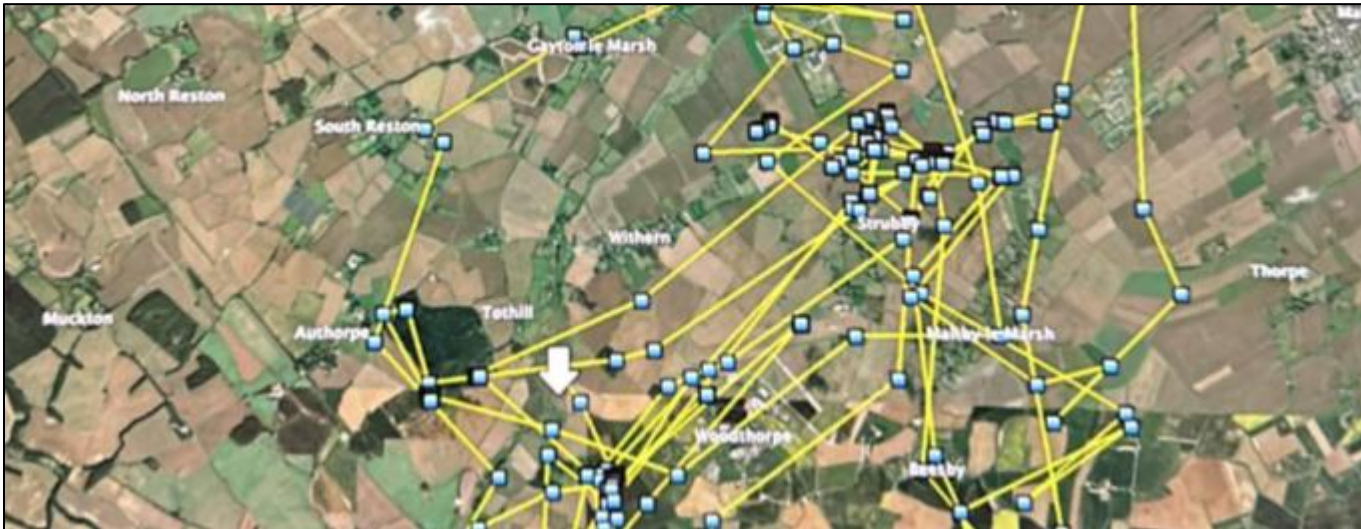
Meanwhile a second Isle of Wight bird, G819 has been present at various locations in Lincolnshire since the 16th April, when it arrived from North Wales. The map below shows its movements during this period.





Over the past few days it has spent much of its time between Claythorpe and Woodthorpe, just inland from Mablethorpe. See map below.

Did ANYONE see it??



Below: Adrian Royle's excellent image of WTE G641 with a buzzard for scale (!) taken over Frampton RSPB on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## **Hedgeland - A Wild Wander around Britain's Greatest Habitat**

"A TIGHT, dense hedgerow is the perfect nesting spot for multiple songbirds, impenetrable to every predator from Magpie to Sparrowhawk."

So writes Christopher Hart in his informative and entertaining new book, *Hedgeland*.

