



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - December 2019

Joint LBC/LNU Meeting

The joint LBC/LNU meeting is booked for **11th January 2020** when Barrie Wilkinson will be talking about Gibraltar Point. Barrie launched his new illustrated book 'The Story of Gibraltar Point' in 2019 which is the culmination of decades of work and research. The book charts the history of Gibraltar Point from the mid-1700s to present day. He first began researching the site back in 1968 and still is a regular visitor to this day. The meeting will be at the **Whisby NR Education Centre** starting at 2pm.



Gibraltar Point, the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's first nature reserve, was established on 10 December 1948 in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council.

This pioneering partnership saved Gibraltar Point from the threat of development. Today it is well known for its impressive views and sheer scale and diversity of wildlife, and is recognised as an internationally important nature reserve.

Now, its history is told in a new book: **The Story of Gibraltar Point by Barrie Wilkinson.**

Barrie Wilkinson, former Trust Reserves Manager and long serving volunteer, first became involved with Gibraltar Point in 1952 at the age of 15. Barrie tells the story of Gibraltar Point through his researches, the recollections of those who have known and loved the place, and his own experiences of a lifetime's involvement in the wildlife and with those involved with the use and management of the site.

The sand hills to the south of Skegness had long been recognised as an area that was important for wildlife and were included in a national list of sites 'worthy of preservation' as early as 1912. But it wasn't until the 1930s that action was taken to protect Gibraltar Point from development. A speedway track and a seaside resort were amongst the proposals. Luckily, Lincolnshire County Council saw the threats and acted. The Sandhills Act of 1932 enabled the Council to control development of Lincolnshire's coastal sand hills and acquire them if necessary. In 1937, they bought most of Gibraltar Point to safeguard it against development.

By the time the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust was launched on 2 December 1948, negotiations were already underway for the establishment of a nature reserve at Gibraltar Point. On 10 December 1948, the Lincolnshire County Council signed a landmark agreement with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. The Trust would manage Gibraltar Point as a nature reserve, not only for wildlife but for people too.



Willow Tit Surveys

The RSPB is working with the Rare Breeding Birds Panel (RBBP) to run a national willow tit survey in 2019 and 2020, with support from several other organisations and county bird clubs.

Survey background...

The endemic race of willow tit is the second-fastest declining species in the UK, after the turtle dove, making it a red-listed species. Willow tits are highly sedentary, remaining in an area close to their breeding territory throughout the year. In recent years, they've been lost from large areas of southern and eastern England.

Why the decline?

The survey work has been looking at eliminating several potential causes. However, one potential cause that needs further investigation is the effects of deteriorating habitat quality.

In the UK, one of the willow tit's main habitats is damp young woodland. This habitat is often short lived with sites frequently drying out and developing into mature woodland over 20-30 years. Along with other organisations, including Natural England, the RSPB is currently trialling some woodland management solutions for willow tits. And they're part of the Back From the Brink HLF project, involving detailed study of daily movements and habitat use as well as habitat management.

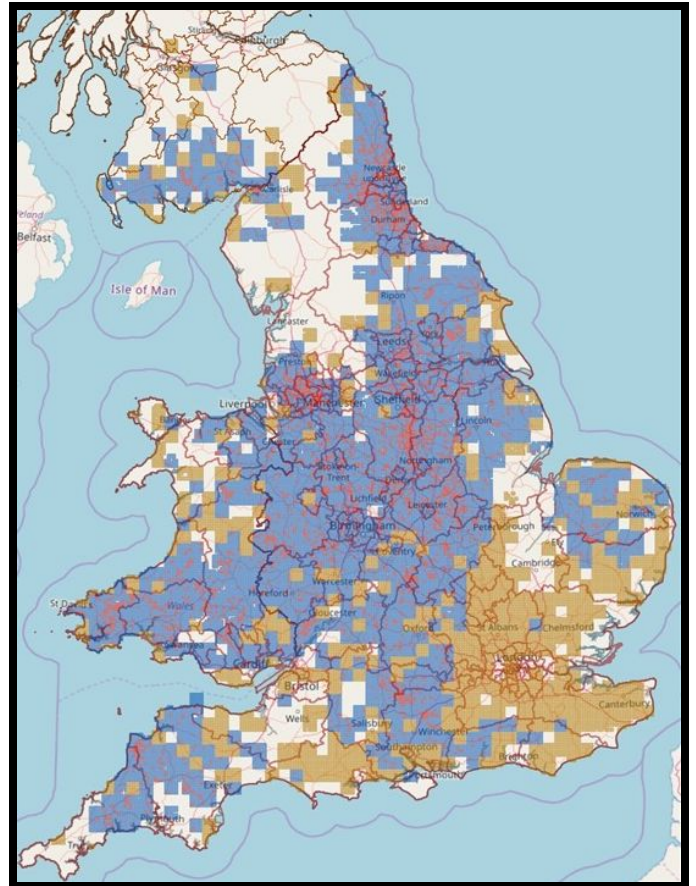
However, due to the declining numbers, monitoring is becoming increasingly difficult. While the BTO/JNCC/RSPB UK Breeding Bird Survey is still able to produce an annual trend, the sample had fallen to just 28 squares by 2017. Although collation of records by the RBBP is useful for the design of future surveys, it is currently insufficient to enable robust population estimates, measures of change or maps of current distribution to be produced: thus a national survey is needed if our conservation work is going to be properly underpinned by evidence.

