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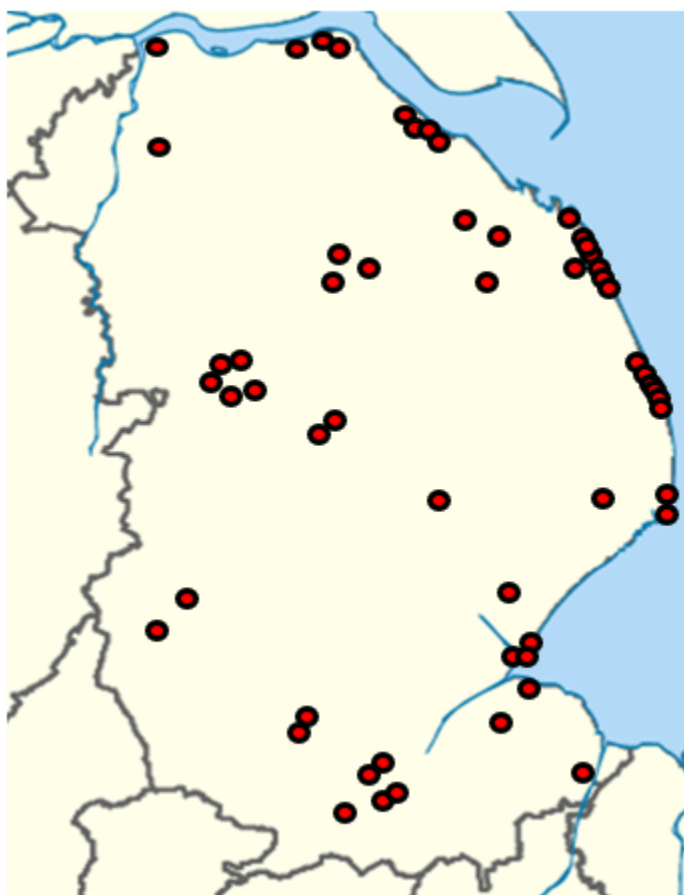
NEW YEARS DAY BIRD RACE 2025

The idea of the New Year’s Day bird race is to try and see how many species occur on a single day in the county and see if this fluctuates each year. In 2025, a total of 142 species were recorded by 64 people from 56 locations throughout Lincolnshire. The table below shows a comparison of figures over the last five years. It is interesting to note that the annual figure for New Year’s Day tends to have hover consistently between 140-145 species. The fact that more and more people are getting involved in this event each year is fantastic.

Year	No. of Participants	No. of Locations	Species tally
2021	46	-	144
2022	51	41	146
2023	75	60	139
2024	104	60	154
2025	64	56	142

Most will recall the weather on New Year’s Day starting off very wet in the morning brightening up in the early afternoon with a relentless and persistent strong southerly wind. The poor weather on the day is reflected in the reduced number of participants this year. Weather can often have a big impact on bird watching. Wet weather can result in many species hunkering down particularly birds of prey and small passerines. Windy weather can have similar effects, as well as reducing the ability to hear many species calling, it can however sometimes stir up the sea for passing sea birds. Weather systems can bring in migrants from the near continent as well as produce cold weather movements of particular species such as wildfowl, thrushes and finches.

Highlights from the 2025 bird race include; Slavonian Grebe and Velvet Scoter at Gibraltar Point LWT, Spoonbill at RSPB Freiston Shore, Glossy Ibis and Long-eared Owl at Deeping Lakes LWT, Ring-necked Duck at Tallington Lakes, Shorelark at Brickyard Lane, Spotted Redshank at Alkborough, Purple Sandpiper at Cleethorpes and Red-necked Grebe at Winters Pond.



Several 'winter' migrants recorded most years in the county were notably absent such as White-fronted Goose, Bean Goose, Bewick's Swan, Long-tailed Duck, Smew, Black-throated and Great Northern Divers, Kittiwake, Little Gull, Guillemot, Razorbill, Blackcap, Twite and Lapland Bunting. The weather on the day, but more likely, the current weather systems over the UK at the time were no doubt attributable to the absence of these species. There was certainly a lack of 'scarce' wildfowl reported nationally around this time.

Very few 'plastics' (birds of dubious origin) made it on to the list in 2025 with the exception of Feral Pigeon.

A couple of new species made it on to the list for the first-time including Spoonbill at RSPB Freiston Shore and Purple Sandpiper at Cleethorpes. Although both of these species' winter in the UK they are quite scarce in Lincolnshire during this time of year. A lack of rocks around our coastline fails to support regular wintering Purple Sandpipers. The UK Spoonbill population continues to grow year on year so maybe we will start to see more birds wintering in the county in future years. In

the last 5 years we have seen Cattle Egret successfully establish itself as a resident species in the county.

Willow Tree Fen LWT continues to prove very successful with 19 regular wintering Cranes (peaking at 33 birds over the winter period). A number truly unthinkable just a few years ago. Add to this a supporting cast of 30+ Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Merlin, Whooper Swans and nationally important wintering numbers of Goosander.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the 2025 Lincolnshire New Year's Day bird race event. A full list of the species recorded can be found below. This list also includes an annual comparison from 2021-2025.



SPECIES	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Brent Goose	1	1	1	1	1
Canada Goose	1	1	1	1	1
Barnacle Goose	1	1	1	1	1
Greylag Goose	1	1	1	1	1
Pink-footed Goose	1	1	1	1	1
Tundra Bean Goose	1		1		
White-fronted Goose	1	1	1	1	
Mute Swan	1	1	1	1	1
Bewick's Swan		1	1	1	
Whooper Swan	1	1	1	1	1
Egyptian Goose	1	1	1	1	1
Shelduck	1	1	1	1	1
Shoveler	1	1	1	1	1
Gadwall	1	1	1	1	1
Wigeon	1	1	1	1	1
Mandarin Duck	1	1			1
Mallard	1	1	1	1	1
Pintail	1	1	1	1	1
Teal	1	1	1	1	1
Red-crested Pochard	1	1	1	1	
Pochard	1	1	1	1	1
Tufted Duck	1	1	1	1	1
Scaup	1	1	1	1	1
Eider	1	1	1	1	1
Velvet Scoter	1	1	1		1
Common Scoter	1	1	1	1	1
Long-tailed Duck	1	1		1	
Goldeneye	1	1	1	1	1
Smew	1			1	
Goosander	1	1	1	1	1
Red-breasted Merganser	1	1	1	1	1
Red-legged Partridge	1	1	1	1	1
Grey Partridge	1	1	1	1	1
Pheasant	1	1	1	1	1
Red-throated Diver	1	1	1	1	1
Black-throated Diver	1				
Great Northern Diver	1	1	1	1	
Fulmar					

Little Grebe	1	1	1	1	1
Red-necked Grebe				1	1
Great Crested Grebe	1	1	1	1	1
Slavonian Grebe	1				1
Black-necked Grebe					
Grey Heron	1	1	1	1	1
Great White Egret	1	1	1	1	1
Bittern	1	1	1	1	1
Little Egret	1	1	1	1	1
Gannet	1		1	1	1
Shag		1		1	
Cormorant	1	1	1	1	1
Sparrowhawk	1	1	1	1	1
Marsh Harrier	1	1	1	1	1
Hen Harrier	1	1	1	1	1
Red Kite	1	1	1	1	1
Common Buzzard	1	1	1	1	1
Water Rail	1	1	1	1	1
Moorhen	1	1	1	1	1
Coot	1	1	1	1	1
Crane			1	1	1
Oystercatcher	1	1	1	1	1
Avocet	1	1	1	1	1
Lapwing	1	1	1	1	1
Golden Plover	1	1	1	1	1
Grey Plover	1	1	1	1	1
Ringed Plover	1	1	1	1	1
Curlew	1	1	1	1	1
Bar-tailed Godwit	1	1	1	1	1
Black-tailed Godwit	1	1	1	1	1
Turnstone	1	1	1	1	1
Knot	1	1	1	1	1
Ruff	1	1	1	1	1
Sanderling	1	1	1	1	1
Little Stint		1			
Dunlin	1	1	1	1	1
Woodcock	1	1	1	1	1
Jack Snipe	1	1	1	1	1
Snipe	1	1	1	1	1
Common Sandpiper		1	1	1	

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Green Sandpiper	1	1	1	1	1
Redshank	1	1	1	1	1
Spotted Redshank	1	1	1	1	1
Kittiwake				1	
Black-headed Gull	1	1	1	1	1
Little Gull				1	
Mediterranean Gull					1
Common Gull	1	1	1	1	1
Great Black-backed Gull	1	1	1	1	1
Glaucous Gull					
Iceland Gull					
Herring Gull	1	1	1	1	1
Caspian Gull	1				
Yellow-legged Gull	1				
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	1	1	1	1
Common Guillemot	1		1		
Razorbill		1			
Stock Dove	1	1	1	1	1
Feral Pigeon	1	1	1	1	1
Wood Pigeon	1	1	1	1	1
Collared Dove	1	1	1	1	1
Barn Owl	1	1	1	1	1
Tawny Owl	1	1	1	1	1
Little Owl	1	1		1	1
Long-eared Owl	1	1		1	1
Short-eared Owl	1	1	1	1	1
Kingfisher	1	1	1	1	1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	1	1	1	1
Green Woodpecker	1	1	1	1	1
Kestrel	1	1	1	1	1
Merlin	1	1	1	1	1
Peregrine	1	1	1	1	1
Jay	1	1	1	1	1
Magpie	1	1	1	1	1
Jackdaw	1	1	1	1	1
Rook	1	1	1	1	1
Carrion Crow	1	1	1	1	1
Raven	1	1	1	1	1
Waxwing				1	