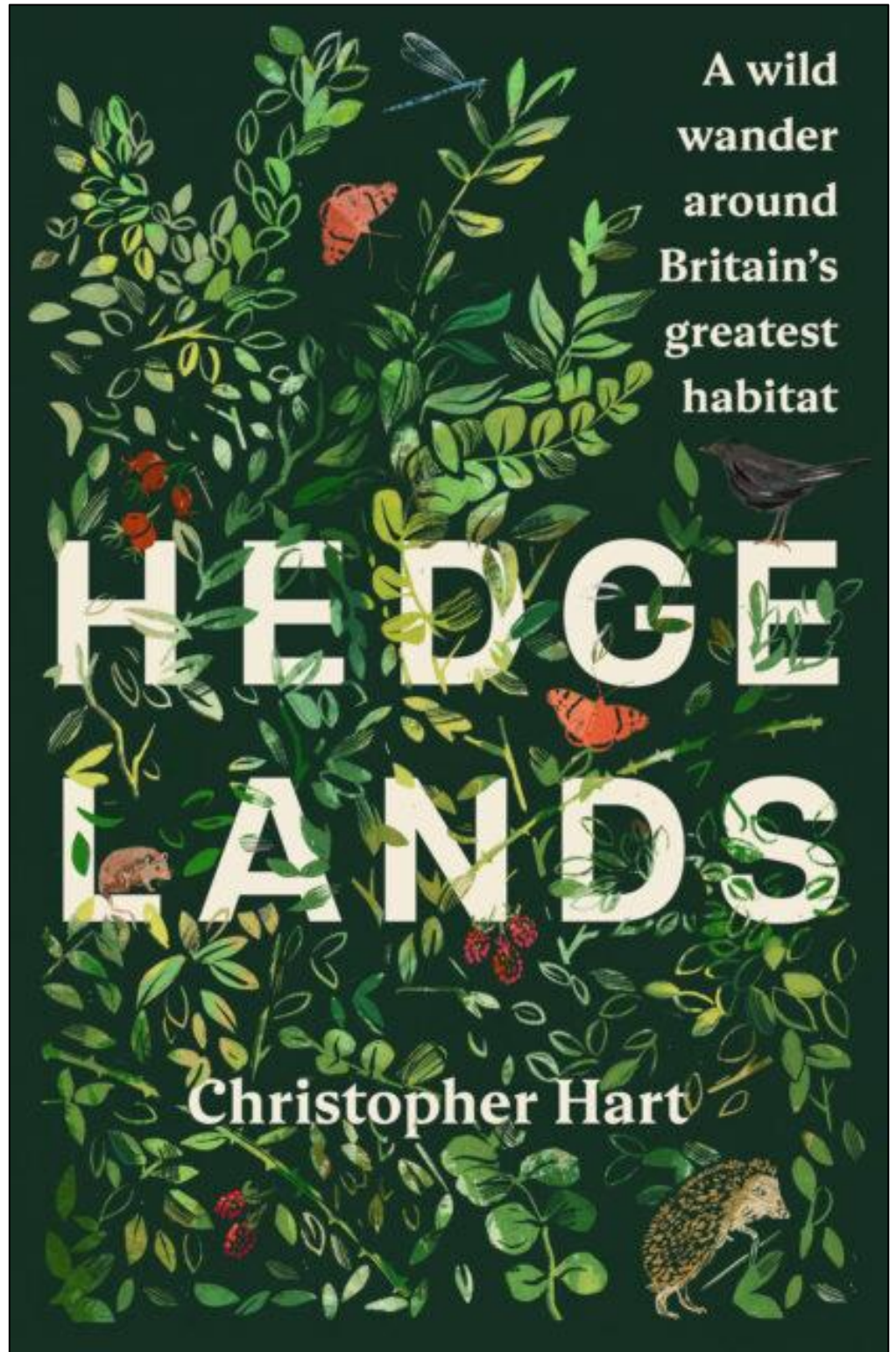
"Generally speaking, the shy and modest Bullfinches will nest in lower hedges some three to seven feet high, while the more flamboyant Goldfinches like to be as high as possible in hedges thirteen to thirty three high."

The Wiltshire-based author come up with numerous similar insights in his review of the critical significance of hedges and hedgerows both in the past and now.

Other avian species that make their appearance in the crisply-written text include Cirl Bunting, Hawfinch, Wryneck, Nightingale, Redwing and Fieldfare.

*Hedgeland - A Wild Wander around Britain's Greatest Habitat* is published by Chelsea Green at £20 in hardback.

**Jim Wright**



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

**30/04/2024**

**Alkborough Flats**

2 Common Crane

**Anderby Marsh**

Woodchat Shrike

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Arctic Tern

**Elm House Farm**

Wryneck

**Frampton Marsh**

Black-winged Stilt

**Gibraltar Point**

Cuckoo, Spoonbill, Common Tern, Garden Warbler, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 2 Wheatear, 2 Whimbrel

**29/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Woodchat Shrike

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

9 Arctic Tern

**East Butterwick**

2 Grey Partridge

**Cowbit**

Purple Sandpiper

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Gull, 2 Little Gull, Spotted Redshank, 9 Common Tern, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Gibraltar Point**

Garganey, Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, 124 Wheatear, 12 Whimbrel

