



## Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter – October 2024

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### ‘Meet the BTO in Lincolnshire & Northwest Norfolk’ Zoom session

A message from the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO’s) Engagement & Surveys Officer; David White

I am the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO’s) Engagement & Surveys Officer for England. I am writing to you as I am organising a FREE ‘Meet the BTO in Lincolnshire & Northwest Norfolk’ Zoom session on Monday 2 December, 7pm–8.45pm.

The session will consist of an opportunity to find out more about the BTO and some information about how bird populations are currently fairing in Lincolnshire and beyond. There will also be an opportunity to meet BTO staff and local representatives virtually, and ask any questions about the organisation that you may like to know the answer to.

The session is open to EVERYONE, and you do not need to be a BTO member and/or volunteer to attend.

If you are able to share details of this event with your members and/ or on social media, I would really appreciate it.

The link to book onto the event is as follows:

<https://www.bto.org/community/events/202412-meet-bto-lincolnshire-and-northwest-norfolk>

If participants are unable to join the session live, it will be recorded and shared with all registered attendees afterwards. Please note that registration for the session will close on Friday 29 November at 9am. **If you have any questions or queries about the above, please email me on [david.white@bto.org.uk](mailto:david.white@bto.org.uk) or ring me on 01842 750050.**



## The club needs a new Honorary Secretary. Can you help?

Having been a stalwart in the job for 7 years, Jim Wright has decided not to offer himself for re-election at our next AGM on 15th March 2025. He has done a great job and we need a replacement by the end of December so Jim can offer guidance in an overlap period in January to March next year. The good news is that Jim will stay on the committee and will be able to offer guidance to his successor if needed. He has listed the key tasks of his role as follows:

1. Prepare the draft agendas and prepare minutes for all committee meetings (3-4 per year) for the chairman to check and amend where necessary. Most meetings are now done by Zoom and can be recorded. The March AGM requires attendance in person.
2. Sometimes matters arising, leads to a requirement to fire off questions and or, comments to other organisations/ individuals.
3. Booking the venue and liaise with the speakers for our AGMs.
4. Ad hoc contributions both to the monthly newsletter and the website forum
5. Field occasional email questions either from members or non-members. These are answered if possible but sometimes referred to which ever committee member might best be able to help.

Jim adds "That's the basics. For whoever takes over, the secretary has a ringside seat on the Lincolnshire birding scene. I have really appreciated getting a range of insights from other wildlife organisations as well as you and committee colleagues. Obviously, I shall be more than happy to offer any help, if required, to my successor."

If you would be interested in being considered for this vital role in the Club, please email [chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk) or phone me, Phil Espin on 07966325380. Could you keep in mind I will be on holiday from 1st to 9th October (birding in Sardinia).



## Lincolnshire Bird Club 'shrike safari' to the Scottish Highlands

EVERY cloud has a silver lining!

My first visit to The Cairngorms was as a teenager on a week's January skiing holiday (under canvas!) with the school Army cadet force.

On the third day, I was banished from the slopes after being decreed by the organisers to be 'a clear and obvious danger' both to other skiers and to myself.

Rather than hanging around the streets of Aviemore, shivering, I decided to go birding in the mountains even though I carried no binoculars, nor optics of any description.

Very soon, I encountered a serious and expert birder who promptly introduced me to a bird that I had never seen before and have never seen since.

Perched in splendid isolation on a shrub protruding from the snow was, wait for it . . . a Lesser Grey Shrike!

The purpose of this tale is a roundabout way of reporting that by arrangement with Cairngorm Travel, the Lincolnshire Bird Club will (as previously posted in our website Forum), be heading to the Scottish Highlands between January 14-18 next year.

It is one of the best value birding holidays on the market and includes:

- \* Coach trip to and from Kingussie, with pick-ups in Grimsby, Cleethorpes, Lincoln and possibly, depending on demand, Louth and or Brigg/Scunthorpe

- \* Four nights at the Duke of Gordon Hotel, with five-course candlelit evening meals and full Scottish breakfasts

- \* Live evening entertainment

- \* Birding walks within a three-mile radius of the hotel - including one to RSPB Insh Marshes, a major habitat for over-wintering whooper swans and other wetland birds with good chance of harriers and other raptors.

- \* Subject to confirmation of the itinerary later, there may also be complimentary coach excursion(s) to birding destinations ( in a quest for divers, Long-tailed Ducks, Ptarmigan, Crested Tits, Crossbills etc) on either one or both days.

The price of the holiday : £259 each for two persons sharing a room. There is a single person supplement - but this is waived for the first 10 singles to make a booking (note - these tend to get snapped up quickly).

For the third consecutive year, the holiday is being put on by the Lincolnshire Bird Club's partners, Goole-based company Cairngorm Travel (01405 761334), through whom all bookings need to be made.



The birding holiday is bespoke and thus not in the company's brochure, but more details about the Duke of Gordon hotel can be found at the Cairngorm Travel website

[www.cairngorm-travel.co.uk](http://www.cairngorm-travel.co.uk).

Bookings: 01405 761334

The name of holiday is SB25-1/ Scottish Bird Safari January.

The last two holidays have been really friendly events, with a good blend of birders of various levels of expertise - and some who are not birders at all but just enjoy conviviality plus the tonic of fresh Highland air and magnificent scenery.