Coal Tit	1	1	1	1	1
Marsh Tit	1	1	1	1	1
Willow Tit					
Blue Tit	1	1	1	1	1
Great Tit	1	1	1	1	1
Bearded Tit	1	1	1	1	1
Skylark	1	1	1	1	1
Shore Lark				1	1
Cetti's Warbler	1	1	1	1	1
Long-tailed Tit	1	1	1	1	1
Chiffchaff	1	1	1	1	1
Blackcap	1	1	1	1	
Goldcrest	1	1	1	1	1
Wren	1	1	1	1	1
Nuthatch	1	1	1	1	1
Treecreeper	1	1	1	1	1
Starling	1	1	1	1	1
Blackbird	1	1	1	1	1
Fieldfare	1	1	1	1	1
Redwing	1	1	1	1	1
Song Thrush	1	1	1	1	1
Mistle Thrush	1	1	1	1	1
Robin	1	1	1	1	1
Stonechat	1	1	1	1	1
House Sparrow	1	1	1	1	1
Tree Sparrow	1	1	1	1	1
Dunnock	1	1	1	1	1
Grey Wagtail	1	1	1	1	1
Pied Wagtail	1	1	1	1	1
Meadow Pipit	1	1	1	1	1
Water Pipit	1	1	1	1	1
Rock Pipit	1	1	1	1	1
Chaffinch	1	1	1	1	1
Brambling	1	1	1	1	1
Bullfinch	1	1	1	1	1
Greenfinch	1	1	1	1	1
Twite		1	1	1	
Linnet	1	1	1	1	1
Lesser Redpoll	1	1	1	1	1
Crossbill					
Goldfinch	1	1	1	1	1

Siskin	1	1	1	1	1
Lapland Bunting				1	
Snow Bunting	1	1	1	1	1
Corn Bunting	1	1	1	1	1
Yellowhammer	1	1	1	1	1
Reed Bunting	1	1	1	1	1
Ring-necked Duck		1		1	1
White-tailed Plover		1			
Cattle Egret		1		1	1
Richard's Pipit		1			

Lesser Yellowlegs				1	
Great Grey Shrike				1	
Glossy Ibis				1	1
Goshawk				1	
Whimbrel				1	
Purple Sandpiper					1
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Spoonbill					1
SPECIES TOTAL	144	146	139	154	142

LBC Joins Bluesky!

We're excited to announce that the Lincolnshire Bird Club (LBC) is now on Bluesky! A big thank you to Matt Dineen for setting up the official LBC Bluesky account.

When sharing Lincolnshire birding news on Bluesky, don't forget to use the hashtag **#Lincsbirding** to ensure it reaches the wider community.

Be sure to follow the **Lincolnshire Birding** feed to stay updated with all the latest sightings and news. When using your phone, it should look like this.....



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Andrew Vaughan @andr... · 6m
2 Siskin & 5 Lesser Redpoll in flock of goldfinch on Apex Pit @lincsbirding.bsky.social

Dave Roberts. @djrlincs... · 21h
There's a Jack Snipe in there, honest, even if you were there you wouldn't find it, unless you had a thermal imager. Marston stw. Also ca.20 Snipe, Water Rails, 9 Curlews, Bullfinch etc. #UKBirding #Lincsbirding

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Latest News

As highlighted in our previous newsletter, after many years of dedicated effort, Chris Grimshaw has stepped down from managing the "Latest News" section of the LBC Newsletter. **We are delighted to welcome Jo Whitley, who has now taken on this role.**

Cut End Hide

Members have reported various difficulties with the door lock at Cut End Hide over the last couple of months. Some have reported not being able to open the lock. Please remember that the key has to be turned twice in the lock for the lock to be opened. Others have reported not being able to open the lock from the inside when trying to leave after completing their birding although no one has failed to release themselves so far. This has been reported to Environment Agency who own and maintain the hide and we hope the issues will be resolved shortly by servicing. In the mean time if you are not confident about opening the door after you've been inside please keep in mind that it may be a good idea to put something in the bottom of the door to stop it closing.

Birding trip to Madagascar?

A note from Wayne Gillatt

I am in the early stages of planning a 2 week birding trip to Madagascar for later this year. I am looking for someone to travel with so if anyone would like to go on a birding trip to Madagascar then please email me at waynegillatt2@googlemail.com for more details. I am flexible with dates, but it would need to be around 2 weeks give or take a day or two. The plan is to do the southern part of the country covering the usual birding route that most tour companies use concentrating on the endemics as well as the mammals and other wildlife. I have had a couple of quotes which include transport and driver, accommodation, food etc and look very reasonable for 2 or more people travelling and work out substantially cheaper than the major tour companies.

Lincolnshire Bird Club break in Scottish Highlands - trip report

SUPERB weather, excellent hospitality, magnificent scenery, fresh air - and Snow Buntings in close-up!

These were among features of the Lincolnshire Bird Club's four-night winter break at the Duke of Gordon Hotel in Kingussie, near Aviemore, in the Scottish Highlands. As well as the 'snowflake' birds - seen within touching distance on the edge of the Cairngorm Mountain car park - our tally between January 14-18 included Crossbill, Scottish Crossbill, White-tailed Eagle, Hen Harrier, Goldeneye, Raven, Redpoll, Siskin, Treecreeper, Dipper and, pre-breakfast for one of our party, both Barn and Tawny Owl.

Given their famous elusiveness, Golden Eagles were always going to be challenge, but, with another of our target species - Ptarmigan - it was probably the mild weather worked to our disadvantage. Earlier in the month, heavy snow had driven birds lower down the slopes of Cairngorm Mountain, but, by now, almost the snow had melted and they had doubtless all ventured to peaks higher than were accessible to us, at least in the time available.

But back to those confiding car park Snow Buntings - they were a real treat! Their plumage seemed a little different from that of their winter- visiting Lincolnshire counterparts. Are they are a different race, or, as some have speculated, even a different species?



This was the third Scottish bird 'safari; organised by the LBC in conjunction with coach company Cairngorm Travel and the Duke of Gordon hotel. As well as Cairngorm Mountain, other itinerary destinations included Glenmore Forest, Loch Morlich and the enchanting Creag Meagaidh national nature reserve adjacent to Loch Laggan in the heart of the Monadhliath Mountains.

But the most productive of the birding was in the range of habitats within three miles walk of our hotel - most notably the huge Insh Marshes floodplain - one of the RSPB s largest reserves and winter home to Whooper Swans and other wildfowl species.



The most popular of the bird species over the five days? A toss-up, perhaps, between the Snow Buntings and the trio of Dippers, at least one of them singing, that are an all-year presence on the rocky Gynack burn that gurgles alongside the hotel on its way to the River Spey.

Our mammal sightings included rabbits aplenty, both Red and Roe Deer, Otter, Red Squirrel and, for one of us at least, a good but fleeting glimpse of a white Mountain Hare. Had we arrived a few days earlier, we might also have spotted one or more of the Lynx that had been wrongly discharged from captivity, only to be captured very soon afterwards.

Our 27-strong party was made up of birders of mixed abilities and some who just came along for the camaraderie, the mountains and the welcome provided by the Duke of Gordon hotel. A word, also, for our skilful and safe coach driver, Steve, who got us where we wanted to be and who provided just the right amount of colourful and amusing commentary.

Congratulations to Isabel Espin for winning the raffle prize kindly donated by Pelagic Publishing - a copy of *Clinging To the Edge*, Richard Boon's entertaining account of his experiences as a shorebird warden at Easington Lagoons, Spurn.

Thanks also to Ian Misselbrook for supplying the photographs of Insh Marshes and Snow Bunting that accompany this report which itself supplements the daily bulletins and pictures that were posted in the LBC's website forum.

Note: Cairngorm Travel (01405 761334) have opened bookings for a similar trip (to include an excursion to the RSPB's Loch Garten reserve to see the nesting Ospreys) on May 6-10 this year. Based on previous years, there should also be sightings of courting Common Sandpipers, Redstarts, Tree Pipits and other summer returnees. And dare we hope for a Golden Eagle or two? The price is £330 per person including coach trip to and from Kingussie from Lincolnshire pick-up points, breakfast and evening meals with a supplement of £20 per night for sole occupancy of a double-bed room if all the five single-bed rooms have been booked.

Jim Wright

Winners and losers: LBC chairman looks back on 50 years of birding in Louth at the LNU/LBC joint winter meeting at Whisby

BACK in the late 1960s and early 1970s, most British hawk and falcon species were struggling for survival throughout the length and breadth of Britain. Fast forward to the 2020s and many, probably through reduced persecution, have flourished. The remarkable rise and rise of raptors was one of the themes of an intriguing presentation on the Birds of Louth by Lincolnshire Bird Club chairman Phil Espin at its annual joint meeting with the Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union.

"When I started birding in Louth in the early '70s, it was beyond my dreams that I would ever record Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, Red Kite and Hobby on my patch," he said. "But now they have become familiar species."

"We have even had two relatively recent records of White-tailed Eagle on the outskirts of the town, though there is no definitive evidence that the first bird actually ventured into Louth airspace! And the second was an IoW translocated bird."

At least partially giving the lie to the oft-stated claim that Britain is seriously "nature-depleted", Phil noted that other local success stories over the past 50 years have included Little Egret, Cetti's Warbler, both Canada and Greylag Goose, Cormorant, Nuthatch and Green Woodpecker.

These birds' arrival in and around Louth has boosted the town's overall historic checklist to, as of the start of 2025, no fewer than 196 species - with about 90 currently being recorded annually. A notable returnee to the town has been the Raven. Back in the mists of history, this was the first bird ever recorded in Louth when parish records reveal that a pair nested on the spire at St James' Church in 1693.

On the minus side, Phil lamented the loss to Louth of many cherished species - perhaps for ever. As in most other parts of Lincolnshire, these have included Willow Tit, Spotted Flycatcher, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Turtle Dove, Cuckoo, Corn Bunting and Lesser Redpoll - all species once almost taken for granted.

Also in severe trouble are Tree Sparrows, Housemartins, Swallows and Swifts, with the shortage of aerial insects thought to be implicated in the decline of the last three. Based on Keith Atkin's 1980s survey, Swifts may have numbered as many as 400 pairs, but, by summer last year, this tally had fallen to no more than 40 or 50 pairs.

"You must make your own judgements whether you think the birds gained outweigh those lost," he continued. "But nothing is absolute. Nature is always in a state of flux. most species are capable of adapting to changing conditions - even those as far-reaching as climate change, depending on how fast it occurs"

Which are Phil's own favourites among Louth's birds? He didn't say, but his eyes lit up when he discussed the resilience of two particular species - Grey Wagtail and Kingfisher - that both seem to be holding their own along the River Lud, Louth Navigation Canal other watery parts of the town. He obviously also has a soft spot for certain duck species such as Gadwall and Goosander which are both increasing - not to mention the pair of migrating Garganey that spent one March day in 2022, on Raithby Lake.