**Grainthorpe**

10 Wheatear

**Mablethorpe**

Cattle Egret, Spoonbill (both over)

**Messingham**

2 Marsh Harrier, 20 Swift, Common Tern, 4 Cetti's Warbler

**Swanpool cow-fields**

Jay, Sparrowhawk, Garden Warbler, Wheatear

**28/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Garganey, 3 Ring Ouzel, Common Redstart, Woodchat Shrike, Wheatear, Willow Warbler

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Arctic Tern

**Boultham Mere**

3 Arctic Tern

**Cowbit**

Black Tern

**Covenham Reservoir**

Ring Ouzel

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Goose, Wood Sandpiper, Spoonbill, Black-winged Stilt

**Freiston Shore**

Spotted Redshank

**Halton Marsh**

Wood Sandpiper, White Wagtail

**Huttoft Bank**

Ring Ouzel

**Job's Lane**

Bar-tailed Godwit, Sand Martin c100, 1 Swift

**Sea-View Farm**

Wood Sandpiper

**28/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Garganey, 3 Ring Ouzel, Woodchat Shrike, Wheatear, Willow Warbler

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Arctic Tern

**Boultham Mere**

3 Arctic Tern

**Cowbit**

Black Tern

**Covenham Reservoir**

Ring Ouzel

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Goose, Wood Sandpiper, Spoonbill, Black-winged Stilt

**Freiston Shore**

Spotted Redshank

**Halton Marsh**

Wood Sandpiper, White Wagtail

**Huttoft Bank**

Ring Ouzel

**Job's Lane**

Bar-tailed Godwit, Sand Martin c100, 1 Swift

**Sea-View Farm**

Wood Sandpiper

**27/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Caspian Gull, Woodchat Shrike (again)

**Baston Fen**

Cattle Egret

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Wood Sandpiper

**Cowbit**

Garganey, Sanderling, Turnstone

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Goose, Little Gull, 2 Spoonbill, Black-winged Stilt

**Halton Marsh**

Ring Ouzel

**Huttoft**

Short-eared Owl



Short-eared Owl at Huttoft - Image © Matt Dineen

**Job's Lane**

Bar-tailed Godwit

26/04/2024

**Anderby Marsh**

Green-winged Teal

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

White-tailed Eagle, Red-breasted Goose, Little Gull, Wood Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill, 350 Swallow, 4 Swift, Black Tern

**Grimsby**

Dotterel, Golden Plover (North of Europark)

25/04/2024

**Alkborough Flats**

5 Spoonbill

**Anderby Marsh**

Marsh Harrier, House Martin, Wood Sandpiper, Woodchat Shrike, Spoonbill, Swallow, Teal, Green-winged Teal, Cetti's Warbler, Sedge Warbler



A splendid find and photograph © James Siddle. From near the round house at Anderby Marsh on a very cold Thursday morning

**Crook Bank**

Nightingale, Serin (over)

**Freiston Shore**

**Woodlark**

**Gibraltar Point**

Green-winged Teal

**Rimac**

Cuckoo, Marsh Harrier, Ring Ouzel, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 2 Wheatear



One of the two Ring Ouzel that showed well from the carpark at Rimac - Image © Owen Beaumont

**Wolla Bank**

Red Kite, Cetti's Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler

**24/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Green-winged Teal

**Cowbit**

Little Gull, Spotted Redshank

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**23/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Green-winged Teal

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

4 Arctic Tern, Egyptian Goose

**Cowbit**

Little Gull

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Garganey, Red-breasted Goose, Little Gull, Spoonbill, Black-winged Stilt, Black Tern, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Gibraltar Point**

Velvet Scoter

**Messingham**

2 Buzzard, 6 House Martin, 50 Sand Martin, Oystercatcher, 8 Pochard, 2 Redshank, 4 Cetti's Warbler, 3 Reed Warbler

**Willow Tree Fen**

Arctic Tern

**22/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Green-winged Teal

**Boultham Mere**

Cuckoo

**Cowbit**

Spotted Redshank

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Goose, Black-winged Stilt, Black Tern