Bring on the shrikes!

(\* Photo of Lesser Grey Shrike by Daniel Bastaja via Wikimedia Commons)

Written by Jim Wright

## **BTO Winter Gull Survey**

The Winter Gull Survey collects information about our wintering gull populations, through the coordinated effort of volunteer surveyors across the UK.

- Visit the [WinGS Vacant Site Map](#) to view and request sites in your area.
- The Key Date for Autumn 2024 surveys is September 29th.
- Counts can be conducted a week before and after, as close to this key date as possible.

In winter, gulls flock together to roost communally on lakes, reservoirs and estuaries, in groups that can reach the thousands.

The Winter Gull Survey (WinGS) will run over the winters of 2023/24 and 2024/25 to collect updated information on the numbers and distributions of these wintering gulls in the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Surveys will also run in autumn 2024 in order to monitor gulls at post breeding aggregations and capture seasonal peaks of species on passage from breeding to wintering locations.

WinGS volunteers visit gull roost sites, counting six key species: Black-headed Gull, Common Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull and Great Black-backed Gull. These gulls are all of conservation concern, and their breeding populations are either Amber- or Red-listed in the UK.

Gathering more detailed information about wintering populations, and which roost sites they rely on, will help us protect them and develop more effective conservation strategies.

- Find out how to volunteer for WinGS on the [Taking part page](#).



## County wildlife trust sounds note of concern on proposed revamp of former theme park

THE Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has lodged what it describes as a 'holding objection' to plans to redevelop the former Pleasure Island theme park in Cleethorpes.

It says elements of the project would bring disturbance to the Buck Beck waterway (pictured) which bisects the redevelopment site.



The Horncastle-based trust has identified as being at particular risk two butterfly species - the Small Heath and the Wall - both of which have been recorded within a short radius.

Says its planning consultant, James Wood: "The Trust wishes to register a holding objection, and recommends the applicant undertake a series of dedicated monthly surveys, encompassing the key period of April to October, to determine presence or absence of these species within the proposed development boundaries."

The Buck Beck, which is classed as a river, is also a noted habitat for Kingfishers, Reed Warblers, Sedge Warblers, Little Egrets and other wading birds.

These would also face disturbance, especially from the proposal by the applicants - a consortium of developers - to site holiday lodges and an adventure play park close to its banks.

Continues Dr Wood: "We hold reservations over the proposed layout which would be likely to lead to ongoing regular disturbance to the Buck Beck and its associated function as a wildlife corridor."

"The Trust would, therefore, recommend the addition of perimeter fencing to Buck Beck to offer a degree of physical segregation, reducing direct disturbance such as noise and artificial lighting."

The Pleasure Island redevelopment proposal is currently under consideration by North East Lincolnshire Council planners with little likelihood of being determined before the end of this year.

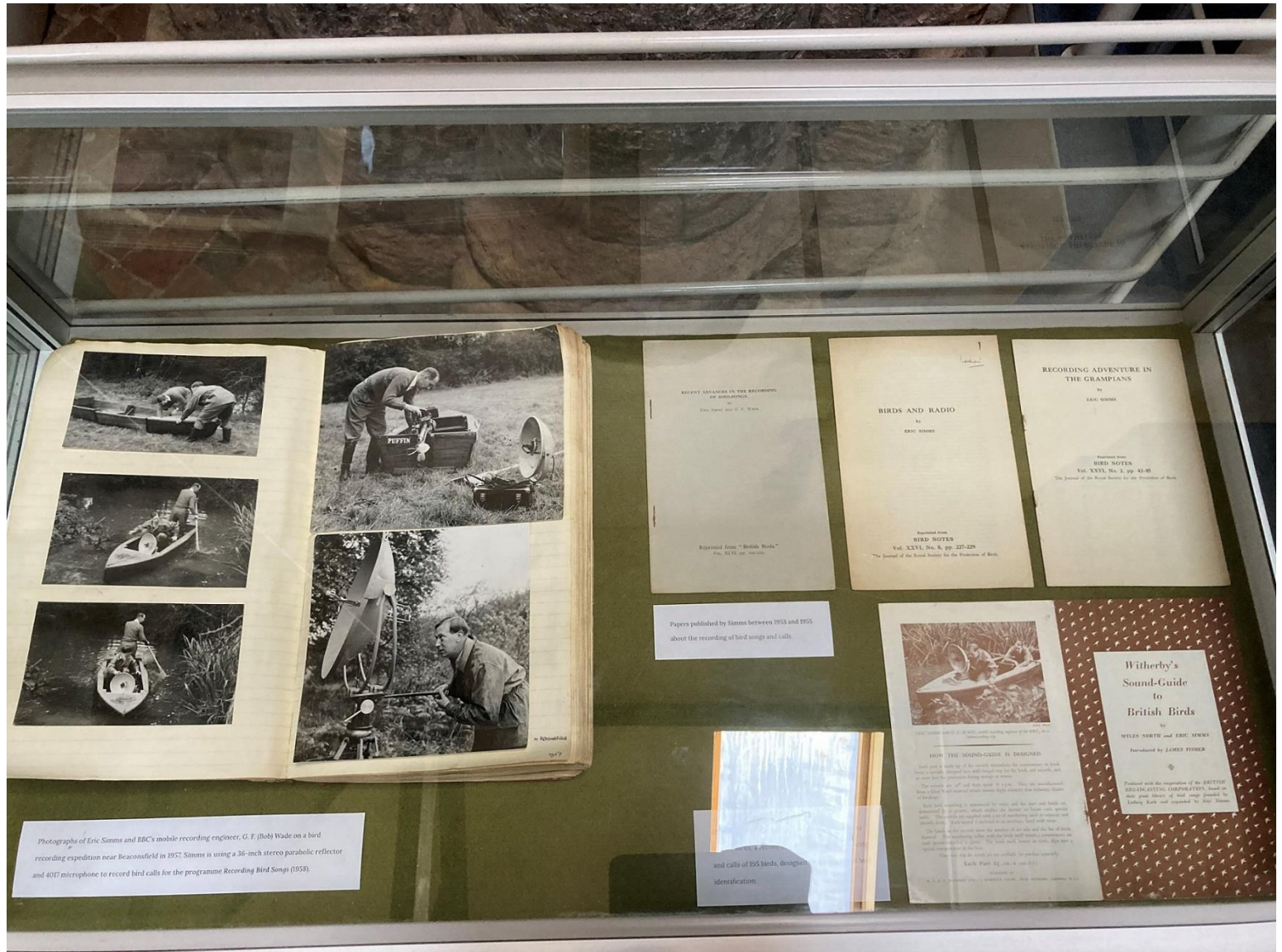
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## Getting to know Eric Simms at the BTO Archives