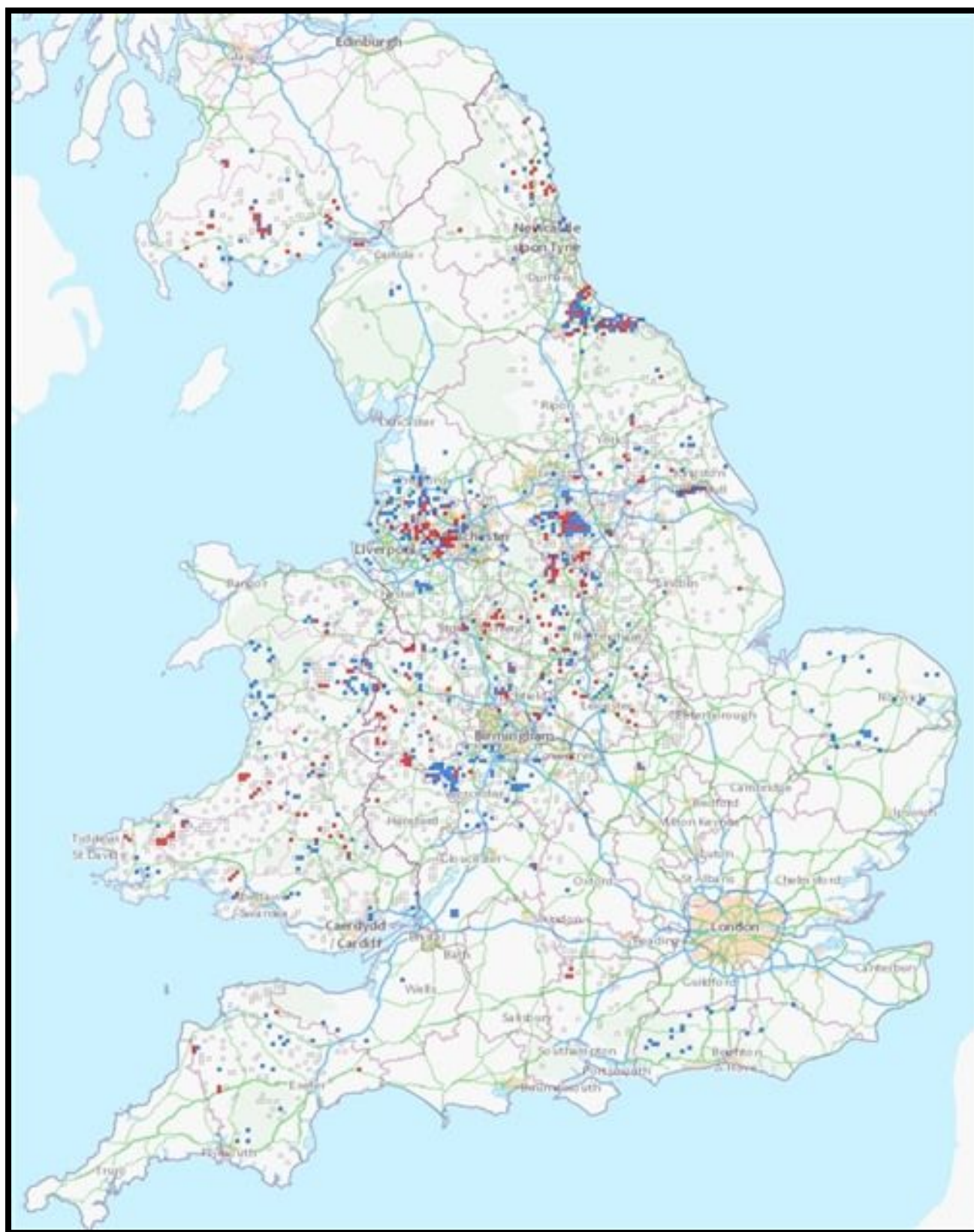
Survey plans

The aim is to conduct county-level surveys conducted across the known range by willow tit study groups, county bird clubs and other organisations.

The survey period will be from mid-February to mid-April, during the pre-breeding season when the birds are territorial, with one or more visits per tetrad (2x2 km) during this period.

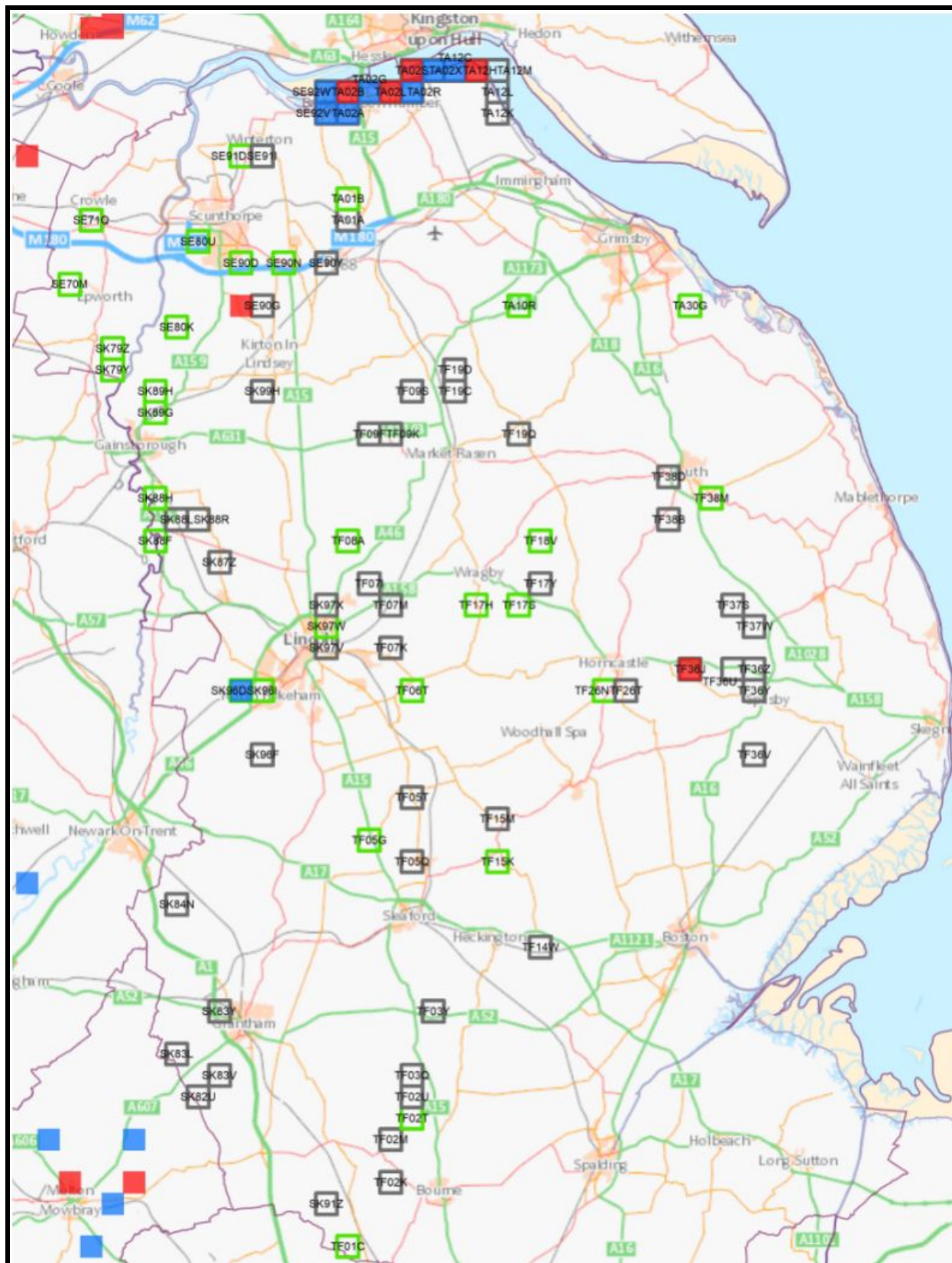
This map shows the recent distribution of willow tits in Britain, shown by: occupied tetrads from the past from the 2007-11 Bird Atlas and other more recent records (red); remaining tetrads from the occupied 10km squares from the 2007-11 Bird Atlas and other more recent records (blue); 'historical' occupied 10km squares from the 1988-91 Bird Atlas (orange).





