



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter – September 2024

LBC eNewsletter content;

John Clarkson: Memorial Event	(1) 75 years since RSPB bought Havergate Island	(13)
Conisholme Solar Site	(2) Kingfisher found dead in fishing line	(16)
Ditch-mowing training	(4) August Bird News	(17)
Old but Gold - Sweden May 16-21st 2002	(5)	

John Clarkson: Memorial Event at Rimac 10am Saturday 24th August



The twenty brave souls who ventured out to Rimac last Saturday!

In steady and sometimes pouring rain, twenty brave souls ventured out to Rimac last Saturday to meet at the site of the newly installed memorial bench dedicated to my husband John. Over the past few months the design, materials and position have all been discussed at length by the appropriate agencies. Once approval had been given, the bench could then finally be installed and with Owen Beaumont's help it was in place by the end of July.

Everyone agreed it was the perfect spot, overlooking as it does the easy access trail, which John and several of his pupils from Deighton Close School helped to create back in 1994. It is a fitting tribute to the almost five decades of service he gave as a volunteer at Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes NNR. I wonder how many early Sunday morning walks he guided in those decades!

Despite the weather, the majority of the group managed a reasonably long walk around the southern section of the reserve, stopping to investigate Willow Corner, where appropriately several Willow Warblers were spotted flitting in and out of the trees below an unconcerned Whinchat. No doubt lists were shorter than usual that day, not just because of the poor visibility and wet binoculars, but because most of the time was taken up sharing memories of John with some of his closest friends of many decades. It was lovely to hear of such happy times.

The truly hardy bunch that remained to picnic after the walk were forced to take shelter under the veranda in the car park, but toasts were made and tears were shed.

For those unable to attend, but wishing to visit the bench it can be found on the site of what was known as Lenten Ottoway's hut and can easily be seen from the easy access trail. What 3 words: kept.roost.vintages.

Nicky Clarkson August 2024

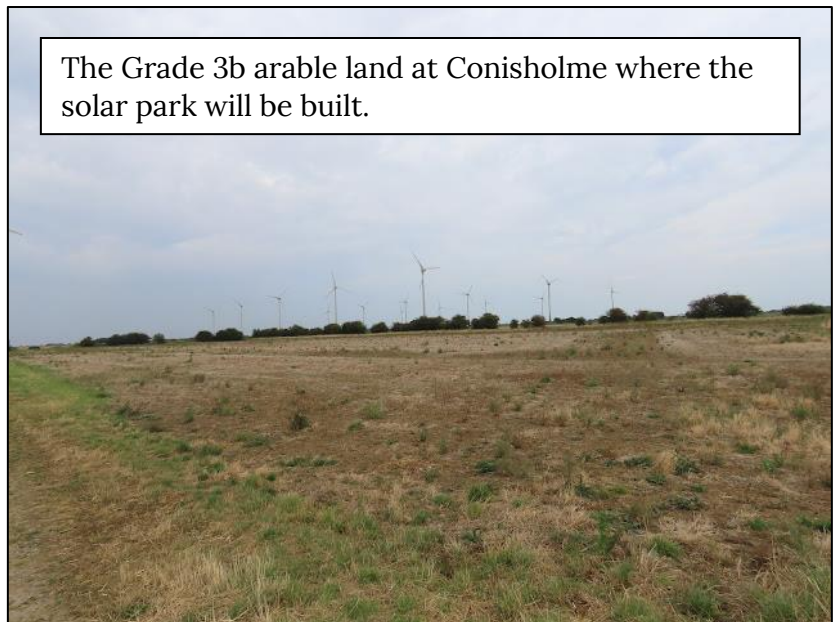
Energy company's pledge to safeguard farmland birds at Lincolnshire site of proposed solar park

GREEN energy company Ecotricity has pledged to provide mitigation habitat for farmland birds that risk being displaced on a field that it has earmarked for construction of a solar park.

Latest breeding season surveys of the environs of the 20.1-hectare site at Conisholme, near Louth, revealed the presence of no fewer than 32 individual species holding territories

Among them were at least eight pairs of skylarks and two pairs of yellow wagtails - both Red-listed species.

But Stroud-based developer Ecotricity says it will create habitat favourable to both these species as well as to others such as grey partridge. This seems to have satisfied planners at East Lindsey District Council which has just granted planning consent for the project.



Says the council's planning consent document: "The permission hereby given for the solar farm shall be for a limited period of 40 years from the date of the first export of electricity from the site.

"At the end of this period or upon cessation of their use for the generation of electricity, whichever is the sooner, all associated structures and equipment shall be fully removed from the application site and the site cleared, including any below-ground concrete.

"For the avoidance of doubt, this condition does not relate to the on-site landscaping and boundary hedging."

The application site is located between Conisholme, South Somercotes and Alvingham, immediately to the south-east of a windfarm (also owned by Ecotricity) which consists of 20 turbines with a hub height of 65 metres and blade diameter of 48 metres. Proximity to a windfarm is advantageous because the same links to the National Grid can be shared. Not far away is birding hotspot Covenham Reservoir which, especially at migration times and in winter, attracts a range of sometimes scarce waterfowl, divers and waders.

The field earmarked for the development is described as Grade 3b arable land and is bordered by dykes which are maintained by Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board.

The four breeding bird surveys, which were conducted by Ecotricity's chief in-house ecological consultant Mark Latham between April 8 and 9 June last year, detected the following 35 species of which all but barn owl, little egret and sparrowhawk were identified as holding territories:

Shelduck (1 pair), Reed warbler (3), Mallard (1), Whitethroat (15), Grey partridge (5), Wren (6), Pheasant (7), Blackbird (2), Red-legged partridge (4), Robin (1), Stock dove (3), House sparrow (2), Woodpigeon (11), Tree sparrow (2), Lapwing (3), Dunnock (3), Little egret, Yellow wagtail (5), Sparrowhawk, Pied wagtail (1), Buzzard (1), Meadow pipit (2), Barn owl, Chaffinch (6), Kestrel (1), Greenfinch (2), Magpie (2), Linnet (4), Carrion crow (3), Goldfinch (2), Skylark (27), Yellowhammer (1), Swallow (1), Reed bunting (14), Sedge warbler (8)

Says Mr Latham: "No breeding species were found to be present in regionally or nationally important numbers.