"Even if you've seen a species many times elsewhere, it's always a buzz when you see it for the first time on your own patch," he said.

On the subjects of ducks, rewind a few years to when the speaker was a toddler feeding the Mallard at Hubbards Hills (no picture available) . "As for many people, that experience would have been one of my first encounters with birds," he said. "It was perhaps my first small step to becoming a lifelong birder."

Phil dedicated his talk to his long-time birding pal, the late John Clarkson, co-author and chief photographer of *Birds of Louth*, in whose memory proceeds of the meeting will go the charity, Brain Tumour Research. After the presentation, which was greatly enjoyed by the appreciative audience, a well-deserved note of thanks came from the LNU's Nick Tribe, and Phil sold and signed copies of the book.

Finally, a word of gratitude to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, especially Sam Reast, for hosting the meeting at the education centre at Whisby Nature Park near Lincoln on the afternoon of January 25.



* Picture (from left) : Nick Tribe, Chris Grimshaw, Phil Espin, Pete Locking, Andy Sims, Paul Learoyd, Mike Harrison, Robert Oates and Adrian Royle.

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The Grantham Peregrine Saga 2024 by Alan Ball and Bob Sheppard

Peregrines first nested at St Wulfram’s church in 2007, laying just two eggs and possibly rearing one chick. Bob provided a nest tray on the west side for them the following year, but they did not nest again until 2009 and then used the tray annually up until 2012, fledging ten young during this period. They failed to nest in 2013 and works on the spire prevented any attempts in 2014 and 2015. A couple of failed attempts have been made since (2018 and 2020). In 2021 two excellent Hik Cameras were installed with help from Chris Skipper and Zoe Smith from Cromer, and funded by the Lincolnshire Bird Club. Unfortunately, the Peregrines have not bred since these cameras were installed.


However, these Hik cameras provided plenty of entertainment during the year, despite the fact that the Peregrines failed to breed. The two cameras at opposite corners of the walkway, that can be panned, zoomed and focussed remotely using the Hik app software via a mobile phone. The cameras can therefore cover all four walkways, camera 1 for the west and north walkway and camera 2 for the south and east walkway. The covered nest tray is on the eastern walkway.


Peregrines failed to breed at St Wulfram’s Church in 2024, probably due to disturbance by visiting intruding Peregrines. At least NINE different birds were recorded, but there may have been more, as un-ringed birds are difficult to tell apart. There were four colour-ringed birds, one hybrid female and at least two un-ringed males and two un-ringed females. What turned out to be our ‘regular’ male is colour-ringed (orange ring with “VAF”) and was ringed in 2022 by us at Bottesford Church, approximately 11 km to the west-north-west. At just two years old he may not have been mature enough to help ‘defend’ the site from visiting Peregrines, undoubtedly one of the reasons why they failed to breed. As he will be three years old and seems to be well settled with an un-ringed female, it is hoped that they will breed successfully in 2025

The different birds are documented below:-

Bird	Age	Sex	Identifier	Dates
A	Adult	F	Un-ringed	This seems to be the regular female
B	Adult	F	Un-ringed	Two u/r females seen Feb 24 th
C	Adult	F	Hybrid ?	Seen once - Feb 20 th
D	Adult	F	Blue “MK”	Mar 29 th - Apr 3 rd
E	Adult	F	Yellow “YAB”	May 15 th – June 2 nd
F	1 st Yr	F	Un-ringed	April 26 th and May 17 th
G	Adult	M	Un-ringed	Feb 12 th – Mar 15 th
H	Adult	M	Orange “VAF”	The regular male Feb 12 th – December
I	1 st Yr	M	Orange “V7D”	Seen once – Mar 28 th

There was a prolonged fight between an un-ringed female and the blue colour-ringed “MK” on 3rd April, during which an egg was laid/ejected from the un-ringed bird. This would seem to suggest that the un-ringed female would have bred at St Wulfram’s, had the fight not occurred. The fight was brutal, starting off on the west walkway before recommencing on the nest tray; the second fight lasted 20+ minutes! Blue “MK” was clearly injured during the fight and was picked up by a member of the public in Grantham a few days later, taken into care for 24 hours and released, but she was not seen on the church again.

	<p>This image was taken on February 12th and initially we thought it was a pair. It is clearly an un-ringed male on the nest tray roof. What appeared to be a colour-ringed female on the parapet wall, but this turned out to be orange “VAF” and was later identified as a male. It just looked big being very close to the camera. Orange VAF seemed to disappear for most of March, but then became the most regular of our birds, being present right through April and May and to the end of the year.</p>
<p>Feb 12th – two males</p>	

	<p>During the last half of February, we regularly saw an un-ringed female, seemingly being courted by both an un-ringed male and male VAF.</p> <p>On 24th February, there was a stand-off between two un-ringed females. We were not able to distinguish between the two when seen separately.</p>
<p>Feb 24th Two un-ringed females</p>	



Orange colour-ringed “VAF” was our most regular bird of 2024. He was ringed by us at Bottesford Church in 2022. First seen on February 12th squaring up against another male, (un-ringed) he seemed to disappear for much of March, but was then present for the whole of April to the end of the year.

He did most of the nest-scraping during the year, and was continuing to nest-scrape during October to December

Hopefully he will be more mature in 2025 and more likely to help ‘defend’ the site against unwelcome Peregrine intruders.

April 27th - VAF



February 20th Possible hybrid female

During the afternoon of February 20th, a large female visited the nest tray. Our ‘regular’ female was clearly scared by this bird. We posted the left-hand photograph above on the national Peregrine WhatsApp Group where several group members questioned its ancestry stating that it showed some Gyr and/or Lanner characteristics. The right-hand photograph reinforces that view and the consensus was that it was a Gyr X Peregrine hybrid. Such hybrids are common in the captive bird population, but a captive bird would almost certainly be ringed. Such hybrids have caused problems at a couple of sites in the UK previously (as they are capable of killing true Peregrines) and licences have been issued to shoot them. However previous observed hybrids have all been ringed, and their captive origin known.

Fortunately, this bird was only seen on this one occasion and has not been seen since.



Just after mid-day on 28th March a juvenile male landed on the north wall with prey, which it ate before flying off. This bird was wearing an orange colour ring with the letters “V7D”,

This had been ringed by us last year at Bottesford church a movement of approximately 11 kilometres ESE. This is the first sighting of “V7D” since fledging and was not seen again at St Wulfram’s Church after this unexpected visit. It is likely that this bird is a brother of our regular male “VAF” and a year younger.

March 28th – North Wall – First Year Male



On 29th March a new female was seen that was colour ringed with a blue colour ring. Over the next few days, it became apparent that the blue colour ring had the letters “MK”. This bird had been ringed as a chick in 2020 in Taunton. Devon. She appeared to be slightly larger than our ‘resident’ female, and our resident female seemed to be quite scared of it.

She was observed a few times nest-scraping, so she may have been trying to oust our resident female. She was involved in a big fight with our resident female on 3rd April, during which she was injured and not seen at St Wulfram’s again.

March 29th - Blue “MK”

The Big Fight - April 3rd



On the morning of 3rd April, Elaine, the church administrator, noticed a fight ongoing above the west door as she entered the church. She panned the NW camera round which revealed two females fighting (whilst the male initially just stood on the wall above and watched!). This initial round of the fight lasted at least 15 minutes. The birds then separated and the female Blue "MK" ran round the parapet and stood on the nest tray, panting and with a few feathers ruffled.

However, the other female then appeared behind the tray clearly looking for further battle....



A dishevelled-looking Blue "MK"



"Our" female re-appears looking for further fight



This second round of fighting was brutal



The Big Fight part 2

Unfortunately, during this second round of fighting an egg was ejected by the un-ringed female, clearly showing she would have laid an egg within the next few days.

The fight was brutal, with both birds locked in combat for quite long periods. At least it gave an unusual photo to confirm the combination of "MK" on the blue colour ring.

Following this second fight, Blue MK ran round to the west parapet and was unable to fly up to the wall. She was picked up a day or so later in Grantham and rehabilitated locally and released a few days later nearby, but was not subsequently seen at St Wulfram's.



Egg ejected during the fight



The fight was brutal and lasted 20 minutes



Blue "MK" 's talons on our regular females head



An unusual view of the blue colour-ring "MK" !



The fight was certainly a "no-holds-barred" fight.



Early afternoon on April 26th, Bob spotted this really smart first year un-ringed female on the west wall. First year birds can easily be identified by streaked rather than barred underparts and the brown, rather than grey, feathers on the back and wings having buff edges.

It was only present for a few minutes and flew off within seconds of the camera being zoomed in for this photo (just before being able to sharpen the focussing!).

This bird was only seen once more when it visited the nest tray on the east side on May 17th.

April 26th – west wall – First year Female

This bird appeared in the nest tray on 17th May, it seems to be the same bird as on the west wall on April 26th above – see plumage detail highlighted.



May 17th - first year female



Same bird as on west wall on April 26th



May 15th – Yellow “YAB”

Late on 15th May Bob spotted a new bird with a yellow colour-ring on the nest tray, but we were unable to make out the colour ring details. Camera was zoomed in to the tray in the hope of it coming back, which it did early on May 16th confirming a yellow colour-ring with “YAB”. This bird had been a rescued fledgling female found on the streets in Hull on 19/06/2020, rehabilitated and quickly released three days later at the site it was thought to have originated; a pylon at Kingswood, Hull, where it was immediately joined by what was believed to be her parents. There was then some interaction between this bird and our new resident male, orange “VAF” with both birds seen ‘scraping’ in the tray.



Our regular un-ringed female Peregrine sheltering from the hottest day of the year in July at the far end of the northern parapet, shows just how good these HIK cameras are.



October 2024 - West Parapet



November 2024 - nest tray on east side

For the last half of the year, we appear to have a well-settled pair, comprising an un-ringed female and the male orange “VAF”. They were even displaying and scraping in the nest tray during the mild weather in November and December. Hopefully these are good signs for 2025!

Alan Ball and Bob Sheppard

Surprise Hawfinch at South Ormsby: sound recorders vindicated!