This map shows the sample survey tetrads in England, Wales and Scotland, highlighting the tetrads that have been surveyed in 2019 (**red squares** – Willow Tits recorded; **blue squares** – no Willow Tits).

The map shows the small number of squares that have been surveyed in Lincolnshire and the squares which need surveying..... **The GREEN squares** are higher priority than the **GREY squares**! To take on a square please email **Simon Wotton** by emailing simon.wotton@rspb.org.uk or phoning **01767 693396**



The plan is to conduct surveys in all suitable habitat within tetrads, using a standardised playback method. This involves playing a recording with a combination of a willow tit alarm call and song and listening for a response.

Across much of the range, a random stratified design will be used, at a tetrad level, of 1) non-random, self-selected squares in core areas, mostly around existing monitoring/intervention efforts, 2) high intensity sampling within core areas, and 3) lower intensity areas through the rest of the known recent range. Data from the 1988-91 and 2007-11 bird atlases, recent county atlases and from the RBBP are being used to identify the relevant strata. In some counties where willow tit numbers are now considered to be very low, recent known sites will be covered.

How to get involved...

The Lincs Bird Club will be promoting the survey in Spring 2020. However, if you are keen to be involved in this national survey, please contact:

Simon Wotton by emailing simon.wotton@rspb.org.uk or phoning 01767 693396

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Paul Bellamy by emailing paul.bellamy@rspb.org.uk or phoning 01767 693379

For more information on willow tits, check the following websites:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/willow-tit/>

<https://naturebftb.co.uk/the-projects/willow-tit/>

<https://blx1.bto.org/birdtrends/species.jsp?&s=wilti>



Willow Tit - Messingham SQ, 16.02.2013 © Graham Catley

Montagu's Harrier records 2018 - request for information

Very few records of Montagu's Harriers were received in 2018. In the 2018 database as a whole we get a lot of records in which the only "observer" recorded is one of the bird information services. For the rare and scarce species we must have better documentation. There are two such records for **Montagu's Harriers** in 2018 attributed to Rare Bird Alert only. If anyone knows more about these records or indeed was the person(s) reporting them to RBA, please get in touch:

Grimoldby April 26th 2018

Grantham June 14th 2018

Neither of these records recorded the age/sex and with the risk of confusion with the other two grey/ringtail harriers these two records will be "pended" in the LBC archive if no further information is forthcoming

Lincs Rare Birds Committee

Len Pick Barn Owl camera

For members who haven't been following the action online, the Len Pick Barn Owl webcam is the best live entertainment of the internet!



<http://www.lenpicktrust.org.uk/owl-project/4593449091>

Building for birds in a housing crisis

A new study by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has looked at the impact of proposed housing developments on Britain's birds, predicting that almost half of the species found on sites earmarked to become the government's flagship 'garden villages' could decline once the bulldozers move in. Britain faces the challenge of housing a growing population, but building new towns and villages to address this problem is likely to lead to biodiversity loss and habitat fragmentation. In Britain, most new housing is built on farmland or previously developed land, not on pristine natural habitat, which makes it difficult to assess the impacts on wildlife.

A new BTO study, published in the journal *Urban Ecosystems*, used data collected by thousands of volunteer citizen scientists to show how bird numbers vary across an urbanisation gradient, from sparsely populated farmland to densely-populated city centre. This novel approach provided an understanding of how the number of birds relates to the number of people living in an area. Using this information, it was then possible to forecast how the populations of 146 bird species that breed or spend the winter in England and Wales might vary as the human population changes.

The study found that species such as Skylark were completely intolerant of any form of housing development, while others, such as Feral Pigeon, thrived in heavily urbanised landscapes. Some birds, including Song Thrush, were intermediate, being more common in the suburbs and other places with moderate human populations than in either open countryside or urban centres.

Using the government's proposed garden villages to place the findings in context, the study suggests that under current plans, 47% of the bird species breeding at proposed garden village sites are likely to experience local population declines, while 35% are likely to increase and the remaining 18% are expected not to change. However, the results also reveal that various mitigation measures could improve bird numbers locally; these include incorporating ponds, lakes and areas of trees into garden village designs. The role of birds in improving people's well-being is increasingly recognised, so these results have implications for the future human residents of garden villages as well as for the birds themselves.

Dr Simon Gillings, the study's author and BTO Principal Ecologist, said "It's no surprise that some birds like housing and that others don't, but understanding precisely when different species come and go takes us a step closer to building tools that planners can use to design new developments that both birds and people can thrive in".

British scientists working with local conservationists to track the fortunes of Cuckoos in Mongolia.

For the last eight years, the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has been using satellite tags to uncover the mystery surrounding the migration of Cuckoos breeding in Britain in order to understand, and inform measures to help reverse, their precipitous decline. Now, for the first time, they are sharing their knowledge and expertise to help do the same in Mongolia.

The Mongolian Cuckoo Project is a partnership between BTO and the Wildlife Science and Conservation Centre of Mongolia (WSCC), the Oriental Bird Club (OBC) and Birding Beijing. The project builds on the success of 2016's Beijing Cuckoo Project, which saw five birds fitted with satellite tags in the Chinese capital. One of these, named Flappy McFlapperson by pupils at a school in Beijing, gathered a cult following as she migrated from China to breeding grounds in Mongolia, then back through China on her way to wintering grounds in south-east Africa, documenting the migration of Asian cuckoos for the first time.

The aim of the Mongolian project is two-fold. First to gather new scientific data about the migration of Common Cuckoos from East Asia, already established by the Beijing project as one of the longest migrations of any land bird. And second, to engage local school children, the public in Mongolia and people throughout Asia

and the world about the wonders of bird migration, leading to greater awareness and concern for migratory birds and their habitats.

Dr Chris Hewson, Lead Scientist on the Cuckoo project at the BTO and an expert on Cuckoo migration, said, "Over the last few years we have learned so much from the Cuckoos we have tagged. Already, we are learning more from this project; two of the four Common Cuckoos we tagged in northern Mongolia have started their autumn migration and whilst one has moved south-east to China, one has started to move west towards Ulaanbaatar. This presents a great opportunity to study the diversity of Cuckoo migration from Mongolia, which we hope to link to genetics via DNA samples."

He added, "Migratory birds make astonishing journeys, requiring staggering endurance and navigational skills; their journeys are perilous even in perfect conditions – following the migrations of these birds in close to real time is a huge privilege and one that we are delighted to be able to share with the public." Dr Nyambayar Batbayar, Director of the WSCC, said, "It is very exciting to be on the brink of discovering where this amazing bird goes when it is not in Mongolia. Understanding how their breeding, wintering and stopover areas are linked will be critical for their survival."