By Cressida Hay

Article taken from the BTO website about the Former LBC President...

See <https://www.bto.org/community/blog/getting-know-eric-simms-bto-archives>



In August 2024, I had the exciting opportunity of volunteering in the BTO Archives at the Nunnery in Thetford. The Archives house a wide variety of documents, data, and photographs relating to the history and activities of BTO and the wider world of British ornithology. Over the last two years, BTO Archivist Lesley Hindley has worked tirelessly to improve the accessibility of the BTO Archives and to encourage and to enable the use of archival research methods within the field of ornithology.

As a recent history graduate with only a surface-level understanding of birds from my previous visits to BTO, the ever-growing collection of personal papers from prominent birders drew my attention. I am currently pursuing



a career in archives and record management, and thanks to Lesley this placement has nurtured and reaffirmed my enthusiasm, while providing me with a comprehensive overview of what it means to be an archivist and adding substance to my CV.

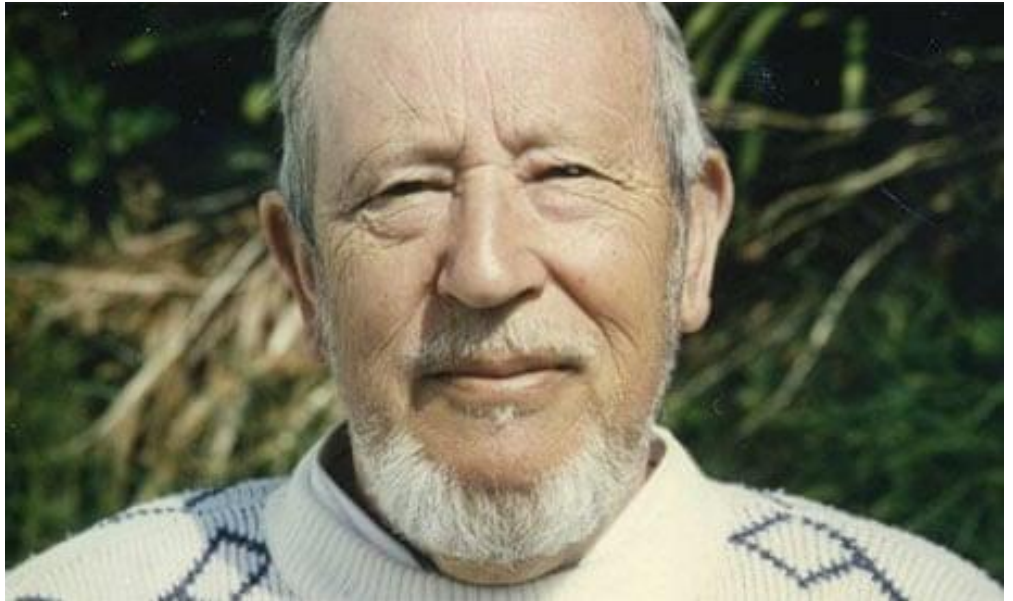
### Cataloguing Eric Simms' personal papers

During my two weeks at the Nunnery, my primary project was cataloguing the personal papers of Eric Simms. The papers had been kindly donated to BTO by Simms' son David in 2022, following his father's passing in 2009. Eric Simms was a renowned ornithologist, naturalist, and broadcaster whose career began as a wildlife sound recordist and as the BBC's resident 'Bird Man', succeeding Dr Ludwig Koch. Simms would go on to present and produce countless radio and TV broadcasts, pioneering nature recording through the use of portable recorders, parabolic sound reflectors, radio links, and hydrophones. I spent a few days sifting through Simms' intricately scrapbooked press records, photographs, and personal letters as well as his ecological research. The meticulous detail in which Simms had recorded both his professional and personal life and interactions with his peers meant that I soon began to feel personally invested with the documents, experiencing the highs of his achievements, and the lows of his tragedies.