Club Membership Secretary Mike Harrison has been leading guided birding walks on the South Ormsby Estate over the last couple of years. The Estate has been trialling sound recording across a grid of recorders to determine what species are present on their land. One bird it has been picking up since late October has been Hawfinch but with no visual confirmation there has been a degree of scepticism. Until this dropped in Mike's inbox:



A cracking and extremely confiding male Hawfinch feeding on Yew berries in the Park at South Ormsby. Snapped by a non-birder on Saturday 25th January. There is also a much poorer photo of a female from 10 days earlier. The Estate encourages visitors but asks that they keep to public rights of way so please keep this in mind if you decide to go and search for this big boy.

Wanna be a Coastal Countryside Ranger?

North East Lincolnshire Council is seeking to recruit a Coastal Ranger on an 18-month contract. The job description states: "As a Coastal Ranger, you will play an integral role in raising awareness of the internationally important natural heritage asset and the measures needed to protect our species and habitats from harm, damage, disturbance or decline. "You will be key to improving knowledge and understanding of the habitats and species within the designated areas through the development of an education, communication and an agreed engagement programme.

"The role involves working with a project team to build partnerships between public, private, voluntary and community sector partners to build the foundations for collaboration to develop and deliver a range of initiatives. "The right candidate will have experience or a strong interest in the natural environment. "You will have experience of effective public engagement, sharing your passion for nature conservation through face-to-face engagement and education.

"You must have a good understanding of ecological issues, and the knowledge required to undertake ongoing coastal ornithological and disturbance monitoring work." The post, which is 37 hours a week, is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund with a salary of £27,269 per annum. Closing date for applications is February 16. More details at:

[](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rachel-graham-67880359_coastal-ranger-vacancy-with-north-east-lincolnshire-activity-7289582812104396800-8b-a?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop)[www.linkedin.com/posts/rachel-graham-678...edium=member_desktop](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rachel-graham-67880359_coastal-ranger-vacancy-with-north-east-lincolnshire-activity-7289582812104396800-8b-a?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop) and/or

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Finally... Do you know anything about Joomla? If so, the bird club could do with your help... Please email info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk



Lincolnshire Bird News – January 2025

Compiled by Jo Whitley

This page is regularly updated to provide an accessible news service on scarce and rare bird sightings in Lincolnshire. This is a free service. For the most up-to-date information, LBC members are encouraged to check commercial news services. The **Sightings** page, @Lincsbirding Twitter account, and the **BlueSky #LincsBirding** feed aim to notify birders about rare (RED) and scarce (BLUE) species that might be of interest within the county.

For detailed updates about Gibraltar Point, please visit their regularly updated blog at <http://gibraltarpointbirdobservatory.blogspot.com/>, which offers far more information than is included here. The latest bird news is compiled by Jo Whitley, to whom the Bird Club is very grateful.

We strive to share all relevant information, but occasionally, something might be overlooked. If you spot anything missing, please don't hesitate to reach out! Send missing records or photographs to info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk with the subject line: **Lincs Latest Bird News** and we will add them to the page!

While this page highlights rarer species, records of common species are equally valuable. Please submit these to the County Recorder via email at recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk or use the **BTO BirdTrack** or **eBird** apps. All submitted records will be added to the Lincolnshire Bird Club database and included in the Annual Reports. **Important:** None of the reports displayed on this page have been verified or reviewed by the Lincolnshire Bird Club Records Committee.

31/1/2025

Belton House/Park

Hawfinch (2), Greenfinch (5), Great Black-Backed Gull, Red Kite (4), Siskin (8), Great Spotted Woodpecker (2), Rook (72), Redwing (45), Sparrowhawk (1), Treecreeper (2), Nuthatch (1)

Anderby Creek

Black-Tailed Godwit (2), Curlew, Dunlin, Lapwing, Kestrel (10), Herring Gull, Pintail (1), Shoveler, Shelduck (4), Water Rail (1), Sanderling, Marsh Harrier (1), Gadwell, Teal

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier (1), Bewick Swan, Whooper Swan (1), Skylark, Stonechat (2), Merlin, Great White Egret, Bar-Tailed Godwit (6), Brent Goose, Curlew (8), Dunlin, Goldeneye (9), Lapwing, Herring Gull, Pintail, Ruff (4), Pochard (23), Shelduck, Shoveler, Snipe (2)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Stonechat (1), Shoveler (7), Shelduck, Redshank, Lapwing (250), Kestrel (1), Dunlin, Curlew, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-Tailed Godwit

Kirkby Moor Nature Reserve

Great Spotted Woodpecker, Redwing (3), Stonechat (2), Song Thrush, Jackdaw, Green Woodpecker

Far Ings Nature Reserve

Whooper Swan (1), Redwing (5), Tufted Duck (6), Cormorant (1), Wigeon (6)

Langtoft Gravel Pits

Shoveler (2), Red-Crested Pochard (4), Pochard (14), Goldeneye (5), Goosander (2), Red Kite (2), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Kestrel (1), Skylark (1)

Hobhole Bank Pumping Station

Brent Goose (800), Whooper Swan (110), Shelduck (2), Oystercatcher (2), Lapwing (16), Curlew (1), Redshank (4), Snipe (1), Gadwell (4), Mute Swan (3)

Little Bytham

Red Kite (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker (4), Rook (50), Redwing (4), Fieldfare (15), Yellowhammer (8), Redpoll (1), Brambling (3)

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis (20), Goldeneye, Goosander, Great Crested Grebe, Great White Egret, Kestrel, Shoveler, Teal, Little Egret, Little Grebe, Wigeon, Grey Heron, Green Woodpecker, Barn Owl (1), Egyptian Goose

Lincolnshire CCP

Hen Harrier, Pintail, Goosander, Black-Tailed Godwit, Dunlin (2), Sanderling, Snipe, Kingfisher, White-Fronted Goose, Merlin

30/1/2025

Lincolnshire CCP

Barnacle Goose (3), Black-Tailed Godwit (30), Curlew (37), Goosander (10), Kestrel (3), Lapwing (480), Linnet (60), Merlin (10), Redshank (7), Pintail (1), Rook (70), Skylark (2), White-Fronted Goose (3), Tree Sparrow (3), Shoveler (17) Shelduck (5), Snipe (4), Marsh Harrier (1), Pink-Footed Goose (1300)

Baston and Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck (Drake)

Willow Tree Fen

Common Crane (12)

Messingham Sand Quarry

Bittern (1), Bullfinch (2), Goldeneye (3), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Redpoll, Shelduck, Shoveler, Sparrowhawk (1), Buzzard (1), Pochard, Red-Legged Partridge, Pheasant, Mute Swan, Marsh Harrier (1), Cormorant (26)

Louth

Black Redstart, Woodcock (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker, Herring Gull, Goldcrest (3), Jackdaw, Song Thrush, Goldfinch, Dunnock, Chaffinch, Buzzard (2)

RSPB Frieston Shore

Brent Goose (62), Goldeneye (5), Lapwing (580), Pintail (560), Redshank (26), Spotted Redshank (1), Turnstone (8), Whooper Swan (34), Golden Plover (250), Reed Bunting (2), Wigeon (1200)

Howdens Pull Over (Between Donna Nook and Saltfleet)

Spoonbill, Short-eared Owl (2), Brent Goose (600), Whooper Swan (10), Yellowhammer, Peregrine Falcon, Shelduck, Redshank, Curlew, Marsh Harrier

Holywell Lake

Red Kite (1), Skylark (1), Redwing (4), Fieldfare (2), Linnet (10), Treecreeper (1), Gadwell (20), Mallard (16), Coot (13), Little Grebe (7), Moorhen (8), Greylag Goose (60), Canada Goose (18)

Caistor- Westmoor Ponds, Woods and Fields

Herring Gull (2), Kestrel (2), Rook (5), Greenfinch (1), Linnet (12), Yellowhammer (7), Starling (16), Great Tit (2), Goldcrest (1), Carrion Crow (1), Woodpigeon (8)

Boultham Mere

Pintail (2), Pochard (1), Redwing (2), Rook, Shoveler (5), Snipe (2), Teal (34), Wigeon (1), Dunnock (2), Cettis Warbler (1), Coot (45), Blue Tit (10)

Deeping Lakes

Cattle Egret (2), Goldeneye, Goosander (2), Great Crested Grebe (1), Kestrel (2), Skylark, Red Kite (2), Sparrowhawk (1), Pochard, Long-eared Owl (3), Little Egret, Little Grebe

Gibraltar Point

Black-Tailed Godwit (9), Brent Goose (250), Fieldfare (1), Great Northern Diver (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Greenfinch (2), Kestrel (1), Merlin (1), Marsh Harrier (1), Red-Throated Diver (3), Redshank, Redwing (2), Skylark (10), Stonechat (2), Water Rail (1), Whooper Swan (4), Turnstone (20), Shoveler (28), Shelduck (14), Water Pipit (2), Barn Owl (1)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Black-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Dunlin, Herring Gull, Great Black-Backed Gull, Lapwing (100), Redshank, Shoveler, Lesser Black-Backed Gull, Grey Plover, Golden Plover (1000), Canada x Greylag Goose (1), Gadwell (21)

29/1/2025

Gibraltar Point

Water Rail (2), Water Pipit (3), Stonechat (1), Skylark (12), Redwing (6), Red-Throated Diver (9), Oystercatcher (15), Greenfinch (1), Eider (150), Curlew (36), Brent Goose (270), Black-Tailed Godwit (9), Bar-Tailed Godwit (1)

RSPB Tetney Marshes

Brent Goose (301), Bullfinch, Cattle Egret (1), Curlew, Kestrel, Linnet (30), Siskin, Redshank (15)

Louth (St James Church)

Black Redstart

Sutton On Sea

Red-necked Grebe

Crook Bank

Caspian Gull

Willow Tree Fen

Common crane (16), Bewicks Swan (3), Greenfinch, Fieldfare, Lapwing, Shelduck, Shoveler, Stonechat (1), Whooper Swan (3), Marsh Harrier (3), Snipe (1), Green Woodpecker (1), Little Egret (1)

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared owl (2)

Huttoft Bank

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Skylark, Sanderling, Common Gull, Black-Headed Gull

Deeping High Bank

Goosander (11), Great Crested Grebe (3), Kestrel (1), Marsh Harrier (1), Stonechat, Whooper Swan (370), Mute Swan (140), Egyptian Goose (20), Heron (1), Green Woodpecker (1), Little Egret (1)