Terry Townshend of Birding Beijing said: "Due to its distinctive song, the Common Cuckoo is well-known across Eurasia and is an ideal 'ambassador' for migratory birds. Technology is now revealing the secrets of their incredible journeys, inspiring millions of people about migratory birds and generating greater awareness about the habitats they need." Simon Roddis of OBC commented, "OBC is delighted to support the Mongolian Cuckoo Project, which aligns extremely well with our aims. Engaging local communities and the global public in scientific discovery about the region's birds is a path which has already proved successful in the region."

Whilst four of the five birds fitted with tags were Common Cuckoos (*Cuculus canorus*), one was of a different species – the Oriental Cuckoo (*Cuculus optatus*). This bird is believed the first of its kind to be fitted with a tag. Chris added, "The migration of the Oriental Cuckoo has yet to be documented, so the chance to tag this bird was too good to miss. Almost immediately after release it headed north into Russia, settling in a breeding territory a thousand miles away in the Krasnoyarsk region of central Siberia."

The Oriental Cuckoo – appropriately named 'Nomad' by local school children – has already turned south after spending just four weeks on its breeding territory, heading to an as yet unknown wintering location. The four Common Cuckoos have been given names by local schools in Mongolia – 'Khurkh' after the village closest to the capture site, 'Namjaa' – a story teller with a beautiful voice in Mongolian folklore, 'Bayan', meaning rich and prosperous and referring to the rich fertility of the riverine capture site, and 'Onon' – a river flowing into a nearby national park. All of these birds' journeys can be followed on the BTO and Birding Beijing websites. The running costs for the project are £600 per year and anyone can help support this project by donating <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mongoliacuckooproject>

Author and academic Tim Birkhead to speak at club's 2020 AGM

TIM Birkhead has agreed to be the guest speaker at the LBC's 24th March 2020 annual meeting.

An authority on guillemots, specifically those that nest on Skomer Island, his data on the species has yielded important insights on the impact of climate change, integrity of habitat, warmer oceans and food supplies.

The club's annual meeting will be at **7.30pm on March 24 at The Golf Hotel in Woodhall Spa.**

An update on his guillemot research project is at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/guillemotsskomer>



Lincolnshire Bird News - November 2019

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 is missing from the list, then please let us know by emailing recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk. Records of more common species are still very important and should be submitted to the county Recorder (again, send all records to recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk) or submitted online using the **BTO BirdTrack** or **eBird Apps**. ALL records will then be added to the Lincolnshire Bird Club data-base, to be included in the Annual Reports. **PLEASE NOTE** that none of these reports have been verified or checked by the Lincolnshire Bird Club Records Committee.

30/11/2019

Apex Pits

Long-tailed Duck

Boultham Woods

13 Snipe

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua still feeding among the seals

Far Ings

Red-throated Diver, Kingfisher, 2 Cetti's Warbler

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, 100 Fieldfare, Goldeneye, Merlin, 1000+ Golden Plover, Water Rail, 20 Redwing, Water Pipit, Stonechat, Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

Gibraltar Point

38 Blackbird, 2 Bullfinch, Lapland Bunting, Buzzard, 350 Cormorant. Black-throated Diver (offshore), 86 Red-throated Diver, 60 Tufted Duck, 10 Little Egret, 22 Gadwall, 8 Goldcrest, 110 Brent Goose, 1940 Pink-footed Goose, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 490 Herring Gull; Hen Harrier (male), Marsh Harrier, 2 Kestrel, Kingfisher, Red-breasted Merganser, Merlin, 90 Lapwing, 2 Tawny Owl, 3 Pintail, 2 Water Pipit, 25 Golden Plover, 3 Pochard, 4 Water Rail, Purple Sandpiper, 80 Common Scoter, 61 Shoveler, Shag, 2 Siskin, Sparrowhawk, 55 Starling, 4 Stonechat, 2 Whooper Swan, 611 Teal, Mistle Thrush, 4 Song Thrush, 2 Turnstone, 79 Wigeon, 3 Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Neville Wood

Nuthatch

Saltfleet Haven

Snow Bunting, 20 Twite

29/11/2019

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua still feeding among the seals

Far Ings

Bittern, Red-throated Diver, Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher, Sparrowhawk, Cetti's Warbler



Red-throated Diver at Far Ings - Image © Roy Harvey

Gibraltar Point

30 Blackbird, Corn Bunting, 7 Snow Bunting, 2 Buzzard, **Hooded Crow**, 7 Red-throated Diver, 86 Tufted Duck, Peregrine Falcon, 6 Fieldfare,

33 Gadwall, 2 Goldcrest, 2 Goldeneye 140 Brent Goose, 1350 Pink-footed Goose, **Tundra Bean Goose**, 21 Greenfinch, 2 Kestrel, 130 Lapwing, 2 Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, 3 Pintail, **Water Pipit**, 7 Water Rail, 326 Robin, 98 Common Scoter, 45 Shoveler, 4 Siskin, Jack Snipe, Sparrowhawk, 60 Starling, 2 Stonechat, 3 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, 5 Waxwing, 317 Wigeon, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Mareham-le-Fen

2 Common Crane (flying towards Boston)

Tetney Marshes RSPB

4 Snow Bunting, 3 Buzzard, **Lapland Bunting**, **Great Northern Diver**, 2 Peregrine Falcon, 5 Goosander, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Barn Owl, 3 Short-eared Owl, **7 Velvet Scoter**, **4 Scaup**, 430 Common Scoter,

Whisby

13500 murmuration of Starling

28/11/2019

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua (still among the seals - (car-park closed due to flooding))

Friskney Flats

c500 Eider

Gibraltar Point

26 Blackbird, Bullfinch, 2 Lapland Bunting, Chiffchaff, 437 Cormorant, Black-throated Diver, 16 Red-throated Diver 3 Eider Duck, 82 Tufted Duck, 10 Little Egret, Peregrine Falcon, 10 Gadwall, 5 Gannet, 9 Goldcrest, 41 Brent Goose, 820 Pink-footed Goose, 3 Greenfinch, Guillemot, Kestrel, Kittiwake, 90 Lapwing, 3 Red-breasted Merganser, 1500 Oystercatcher, 2 Tawny Owl, Pintail, Water Pipit, 3 Redwing, 72 Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter, 29 Shoveler, Siskin, 41 Starling, 18 Whooper Swan, Snipe, 202 Teal, 2 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, 8 Turnstone, 231 Wigeon, Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Lincoln