"The overall breeding bird community was typical of the wider Lincolnshire Fens agricultural landscape such that no species were found to be breeding in significant numbers.

"Furthermore, the majority of breeding birds were located not within the 'footprint' of the proposed development, but in the variety of surrounding habitats.

"In particular, only ten pairs of two species (eight skylark and two yellow wagtail) were found breeding within the 'footprint' of the proposed development."

What mitigation is proposed for the loss of habitat?

The main measure outlined by Mr Latham involves a process of what is described as 'arable reversion'.

"The site will be reverted from arable land to a mosaic of grassland areas of varying species richness," he says.

"This habitat creation is considered to mitigate for ground-nesting birds including skylark and yellow wagtail."

Jim Wright

Ditch-mowing operative are 'trained to look out for nesting birds'

The sight of ditches and embankments being mowed in July is often of concern to birders - especially along stretches where birds, including warblers are suspected or known to be breeding.

The Lincolnshire Bird Club has raised the matter with the Manby-based Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board whose chief executive, Andrew McGill, has responded thus:



"There is a standard method of mowing ditches and embankments across all internal drainage boards, not just Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board.

"Ditches and banks are usually mown from mid-July into the autumn.

"The works are phased to start with:

- * The most critical watercourses and embankments to manage flooding
- * Those areas where less intrusive and more nature-friendly maintenance techniques can be applied
- * To control and/or eradicate invasive non-plant species.

"Many birds will have finished nesting by mid-July when internal drainage boards traditionally begin their annual maintenance work.

"However, birds such as Mallard, Tufted Duck, Moorhen, Water Rail, Coot, Sedge Warbler and Reed Warbler may nest into September.

"Our operatives are briefed annually and at inductions regarding nesting birds. Prior to cutting, they are trained to look out for signs of aquatic life and how to mitigate works.

"The location of any nests present are recorded by our operatives and environmental officer on a GIS system to avoid disturbance and raise awareness for any future maintenance in those areas.

"The challenge has always been to manage the balance of benefits for flood risk, agricultural drainage and biodiversity. As recent severe flooding has illustrated, the prospect of increased flood risk brought about by climate change means that this challenge is likely to grown in scale and complexity.

"That said the Board takes a keen interest in ensuring that it balances the challenge between maintaining the operational effectiveness of its artificial lowland drainage system with those of the environment."

Jim Wright

Old but Gold - Sweden May 16-21st 2002

In June 2001 myself and Andrew Credland had arranged to meet Mark Bannister, based in Gothenburg, for a train trip to the north of Sweden in search of the mythical Hawk Owl that Mark had seen at Abisko on a previous visit. A quick pre train visit to a wetland north of Gothenburg produced singing Thrush Nightingales and a Marsh Warbler in strong winds and rain. Meeting up with Mark we discovered that an unprecedented Swedish rail strike meant our train was



Great Grey Owl

cancelled. With no train until the following night and a forecast of very poor weather in the north we hired a car and hit some sites in central Sweden armed with some site guides that would surely produce some local owls! Four days later we had seen some nice birds, Ospreys, Goshawks, Icterine and Marsh Warblers, Northern Willow Tits and Nuthatches and Treecreepers, breeding Red-backed Shrikes, Great Reed Warblers, Common Rosefinches and abundant Cranes with singing Spotted Crakes and even a pair of Ortolans plus Black Woodpeckers and my first White-faced Darters but our owl tally numbered just one and that was a Tawny Owl. Clearly local knowledge was key.

While living in Gothenburg for several years Mark had made contact with the local bird club who had helpfully furnished him with details of local sites, but had little to offer him in terms of northern owls. Sensing his disappointment, they suggested he contact Peter in Sundsvall. Perhaps they had put a good word in for him, but to his surprise an email from Peter basically said you should have contacted me I have Great Grey, Hawk and Ural Owls breeding in my study area. Clearly this was a gift horse that did not need to be looked in the mouth and after some quick communications we said can we visit in spring 2002? Peter was not the quickest at communications but by early 2002 we had sort of firmed up a visit or at least booked flights, hired a car and later booked a cabin within striking distance of where Peter appeared to live – things were a bit sketchy. A few weeks before our scheduled departure in mid-May Peter confirmed there were owls in the area but the forest was still snow bound – would it be accessible by mid-May or had we booked too early? Then the lines of communication seemed to break down and we got no response from our guide. Was this going to be another failed trip after all we had no idea where any of his birds were and Swedish forests are rather extensive. As days ticked away and our departure date got rather close Mark finally received an email arranging a meeting:

"04:00 in the car park outside a supermarket" on May 18th. This allowed us two days to get up north and settle in. Peter asked for no fee for the visit, instead offering his time out of a sense of pride in his local avifauna. Luckily for us, Swedes generally are Anglophiles perhaps related to the fact Sweden is one of the few countries we have never invaded in our past! Nevertheless, a nice malt and a bird guide he wanted were duly purchased and packed and we were sort of all set. The following is our narrative of the trip.



Black-throated Divers

May 16th

Set off from Barton at 02:00 hrs and drove to Stansted arriving 05:00 for 07:10 flight to Stockholm arriving on time. Picked up Volvo at airport and drove north in often heavy rain stopping for an hour's birding at Soderhamn Alsjon, a marshy wetland on the side of the E4 motorway. Nice list of good birds including a male Montagu's Harrier and a Hobby hunting dragonflies over the pools where there were also Common Cranes and Arctic Terns. En route a pair of summer plumaged Black-throated Divers, Osprey and a probable Rough-legged



Birding at Stornaset

Buzzard from the side of the motorway. Drove on north eventually arriving at our camp site at about 20:00hrs where we settled into our cabin. Nice view over the bay with Velvet Scoters, Whoopers, Red-throated Divers and a passing Goshawk.