Boultham Mere

Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Shoveler (4), Cormorant (6), Gadwell (2), Dunnock (1), Little Egret (4)

North Killingholme

Shoveler (6) Water Rail (1), Lapwing (120), Curlew (50), Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Redshank (85), Redwing (3), Skylark (9)

Caistor- Sandbraes/Canada Lane

Kestrel (2), Rook (3), Bullfinch (2), Greenfinch (1), Linnet (8)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Whooper Swan (55), Shelduck (20), Pintail (75), Pochard (60), Goldeneye (1), Oystercatcher (2), Curlew (30), Ruff (8), Great Crested Grebe (1), Kestrel (1), Marsh Harrier (1), Skylark (7), Stonechat (2), Linnet (15), Peregrine Falcon (2), Shoveler (20), Black-Tailed Godwit, Redshank (9), Dunlin (50)

RSPB Frieston Shore

Pintail (788)

28/1/2025

Huttoft Bank

Red Throated Diver (12), Linnet, Shelduck (4)

Louth (St James Church)

Black Redstart (recorded on the webcam)

Cleethorpes Country Park

Great Crested Grebe (1), Water Rail (1), Mediterranean Gull (2), Tufted Duck (30), Gadwell (16)

Whisby Nature Reserve

Goosander, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Red Kite, Goldeneye, Great Crested Grebe, Shoveler, Treecreeper, Chaffinch, Song Thrush

Anderby Creek

Black-Tailed Godwit (4), Curlew, Dunlin, Lapwing (400), Oystercatcher (2), Redshank, Marsh Harrier, Sanderling, Robin, Pheasant, Teal Jackdaw, Shelduck (3), Shoveler

Sleaford

Redpoll (1), Greenfinch, Blackcap (2), Coal Tit (1), Blue Tit (5), Goldfinch (5)

Tattershall Thorpe

Goldeneye (5), Stonechat (2), Shoveler (10), Wigeon (87), Greylag Goose (99), Gadwell (6), Tufted Duck (21), Canada Goose (19), Jackdaw (6), Mute Swan (11), Robin (2)

Deeping Lakes

Goldeneye, Kingfisher, Pochard, Egyptian Goose, Gadwell, Cormorant, Wigeon, Tufted Duck

Little Bytham

Red Kite (1), Rook (58), Redwing (4), Fieldfare (50), Yellowhammer (8)

RSPB Frieston Shore

Brant Goose (320), Whooper Swan (10), Shelduck (3), Shoveler (50), Pintail (646), Goldeneye (2), Lapwing (300), Curlew (78), Black-Tailed Godwit (59), Ruddy Turnstone (7), Redshank (12), Skylark (3), Linnet (22), Rock Pipit (1), Little Grebe (15), Little Egret (3), Cormorant (3)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Dunlin, Lapwing (30), Herring Gull, Great Black-Backed Gull, Redshank, Shelduck, Shoveler

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Brent Goose, Whooper Swan, Pintail, Shoveler, Great Crested Grebe, Lapwing, Ruff, Black-Tailed Godwit, Lapwing, Peregrine Falcon, Kingfisher, Snipe, Marsh Harrier, Avocet



Redpoll (with damaged bill) taken on Garden Feeder in Sleaford - Image © Stewart Wilson

27/1/2025

Norvartis Ings/Humber Bank

Black-Tailed Godwit (42), Curlew (11), Dunlin (3), Herring Gull (25), Lapwing (39), Redshank (280), Shoveler (4), Shelduck (28), Wigeon (23), Little Egret (1), Tufted Duck (11), Greylag Goose (3)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier (male), Peregrine Falcon, Skylark, Stonechat, Greenfinch

Willow Tree Fen

Fieldfare, Lapwing, Shoveler, Golden Plover, Buzzard, Chaffinch, Teal, Wigeon, Heron

Mablethorpe (Queens Park)

Black Redstart

Deeping High Bank

Yellowhammer (5), Linnet (70), Fieldfare (8), Skylark (5), Kestrel (2), Merganser (10), Whooper Swan

Baston Fen

Whooper Swan (104), Skylark, Rook, Lapwing (150), Kestrel (1), Heron (1), Starling (200), Little Owl (1), Stock Dove

Boultham Mere/Swanpool

Greenfinch (4), Herring Gull (1), Kestrel (1), Redwing (30), Rook, Shoveler (2), Treecreeper (1), Teal (22), Song Thrush (2), Pink Footed Geese (1), Meadow Pipit (2), Jay (2), Greylag Geese (81)

Deeping Lakes

Redwing, Kestrel, Red Kite, Herring Gull, Merganser, Goldeneye, Pochard, Whooper Swan, Cattle Egret, Green Woodpecker, Little Grebe, Cormorant, Tufted Duck, Teal, Mute Swan

Caistor- Westmoor Ponds, Woods and Fields

Herring Gull (10), Kestrel (2), Rook (4), House Sparrow (12), Linnet (12), Yellowhammer (5), Wren (2), Coot (1), Goldfinch (6), Jackdaw (12)

Whisby Nature Reserve

Great White Egret (1), Pochard (1), Shoveler (4), Goldeneye (2), Great Crested Grebe (1), Cormorant (1), Little Egret (1)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Dunlin, Shoveler (4), Great Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Lapwing (80), Shelduck, Redshank, Grey Plover, Ringed Plover, Greylag Goose (2), Teal (32), Tufted Duck (11), Mute Swan (3), Whooper Swan (1), Little Egret (1)

Gibraltar Point

Black-Tailed Godwit (9), Black-Throated Diver (1), Brent Goose (191), Common Scoter (3), Curlew (19), Eider (55), Fieldfare (1), Great Black-Backed Gull (2), Great Crested Grebe (6), Herring Gull (40), Lapwing (70), Oystercatcher (28), Pochard (3), Pintail (4), Red-Throated Diver (34), Redshank (12), Redwing (18), Shelduck (14), Shoveler (28), Whooper Swan (4), Water Rail (1), Sparrowhawk (1)

26/1/2025

Caistor

Red Kite (2)

Chowder Ness

Glaucous Gull - Flew over site

Sutton On Sea

Red-necked Grebe

Baston Fen

Bewick Swan (2)

Tallington Lakes

Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup (2)

Marston STW

Jack Snipe, Linnet, Barnacle Geese

Alkborough Flats

Russian White Fronted Geese (2) - Flew over site

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (1)

Cleethorpes (North Shore)

Turnstone, Redshank, Oystercatcher, Knot, Herring Gull, Grest Black-Backed Gull, Dunlin, Sanderling

Gibraltar Point

Brent Goose (357), Scoter (2), Curlew (12), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Red Throated Diver (2), Redshank (3), Redwing (22), Whooper Swan (11), Water Rail (1), Shoveler (18), Shelduck (14), Sparrowhawk (2), Snipe (1)

Witham Bank (Homestead)

Goosander (2), Redshank (3), Redwing (13)

Cleethorpes (Shoreline)

Curlew, Dunlin, Redshank, Herring Gull, Shelduck, Turnstone, Ring Plover

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Whooper Swan (12), Skylark (5), Shoveler (28), Shelduck (15), Ruff (5), Redshank, Pochard (15), Pintail (19), Linnet (1), Lapwing (500), Great White Egret (10), Goldeneye (5), Dunlin (15), Brent Geese (100), Black-Tailed Godwit (10), Cormorant (2), Ringed Plover (1), Rock Pipit (1), Pink Footed Geese (7)

East Halton Marshes To East Holten Skitter (Winters Pond)

Barnacle Geese (13), Shelduck (6), Shoveler (2), Goldeneye (2), Merganser (2), Black-Tailed Godwit (16), Dunlin (91), Redshank (26), Hen Harrier (1), Kestrel (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Rook (5), Skylark (1), Redwing (11), Stonechat (1), Greenfinch (1), Linnet (4), Yellowhammer (40), Avocet (49), Little Owl (1), Tawny Owl (2), Merlin (2)



Jack Snipe at Marston STW - Image © Matt Dineen

25/1/2025

Whisby Nature Reserve

Barnacle Goose (2), Bullfinch (2), Great Crested Grebe (3), Great White Egret (1), Kingfisher (1), Water Rail (1), Redwing (20), Snipe (2)

Saltfleetby All Saints

Russian White-Fronted Geese (2)

Weelsby Woods

Mediterranean Gull

Sutton On Sea

Red-necked Grebe (1), Linnet, House Sparrow, Herring Gull

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl (3)

Mablethorpe (Queens Park)

Black Redstart

Spalding-River Welland

Red-Breasted Merganser

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe Sand Dunes

Snow Bunting (16)-on the beach near brickyard Lane

Humber Bank

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Dunlin, Herring Gull, Kestrel (1), Redshank, Shelduck, Shoveler

Huttoft Bank

Curlew, Redshank, Skylark, Stonechat (1), Pink-footed Geese (300)

Anderby Creek

Dunlin, Curlew, Lapwing, White-fronted Geese (2), Redshank, Shoveler, Shelduck, Song Thrush (1)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Brent Goose (500), Hen Harrier, Shelduck (20), Shoveler (10), Pintail (10), Goldeneye (2), Lapwing (1000), Whimbrel (1)- Flew towards east side from the wash, Curlew (3), Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Dunlin (20), Stonechat (2), Wigeon (1000) Reed Bunting (2)

Messingham Sand Quarry

Goldeneye, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Redpoll, Marsh Harrier, Pochard, Shoveler, Shelduck, Siskin, Teal, Cettis Warbler, Goldfinch, Coal Tit, Dunnock, Tufted Duck

Marston STW

Curlew (9), Water Rail (3), Fieldfare (3), Marsh Harrier (1-female), Greylag Goose, Canada Goose

24/1/2025

Sutton Brick Pit

Red-necked Grebe

Sutton on Sea

Great Black-Backed Gull (5), Pintail, Shelduck (4), Sanderling (2), Herring Gull (27)

North Somercoates Warren

Kingfisher (1)

Fishtoft (Oak Farm)

Cattle Egret (1)

Huttoft Bank

Curlew, Fulmar (1), Greenfinch (1), Herring Gull, Marsh Harrier (1), Wigeon (140), Stock Dove (13), Canada Goose