6 Fieldfare, Stonechat (Skewbridge Tip)

Marston, Trent Port

Linnet, Twite

27/11/2019

Boultham Mere

17 Little Egret



Close to Boultham Mere, 17 Little Egret taking flight - Image © Andy Sims

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua (still among the seals)

Gibraltar Point

40 Blackbird, 2 Blackcap, Bullfinch, 81 Tufted Duck, 14 Little Egret, 116 Fieldfare, 46 Gadwall, 8 Goldcrest, 180 Brent Goose, 800 Pink-footed Goose, 4 Greenfinch, Hen Harrier (male), Kestrel, 230 Lapwing, 2 Tawny Owl, 2 Pintail, Water Pipit, 160 Golden Plover, 11 Redwing, 26 Robin, 28 Shoveler, 2 Siskin, 2 Snipe, 55 Starling, Stonechat, 124 Teal, 6 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, 213 Wigeon, Woodcock, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, Yellowhammer

Marston

2 Water Rail, Raven, Green Sandpiper, 30 Snipe, Jack Snipe, 2 Grey Wagtail, 2 Cetti's Warbler,

26/11/2019

Apex Pit

Long-tailed Duck

Boultham Mere

18 Little Egret, 217 Lapwing

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua (still among the seals)

Gibraltar Point

28 Blackbird, 3 Corn Bunting, Buzzard, 32 Tufted Duck, 9 Little Egret, 67 Eider, 33 Fieldfare, 45 Gadwall, 8 Goldcrest, 200 Brent Goose, 2000 Pink-footed Goose, Hen Harrier (male), 160 Lapwing, 1900 Oystercatcher, 6 Pintail, Water Pipit 270 Golden Plover, 2 Pochard, 9 Redwing, 27 Robin, 40 Shelduck, 12 Shoveler, 2 Siskin, 2 Sparrowhawk, 35 Starling, Stonechat, Mistle Thrush, 4 Song Thrush, 2 Treecreeper, 3 Turnstone, 3 Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Holbeach St Johns

Great White Egret, (2 ½ miles south of the village)

25/11/2019

Apex Pits

Long-tailed Duck (still present against eastern bank but elusive)

Covenham Reservoir

Snow Bunting

Denton Reservoir

Greater Scaup

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua (still amongst the seals)

Freiston Shore

16 White-fronted Goose, 18 Whooper Swan (south)

Gibraltar Point

45 Blackbird, 2 Bullfinch, 26 Stock Dove, 7 Eider Duck, 52 Tufted Duck, Great White Egret, 7 Little Egret, Peregrine Falcon, 73 Fieldfare, 32 Gadwall, 8 Goldcrest, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, 280 Dark-bellied Brent Goose, 2893 Pink-footed Goose, 3 White-fronted Goose, 14 Greenfinch, Mediterranean Gull, 2 Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier (male), Kingfisher, 140 Lapwing, 4 Red-breasted Merganser, Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, 5 Pintail, Water Pipit, 13 Golden Plover, 55 Redwing, 31 Robin, 22 Common Scoter, 79 Shelduck, 15 Shoveler, 2 Siskin. 18 Tree Sparrow, Sparrowhawk, 40 Starling, 2 Stonechat, 115 Teal, 4 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, Woodcock, Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Holbeach St Johns

Great White Egret

24/11/2019

Apex Pit

Long-tailed Duck

Blackmoor Bridge

3 Little Grebe, 1500 Greylag Goose, 50 Lapwing, 2 Ruddy Shelduck, 600 Starling, 400 Teal, 30+ Pied Wagtail, 1000 Wigeon

Donna Nook

2 Lapland Bunting, 37 Snow Bunting, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Hen Harrier, Merlin, Barn Owl, 2 Short-eared Owl, 3 Water Rail, Pomarine Skua (still amongst the seals), 48 Whooper Swan, 90 Twite, Yellow-browed Warbler (one ringed)

Freiston Shore

19 White-fronted Goose, Water Pipit

Frampton Marsh

Avocet, Buzzard, 100 Curlew, 2 Peregrine Falcon, 120 Black-tailed Godwit, 2000 Brent Goose, 3000 Lapwing, Merlin, Barn Owl, 30 Redwing, Water Rail, 70 Ruff, Stonechat, 900 Teal, Cetti's Warbler, 5000 Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

114 Blackbird, 3 Blackcap, 3 Brambling, 4 Bullfinch, 60 Chaffinch, 4 Corn Bunting, 3 Chiffchaff, 20 Stock Dove, 2 Eider Duck, 67 Tufted Duck, 8 Little Egret, 26 Fieldfare, 2 Firecrest, 54 Gadwall, 16 Goldcrest, 274 Brent Goose, 2600 Pink-footed Goose, 6 White-fronted Goose, 32 Goldfinch

22 Greenfinch, 2 Hen Harrier, 2 Marsh Harrier, 358 Lapwing, 2 Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, Short-eared Owl, Water Pipit, 3 Pintail, 5 Meadow Pipit, 137 Golden Plover, 2 Pochard, Water Rail, 147 Redwing, 92 Redshank, 47 Robin, 71 Common Scoter, 62 Shelduck, 46 Shoveler, 16 Siskin, 6 Skylark, 8 Snipe, Jack Snipe, 3 Sparrowhawk, 80 Starling, Stonechat, 13 Song Thrush, 2 Treecreeper, 6 Turnstone, Pallas's Warbler, 314 Wigeon, 2 Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker, a Green Woodpecker

Holbeach St John's

Great White Egret

Trent Port, Marton

2 Bullfinch, Little Egret, 2 Peregrine Falcon (over garden first thing Marton), 500 Fieldfare, Kingfisher, 180 Redwing, 4 Treecreeper, Tree Sparrow, 15 Whooper Swan, 110 Wigeon, 55 Yellowhammer

Short Ferry Floods

2 Great White Egret, Little Egret, Grey Heron, 50 Fieldfare, Barn Owl

Whisby (Apex Pits-east end)

Long-tailed Duck (first for Reserve)

- Image © Grahame Hopwood



23/11/2019

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua (still amongst the seals-now in to its second week)

Gibraltar Point

147 Blackbird, Blackcap, 2 Brambling 2 Bullfinch, Snow Bunting, Buzzard, 2 Chiffchaff, 53 Tufted Duck, 6 Little Egret, 3 Fieldfare, 62 Gadwall, 12 Goldcrest, 180 Brent Goose, 90 Pink-footed Goose, Great Crested Grebe, 8 Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Hen Harrier (male), 110 Lapwing, 2 Tawny Owl, 2 Pintail 3 Water Pipit, 2 Pochard Water Rail, Spotted Redshank, 38 Redwing, 53 Robin, 83 Common Scoter, 43 Shoveler, Siskin, 8 Song Thrush, 2 Sparrowhawk, 70 Starling, 3 Stonechat, 121 Teal, Treecreeper, 12 Turnstone, 318 Wigeon, Woodcock, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker,