**Freiston Shore**

Ring Ouzel

**Messingham**

Arctic Tern

**Swanpool cow-fields**

2 Whimbrel

**21/04/2024**

**Cowbit**

2 Garganey (1 male 1 female)

**Doddington Park**

1 Lesser Redpoll

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Goose, Spotted Redshank, Black-winged Stilt, Little Stint, Black Tern, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl

**Halton Marsh**

Garganey, Ring Ouzel

**Marston**

Common Redstart

**20/04/2024**

**Cowbit**

Garganey

**Deeping Lakes**

2 Glossy Ibis

**Elm House Farm**

Blue-headed Wagtail

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Goose, Little Gull, Spotted Redshank, Black-winged Stilt, Little Stint, Black Tern

**Freiston Shore**

Spotted Redshank

**Gibraltar Point**



**Common Redstart**

**Halton Marsh**

Garganey, Ring Ouzel, 29 White Wagtail

**19/04/2024**

**Cleethorpes**

20 Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Red Knot, 100 Sanderling, 200 Oystercatcher, 50 Turnstone

**Cowbit**

2 Garganey

**Elm House Farm**

Blue-headed Wagtail

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Goose, Little Gull, 3 Water Pipit, Black-winged Stilt, Black Tern

**Gibraltar Point**

Hawfinch

**Killingholme**

Garganey

**Novartis Ings**

Spoonbill

**Sea-view Farm**

Spoonbill

**18/04/2024**

**Digby**

2 Raven

**Frampton Marsh**

Great White Egret, Greenshank, 2 Barnacle Goose, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gulls, Red-breasted Goose, Osprey, Barn Owl, Black-winged Stilt, Little Stint, Whooper Swan, Black Tern, Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Lesser Yellowlegs



One of the numerous Sedge Warblers at Frampton Marsh today - Image © Andy Sims

**Freiston Shore**

Ring Ouzel, Wheatear

**Novartis Ings**

2 Spoonbill

**17/04/2024**

**Cowbit**

2 Garganey, 21 White Wagtail

**Crook Bank**

Garganey, Nightingale

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis, 2 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Cattle Egret

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-breasted Goose, 2 Little Gull, Spotted Redshank, Black-winged Stilt, Little Stint, Black Tern, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Novartis Ings**

Spoonbill

**16/04/2024**

**Cleethorpes**

Cuckoo

**Covenham Reservoir**

Arctic Tern

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, Red-breasted Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Little Gull Curlew Sandpiper, Black-winged Stilt, Little Stint, Black Tern Lesser Yellowlegs

**Freiston Shore**

Wood Sandpiper

**Gibraltar Point**

Water Pipit, Serin, Arctic Tern

**Killingholme Haven**

Garganey

**Novartis Ings**

Spoonbill

**Saltfleetby/ Theddlethorpe Dunes**

Cuckoo, Green Woodpecker, 3 Willow Warbler, 4 Common Whitethroat, 2 Lesser Whitethroat

**Spalding**

Hoopoe (private garden)

**15/04/2024**

**Deeping Lakes**

2 Spoonbill

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Garganey, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Red-breasted Goose, 2 Little Gull, Black-winged Stilt, Little Stint, Black Tern

**Pyewipe**

Spoonbill, Whinchat

**14/04/2024**

**Barkston**

19 Wheatear

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Ring Ouzel

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

3 Common Crane (over), 2 Garganey, 1 Red-breasted Goose, Bonaparte's Gull, 2 Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, Spotted Redshank, Little Stint, 1 Black Tern, White Wagtail, Yellow Wagtail, Sedge Warbler, Wheatear

**Frognall**

Ring Ouzel

**Gibraltar Point**

Hen Harrier, Water Pipit

**Marston**

Peregrine Falcon, 2 Barnacle Goose, Green Sandpiper

**Pyewipe**

Spoonbill

**13/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Glossy Ibis

**Boultham Mere**

Sand Martin, Raven, Swallow

**Chapel Six Marshes**

Common Redstart

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Garganey, Red-breasted Goose, Bonaparte's Gull, Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, Water Pipit, Black-winged Stilt, Little Stint, Black Tern, Channel Wagtail, White Wagtail, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Gibraltar Point**