Gibraltar Point

Grey Phalarope (1)- Flew south of shore, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Brent Goose (68), Common Scoter (10), Eider (10), Fulmar (1), Dunlin, Curlew, Great-crested Grebe (7), Linnets (2), Pintail (2), Red Breasted Merganser (7), Red-Throated Diver (7), Shelduck (17), Shoveler (21), Turnstone, Velvet Scoter

Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe NNR

Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Cattle Egret (3), Great White Egret (1), Lapwing (1), Redshank (4), Little Egret (7), Starling (50), Teal, Mute Swan (2)

Rimac/Sea View

Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Cattle Egret, Curlew (2), Great White Egret (1), Shelduck, Shoveler, Snipe (2), Teal, Tufted Duck, Wigeon, Redshank (4), Cormorant (3)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Brant Goose (1000), Pochard (4), Goldeneye (7), Lapwing (1200), Black-Tailed Godwit (6), Curlew (2), Ruff (1), Dunlin (145), Kestrel (1), Marsh Harrier (2), Stonechat (2), Pintail (6), Avocet (4), Chiffchaff

Deeping Lakes

Shoveler (1), Merganser (6), Goldeneye (9), Cattle Egret (1), Stonechat (1), Bullfinch (2), Long-eared Owl (2), Gadwell (100), Wigeon (307), Mallard (34)

23/1/2025

Wolla Bank

Common Scoter, Guillemot, Oystercatcher, Red-Throated Diver

Tongue End

Sort-eared Owl

Cleethorpes Country Park

Ruddy Shelduck (6)

Rimac

Pintail (2), Cattle Egret

Deeping Lakes

Great Crested Grebe, Greenfinch, Kestrel, Linnets, Marsh Harrier, Red Kite, Rook, Great White Egret, Long-eared Owl (3), Egyptian Goose (2)

Cress Marsh (Skegness)

Great Black-Backed Gull (8), Herring Gull (74), Lapwing (44), Linnet (30), Pochard (1), Wigeon (115), Teal (14), Tufted Duck (20), Greylag Goose (210), Little Egret (1)

Willow Tree Fen

Goosander (48), Fieldfare, Lapwing, Shelduck, Marsh Harrier (26), Shoveler, Water Rail (1), Whooper Swan (103), common crane (23)

Caistor-Westmoor Ponds, Woods and Fields

Greenfinch (1), Kestrel (2), Rook (2), Redwing (8), Linnet (5), Meadow Pipit (2), Chaffinch (1), Reed Bunting (2), Red Kite (1)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Whooper Swan, Brent Goose, Goldeneye, Pintail, Water Rail, Cattle Egret, Shelduck, Peregrine Falcon, Heron, Cormorant, Spotted Redshank, Dunlin, Ruff, Curlew, Black-Tailed Godwit, Avocet (4), Jack Snipe

Pyewipe/ Grimsby Docks

Shoveler (10), Shelduck, Lapwing (100), Curlew, Dunlin, Black-Tailed Godwit, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Cormorant (3), Canada Goose (2), Gadwell (8), Moorhen, Greylag Goose (1)



Ruddy Shelduck at Cleethorpes Country Park - Image © Jim Wright

22/1/2025

Seacroft Marsh SSSI (Skegness)

Curlew (90), Skylark (3), Stonechat (1), Rock Pipit (1)

Boultham Mere/Swanpool

Greenfinch (30), Shoveler (17), Stonechat (1), Redwing (30), Long-tailed Tit (2), Green Woodpecker (2), Cormorant (8), Dunnock (1), Cettis Warbler (1)

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl (4)

Mablethorpe (Queens Park)

Black Redstart

Humberstone (Fitties)

Russian White-Fronted Geese (4)-Flew over heading in NW direction, Barnacle Goose (28), Curlew (2), Greenfinch (53), Kestrel (1), Skylark (11), Herring Gull (4)

Barrow Haven

Shoveler (3), Goldeneye (7), Lapwing (26), Tufted Duck (5), Greylag Geese (77)

Culverthorpe Lake

Great Crested Grebe (1), Great White Egret (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Rook (12), Fieldfare (14), Redwing (11), Teal (10), Wigeon (8)

Gibraltar Point

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Brent Goose, Curlew, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Greenfinch, Herring Gull, Lapwing, Shelduck, Shoveler, Skylark, Water Rail, Wigeon, Redshank, Reed Bunting, Dunnock

Marston Stw

Red Kite (1), Water Rail (1), Stonechat (2), Sparrowhawk (2), Chiffchaff (2), Cettis Warbler (2)

Far Ings Nature Reserve

Goldeneye (2), Greenfinch (1), Pochard (3), Gadwell, Dunnock, Cormorant (1), Tufted Duck (8)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Stonechat, Water Rail, Pintail, Whooper Swan, Brent Goose, Lapwing, Dunlin, Black-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Avocet

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Balck-Tailed Godwit, Dunlin, Lapwing (100), Cormorant (2), Shelduck, Shoveler (6), Little Egret, Gadwell, Golden Plover (200), Greenfinch (1), Herring Gull, Great Black-Backed Gull

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Willow Tree Fen

Hen Harrier (male), Berwick Swan, Whooper Swan, Marsh Harrier (Leucistic)

Gibraltar Point

Velvet Scoter, Hen Harrier, Water pipit (2)

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl (3), Glossy Ibis (2), Kingfisher, Great White Egret, Red Kite, Whooper Swan, Kestrel, Goosander, Fieldfare

Sutton Ings Brick Pit

Red-necked Grebe

Anderby Creek

Curlew (1), Dunlin (6), Great Black Backed Gull (1), Herring Gull, Lapwing (300), Kestrel (2), Red-throated Diver (3), Shelduck (2), Shoveler, Redshank, Sandling (5), Pink-footed Geese, Jackdaw

Clay Bank- Heckington Pumping Station

Great White Egret

Kirkby Gravel Pits

Goldeneye (16), Siskin, Shoveler (2), Gadwell (6), Coot (16), Tufted Duck (6)

Holywell Lake

Teal, (20), Rook (50), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Red Kite (1), Yellowhammer (15)

Trent Port

Rook (60), Redwing (3), Fieldfare (1), Yellowhammer (2), Bullfinch (3), Dunnock (4), Song Thrush (1), White Wagtail (2)

Sea Farm-Louth

Shoveler (2), Teal (9), Pheasant (3), Western Barn Owl, Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Rook (158), Linnet (6), Yellowhammer (2)

Hobhole Bank Boston

Lapwing (4), Dunlin (4), Curlew (1), Western Barn Owl (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker, Oystercatcher (1), Meadow Pipit, Dunnock, Greenfinch (3)

Witham Mouth (Tabs end)

Eider, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Oystercatcher

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Ruff, Hen Harrier, Stonechat, Perigrine Falcon (2), Pintail (6), Lapwing (5000), Brent Goose, Greylag Goose (300)



Red-necked Grebe, Sutton Ings Brick Pit - Image © Roger Labbett

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Willow Tree Fen

Hen Harrier (1-male)

RSPB Frieston Shore

Spotted Redshank

Tallington Lakes

Russina White-Fronted Goose (3)

Belton House

Hawfinch

Spalding (River Welland)

Goosander, Red Breasted Merganser

RAF Coningsby

Whooper Swans (4), Rook (3)

Gibraltar Point

Black-Throated Diver, Red-Throated Diver, Water Rail, Bar-Tailed Godwit (5), Black-Tailed Godwit (5), Great Crested Grebe (2), Eider (5), Red Breasted Merganser (5), Teal (135), Velvet Scoter

Baston Gravel Pits

Water Rail (2), Kestrel (2), Redwing (6)

Hallington Arable Fields

Teal (2), Yellowhammer (25)

Kirkby Gravel Pits

Teal, Shoveler, Pochard, Goldeneye (7), Siskin (5), Greylag Goose (30), Egyptian Goose(2)

Tetney Marshes

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Brent Gooses, Black-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Dunlin, Herring Gull, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Knot, Shelduck, Shoveler, Skylark, Stonechat, Yellowhammer

RSPB Frampton Marshes

Black-Tailed Godwit, Brent Goose, Dunlin, Great White Egret, Lapwing, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Shelduck, Shoveler, Stonechat, Whooper Swan, Curlew Sandpiper

Pyewipe/ Grimsby Docks

Shoveler (11), Shelduck, Lapwing (140), Dunlin, Curlew, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-Tailed Godwit, Cormorant, Canada Goose (71)

19/1/2025

Willow Tree Fen

Shoveler (10), Lapwing, Merganser (4), Whooper Swan (520), Berwick Swan (14), Common Crane (19), Goosander (69)

Tallington Lakes

Red-Crested Pochard (48), Great Crested Grebe, Red Kite

Trent Port

Teal (26), Rook (40)

Winters Pond

Barnacle Goose (6), Shelduck (6), Shoveler (2), Teal (2), Goldeneye (1), Lapwing (250), Curlew (46)

Post Mill North Hykeham

Lesser Redpoll (15), Siskin (10)

Tounge End Bourne

Common Crane (18)

Deepings Lakes

Red-Breasted Merganser (1), Goldeneye (5), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Long-Eared Owl (4)

Anthony's Bank

Curlew, Dunlin, Brent Gooses, Great Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Shelduck, Oystercatcher, Turnstone, Redshank

RSPB Tetney Marshes

Brent Goose (3), Curlew, Lapwing (20), Shoveler (9), Shelduck, Snipe, Golden Plover (40), Little Egret (2), Little Grebe (2)

Gibraltar Point

Brent Goose (1), Common Scoter (18), Curlew, Great Northern Diver (1), Pintail (3), Pochard, Red-Breasted Merganser (1), Red-Throated Diver (1), Rook (1), Shelduck (11), Shoveler (12), Water Rail (4), Woodcock (1), Kestrel (1), Herring Gull (60), Great Black Backed Gull (3)

East Halton/Skitter Marshes

Teal (8), Shoveler (30), Curlew (172), Lapwing (15), Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Dunlin (357), Kestrel (1), Peregrine Falcon (1), Rook (10), Skylark (4), Stonechat (4), Linnet (2), Siskin (10), Yellowhammer (14), Avocet (1)

RSPB Frampton Marshes

Brant Goose (500), Whooper Swan (10), Shelduck (4), Shoveler (92), Pintail (12), Teal (5), Goldeneye (2), Lapwing (100), Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Curlew (6), Ruff (16), Dunlin (12), Stonechat (2), Great White Egret (1), Kestrel (1)