May 17th

Up at 06:00. Still cool with a light northerly and quite a lot of cloud but the day only produced a few short-lived showers. A party of three Parrot Crossbill flew over the camp site where singing Redstart and Pied Flycatcher plus a pair of Northern Bullfinch. Driving back up the road a stubble field on the roadside held 33 Common Cranes and 10 Whooper Swans plus a mix of Canada and Greylag Geese. Drove up to Sundsvall and then onto the island of Anjon and out to a set a reserve on the eastern side of the island where there is a narrow mud fringe and grazing marsh. Highlight here was the flock of seven adult Lesser White-fronted Geese



Lesser White-fronted Goose

at a known staging site for this highly threatened species, with a few Barnacles and Canadas including a small race bird not pursued in detail at this date. Also some waders with 20 Temminck's Stints the best plus Wood Sandpipers, Spotted Redshanks and Greenshank. An obliging female Lesser Spotted Woodpecker in the woodland plus a passing Osprey completed the morning. Afternoon we drove north from Sundsvall to a forest and mire area ?? where mainly sunny but still cool. A Merlin from the car and a male Rough-legged Buzzard

showing very well as we parked the car. An excellent area but low on birds and a quick reminder that simply looking in good habitat in vast forests does not necessarily produce many birds. Displaying Wood Sandpipers, a single Brambling and a male Grey-headed Wagtail were the high points of a long walk but once back at the car a male Capercaillie flew past with a Goshawk following. A female Capercaillie on the side of the road gave brilliant views on the return drive through the forest. Back to the cabin for a relatively early night in preparation for an early start on the Saturday.



Cranes and Whooper Swans

May 18th

Having arranged to meet Peter at the station at 04:00 we were up at 03:00 and on the road by 03:25. At 04:10, we had still not seen anyone arrive and GPC said "do we know he is real? - have you ever actually met him?" and it dawned on Mark that there was a chance he did not actually exist! Then Mark spotted him in a car - he had been there all along. What a relief!....and so after quite a large gamble we started the best day's birdwatching that we have ever had and ever likely to have. The big Swede as we affectionately got to call him, Peter must have been about 6 foot seven and substantially built, appeared in a vehicle with obligatory ladders on the roof for checking nest boxes plus crash

helmet and flak jacket and a variety of nest boxes in the boot. We later discovered he had erected no less than 600 nest boxes in his study area that was approximately 50 miles by 50 miles in area the larger owl boxes being made from old Swedish army grenade boxes; we imagined him throwing the grenades willy nilly to empty the boxes so he could reuse them! In winter we learnt the forest is inaccessible by vehicle so he tracked wolves on skis. Peter was clearly no ordinary human being and indeed no ordinary Swede.

With Peter ensconced in the car we headed off up the E14 arriving in the first forest stop by 05:20 where it was notably cold with a fresh northerly wind. At the first forest track junction Peter asked "What do you want to see first? - turn left for Hawk Owl or turn right for Great Grey Owl! We turned left Black Grouse were lekking on the



road as we drove up the forest track. The call of a Hawk Owl as we emerged from the car was the start of an amazing day one that will probably never be repeated. A pair of Hawk Owls and two young out of the nest were grilled for a long time but by looking the other way a pair of Black Woodpeckers were coming to a nest hole in an aspen on the clear fell, not a bad start. Moving on we located a second pair of Hawk Owls, a rufous Cuckoo and Rough-legged Buzzard plus 2 Common Buzzard. The next stop at a spruce bog produced the calls of Siberian Jay but no sighting. A pair of Rustic Buntings, displaying Green Sandpipers complete with a clutch of



Great Grey Owl

three eggs in the old nest of a Song Thrush plus Grey-headed Wagtails perching on trees in the bog, Black Woodpecker and Bear and Wolf prints in the mud and it was not really breakfast time yet! Next stop was at the nest of a pair of Ural Owls with three young in a nest box the female calling and bill snapping as Peter approached the nest. Ural Owls are the most vicious owl in defence of their nest hence the crash helmet and flak jacket needed when examining nest contents. Onward with more owls to come and our first Great Grey Owl nesting on a birch chimney where it just squatted down a bit deeper and pretended to be a birch trunk. As we walked through seemingly unidentifiable forests Peter stopped occasionally to hollow out the tops of broken birch trees making prospective Great Grey nest sites. I was also discovering that a 30x scope and 3mpix camera, that I was using for digi-scoping there were disadvantages when birds were, well big and close. A further move into another part of the forest brought superb sightings of a second pair of Great Grey Owls with the female

sitting in the old nest of a Goshawk while the male looked down at us from no more than 5m away plus 3 Parrot Crossbills and a male Three-toed Woodpecker showing very well could it get any better?.

Time for lunch so we headed down to Ånge for an excellent meal and celebratory beer. After lunch we drove north of the E14 seeing another Rough-legged Buzzard and 2 Commons plus an Elk (Moose to the Nearctic readers). On the return Andrew spotted a Great Grey Owl perched on the side of the road on the edge of a pool where we had superb views. Peter asked if we wanted to see anything else so we dropped in Tengmalm's Owl. He had a possible site. A Goshawk from the car prior to our next stop at the nest of a Tengmalm's Owl where the adult obligingly stuck its head out of the hole to observe the birders. The nest was in an abandoned Black Woodpecker hole in an old pine on the side of the road by a lake. Peter then suggested we might like to finish off the day with Eagle Owls! Why not. Our final stop of the day was at a rubbish tip in an old quarry outside Sundsvall where we had good views of a pair of Eagle Owls and up to 10 Ravens the latter mobbing the perched female owl. We dropped off Peter with as many thanks as we could muster and went back to the cabin for celebratory sandwiches and a pot of tea!



Tengmalm's Owl



Eagle Owl



May 19th

After a long day we had a leisurely start not getting up until 06:00. A flock of 7 Parrot Crossbill on the camp site with 20 Cranes and 20 Whoopers in the fields up the road. We then drove back north to the forest having super views of a pair of Rough-legged Buzzards at the midpoint of Sweden where a lookout tower offers wide vistas. Also, there were Willow Tit, Ravens, Lesser Whitethroat and Pied Flys. Driving away from the site we came across a party of Siberian Jays which eventually gave brilliant views. At the first Hawk Owl site we found the parents and 3 fledged youngsters plus the usual Black Woodpeckers and flushed a female Black Grouse from a nest with eggs. The second pair of Hawk Owls were present and the male brought a vole in to the female who ate some then took the remainder into the nest hole in an old aspen. Further into the forest a Camberwell beauty and a roadside Hazel Hen were high points. Another cracking male Rough-legged Buzzard and a Crane completed another hectic day with 6 displaying Red-throated Divers off the camp site in the evening.