Water Pipit, Black Tern

**Novartis Ings**

Spoonbill

**Scartho**

Ring Ouzel

**12/04/2024**

**Boultham Mere**

Kittiwake

**Cowbit**

Garganey

**Deeping Lakes**

Russian White-fronted Goose

**Far Ings**

Osprey

**Frampton Marsh**

Garganey, Red-breasted Goose, Bonaparte's Gull, Black-winged Stilt, Black Tern, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Gibraltar Point**

Glossy Ibis, Water Pipit

**Rimac**

Hen Harrier (male), Ring Ouzel

**RAF Woodhall Spa**

Cuckoo



A Cuckoo at RAF Woodhall today - Image © Matt Clint

11/04/2024

**Cleethorpes**

Cuckoo

**Far Ings**

Slavonian Grebe

**Frampton Marsh**

Bonaparte's Gull, Bearded Tit, Black-winged Stilt, Garganey, 3 Marsh Harrier, Black-winged Stilt, Little-ringed Plover, Little Stint, Little Gull, Black Tern, 12 Pink-footed Goose, 5 Yellow Wagtail



A total surprise with a Bonaparte's Gull at Frampton Marsh - Image © Ian Misselbrook

**Freiston Shore**

Spotted Redshank, Swift

**Gibraltar Point**

Caspian Gull, Glossy Ibis, Water Pipit, Common Redstart, Spoonbill

**Pyewipe**

Spoonbill

**Rimac**

Cattle Egret, Grasshopper Warbler

**10/04/2024**

**Crook Bank**

Garganey

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Gull, Black-winged Stilt, Little Stint, Black Tern, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Gibraltar Point**

5 Spoonbill

**Job's Lane**

2 Red Kite

**Ness Pit**

2 Garganey

**Novartis Ings**

Spoonbill

Rimac

Swift

Sea-View Farm

Redstart

Target Pit

Slavonian Grebe

Willingham by Stow/Fillingham

Black Kite



Cuckoo seen and heard at RAF Woodhall Spa 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 © Stewart Wilson

09/04/2024

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Garden Warbler

**Boultham Mere**

House Martin

**Covenham Reservoir**

8 House Martin, 20 Sand Martin, 60 Swallow, **Arctic Tern**

**Doddington Park**

Brambling, 6 Lesser Redpoll

**Far Ings**

Sedge Warbler

**Frampton Marsh**

**Black-winged Stilt, Lesser Yellowlegs**

**Humberston**

**3 Whimbrel**

**Rimac**

**2 Ring Ouzel**

**Kirkby Moor**

Lesser Whitethroat

**North Scarle**

Lesser Whitethroat

**Seaview Farm**

**2 Cattle Egret, 2 Ring Ouzel**

**Whisby**

**Goshawk (over)**

08/04/2024

**Anderby Marsh**

**Spoonbill**

**Cowbit**

**Garganey**

**Donna Nook**

**2 Willow Warbler, 15 Whooper**

**Swan**

**Frampton**

**469 Avocet, Garganey, Little Gull, Curlew Sandpiper, Black-winged Stilt, Lesser Yellowlegs**

**Gibraltar Point**

**Glossy Ibis, Shorelark, Water Pipit, 13 Wheatear**

**Marston**

**Yellow Wagtail**

**Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe**

**2 Cattle Egret, Whooper Swan, Grasshopper Warbler, 5 Wheatear**

**Swanpool**

**Ring Ouzel**



A pleasing shot of a Grasshopper Warbler at Saltfleetby/ Theddlethorpe Dune - Image © Owen Beaumont



Ring Ouzel in the Swanpool area - Image © Andy Sims

**Trent Port**

Woodlark (over)

**Waddington**

Common Whitethroat

**07/02/2004**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Little Gull

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Gull, Spotted Redshank, Water Pipit, Little Stint, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Gibraltar Point**

Ring Ouzel, Serin, Swift, Woodlark

**Halton Marshes**

Ring Ouzel, White Wagtail

**Trent Port**

Hen Harrier

**Washingborough**



Swift  
Willow Tree Fen  
26 Common Crane

**06/04/2024**

**Anderby Creek**  
154 Linnet, 7 Sand Martin, 1271 Siskin, 6 Barn Swallow, 5 Yellow Wagtail

**Anderby Marsh**

2 Spoonbill

**Crook Bank**

Green-winged Teal

**Deeping Lakes**

Russian White-fronted Goose, Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