Cressida Hay working through boxes of Eric Simms' papers, by Viola Ross-Smith

I also grew to like him and feel confident that his contribution to ornithology warranted a keen volunteer spending hours sorting and ordering his papers into neat hierarchies. I am now proud to say that Simms' personal papers are catalogued and available to researchers and that his legacy has been preserved for future generations!



After I had completed the cataloguing process, I curated a display based on the archive collection of Eric Simms which you can currently visit at the exhibition space at the Nunnery. I enjoyed deciding how pieces would fit together to form a narrative around Simms' ornithological achievements.

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### **Learning about archives**

With Lesley's guidance I worked out a structure with which to organise the Simms collection into a hierarchy made up of fonds, series, and items in line with the ISAD(G) archival cataloguing standard. It took some trial and error to neatly house everything and even then, I had a 'miscellaneous' section given the eclectic range of content within Simms' papers. Using the cataloguing software Soutron, it is now clearly ordered and accessible on the BTO's Archive catalogue.

As well as some of the theoretical aspects of archiving, Lesley taught me some of the practical skills I will need for a career in archives. I re-boxed collections using safe handling techniques and conservation principles. I even dabbled in environmental monitoring (only at BTO would you get employees excited at the prospect of finding bugs!). I also got to clean and repackage some of the vast collection of Oliver G. Pike's early bird photography lantern slides and supervise a researcher who was using the Archives.

### **Taking my experience forward**

My time with BTO has confirmed to me the importance of heritage and of archives, not only in cultural preservation but also in ecological research. I would highly recommend getting in touch with Lesley Hindley and BTO ([archives@bto.org](mailto:archives@bto.org)) if you are interested in work experience in the library/archive field. Given that the BTO Archives are still in their early days, there is lots of useful in person volunteering YOU could contribute. Lesley is an excellent teacher and the skills I developed and the opportunities I had to gain first-hand experience have been key in giving me the confidence to move onto the next step of my career. Now that I have returned to London, I miss the serene landscape of the Nunnery and hope to return for a visit soon.



## Review: The Bird Book - The Stories, Science and History of Birds

It is fair to say that ornithological literature has no equivalent of The Bible - nor ever will do.

Well done, then, to publishing house DK for making an ambitious stab at it with The Bird Book - The Stories, Science and History of Birds.

It is a most impressive and comprehensive publication, resulting from collaboration between a large team of expert writers (including Lincolnshire's Josh Jones), artists, illustrators, photographers, historical researchers and editors.

The book is always authoritative but never dull - in fact, each of its glossy 300-plus pages is seldom less than vibrant and entertaining.

The jargon-free text examines every aspect of the science of birds - from feeding behaviour to migration and from anatomy to courtship and breeding.

It then goes on to explore how, in many different ways, birds have influenced the development of human civilisation - for instance, painting, music, pottery, embroidery, literature, postage stamp design, cuisine and much else.

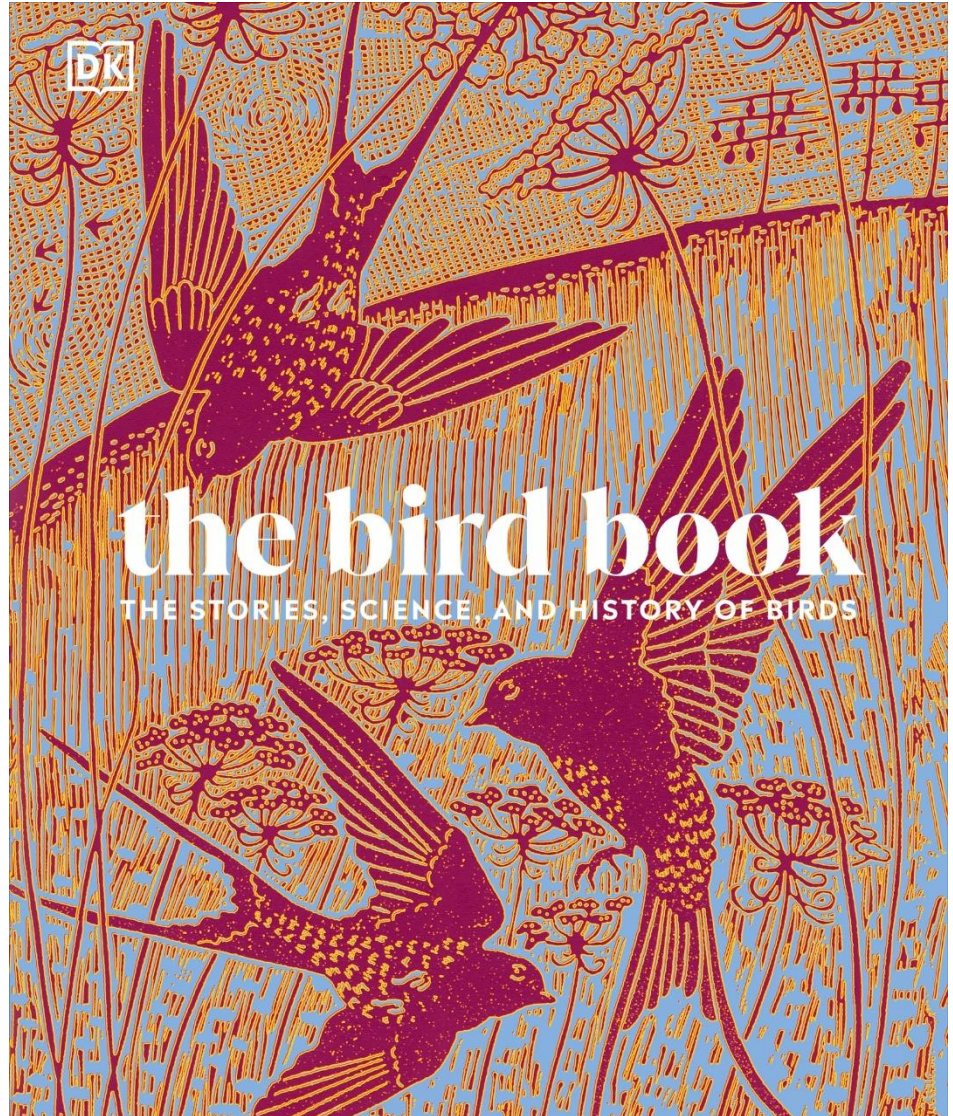
But coming back to The Bible, those who remember their religious education lessons at school will know that the Holy scriptures contain numerous references to birds, with many species subsequently becoming icons of Christian and other religions.