May 20th

Rising at 03:30 we were soon off north for the forest with a roadside Badger and 34 Cranes in their usual field. It was -1C by the time we arrived in the forest but the Black Grouse lek had dispersed though at least 5 males were present and the female was seen well on the nest. The Hawk Owls and Black Woodpeckers as usual. The day became progressively warmer with a cloudless clear, deep blue sky. A singing Brambling was only the second of the trip but the lake nearby held a party of 4 summer plumaged Black-throated Divers with another two nearby

and two more seen later in the day making eight in total. Driving through the forest tracks we had another fly-by Hazel Hen then stopping to look at a Snipe and Green Sandpiper perched on top of a dead spruce in a clear fell a male Capercaillie got up and flew past me no more than 10m away. A flock of 6 Northern Bullfinch on the road plus Rough-legged Buzzard completed the drive to the Ural Owls nest where the adults and young were seen again. A brilliant male Honey-buzzard soared up over our heads and was followed a few minutes later by a male Rough-legged Buzzard. A pair of Black-bellied Dippers nest building under the bridge as we left plus a drumming Black Woodpecker completed another highly successful morning. After lunch we drove out the lighthouse beyond the camp site to look for White-tailed Eagle but without success with just a passing Glaucous Gull, Holly blues, Small coppers and a couple of Wheatear to show. A return to Stornaset produced playing children and high tide, no waders or geese but a singing Wood Warbler. A Red Squirrel on the camp site closed the day.

May 21st

Up at 05:30 for the return journey the Crane field held a record 52 birds and further flocks seen on the road south amounted to a day total of 80+ birds. Other birds seen from the road included Osprey, Common and Honey-buzzards. After a rather too close encounter with a Roe Deer we ambled south on minor roads around the airport picking up at least 5 Ospreys, 10 Cranes, 2 Hobbies good views of a singing Thrush Nightingale and several Downy Emeralds. Flew back from Stockholm at 18:25 arriving Stansted at 19:25 and back home in Barton by 23:00.

After a rather nervous start and a few trepidations all those Lars Jonson plates of semi-mythical birds that we had gazed at over the years became real. The big Swede was the real deal.

Graham Catley and Mark Bannister (All photos by Graham Catley)



'Avocet was so close that I could almost have counted her eyelashes!'

THIS year marks a significant anniversary for the RSPB - it is 75 years since it bought Havergate Island off the Suffolk Coast.

The society made its 1949 purchase - for an undisclosed sum - in order to safeguard habitat of Avocets which, two years earlier, had returned to nest here after a breeding absence from England stretching back some 108 years.

Monitoring and overseeing the birds' welfare for part of the summer of that year was a female volunteer called S.Vere Benson - an expert ornithologist and bird protectionist whose claim to fame was that she had written the text for the phenomenally successful Observer's Book of British Birds, the best-selling field guide that has over many years nourished the enthusiasm of many thousands of birders.

Recently, thanks to Tara-Lee Platt of the RSPB library, I was privileged to have sight of the somewhat sparse but illuminating Benson archive held at the society's HQ at The Lodge in Sandy, Bedfordshire.

Within the collection is Benson's brief account of her wardening of an event which had been described as "bird-watching's greatest thrill for 100 years - and its best kept secret".

"I had volunteered to spend a short time as a temporary warden of the RSPB," writes Benson. "I did not know what I should be asked to do, nor what birds I was to watch and guard.

"I knew that I was to be sent to East Anglia but I was not informed of my exact destination until a week before - and avocets were still not mentioned.

"It was not until a friend, who had also volunteered, and I reached the village of Orford in Suffolk, that we realised that we were to be taken by boat to a small island in the estuary of the River Ore.

"It was only then that we discovered the species of the birds we were being asked to protect - the Avocet.

Benson continues: "We lived in a hut, and the boat called daily to bring us water, milk, bread and other requirements.

"It was July and the end of the breeding season, so most of the young Avocets were flying about with their parents - more than 60 birds in all.

"But when we arrived there was still one parent with two young ones, about a month old, which had not yet flown from the nesting area."



Young avocets - 'snowy-white elegance'

Because this patch of marsh was drying out rapidly, Benson and her friend needed all the strength they could muster to open a damaged sluice gate to let in much needed water, a deed which may have proved a lifesaver for the two young birds.

In her account, Benson is keen to share her delight at observing the adult Avocet from a distance of no more than about 20 or 30 yards.

"A telescope with magnification of x40

allowed me so intimate an inspection that I could almost have counted her eyelashes had she possessed any!

"The amiable eye glittered, the pale eyelid or eye-rim showed plainly, the velvet black of the crown and nape contrasting with the snowy white elegance of most of the plumage, banded with black.

"The slimness of the bird, and the very long light blue legs add to its striking appearance."

"Suddenly, she spurred herself into action and strode into a pool, sweeping from side to side with her delicate long upcurved bill."

It was not just the Avocets that made July 1949 on Havergate Island such a memorable month for Benson and her fellow volunteer.

"Other migrants were passing through," she writes. "They included two ruddy-tinted Knot, a Black-tailed Godwit and a lovely pair of Curlew-sandpipers in pretty summer dress of terracotta pink and grey, their colour and their long more slender black bills, down curved at the tip, making them stand out among the smaller Dunlin and Ringed Plover. "

Jim Wright



Kingfisher found dead in fishing line

Article taken from Birdguides - <https://www.birdguides.com/news/kingfisher-found-dead-in-fishing-line/>

A dead Common Kingfisher has been found tangled in fishing line in Lincolnshire.

James Elliott, known to his social media followers as The Canoe River Cleaner, said he came across the bird while cleaning the River Freshney in Grimsby.

Fishing line litter

Mr Elliott told the BBC: "It's tragic as the kingfisher was trying to fish, just as the fisherman was trying to fish, and we're encroaching on their territory.

"They fly fast. I suspect it's gone through the trees and it's got caught. The fishing wire was dangling down from a low hanging tree."

In a direct plea to anglers, he added: "Take everything home with you."

Describing the "gutting" moment he found the kingfisher, Mr Elliott said he was canoeing when he saw "something that wasn't quite right" and went to investigate.

Cleaning rivers

Mr Elliott said he could see the fishing line wrapped around the bird, and thought it might have become exhausted or starved while trapped in the wire.

For several years, Mr Elliott has used his canoe to help maintain the River Freshney. He said the difference he and fellow volunteers had made was "massive", but added there was more work to do.