18/1/2025

Cleethorpes Country Park

Great Black Backed Gull, Great Crested Grebe (1), Greenfinch (1), Herring Gull, House Sparrow, Tufted Duck (18), Cormorant, Goldfinch (38)

Tetney Lock

Goosander (2), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (180), Little Grebe (5), Heron (1), Fieldfare (40) Redwing (1), Buzzard (2)

Tetney Marshes

Brent Goose (12), Curlew, Linnet (1), Lapwing (200), Shelduck, Marsh Harrier (1), Little Egret (3), Cormorant (4)

Huttoft Bank

Scoter (20), Curlew, Grest Black Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Kestrel (2), Rook, Teal (3), Wigeon (112), Sanderling

Metheringham/Blankney

Great Spotted Woodpecker (2), Yellowhammer (2), Red Kite (1), Mistle Thrush (2), Song Thrush (2), Long-Tailed Tit (8), Coal Tit (4)

Wolla Bank

Eider

Timberland Fen

Linnet (5), Rook (8)

Chapel Six Marshes

Curlew, Water rail (1), Barn Owl (1)

Deepings Lakes

Bullfinch, Glossy Ibis (2), Goldeneye, Goosander, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Greenfinch, Kestrel, Lapwing, Little Owl (1), Shoveler, Stonechat, Teal, Red-Breasted Merganser

Messingham Quarry

Bullfinch, Goldeneye, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lapwing, Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, Rook, Water Rail, Woodcock

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Brent Goose, Black-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Dunlin, Goldeneye, Herring Gull, Lapwing, Ruff, Shelduck, Shoveler, Stonechat, Whooper Swan, Teal, Pheasant

RSPB Freston Shore

Shoveler (29), Goldeneye (6), Curlew (92), Lapwing (400), Black-Tailed Godwit (14), Skylark (3), Greenfinch (2), Linnet (18)

17/1/2025

Wolla Bank

Red Throated Diver, Shelduck, Guillemot

Alkborough Flats

Water Pipit (4), Stonechat, Skylark, Shoveler, Pintail (13), Dunlin, Curlew, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Lapwing, Bullfinch (3), Greenfinch, Linnet, Kestrel, Black-Tailed Godwit

Deepings Lakes

Red-Breasted Merganser, Goosander, Glossy Ibis (2), Teal, Goldeneye (8), Merganser (8)

Anderby creek

Curlew, Dunlin (4) Great Black-Backed Gull (3), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (100), Red-Throated Diver (1), Shelduck (2), Shoveler (24), Redshank (3), Sanderling (1), Wigeon (520)

Lapwing Field

Greater Spotted Woodpecker (1), Linnet (2), Rook (3), Yellowhammer (1), Meadow Pipit, Long Tailed Tit (8)

River Witham (Tattershall)

Great White Egret (1), Goosander (8), Grey Heron, Little Egret (4), Little Grebe (2), Egyptian Geese (2)

Tattershall Thorpe

Goldeneye (2), Great White Egret (1), Shoveler (23), Tufted Duck (37), Wigeon (162), Teal (59), Little Egret (1)

RSPB Freston Shore

Cattle Egret (6), Corn Bunting (27), Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Tundra-Bean Goose (2), Hen Harrier, Water Pipit

Sleaford Road, Tattershall

Goosander (8), Great White Egret (1)

Brigg Marina

Smew (Drake)

Tallerton Lakes

Ferruginous Duck (Male)

Londonthorpe/Bellmont Woods

Bullfinch (2), Red Kite (1), Kestrel (1), Fieldfare (8), Dunnock (1), Green Woodpecker (1)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Shelduck, Black-Tailed Godwit, Dunlin, Curlew, Herring Gull, Great Black Backed Gull



Smew on the marina, Brigg - Image © Rob Stevenson

16/1/2025

Tallerton Lakes

Ferruginous Duck, Greater Scaup (2- male and female)

Deepings Lakes

Long-Eared Owl (2-still near hide), Bittern, Red Breasted Merganser

Lapwing Field

Greater Spotted Woodpecker (2), Kestrel (1), Linnet (3), Rook (2), Jay, Stock Dove, Yellowhammer, Egyptian Goose (2), Woodpigeon (200)

Gibraltar Point

Woodcock (6), Hen Harrier, Corn Bunting (16)

Wolla Bank Pit

Short-Eared Owl

Marston Stw

Barnacle Goose (1), Linnet (2), Red Kite (1), Water Rail (1), Meadow Pipit (1), Long-Tailed Tit (1)

Cleethorpes Shoreline

Curlew, Dunlin, Great Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Shelduck, Redshank, Ringed Plover

Boston (Hobhole Bank)

Brant Goose, Black-Bellied Plover (2), Lapwing (3), Curlew (1), Blackcap (1), Redshank (5), Little Grebe (1), Gadwell (2)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Shelduck, Shoveler (8), Curlew, Lapwing (80), Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-Tailed Godwit, Kestrel (1), Dunlin, Skylark

15/1/2025

Saltfleetby Crook Bank

Dunlin (8), Linnet (20), Snow Bunting (15), Great Black-Backed Gull, Sanderling (12), Grey Plover (2), Pink Footed Goose (12)

North Scarle (The Wet Meadow)

Greater Spotted Woodpecker (4), Linnet (18), Rook (2), Redwing (2), Yellowhammer (1)

Belton House

Hawfinch (2)

RSPB Frieston Shore

Spotted Redshank, Russian White-Fronted Goose

Anderby Creek

Herring Gull, Lapwing, Dunnock, Meadow Pipit (1), Redshank (1), Wigeon, Teal, Jackdaw, Goldcrest (2), Gadwell

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Dunlin, Kingfisher (1), Shelduck, Meadow Pipit (4), Shoveler (12), Lapwing (40), Skylark (1), Reed Bunting (1), Tufted Duck (16)

Deepings Lake

Shoveler, Pintail, Teal, Goldeneye, Merganser, Pheasant, Lapwing, Herring Gull, Great Crested Grebe, Cattle Egret, Kingfisher, Long-Eared Owl (3- by the hide in the main lake)

Toft Newton Reservoir

Goldeneye (10), Great Crested Grebe (3), Shelduck (1), Shoveler (2), Rook (15), Kestrel (1), Teal (67), Little Egret (2), Little Grebe (23)

Covenham Reservoir

Shoveler (60), Goldeneye (37), Merganser (1), Herring Gull (20), Grest Crested Grebe (12), Cormarant (75), Gadwell (12), Mallard (80)

14/1/2025

Trent Port

Linnet (100), Bullfinch (3), Fieldfare (55), Green Woodpecker, Greylag Goose (218), Bar-Headed Goose (1), Great Tit (4)

Anderby Creek

Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Curlew, Dunlin (10), Great Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Kestrel (1), Lapwing (100), Rook, Shoveler, Sanderling, Marsh Harrier, Pink-Footed goose (360)

Lincoln (North Kyme)

Stonechat (2)

Ruskington Fen

Stonechat (2)-Male and Female

Bourne (Twenty)

Bewick Swan, Whooper Swan (315)

Covenham Reservoir

Smew (Adult Male) Flew off at 14.00 Hours

Timberland Fen

Kestrel, Rook, Siskin, Stonechat, Fieldfare, Goldfinch, Egyptian Goose, Reed Bunting, Greenfinch, Meadow Pipit, House Sparrow

RSPB Freiston Shore

Greater White-Fronted Goose, Pintail, Lapwing, Brant Goose, Dunlin, Curlew, Teal, Stonechat, Skylark

Gibraltar Point

Brant Goose, Shelduck, Shoveler, Whooper Swan, Black-Tailed Godwit, Pintail, Teal, Great-Spotted Woodpecker, Kestrel, Linnet

Swanholme Lakes

8 Goosander

Hartsholme Park

4 Goosander

13/1/2025

Cleethorpes Country Park

Water Rail (1), Siskin (1), Bullfinch (1)

Cleethorpes South

Snow Bunting (5)

Deepings Lake

Glossy Ibis (2), Cattle Egret (1), Goldeneye, Goosander (6), Pintail (2), Red Kite, Shoveler

Barton Sailing Pit

Great Northern Diver

Tallington Lakes

Ferruginous Duck, Greater Scaup (2)

Covenham Reservoir

Smew, Twite (9)

Pyewipe/ Grimsby Docks

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Great Black-Backed Gull, Redwing (1), Herring Gull, Kingfisher (1), Shelduck, Wren (1), House Sparrow (8)

Huttoft Bank

Curlew, Kestrel (1), Herring Gull, Cormorant (2), Wigeon, House Sparrow

Ancholme Walk

Goosander (8), Whooper Swan (3)

Whisby Nature Reserve

Shoveler, Teal, Goldeneye, Great-Crested Grebe, Kestrel, Tufted Duck

Toft Newton Reservoir

Goldeneye (5), Herring Gull (2), Rook (1), Lapwing (25), Great-Crested Grebe (2), Little Grebe



Snow Buntings at Cleethorpes South sand Dunes - Images © Jim Wright

12/1/2025

Boultham Mere

Bullfinch (1), Sparrowhawk, Pink-Footed Geese (62)

Barton Pits

Goldeneye (120), Great Northern Diver

North Hykeham (Residential Area)

Lesser Redpoll (5), Siskin (2), Chaffinch (1)

RSPB Tetney Marshes

Curllew, Great Black-Backed Gull, Lapwing (3), Linnet (1), Smew (1), Yellowhammer (1), Redshank, Teal (30), Cormorant (3)

Tetney Lock

House Sparrow (4), Goosander (1), Kestrel (1), Kingfisher (1), Lapwing (5), Stonechat (3), Dunnock (2), Redshank (1)

Covenham Reservoir

Goldeneye (30), Goosander (2), Greater-Spotted Woodpecker (1), Kestrel (1), Ruddy Shelduck (6), Shoveler (10), White-Fronted Goose (3), Cormorant (130), Pintail (2)

Tallington Lakes

Ferruginous Duck (1), Goldeneye (13), Gooseander (2), Red-Crested Pochard (78), Pochard (60), Ring-Necked Duck (1), Red Kite (1), Scaup (1)

Branston (Residential Area)