The most notable, of course, is the white dove, representing the Holy Spirit.

With Christmas approaching, The Bird Book would make an excellent gift for adults and older children alike.

It is published in hardback at £30 by DK. <https://www.dk.com/uk/book/9780241634899-the-bird-book/>

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# Lincolnshire Bird News – September 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.

**30/09/2024**

**Alkborough Flats**

2 Ruddy Shelduck

**Far Ings**

Red-breasted Merganser

**Frampton Marsh**

Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Richard's Pipit, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe NNR**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**29/09/2024**

**Croft Marsh**

Russian White-fronted Goose

**Donna Nook**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**Frampton Marsh**

Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

4 Yellow-browed Warbler

**Willow Tree Fen**

Cattle Egret

**28/09/2024**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Nuthatch, Redwing

**Donna Nook**

Red-breasted Flycatcher, Siberian Stonechat





The Siberian Stonechat at Donna Nook - Image © Mark Johnson





Red-breasted Flycatcher Still showing well on the way to Pye's Hall - Image © Matt Dineen

**Far Ings**

Red-breasted Merganser

**Frampton Marsh**

Spotted Redshank

**Gibraltar Point**

Russian White-fronted Goose, 2 Spoonbill, Barred Warbler, Blyth's Reed Warbler, 4 Yellow-browed Warbler

**Huttoft Bank**

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat

**Mablethorpe**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**Sandilands**

3 Spoonbill, Richard's Pipit, Yellow-browed Warbler

**RAF Wainfleet**

Yellow-browed Warbler

27/09/2024

**Donna Nook**

Red-breasted Flycatcher, 3 Greenshank, Hen Harrier, Siberian Stonechat, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Brambling, 8 Red-throated Diver, 84 Gannet, Marsh Harrier, Mediterranean Gull, 3 Redwing, Common Scoter, 54 Arctic Skua, 8 Great Skua, 5 Long-tailed Skua, Pomarine Skua, 2 Sparrowhawk, 112 Swallow, 8 Whooper Swan, 69 Teal, 22 Arctic Tern, 11 Sandwich Tern, Tree Pipit, Wheatear

**Mablethorpe**

1 Red-throated Diver, 4 Gannet, 170 Pink-footed Goose, 5 Great Black-backed Gull, 2 Common Scotter, Arctic Skua, Stonchat, 8 Swallow, 40 Teal, 10 Sandwich Tern, 9 Wigeon

**Marston**

Hobby

**Sutton on Sea**

20 Gannet, 2 Guillemot, 24 Great Black-backed Gull, 13 Pintail, 43 Common Scoter, 4 Manx Shearwater, 20 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 6 Pomarine Skua, 5 Sooty Shearwater, 53 Teal, Little Tern, 6 Wigeon

**26/09/2024**

**Boultham Mere**

Great White Egret

**Donna Nook**

Red-breasted Flycatcher, Siberian Stonechat, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Frampton Marsh**

7 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Fieldfare, Siberian Lesser Whitethroat, Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill, Little Stint, 5 Yellow-browed Warbler

**Whisby**

Osprey

**25/09/2024**

**Cleethorpes**

Greenshank, Kingfisher, 2 Wheatear

**Cress Marsh**

Cattle Egret

**Crook Bank**

Pied Flycatcher

**Donna Nook**

Red-breasted Flycatcher, Siberian Stonechat



Red-breasted Flycatcher at Donna Nook – Image © Paul Sullivan





Siberian Stonechat, Donna Nook - Image © Stewart Wilson



**Frampton Marsh**

Spotted Redshank, 2 Red-necked Phalarope, 4 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Black-throated Diver, 2 Firecrest, Hen Harrier, Black Redstart, Spotted Redstart, Pomarine Skua, Little Stint, 2 Yellow-browed Warbler