He added: "We need to make the distinction between responsible anglers, and someone who just wants to fish. There's very much a difference and this wasn't a responsible angler. This is someone who didn't really care."



Lincolnshire Bird News – August 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.

31/08/2024

Anderby Creek

Black Tern (past), Barred Warbler (trapped & ringed)

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Gibraltar Point

8 Spoonbill

30/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

Curlew Sandpiper

Elm House Farm

2 Wheatear, 2 Whinchat

Fishtoft

Pied Flycatcher

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, 39 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Pied Flycatcher, Osprey, Wood Warbler



Wood Warbler at Gibraltar Point - Image © Sam Goddard

Mablethorpe

Pied Flycatcher

North Somercotes

Osprey

Rimac

Redstart, Wheatear

Sea View

Pied Flycatcher

Tetney Marsh

18 Whimbrel

RAF Woodhall

2 Great White Egret, 10 Egyptian Goose, Common Sandpiper, 4 Swallow, Green Woodpeck

29/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

2 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 7 Spoonbill

Anderby Creek

7 Great White Egret (north), Black Tern

Frampton Marsh

Caspian Gull, 17 Curlew Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

Hen Harrier (**male**), 3 Spotted Redshank, 4 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Stonechat, Wheatear, Whinchat

28/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

7 Spoonbill

Baston Fen

Garganey

Churchill Lane

Hobby, 4 Kestrel, Lesser Whitethroat

Covenham Reservoir

Buzzard, 300+ Coot, 20 Great Crested Grebe, 5 Yellow Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

19 Spotted Redshank, 6 Curlew Sandpiper, 31 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

2 Curlew Sandpiper, Black Tern

Huttoft Bank

Pied Flycatcher

Messingham

Great White Egret, 58 Gadwall, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Jay, 67 Lapwing, 21 Shoveler, 69 Teal, Cetti's Warbler, Green Woodpecker

North Scarle

Cattle Egret

Saltfleetby?Theddlethorpe

Osprey

27/08/2024

Churchill Lane

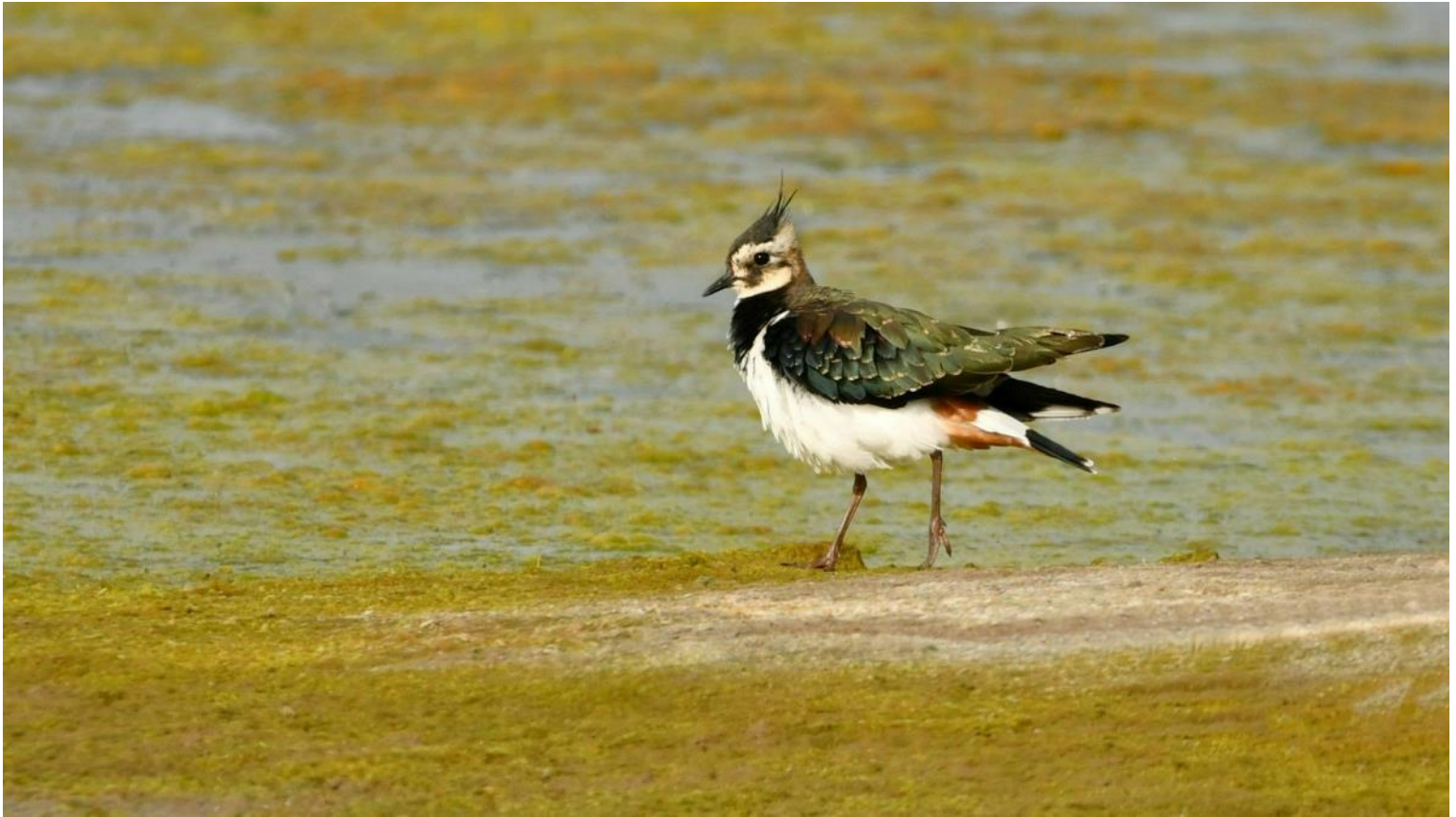
Curlew Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