Greater-Spotted Woodpecker (1), Stonechat, Skylark, House Sparrow

Marston Stow

Kingfisher (1), Water Rail (1), Curlew (9), Lapwing (13), Green Sandpiper (1)



Great Northern Diver at Barton Pits - Images © Graham Catley

11/1/2025

Deepings Lake

Barn Owl (1), Kestrel (1), Red Kite (1), Stonechat, Shovelar

Rosper Road Pools-Houltons Court

Bar-Tailed Godwit (2), Bullfinch (1), Lapwing (5), Shovelar (12), Pintail (4), Snipe (1), Stock Dove (3)

Winters Pond

Barnacle Goose (4), Curlew, Herring Gull, Linnet (1), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (100), Skylark (10), Shovelar (11), Rock Pipit (2)

Willow Tree Fen

Great White Egret (1), Rook, Stonechat (1), Whooper Swan, Stock Dove, Snipe, Goosander (1), Marsh Harrier (8)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Black-Tailed Godwit, Shovelar, Stonechat, Curlew, Skylark, Whooper Swan, Goldeneye, Snipe, Ruff, Unidentified Gull, Dunlin

Whisby Nature Reserve

Bullfinch, Goldeneye, Kingfisher, Pochard, Shovelar, Tufted Duck, Little Grebe

RSPB Frieston Shore

Cattle Egret, Curlew, House Sparrow, Herring Gull, Eider (2), Merlin, Lapwing, Skylark (4), Marsh Harrier, Grey Heron, Ringed Plover, Turnstone (1), Stock Dove, Oystercatcher (1)

Baston Gravel Pits

Whooper Swan, Shovelar, Teal, Red-Crested Pochard, Great-Crested Grebe, Red Kite, Kestrel, Rook, Skylark, Stonechat, Green Woodpecker, Greater-Spotted Woodpecker, Egyptian Goose, Fieldfare, Redwing

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Great Black-Backed Gull, Goldfinch (4), Golden Plover (39), Grey Plover, Ringed Plover (2), Turnstone (20)

10/1/2025

Mablethorpe South

Red-Throated Diver (2), Velvet Scoter (1), Herring Gull, Great Black-Backed Gull

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Canada x Greylag Goose (Hybrid), Curlew, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Great Black-Backed Gull

Covenham Reservoir

Herring Gull, Skylark, Goldeneye, Shovelar, Red-Breasted Merganser, Great-Crested Grebe, Little Grebe

Grantham (Residential Area)

Hawfinch (3)

Horseshoe Point

Hen Harrier

Rimac

Cattle Egret (2)

Boultham Mere

Whooper Swans (11), Woodcock, House Sparrow, Teal (60), Coal Tit

Tallington Lakes

Scaup, Ferruginous Duck

Anderby Creek

Curlew, Eider (5), Greater Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Kestrel (1), Lapwing (40), Oystercatcher (1)

Willow Tree Fen

Common Cranes (33)

9/1/2025

Louth (Residential Area)

Black Redstart

Middlemarsh Far

Tundra Bean Goose (2), Herring Gull (700), Kestrel (3), Curlew (22), Great Black-Backed Gull

Covenham Reservoir

Teal, Shovelar, Merganser, Green Sandpiper, Kestrel, Ruddy Shelduck (6), Herring Gull, Black-Headed Gull, Cormorant

Manby and Carlton Flashes

Buzzard (3), Fieldfare (1), Kestrel (1), Herring Gull (1), Little Egret (1), Skylark (1), Great White Egret (1), Shovelar (4), Pink-Footed Geese (250), Greylag Geese (230)

Gibraltar Point

Whooper Swans (5 in total 3 of which Juveniles)

Fiskerton

Common Cranes (6)



Common Cranes at Fiskerton - Images © Russell Hayes

8/1/2025

Tetney

Red-Throated Diver (2), Whooper Swan (3), Hen Harrier (1), Marsh Harrier (5), Peregrine Falcon (2), Kestrel (2), Merlin (1), Short-Eared Owl (10), Stone Chat (2), Twite (1) Linnet (30), Corn Bunting (11)

Louth (Residential Area)

Black Redstart

Covenham Reservoir

Ruddy Shelduck (1), Goosander (1), Greylag Goose (14)

Belton House

Hawfinch (20)

Barton-on-Humber Pits

Great Northern Diver

Cabourne

Kestrel (1), Red Kite (1), Jackdaw (7), Rook (20)

East Halton Skitter

Teal, Curlew, Grey Heron, Pied Avocet

7/1/2025

Market Rasen (Residential Garden)

Black Redstart

PyeWipe/Grimsby Dock

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-Tailed Godwit, Kestrel (2), Skylark (15), Grey Heron, Greater Black-Backed Gull, Shoveler (15), Little Egret, Reed Bunting (2), Gadwall (12)

Saltfleet (Louth)

Brent Goose (7), Buzzard, Dunlin, Lesser Black-Backed Gull, Redwing, Rook, Herring Gull, Skylark, Velvet Scoter, Curlew

Langtoft

Hawfinch (2)

Frampton Marsh

Black-Tailed Godwit (6), Wigeon (350), Curlew (1), Redshank (12), Snipe (1), Pintail (3), Greylag Goose (47), Lapwing (200), Canadian Geese (15)

Anderby Creek

Black-Throated Diver (1), Red-Throated Diver (1), Curlew, Greater Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Common Scoter (5)

6/1/2025

Cleethorpes Beach

Bar-Tailed Godwit (2), Herring Gull (1), Knot (52), Redshank (19), Turnstone (48) Sanderling (16)

Donna Nook

Black-Tailed Godwit (10), Herring Gull, Curlew, Linnet, Short-Eared Owl, Kestrel (1), Brent Goose (250)

Humberstone Fitties

Curlew, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Herring Gull, Great Black-Backed Gull

Frampton Marsh

Water Pipit (4)

Louth (Residential Area)

Black Redstart



Black Redstart in Louth (Residential area) - Images © Roger Labbet

5/1/2025

Deepings Lake

Glossy Ibis (2)

Huttoft Bank

Curlew, Herring Gull, Black Headed Gull

Pyewipe/Grimsby Dock

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-Tailed Godwit, Curlew, Dunlin, Wigeon (31), Greater Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Lapwing (60)

Branston Fen

Whooper Swans (20), Lapwings (70)

Willow Tree Fen

Cattle Egret (4), Great White Egret (1), Snipe, Jack Snipe, Water Rail (1), Stonechat (2), Whooper Swans (100+)

4/1/2025

Cut End

Cattle Egret (6), Black-necked Grebe (2)

Crook Bank

Snow Bunting (15), Shore lark (2), Peregrine Falcon (1), Fieldfare (200), Golden Plover (400)

Messingham Quarry

Lesser Redpoll (2), Woodcock (1), Long Tailed Tit (2), Red Wing (2), Pink-Footed Geese (30), Green Woodpecker (1)

Alkborough Flats

Black-Headed Gull, Black-Tailed Godwit (7), Merlin (1), Skylark, Curlew, Water-Pipit (4), Whooper Swan (11)

3/1/2025

Witham Mouth

Slovonian Grebe, Cattle Egret (3), Red-Necked Grebe, Red-Breasted Merganser (2), Jack Snipe (2)

Crook Bank

Snow Bunting (13)

Rimac

Black-Tailed Godwit (9), Curlew (7), Skylark (5), Meadow Pipit (3), Little Egret (7), Wigeon (100)

Pyewipe

Dunlin, Black-Tailed Godwit, Bar-Tailed Godwit, Grey Plover, Great Black Backed Gull, Golden Plover (1000)

Cleethorpes (Rock Armour)

Purple Sandpipers (2)



Purple Sand Pipers at Cleethorpes (Rock Armour) - Image © Jim Wright

2/1/2025

Crook Bank

Shore lark (2), Snow bunting

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Curlew, Skylark, Merlin, Lapwing, Whooper swans, Golden Plover, Sparrow Hawk, Pink-Footed Geese, Snipe, Great Crested Grebe

Anderby Creek

Black-tailed Godwit (4), Curlew, Dunlin (18), Greater Black-Backed Gull, Kestrel, Sanderling (3), Snipe (12), Stonechat, Song Thrush.

Redshank (6)

Boultham Mere

Whooper Swans (10), Cormorant (15), Cetti's Warbler, Tufted Duck (11)

Gibraltar Point

Black-Tailed Godwit (16), Corn Bunting (12), Curlew (35), Water pipit (1), Linnet (16), Merlin (1), Kittiwake (9), Pink-Footed Geese (600),

Gannet (2)

Willow Tree Fen

Crane (19), Marsh Harrier (20), Barn Owl, Gooseander (50), Whooper Swan (200), Bewick Swan (2)

1/1/2025

Happy New Year, and thank you Chris.

Saltfeethy/Theddlethorpe

Jack Snipe, 9 Cattle Egret, Snow Bunting

Tallington Lakes

Ring-Necked Duck

Gibraltar Point

Slovenian Grebe, Eider

Huttoft Bank

Curlew, Kestrel (2), Great-Black Backed Gull, 160 Wigeon, Skylark (2)

Winters Pond

Curlew, Red-Necked Grebe, Little Egret, Little Grebe, Dunnock

Boultham mere

11 Whooper swans, 23 Shoveler, Buzzard, Water rail, Egyptian goose, Little Egret (2), Pink Footed Goose

Lincs Bird Club Website

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

Twitter [@Lincsbirding](#)

Facebook:

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

LBC County Bird Recorder

Phil Hyde recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk

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

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

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

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

Recording

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

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

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

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

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

Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website

<http://lnu.org/>

LNU e-mail: info@lnu.org

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

Sir Joseph Banks Society

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

enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

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

Lincolnshire Bat Group website

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

Butterfly Conservation Lincolnshire Branch

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

FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

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Pc 160 Nick Willey

Force Wildlife, Rural Crime Officer

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Lincolnshire Showground.

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

STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

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

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

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

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

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

Lyme Disease

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

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

Botany

Botanical Group in South Lincs

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

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

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

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

Lincolnshire Mammals

Chris Manning, Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com

Mammal Atlas

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

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

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Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

Ashley Butterfield - learningoutdoors@btinternet.com

Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

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

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: annettefaulkner@btinternet.com

USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

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

Contact: charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk

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

Natural England

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

Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk

Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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



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