Garganey, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Little Gull, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Gibraltar Point**

Firecrest

**Manby Wetlands**

3 Garganey (2 male, 1 female)

**Tetney Marsh**

Ring Ouzel

**Wilder Doddington**

Blackcap, Chiffchaff, 2 Peregrine Falcon, Nuthatch

**05/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

2 Spoonbill

**Covenham Reservoir**

Little Gull, 2 Common Scoter

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

Lesser Yellowlegs

**Freiston Shore**

Green-winged Teal

**Gibraltar Point**

Mediterranean Gull, Firecrest, Hen Harrier (ring-tail), 3 Swallow, 15 Sandwich Tern

**Manby Wetlands**

2 Garganey

**North Killingholme**

Little Gull, Yellow Wagtail

**Rippingale**

House Martin, Siskin, 2 Raven

**Tongue End**

Cattle Egret

**Willow Tree Fen**

Bittern, 20 Common Crane, 3 Goosander, 2 Hen Harrier (ring-tail), 20 Marsh Harrier, 10 Swallow

**04/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

2 Spoonbill

**Crook Bank**

Green-winged Teal

**Deeping High Bank**

Short-eared Owl

**Frampton Marsh**

Great White Egret, Little Gull, 5 Mediterranean Gull, 2 Hen Harrier (male & female), Common Tern, Bearded Tit, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Freiston Shore**

Green-winged Teal (reservoir)

**Gibraltar Point**

Great Northern Diver, 6 Red-breasted Merganser, Merlin, Water Pipit, 2 Swallow

**Manby Wetlands**

3 Garganey

**03/04/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

3 Chiffchaff, Black-tailed Godwit, Merlin, 4 Pintail, 28+ Siskin, 2 Spoonbill, 9 Cetti's Warbler

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier, Spotted Redshank

**Huttoft**

Great White Egret, Siskin, Reed Warbler

**Manby Wetlands**

67 Avocet, 3 Garganey, Great White Egret, 1 Pink-footed Goose, 4 Green Sandpiper (one ringed at Retvangen, Norway 28/07/2023), 6+ Snipe

**Sandilands**

Short-eared Owl

**Wolla Bank**

Chiffchaff, Marsh Harrier, Cetti's Warbler, 2 Sedge Warbler

**02/04/2024**

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Gull

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl

**Job's Lane**

Blackcap

**01/04/2024**

**Covenham Reservoir**

8 Little Gull, 3 Common Scoter

**Cowbit**

Grey Plover

**Frampton Marsh**

Bearded Tit, Little Gull, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Huttoft Bank**

Cuckoo

**Job's Lane**

4 Little Ringed Plover

**Normanby**

Hawfinch (private garden)

**March 2024**

**31/03/2024**

**Boultham Mere**

5 Little Gull



Three of the five Little Gulls that were at Boultham Mere this morning - Image © Andy Sims

**Doddington Parl**

Chiffchaff, 12 Lesser Redpoll, 7 Siskin

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, Lesser Yellowlegs

**Manby Wetlands**

3 Great White Egret, Grey Heron

**Messingham**

1 Bittern, 2 Buzzard, 2 Marsh Harrier, 1 Red-crested Pochard, 5 Cetti's Warbler, Great Spotted Woodpecker

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@lnu.org)

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

## Sir Joseph Banks Society

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

[enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk](mailto: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

Rural Crime Officer

Pc 160 Nick Willey

Force Wildlife, Rural Crime Officer

Force Dog Training Establishment

Lincolnshire Showground.

Grange-De-Lings.

Lincoln

[nicholas.willey@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nicholas.willey@lincs.pnn.police.uk)

OFFICE: 01522-731897

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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](mailto: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](mailto:d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com)

### Lincolnshire Mammals

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

### Mammal Atlas

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

[http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-](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](mailto: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](mailto:annettefaulkner@btinternet.com)

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: [annettefaulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:annettefaulkner@btinternet.com)

## USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

### Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

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

Contact: [charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk](mailto:charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk)

or for more general [queries:info@glnp.org.uk](mailto:queries:info@glnp.org.uk)

### Natural England

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

### Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

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

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

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



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