Saltfleet

16 White-fronted Goose

22/11/2019

Blackmoor Bridge

Marsh Harrier, 2 Ruddy Shelduck

Chapel Observatory

Lapland Bunting, Little Auk

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua (still amongst the seals)

Gibraltar Point

56 Blackbird, 5 Brambling, 2 Bullfinch, Snow Bunting, Buzzard, 65 Tufted Duck, 5 Little Egret, 45 Gadwall, 8 Goldcrest, 180 Brent Goose, 2000 Pink-footed Goose, 3 White-fronted Goose, 8 Greenfinch, Marsh Harrier, Hawfinch, 2 Kestrel, 87 Lapwing, 2 Tawny Owl, 3 Pintail, Water Pipit, 60 Golden Plover, 3 Pochard, Water Rail, 28 Redwing, 16 Shoveler, Siskin, 3 Sparrowhawk, 70 Starling, 11 Stonechat, 339 Teal, Treecreeper, 6 Song Thrush, Waxwing, 416 Wigeon, Woodcock, Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Sea View Farm

16 White-fronted Goose

21/11/2019

Anderby Creek

5 White-fronted Geese (South)

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua (still among the seals)

Gibraltar Point

55 Blackbird, 2 Bullfinch, Chiffchaff, Great Northern Diver, 11 Stock Dove, Eider Duck, 93 Tufted Duck, 7 Little Egret, 94 Gadwall, 12 Goldcrest, 330 Brent Goose, 20 White-fronted Goose (Croft Marsh- left late afternoon), 6 Greenfinch, Mediterranean Gull, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, Hawfinch, 2 Kestrel, 120 Lapwing, 2 Tawny Owl, 5 Pintail, Water Pipit, 29 Golden Plover, Pochard, Water Rail, 19 Redwing, 36 Robin, 73 Common Scoter, 223 Shelduck, 16 Shoveler, 8 Siskin, Jack Snipe, 2 Sparrowhawk, 110 Starling, 162 Teal, 11 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, 7 Turnstone, 183 Wigeon, Woodcock, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Worlaby Carrs

700 Pink-footed goose, 8 White-fronted Goose

20/11/2019

Bardney Pits

2 Great White Egret

Boultham Mere

96 Pink-footed Goose (NW), **Bearded Tit**, 2 **Cetti's Warbler**



Pink-footed Geese and Cetti's Warbler - Images © Andy Sims

Chapel Six Marsh

Mediterranean Gull (Adult)

Donna Nook

3 **Lapland Bunting**, 487 Pink-footed Goose, Hen Harrier (male), 3 Short-eared Owl, **Pomarine Skua**, 42 Whooper Swan, Stonechat, 90 Twite

Far Ings

Bittern

Freiston Shore

2 **White-fronted Geese**

Frithville

7 Little Egret

Gib Point

2 Bullfinch, **Lapland Bunting**, Buzzard, Chiffchaff, 22 Stock Dove, 79 Tufted Duck, 7 Goldcrest, Great White Egret, 7 Little Egret, 54 Gadwall, 200 Brent Goose, 2500 Pink-footed Goose, 5 Greenfinch, Hen Harrier (male), Marsh Harrier, **Hawfinch**, Kingfisher, 140 Lapwing, Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, Water Pipit, Pochard, Spotted Redshank, 2 Redwing, 33 Robin, 37 Shoveler, 94 Siskin, 2 Sparrowhawk, 8 Stonechat, 193 Teal, 4 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, Woodcock, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Huttoft Pit

Goosander, 12 Snipe, 2 Stonechat and Little Egret

Lincoln

Waxwing

Marton - Trent Port

Coot (recently scarce bird here), 14 Reed Bunting, 60 Tufted Duck, 160 Lapwing, 120 Linnet, 95 Red-legged Partridge, 7 Redshank, 2 Tree Sparrow, 4 Teal, 54 Wigeon, 45 Yellowhammer,

Marsh Yard/Moggs Eye

2 adult Bewick's Swan, 28 (5 juveniles) Whooper Swan and 18 Mute Swan

Marston SW

36 Fieldfare, 7 Moorhen, 7 Redwing, 8 Teal,

19/11/2019

Donna Nook

Lapland Bunting, 3 Short-eared Owl, Pomarine Skua, Swallow, 90 Twite

Chapel Six Marsh

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

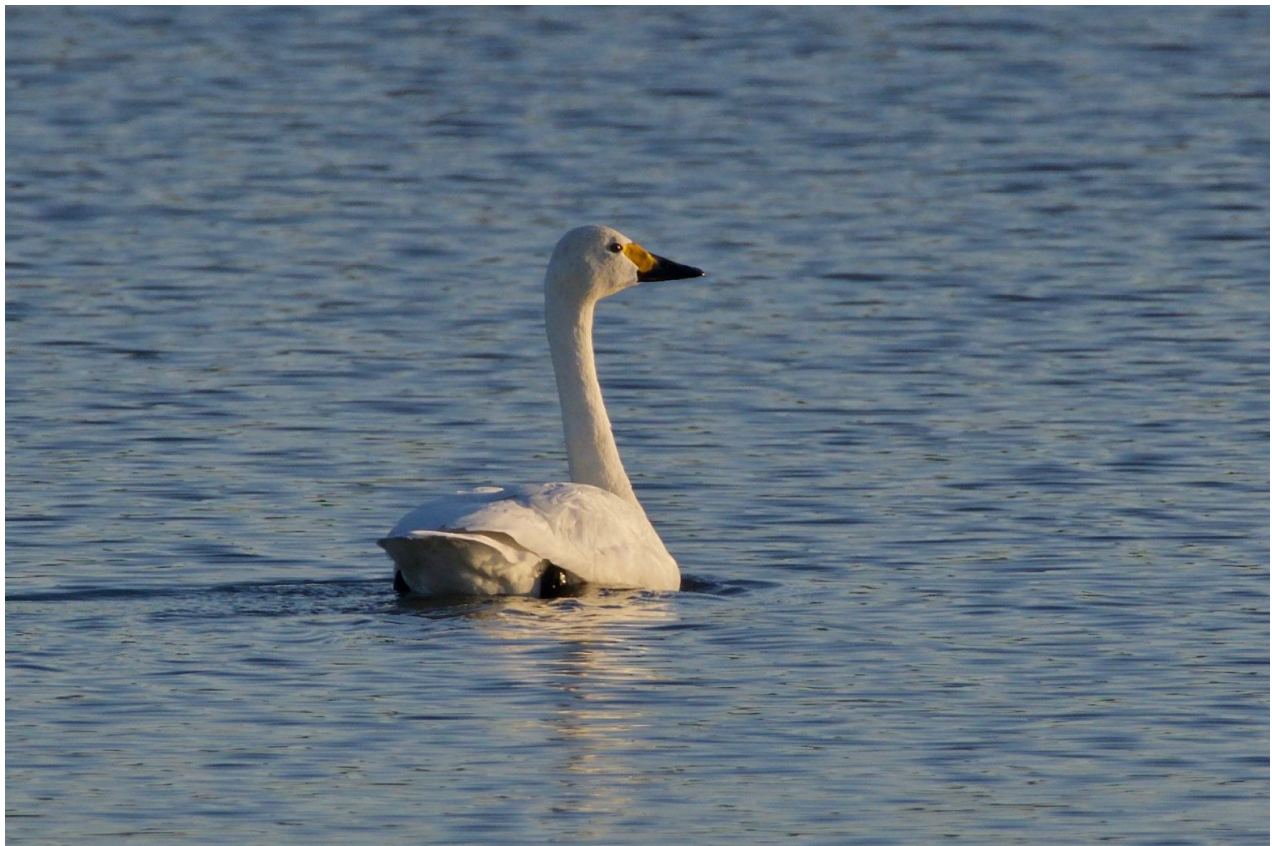
Hen Harrier, Merlin, 3 Little Owl, Golden Plover (several thousand), Turnstone, 2+ Cetti's Warbler, [2 Otter](#)