19 Spotted Redshank, 6 Curlew Sandpiper, 31 Spoonbill

Freiston Shore

Lapwing, Spoonbill



Lapwing at Freiston Shore - Image © Jeremy Eyeons

Gibraltar Point

Little Stint

Trent Port

2 Redstart

26/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

2 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 24 Spoonbill

Digby Fen

Little Owl

Frampton Marsh

100 Avocet, 500 Dunlin, Peregrine Falcon, c1000 Black-tailed Godwit, Greenshank, Lapwing, Red Knot, Osprey, 3 Oystercatcher, c800 Ringed Plover, Common Redshank, Ruff, c20 Spotted Redshank, Baird's Sandpiper, c25 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 1 Common Sandpiper, Snipe, c22 Spoonbill, Whooper Swan, Turnstone, Yellow Wagtail



Difficult to spot among the waderfest at Frampton Marsh, this Baird's Sandpiper led some a merry dance - Image © Andy Sims

Freiston Shore

Cattle Egret, c200 Turnstone

Gibraltar Point

Little Stint

Middlemarsh Farm

Garganey, Caspian Gull

Swanpool Cow-fields

Spotted Flycatcher

25/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

30+ Spoonbill

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier, Hobby



Spotted Flycatcher in one of the hedges of the Swanpool Cow-fields - Image © Andy Sims

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

9 Common Crane, Tundra Bean Goose (reported), Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher, 20 Spotted Redshank, Baird's Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, 7 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Sparrowhawk, 31 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint, Whooper Swan, Wheatear



Baird's Sandpiper among the Ringed Plover - Image © Kyle Smith

Freiston Shore

Cuckoo, Curlew, Marsh Harrier, Kestrel, White-rumped Sandpiper, Tree Sparrow, Sparrowhawk, Common Tern, Turnstone, Green Woodpecker

Gibraltar Point

Greater Scaup (reported)

Linwood Warren

Chiffchaff, 5 Spotted Flycatcher, Goldcrest, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Willow Warbler, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Pig Lane

15 House Martin, 20 Swallow

Swanpool Cow-fields

Buzzard, Chiffchaff, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 200 Jackdaw, Redstart, 200 Rook, 5 Willow Warber, Lesser Whitethroat, Green Woodpecker

Trent Port

Buzzard, 4 Chiffchaff, Pied Flycatcher, Hobby, 75 House Martin, 2 Redstart, 60 Swallow, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 5 Willow Warbler

24/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

31 Spoonbill

Anderby Marsh

Greenshank, 14 Black-tailed Godwit, 268 Golden Plover, 2 Little Ringed Plover, 31 Ringed Plover, 4 Common Sandpiper, 11 Snipe. 3 Little Stint, 116 Sandwich Tern

Frampton Marsh

Short-eared Owl, 13 Spotted Redshank, Baird's Sandpiper, 13 Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, wood Sandpiper, 33 Spoonbill, 4 Little Stint, Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

Osprey, 7 Spoonbill

Middlemarsh Farm

Osprey

23/08/2024

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Baird's Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper (possible), 3 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Caspian Gull, 4 Spotted Redshank, Cory's Shearwater (possible), 2 Manx Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, 7 Spoonbill

Manby Wetland

Buzzard, Great White Egret, Black-tailed Godwit, White-fronted Goose, Hobby, Marsh Harrier

Sutton on Sea

10 Gannet, 5+ Manx Shearwater, 4 Little Tern, Whimbrel

22/08/2024

Frampton Marsh

Osprey, 15 Spotted Redshank, Baird's Sandpiper, 9 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 5 Little Stint, Temminck's Stint
Sutton on Sea

8 Dunlin, 2 Gannet, 4 Arctic Skua, 129 Common Tern, 2 Little Tern, 207 Sandwich Tern

21/08/2024

Anderby Marsh

Caspian Gull, 4 Little Stint

Frampton Marsh

14 Spotted Redshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 24 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Temminck's Stint