**Messingham**

Buzzard, Great Whiten Egret, 82 Gadwall, 250 Pink-footed Goose, 82 Black-headed Gull, Marsh Harrier, 4 Hobby, Kestrel, 8 Pochard, Water Rail, 32 Shoveler, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Cetti's Warbler, Green Woodpecker

24/09/2024

**Barton on Humber**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

2 Black Tern

**Covenham Reservoir**

Greater Scaup, Black Tern

**Donna Nook**

Pied Flycatcher, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Siberian Stonechat, Yellow-browed Warbler



Siberian Stonechat halfway between Stonebridge Car-park and Pye's Hall - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**Frampton Marsh**

4 Spotted Redshank, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 5 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

Ring Ouzel, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Huttoft Pit**

8 Spoonbill

**North Greetwell**

Raven

**23/09/2024**

**Cleethorpes**

2 Ruddy Shelduck

**Donna Nook**

Siberian Stonechat, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Gibraltar Point**

Lapland Bunting, 230 Curlew, Cattle Egret, 2 Hen Harrier, 108.000 Red Knot, 6800 Oystercatcher, 6500 Grey Plover, 300 Ringed Plover, Ring Ouzel, Curlew Sandpiper, Long-tailed Skua, 25 Spoonbill, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Huttoft Pit**

7 Spoonbill

**Marton**

Gannet

**Rimac**

Cattle Egret

**Sutton on Sea**

Black-throated Diver, Balearic Skua, 4 Pomeranian Skua

**Stallingborough**

7 Gannet, 8 Common Scoter, 2 Pomeranian Skua

**22/09/2024**

**Chapel Six Marshes**

Firecrest, Barred Warbler

**Frampton Marsh**

Spotted Redshank, 4 Curlew Sandpiper

**Gibraltar Point**

Nuthatch, 2 Spotted Redshank, Curlew Sandpiper, 19 Spoonbill, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Huttoft Bank**

Red-breasted Flycatcher, Hawfinch

**Pyewipe**

Caspian Gull, Osprey

**Skegness**

Caspian Gull

**21/09/2024**

**Chapel Six Marshes**

Firecrest, Barred Warbler

**Donna Nook**

% Redstart, 2 Yellow-browed Warbler

**Gibraltar Point**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**Huttoft Bank**

Red-breasted Flycatcher

**Marston**

Great White Egret, Barnacle Goose, 282 Greylag Goose, 122 Mallard, 2 Green Sandpiper, 18 Snipe

**Pyewipe**

Osprey

**Skegness**

Caspian Gull

**Trent Port**

2 Wheatear

**20/09/2024**

**Churchill Lane**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**Covenham Reservoir**

Greater Scaup

**Cut End**

Jack Snipe

**Frampton Marsh**

Spotted Redshank, 3 Greater Scaup, 26 Spoonbill, Little Stint, Black Tern,

**Freiston Shore**

Greater Scaup

**Gibraltar Point**

Honey Buzzard, Cattle Egret, Richard's Pipit, Curlew Sandpiper, 20 Spoonbill, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Messingham**

2 Buzzard, 7 Chiffchaff, 158 Coot, 8 Cormorant, 2 Great White Egret, 2 Little Egret, 63 Gadwall, 4 Egyptian Goose, Goldcrest, 76 Black-headed Gull, 4 Common Gull, 2 Lesser Black-backed Gull, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, 2 Jay, Kestrel, Kingfisher. 20 Lapwing, 3 Water Rail, 2 Green Sandpiper, 12 Shoveler. 13 Mute Swan, 137 Teal, Treecreeper, 5 Cetti's Warbler

**Saltfleet Haven**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe Dunes**

Caspian Gull

**Sutton on Sea**

Long-tailed Skua, 2 Pomeranian Skua

**19/09/2024**

**Frampton Marsh**

15 Spoonbill, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

Honey Buzzard, Cattle Egret, Pied Flycatcher, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Richard's Pipit, 3 Redwing, Long-tailed Skua, 16 Spoonbill, Yellow-browed Warbler

**Saltfleet Haven**

Yellow-browed Warbler

**18/09/2024**

**Boultham Mere**

158 Coot, 96 Pink-footed Goose, 48 Shoveler

**Chapel Point**

Long-tailed Skua

**Digby Fen**

Yellow-legged Gull

**Gibraltar Point**

Red-breasted Flycatcher, Long-tailed Skua

**Hill Holt Wood**

200 Pink-footed Goose

**RAF Woodhall Spa**

Great White Egret



17/09/2024

**Alkborough Flats**

Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

**Anderby Creek**

Black-throated Diver, Long-tailed Skua

**Covenham Reservoir**

Little Gull

**Donna Nook**

Red-backed Shrike

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Spoonbill

**Freiston Shore**

Curlew Sandpiper

**Gibraltar Point**

Firecrest, Pink-footed Goose, Firecrest, 1 White-fronted Goose

**Messingham**

3 Buzzard, 15 Chiffchaff, Great White Egret, 2 Hobby, Nuthatch, Water Rail, 3 Green Sandpiper, Snipe, 4 Cetti's Warbler

16/09/2024

**Alkborough Flats**

Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis, 4 Black Tern

**Donna Nook**

2 Red-backed Shrike

**Freiston Shore**

Curlew Sandpiper

**Gibraltar Point**

Pied Flycatcher, Common Rosefinch, Sooty Shearwater, 24 Spoonbill

15/09/2024

**Alkborough Flats**

Garganey, Curlew Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper

**Deeping Lakes**

Black Tern

**Donna Nook**

2 Red-backed Shrike

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Spotted Redshank, 10 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Pied Flycatcher, Hen Harrier, 29 Spoonbill