Freiston Shore

2 Bewick Swan (briefly on Res, now flown south)

Gibraltar Point

81 Blackbird, 11 Blackcap, Brambling, 2 Bullfinch, [Northern Bullfinch](#) (presumed in plantation), 25 Corn Bunting, 2 Lapland Bunting, [2 Snow Bunting](#), 3 Chiffchaff, 110 Curlew, 65 Tufted Duck, 9 Little Egret, 3 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, [Firecrest](#), 16 Gadwall, 13 Goldcrest, 180 Brent Goose, 2900 Pink-footed Goose, 2 Marsh Harrier, 2 Kestrel, 190 Lapwing, 36 Linnet, Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, Pintail, 7 Meadow Pipit, 16 Rock Pipit, 2 Water Pipit, Water Rail, Spotted Redshank, Lesser Redpoll, 12 Redwing, 71 Robin, 30 Shelduck, 45 Shoveler, 15 Siskin, 34 Skylark, 3 House Sparrow, Sparrowhawk, 6 Stonechat, 314 Teal, 17 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, 6 Turnstone, 3 Twite, Cetti's Warbler, Waxwing, Woodcock, 262 Wigeon, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker,



One of the two Bewick Swans that were on the Reservoir at RSPB Freiston - Image © Paul Sullivan

Horseshoe Point

Black Brant, 10 Twite

Lincs Coastal CP

Great White Egret

Ruskington

Goosander (flight only)

Withern (Alford)

220 & 90 Pink-footed Geese (N), 2 Stonechat, 2 Green Sandpiper, Short-eared Owl

18/11/2019

Alkborough Flats

4 Marsh Harrier, Kingfisher, 9 Shelduck, Cetti's Warbler,

Chapel St Leonards (Observatory)

Snow Bunting

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua



Pomarine Skua feeding among the seals for the third day - image © Roy Harvey

Far Ings

Waxwing (flight only)

Frampton

Spoonbill, Merlin, 2 Stonechat, 70+ Whooper Swan, 2 Grey Plover, Hen Harrier

Gib Point

Brambling, 2 Snow Bunting, 500 Cormorant, Black-throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, 7 Red-throated Diver, Great White Egret, 8 Little Egret, 2 Eider, 2 Peregrine Falcon, 2 Fulmar, 51 Gannet, Goldcrest, 400 Brent Goose, 2800 Pink-footed Goose, 2 Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Hen Harrier, 2 Marsh Harrier, [Hawfinch](#) (the bird that has been present for three days has now been eaten by a *sparrowhawk*!), 6 Kittiwake, Red-breasted Merganser, 4 Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, [Grey Phalarope](#), 5 Pintail, 4 Pochard, Puffin, Water Rail, 7 Redwing, Greater Scaup, 144 Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter, Shag 14 Siskin, Great Skua Pomarine Skua, 25 Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler, Waxwing (heard over Plantation 119 Wigeon, 4 Woodcock, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker,

Swanpool cowfields

Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier

Trent Port

13 Redshank, 1 Snipe, 68 Lapwing, 110 Wigeon, 55 Tufted Duck, 1 Pochard, Tree Sparrow, Raven, 22 Canada Geese, 95 Greylags

Stainfield/Newball

34 Whooper Swans (4 juv in stubble field)

17/11/2019

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua (in with the seals)

Freiston Shore

5000 Black tailed Godwits from sea wall, 4000 Knot, 2000 Dunlin, 1900 Lapwing, 14 Whooper Swan and 35 Pink-footed Geese (over).

Frampton Marsh

2 Stonechat, Marsh Tit

Gib Point

1500 Pink-footed Goose, [Hawfinch](#) (Plantation), [Waxwing](#) (Gibraltar Road), 140 Brent Goose, 2925 Pink-footed Goose, 41 Shoveler, 16 Gadwall, 145 Wigeon, 373 Teal, 93 Tufted Duck, 1 Scaup (on the Mere), 6 Little Egret, 3 Water Rail, 2 Woodcock, 1 Merlin, 1 Peregrine, 1 Cetti's Warbler, 2 Brambling (Plantation feeders), 16 Siskin and 3 Corn Bunting

Trent Port/Marton

Tree Sparrow, 550 Fieldfare, 180 Redwing, 120 Linnet, 29 Yellowhammer, 30 Tufted Duck, 85 Wigeon, 105 Lapwing, 5 Redshank, Golden Plover, 45 Blackbird, 450 Starling, 36 Stock Dove

Snipe Dales

[Willow Tit](#), 8 Jay, 24 Bullfinch, 2 Treecreeper, Siskin, 40 Chaffinch, 25 Fieldfare and 9 Redwing

Wolla Bank

Water Rail, Bearded Tit (calling), 5 Stonechat and Water Pipit (over)

16/11/2019

Anderby Creek

2 Bullfinch, 400 Pink-footed Goose S, Hen Harrier (ringtail), Water Pipit, 46 Whooper Swan, Grey Wagtail, 2 Water Rail, Lesser Redpoll, 66 Siskin, Bearded Tit, (South), 14 Cetti's Warbler, [Dusky Warbler](#), Lesser Whitethroat, Woodcock, 10 Yellowhammer,