Gibraltar Point

Purple Sandpiper, 15 Spoonbill

Kirkby on Bain

Green Sandpiper

Northcotes Point

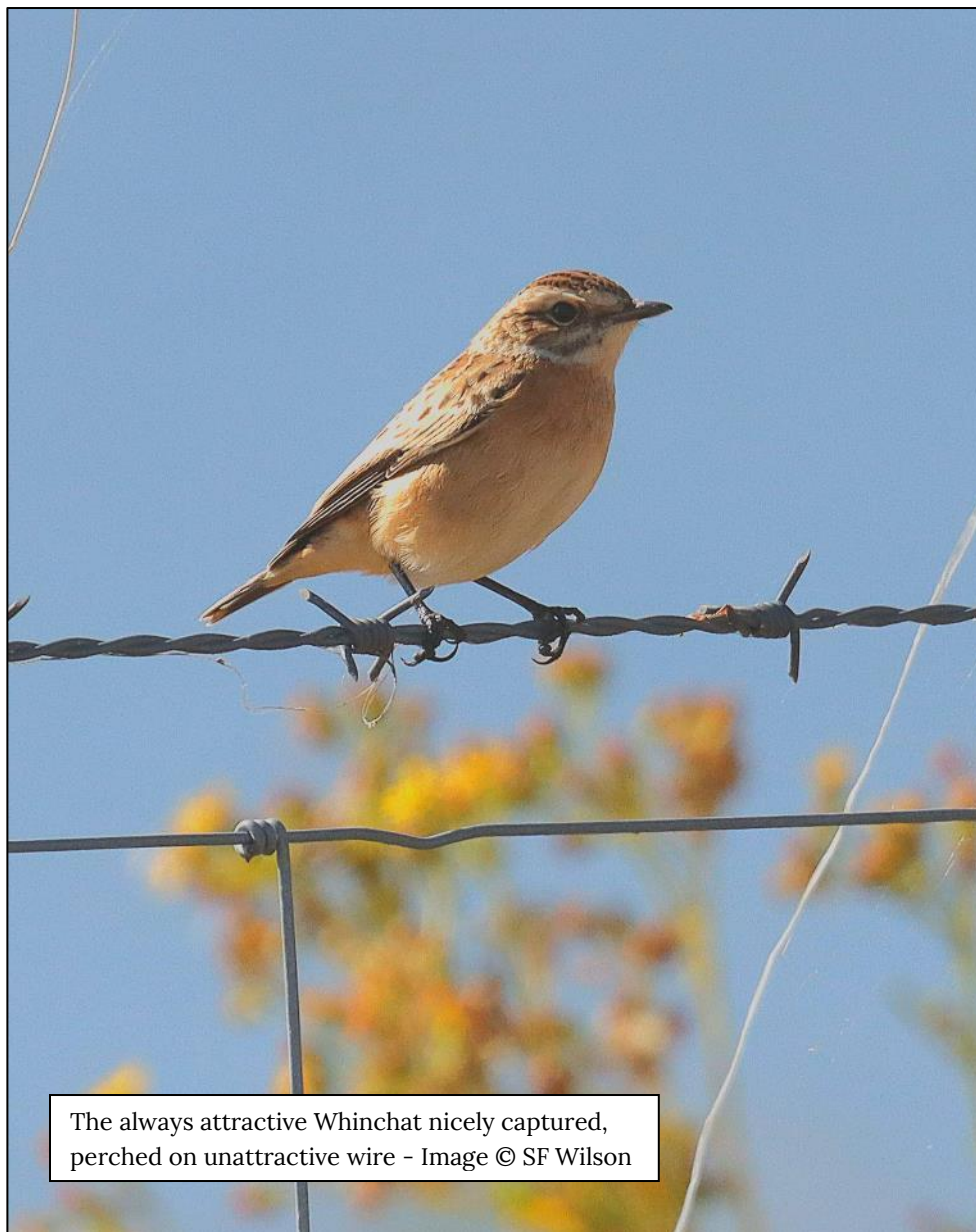
Little Stint

Sutton on Sea

Chiffchaff, 3 Common Scoter, 8 Common Tern, 200 Sandwich Tern

RAF Woodhall Spa

Great White Egret, Whinchat, House Martin, Sand Martin, Swallow



The always attractive Whinchat nicely captured, perched on unattractive wire - Image © SF Wilson

20/08/2024

Anderby Creek

Osprey

Doddington Hall

Spotted Flycatcher

Frampton Marsh

3 Great White Egret, Kingfisher, Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Spotted Redshank, 2 Common Sandpiper, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 28 Spoonbill, Temminck's Stint, Bearded Tit



A splendid Common Sandpiper at Frampton Marsh - Image © Paul Sullivan

Gibraltar Point

144 Avocet, 2 Greenshank, 2 Spotted Redshank, 25 Spoonbill

Sutton on Sea

79 Curlew, 6 Fulmar, 66 Gannet, Common Sandpiper, 6 Common Scoter, 57 Manx Shearwater, 2 Arctic Skua, 2 Arctic Tern, 12 Common Tern, 207 Sandwich Tern, Whimbrel

Swanpool Cow-fields

Common Redstart

19/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

Great White Egret, 40 Little Egret, Garganey, Spotted Redshank, 28 Spoonbill

Frampton Marsh

3 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 20 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Caspian Gull, Curlew Sandpiper, Black Tern

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe Dunes

3 Caspian Gull, 2 Little Gull, Yellow-legged Gull, 2 Manx Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater

Tetney Outflow

6 Goosander, Marsh Harrier, 6 Kestrel, 3 Common Sandpiper, 1 Green Sandpiper, 3 Greenshank, 20 Swallow, 4 Swift



Goosander at Tetney Outflow - Image © Nick Coulbeck

18/08/2024

Alkborough

1 Garganey, 28 Spoonbill

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Osprey, Little Stint, Wood Sandpiper, Temminck's Stint, 7 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

2 Spotted Redshank, 6 Spoonbill

Ingoldmells

White Stork

Trent Port

Kingfisher, Common Redstart, Grey Wagtail

17/08/2024

Alkborough

Garganey, 12 Spoonbill

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Far Ings

Garganey

Frampton Marsh

6 Spotted Redshank, 21 Spoonbill, Temminck's Stint



The Temminck's Stint at Frampton Marsh - Image © Roy Harvey

Gibraltar Point

5 Water Rail (4 chicks), 3 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Black Tern, Sandwich Tern



Mum and three of the four Water Rail chicks that were at Gibraltar Point - Image © Matt Dineen

16/08/2024

Bardney

2 Buzzard, c60 Goldfinch, 2 Marsh Harrier, 4 Kestrel, Little Owl

Caythorpe

Osprey

Crook Bank

Pied Flycatcher

South Ferriby

Hen Harrier (male)

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 26 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Avocet 142, Buzzard, Chiffchaff 6, Great White Egret, Little Egret, Little Grebe c24, Black-tailed Godwit, Marsh Harrier, Grey Heron 3, Osprey, Short-eared Owl, Water Rail 3, Spoonbill 23, Little Stint 2, 2 Stonechat, Grasshopper Warbler 3, Whinchat 3, Willow Warbler 8

Saltfleet

Osprey

15/08/2024

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

6 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 18 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Garganey, Redwing, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint 3

Messingham

5 Egyptian Goose (3 juveniles), Grey Heron 5, Green Sandpiper 3, Wood Sandpiper 2, Teal 38

14/08/2024

Anderby Creek

Sabines Gull, Black Tern

Anderby Marsh

Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper

Crook Bank

Pied Flycatcher

Freiston Shore

Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

2 Little Stint

Trent Port

Tawny Owl

13/08/2024

Doddington Hall

3 Buzzard, 5 Little Grebe, 4 House Martin, 10 Swallow

Frampton Marsh

26 Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Pied Flycatcher, 3 Greenshank, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 145 House Martin, Little Stint, 2 Black Tern, 1700 Sandwich Tern

Linwood Warren

Buzzard, 8 Spotted Flycatcher, Jay

Saltfleet

Pied Flycatcher

Saltfleet Haven

Spotted Redshank

South Rauceby

24 Red Kite

Sutton on Sea

3 Gannet, 6 Sand Martin, 16 Oystercatcher, 139 Common Scoter, 38 Swallow, 134 Teal, 26 Common Tern, 89 Sandwich Tern, 15 Whimbrel

12/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

2 Cattle Egret, 7 Spoonbill

Anderby Marsh

2 Pied Flycatcher, 3 Wood Sandpiper

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Donna Nook (re-alignment)

4 Curlew, 85 Dunlin, 2 Pied Flycatcher, 5 Greenshank, 398 Golden Plover, 612 Redshank, Ruff, Wood Sandpiper, 2 Snipe, Whimbrel