14/09/2024

**Alkborough Flats**

Curlew Sandpiper, 5 Spotted Sandpiper, Pectoral Sandpiper, 2 Spoonbill

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis, 4 Black Tern



The long staying Glossy Ibis at Deeping Lakes -Image © Ian Gordon

**West Deeping**

Ferruginous Duck (Morecey Hill Pit)

**Donna Nook**

Red-backed Shrike

**Frampton Marsh**

26 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Hen Harrier

**Grainthorpe Haven**

3 Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, 130, Pink-footed Goose, Greenshank, 2 Marsh Harrier, 3 Kestrel, Kingfisher,

**Messingham**

2 Buzzard, 4 Great White Egret, 200 Pink-footed Goose, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Kestrel, Kingfisher, Water Rail, 2 Green Sandpiper, Sparrowhawk, Cetti's Warbler

**RAF Woodhall Spa**

2 Cattle Egret, 2 Great White Egret, Kingfisher, 3 Whinchat, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker

**Scunthorpe**

4 Buzzard, Osprey

**Trent Port**

Blackcap, 13 Chiffchaff, Kingfisher, 40 House Martin, Raven, 28 Swallow, Yellow Wagtail

**13/09/2024**

**Alkborough Flats**

Pectoral Sandpiper

**Deeping Lakes**

4 Black Tern

**Doddington Park**

Sparrowhawk

**Donna Nook**

32 Pink-footed Goose, Redstart, 2 Red-backed Shrike, Whinchat

**Frampton Marsh**

5 Spotted Redshank, Little Stint

**Freiston Shore**

3 Spotted Redshank

**Gibraltar Point**

31 Spoonbill

**Huttoft**

3 Black Tern

**Scunthorpe**

4 Buzzard

**12/09/2024**

**Baston and Lantoft Pits**

Black Tern

**Deeping Lake**

Glossy Ibis, 4 Black Tern

**Donna Nook**

2 Red-backed Shrike

**Frampton Marsh**

Spotted Redshank, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, 21 Spoonbill, Little Stint

**Freiston Shore**

Spotted Redshank



**Gibraltar Point**

Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl

**Huttoft**

Long-tailed Skua, 24 Black Tern

**Morecey Hill Pit**

Ferruginous Duck

**Sutton on Sea**

Long-tailed Skua, 2 Black Tern

**11/09/2024**

**Alkborough Flats**

Curlew Sandpiper

**Barton upon Humber**

Common Crane

**Deeping Lakes**

3 Black Tern

**Donna Nook**

2 Red-backed Shrike

**Far Ings**

Hawfinch

**Fishtoft**

Osprey

**Gibraltar Point**

Pied Flycatcher, 32 Spoonbill

**Middlemarsh Farm**

Caspian Gull

**10/09/2024**

**Anderby Creek**

Fea's type Petrel

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

Honey Buzzard (probable), Short-eared Owl, Little Stint

**Sutton on Sea**

Red-throated Diver, 22 Gannet, 200+ Pink-footed Goose, Mediterranean Gull, 3 Red-breasted Merganser, 14 Arctic Skua, 14 Black Tern, Grey Wagtail, 2 Wheatear

**09/09/2024**

**Churchill Lane**

45+ Pink-footed Goose

**Crowle**

80 Pink-footed Goose

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Marsh Harrier, 34 Spoonbill, 12 Swallow, 2 Whinchat

**08/08/2024**

**Baston & Langtoft**

Black Tern

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis, Black Tern

**Donna Nook**

2 Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Marsh Harrier, Nightingale, Redstart, Red-backed Shrike, 3 Garden Warbler, 2 Wheatear, 3 Common Whitethroat, 8 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Willow Warbler

**Ewerby Waithe**

Buzzard, 2 Marsh Harrier

**Frampton Marsh**

Chiffchaff, Greenshank, 3 Kestrel, Linnet, Osprey, Curlew Sandpiper, c30 Spoonbill, Cetti's Warbler

**Freiston Shore**

Hen Harrier, Yellow Wagtail

**Gibraltar Point**

Honey Buzzard, Osprey, Richard's Pipit, 28 Spoonbill, Wryneck

**Halton Marsh**

Garganey

**Novartis Ings**

Caspian Gull

**Pyewipe**

Black Tern

07/09/2024

**Anderby Marsh**

Caspian Gull

**Apex Pit**

Tawny Owl

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Black Tern

**Brickyard Lane**

Red-backed Shrike



Red-backed Shrike at Donna Nook - Image © Mark Johnson



Wheatear at Chapel St Leonard's - Image © Russ Hayes

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Donna Nook**

3 Pied Flycatcher, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, Marsh Harrier, Tree Pipit, 3 Redstart, Red-backed Shrike, Barred Warbler, Wheatear