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 25 Spoonbill

Freiston Shore

Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Cattle Egret, 15 Spoonbill

Grimsthorpe Castle

Hobby

Huttoft

Pied Flycatcher

Linwood Warren

8 Spotted Flycatchers

Mablethorpe

3 Black Tern, Caspian Gull

Swanpool cow-fields

Redstart

Willow Tree Fen

Common Crane

11/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

150 Common Scoter

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Donna Nook

5 Dunlin, 140 Redshank, Osprey, 30 Common Scoter

Frampton Marsh

Osprey, 26 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

3 Cattle Egret, Pied Flycatcher

10/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

Garganey, 5 Spotted Redshank, 30 Spoonbill

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, 9 Spotted Redshank, 14 Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 17 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

3 Cattle Egret, Spotted Redshank, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 5 Spoonbill

Read's Island

Lesser Yellowlegs

Willow Tree Fen

5 Buzzard, 4 Marsh Harrier, 4 Kestrel

Winter's Pool

Wood Sandpiper

09/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

2 Great White Egret, 54 Little Egret, 210 Black-tailed Godwit, 15 Spotted Redshank, Pectoral Sandpiper, 15 Spoonbill, Bearded Tit

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

9 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 17 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

Freiston Shore

Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

4 Spotted Redshank, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 7 Spoonbill, Water Rail

Saltfleetby/ Theddlethorpe

Cattle Egret

08/08/2024

Anderby Marsh

16 Little Egret, 27 Black-tailed Godwit, 3 Grey Heron, 2 Kestrel, Red Kite, 4 Little Ringed Plover, 2 Ruff, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Green Sandpiper, 5 Wood Sandpiper, Cetti's Warbler

Freiston Shore

Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Curlew Sandpiper, Cory's Shearwater, Greater Scaup, 35 Spoonbill, Roseate Tern

Manby Wetlands

Grey Wagtail

North Scarle

Cattle Egret

Sutton on Sea

2 Black-tailed Godwit, 40+ Red Knot, 540+ Sandwich Tern, Barn Swallow, Swift, 2 Turnstone, 7 Whimbrel

Willow Tree Fen

16 Common Crane

Wolla Bank

Marsh Harrier, Sandwich Tern

07/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

2 Garganey, 6 Spotted Redshank

Anderby Marsh

White-rumped Sandpiper, 2 Wood Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

5 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 5 Spoonbill

Middlemarsh Farm

Cattle Egret

06/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

5 Avocet, 45+ Little Egret, 4 Great White Egret, 5 Garganey, Black-tailed Godwit, Greenshank, 2 Water Rail, Common Redshank, Spotted Redshank, Ruff, Pectoral Sandpiper, Common Snipe, Jack Snipe, Sparrowhawk, 7 Spoonbill, Bearded Tit



Sparrowhawk at Alkborough Flats - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Covenham Reservoir

3 Raven

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Cattle Egret, 7 Spotted Redshank, 6 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, 7 Spoonbill, White-winged Black Tern

Freiston Shore

3 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

3 Spotted Redshank, Greater Scaup, Wood Sandpiper, 25 Spoonbill

Laughton Forest

Nightjar

Messingham

3 Green Sandpiper

Willow Tree Fen

11 Common Crane

05/07/2024

Alkborough

2 Garganey, Pectoral Sandpiper

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

3 Spotted Redshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint

Willow Tree Fen

11 Common Crane

04/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

Garganey, 4 Spotted Redshank, Pectoral Sandpiper, 2 Spoonbill

Bardney

2 Curlew, 7 Kestrel, Little Owl, Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl, 3 Grey Partridge, Green Sandpiper

Cowbit

Little Gull

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Gibraltar Point

Osprey, 3 Spotted Redshank, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, 3 Wood Sandpiper, 20 Spoonbill

Mablethorpe

Caspian Gull

03/08/2024

Alkborough Flats

Pectoral Sandpiper

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Garganey, 5 Spotted Redshank, 4 Curlew Sandpiper, 30 Spoonbill, 2 Wood Sandpiper

Gibraltar Point

2 Spotted Redshank, 2 Wood Sandpiper, 21 Spoonbill

02/08/2024

Anderby Marsh

Wood Sandpiper

Churchill Lane

Cattle Egret

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis, Wood Sandpiper

Frampton Marsh

4 Spotted Redshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 2 Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 12 Spoonbill, Black Tern

Messingham

2 Buzzard, Great White Egret, Goldcrest, Kestrel, 2 House Martin, 2 Wood Sandpiper, Sparrowhawk, 4 Swallow, Treecreeper, 3 Reed Warbler, Green Woodpecker

Rimac

Osprey

01/08/2024

Anderby Marsh

2 Curlew Sandpiper, 8 Snipe

Cowbit

Little Gull

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

5 Curlew Sandpiper, 4 Garganey, 40+ Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint, Lesser Yellowlegs

Gibraltar Point

3 Arctic Skua, 4 Cattle Egret, Hen Harrier, 4 Garganey, Glossy Ibis, Short-eared Owl, 17 Spotted Redshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 11 Spoonbill, Little Stint

Halton Marshes

Wood Sandpiper

Saltfleet Haven

Osprey

Wolla Bank

Yellow-legged Gull

Lincs Bird Club Website

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

Twitter [@Lincsbirding](#)

Facebook:

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

LBC County Bird Recorder

Phil Hyde recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk

BTO - <https://www.bto.org>

RSPB - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

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

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

Recording

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

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

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

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

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

Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website

<http://lnu.org/>

LNU e-mail: info@lnu.org

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

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

[@LoveLincsPlants](#)

Sir Joseph Banks Society

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

enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

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

Lincolnshire Bat Group website

<http://www.lincsbatgroup.co.uk/>

Butterfly Conservation Lincolnshire Branch

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

FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

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

OFFICE: 01522-731897

MOBILE :07768-501895

PAGER : 07654-330877

Rural Crime News - <https://www.lincs.police.uk/news-campaigns/news/2019/rural-crime-news/>

STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

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

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

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

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

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

Lyme Disease

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

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

Botany

Botanical Group in South Lincs

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

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

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

Dr. David Sheppard - d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com

Lincolnshire Mammals

Chris Manning, Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com

Mammal Atlas

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

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

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

Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

Ashley Butterfield - learningoutdoors@btinternet.com

Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

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

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: annettefaulkner@btinternet.com

USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

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

Contact: charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk

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

Natural England

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

Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk

Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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



Lincolnshire Bird Club
Follow us on twitter @lincsbirdclub
<http://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk>

The Lincolnshire Bird Club, supporting the recording & conservation of wildlife in Lincolnshire