Common Redstart at Donna Nook - Image © Mark Johnson

**Frampton Marsh**

Spotted Redshank, 7 Curlew Sandpiper, 40 Spoonbill, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

Great White Egret, Honey Buzzard, Barred Warbler, Icterine Warbler, Wryneck

**Halton Marsh**

Garganey, Caspian Gull

**Seacroft**

Wryneck

**06/08/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

3 Pied Flycatcher, Little Stint

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Black Tern

**Burgh le Marsh**

Wryneck

**Chapel Six Marshes**

Pied Flucatcher

**Deeping Lakes**

Cattle Egret

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, 11 Curlew Sandpiper 3 Little Stint

**Freiston Shore**

250 Curlew, 8 Eider, Pied Flycatcher, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 12 Gannet, Pink-footed Goose, 3 Kittiwake, Osprey, 2 Pintail, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 28 Common Scoter, 2 Black Swan, Common Tern, 55 Turnstone, Little Tern, Whimbrel, 6 Whinchat

**Gibraltar Point**

6 Spotted Redshank, Long-tailed Skua

**Grainthorpe Haven**

4 Little Egret, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Greenshank, 2 Kestrel, 4 Swallow, 10 Wheatear

**Huttoft**

Cory's Shearwater

**Messingham**

2 Great White Egret, 8 Sand Martin, Water Rail, 4 Green Sandpiper, 2 Swallow, 3 Cetti's Warbler

**Saltfleet Haven**

50 Wheatear, 5 Whinchat

**Skegness**

Caspian Gull

**Sutton on Sea**

3 Sooty Shearwater

**05/08/2024**

**Anderby Creek**

Black-throated Diver, Pied Flycatcher, 7 Sooty Shearwater, Long-tailed Skua, 2 Black Tern

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Caspian Gull, 3 Black Tern

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, Little Gull, Baird's Sandpiper, 18 Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill, 6 Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Pied Flycatcher, Long-tailed Skua, 22 Spoonbill

**Northcotes Point**

Long-eared Owl

**04/09/2024**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Greater Scaup

**Crook Bank**

Pied Flycatcher

**Frampton Marsh**

Baird's Sandpiper, 17 Curlew Sandpiper, 44 Spoonbill, 5 Little Stint

**Freiston Shore**

Black Tern

**Gibraltar Point**

3 Pied Flycatcher, Wryneck

**03/08/2024**

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Frampton Marsh**

Red-necked Phalarope, American Golden Plover, 3 Spotted Redshank, 7 Curlew Sandpiper, 32 Spoonbill, 2 Little Stint

**Messingham**

Garganey

**Gibraltar Point**

3 Pied Flycatcher, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Wood Warbler, Wryneck

**Saltfleet Haven**

Greenish Warbler



The Greenish Warbler close to Saltfleet Haven - Image © Mark Johnson

02/09/2024

**Chapel Point**

Red-breasted Flycatcher

**Deeping Lakes**

Glossy Ibis

**Donna Nook**

Marsh Harrier, Golden Plover, Black Redstart, 300 Redshank, Common Redstart, Barred Warbler, Wryneck

**Frampton Marsh**

Curlew Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, 18 Spoonbill, Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

31 Pied Flycatcher, 23 Redstart, 24 Spoonbill, Icterine Warbler, 11 Whinchat, Wryneck





Wryneck at Gibraltar Point - Image © Stuart Ainsworth

**Huttoft**

9 Pied Flycatcher, 5 Redstart

**Mablethorpe**

Little Gull, Black Tern

**Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe Dunes**

13 Pied Flycatcher

**Wolla Bank**

Wryneck

**01/09/2024**

**Anderby Marsh**

Caspian Gull

**Covenham Reservoir**

Greater Scaup

**Deeping Lakes**

2 Great White Egret, 4 Greenshank, 2 Hobby, Glossy Ibis, Osprey, Green Sandpiper, Whooper Swan

**Donna Nook**

15 Pied Flycatcher, 14 Redstart, Barred Warbler, 12 Willow Warbler, 5 Whinchat, 7 Wheatear

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, 7 Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint

## **Gibraltar Point**

2000 Dunlin, 350 Curlew, Sabine's Gull, 650 Ringed Plover, 2 Water Rail, 400 Redshank, 8 Common Redstart, 2 Curlew Sandpiper, 17 Spoonbill, Tawny Owl, 29 Pied Flycatcher, 4 Common Redstart, Black Tern, Wood Warbler

## **Langtoft**

Common Scoter

## **Mablethorpe**

2 Pied Flycatcher

## **Messingham**

2 Buzzard, Great White Egret, 64 Lapwing, Water Rail, Green Sandpiper, Cetti's Warbler

## **Pinchbeck**

Common Scoter

## **Saltfleetby/ Theddlethorpe NNR**

15 Pied Flycatcher

## **Sea View**

Pied Flycatcher

## **Swinderby**

Raven

## **Tetney**

Buzzard, Greenshank, Kingfisher, Common Sandpiper, Yellow Wagtail

### 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-](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](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

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Force Wildlife, Rural Crime Officer

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

### STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

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

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

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

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

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

Lyme Disease

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

### SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

#### Botany

Botanical Group in South Lincs

Contact: Sarah Lambert - [sarah.lambert7@ntlworld.com](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-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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