Dusky Warbler at Anderby Creek 16th November 2019 © James Siddle

Donna Nook

50 Whooper Swan, Great Northern Diver, Pomarine Skua, Hen Harrier (sub-adult male), Short-eared Owl, Shore Lark, Chiffchaff, 90 Twite and 6 Snow Bunting

Frampton

Snow Bunting (Roads Farm)

Freiston Shore

10,500 black-tailed godwit (on grassland)

Gib Point

Hawfinch (Sykes Farm Track with a nice image on the Gib Point Blog at

<http://gibraltarpointbirdobservatory.blogspot.com/>), 2 **Waxwing**, 400 Brent Goose, 2000 Pink-footed Goose, 60

Shelduck, 104 Wigeon, 3 Pintail, 191 Teal, 83 Tufted Duck, 1 Velvet Scoter, 5 Little Egret, Hen Harrier (M), 18000

Knot, 2 Woodcock, 1 Merlin, 1 Peregrine, 71 Blackbird, 46 Redwing, 4 Song Thrush, 2 Stonechat (around the Visitors Centre), 1 Brambling, 4 Bullfinch, 32 Siskin and a Snow Bunting (Millennium Ridge).

Huttoft

Hen Harrier (ringtail)

Whisby NR

Great White Egret (Teal Lake)

Witham Mouth

2500 Pink-footed Geese, 5 Shag & 2 Red-throated Diver

15/11/2019

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier (rintail), Pomarine Skua

Freiston Shore

Long-tailed Duck, Great White Egret, Slavonian Grebe

Gibraltar Point

4 Little Auk, 63 Blackbird, 2 Blackcap, 2 Brambling, Lapland Bunting, Bullfinch, Buzzard, 13 Snow Bunting, 432 Cormorant, 222 Brent Goose, Great Northern Diver, 20 Red-throated Diver, 3 Long-tailed Duck, 340 Dunlin, 51 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, Firecrest, 14 Gadwall, 58 Gannet, 650 Bar-tailed Godwit, 12 Goldcrest, Goldeneye, Goosander, 800 Pink-footed Goose 5 Great Crested Grebe, 6 Guillemot, 3 Little Gull, 6 Pintail, 406 Teal, 68 Tufted Duck, 8 Little Egret, Marsh Harrier, 3 Hen Harrier (male) Hawfinch, 2 Kestrel, 33 Kittiwake, 180 Lapwing, 1300 Red Knot, 6 Red-breasted Merganser, Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, 840 Oystercatcher, 2 Pintail, 260 Grey Plover, Water Rail, 51 Common, Redshank, Spotted Redshank, 13 Redwing, Purple Sandpiper, 98 Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter, 167 Shelduck, 48 Shoveler, 6 Siskin Arctic Skua, 5 Pomarine Skua, Sparrowhawk, 91 Teal, 10 Song Thrush, 16 Turnstone, Cetti's Warbler, 157 Wigeon, 3 Woodcock, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Lincs Coastal CP

Little Auk, 3 Snow Bunting, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Shag, Sooty Shearwater, 3 Pomarine Skua

Swanholme Lakes

2 Goosander (female), Red-crested Pochard (female-no sign of the male)

14/11/2019 - heavy rain all day

Far Ings

Bittern

Frampton Marsh

2 Collared Dove, Water Rail

Freiston Shore

5000 Black-tailed Godwit, 5000 Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

2 Little Auk, 67 Blackbird, Blackcap, Brambling, Bullfinch, Corn Bunting, 2 Chiffchaff, 489 Cormorant, 36 Curlew, 10 Red-throated Diver, 69 Tufted Duck, 16 Little Egret, Peregrine Falcon, 18 Gadwall, 2 Black-tailed Godwit, 10 Goldcrest, 60 Dark-bellied Brent Goose, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, 2500 Pink-footed Goose, 3 Greenfinch, 2 Hen Harrier (both male), Kestrel, Kittiwake, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 21 Little Grebe, Guillemot, 800 Common Gull, 5000 Black-headed Gull, 130 Lapwing, 2 Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, Pintail, Water Pipit, 400 Golden Plover, 2 Water Rail, 12 Redshank, 3 Redwing, 21 Common Scoter, 29 Shoveler, 4 Siskin, Great Skua, 3 Snipe, Sparrowhawk, 6 Mute Swan, 152 Teal, 4 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, Cetti's Warbler, 183 Wigeon, 2 Woodcock, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker,

13/11/2019

Deeping Lakes NR

5 Long-eared Owl

Far Ings

Bittern

Frampton Marsh

500 Pink-footed Geese, 2 Hen Harrier, 2 Stonechat

Gibraltar Point

95 Blackbird, 2 Blackcap, 3 Brambling, **Black Brant** (or perhaps a hybrid), 17 Chaffinch, 3 Chiffchaff, 8 Corn Bunting, 3 Bullfinch, Lapland Bunting, Common Buzzard, Rough-legged Buzzard, 208 Cormorant, Red-throated Diver, 87 Tufted Duck, 18 Little Egret, 2 Peregrine Falcon, 20 Goldcrest, 500 Brent Goose, Egyptian Goose, 1900 Pink-footed Goose, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 2 Kestrel, Kingfisher, 200 Lapwing, 2 Merlin, Barn Owl, 2 Tawny Owl. 2 Water Pipit, 2 Redwing, Water Rail, Lesser Redpoll, Spotted Redshank, 69 Robin, 30 Common Scoter, 31 Shelduck, 34 Shoveler, 66 Siskin, 34 Skylark, 3 Sparrowhawk, 30000 Starling, 4 Stonechat, 13 Mute Swan, 18 Whooper Swan, 146 Teal, 15 Song Thrush, Bearded Tit, Treecreeper, 294 Wigeon, 2 Cetti's Warbler, Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker

Lincoln, Doddington Park

2 Lesser Redpoll

Marton, Trent Port

15 Reed Bunting, 3 Bullfinch, 40 Chaffinch, Little Egret, 60 Fieldfare, Barn Owl, 68 Lapwing, 2 Stonechat, 45 Yellowhammer,, 32 Wigeon,

Messingham SQ

Reed Warbler

Millennium Green

Cattle Egret (flushed and flew towards Apex Pits just before dusk)

Wainfleet Marsh

Merlin (F), 120 Brent Geese, 1 Gannet (over saltmarsh), c200 Bar-tailed Godwit, Knot, Dunlin, Redshank, Curlew, Oystercatcher, Grey Plover, Golden Plover

12/11/2019

Blackmoor Bridge

148 Pink-footed Geese (over), Mediterranean Gull (Adult)

Chapel Six Marsh

Brambling, **2 Water Pipit**, 5 Siskin, Chiffchaff, 8 Goldcrest, 2 Cetti's Warbler

Denton Res

Greater Scaup (1st Winter)

Gibraltar Point

72 Blackbird, Brambling, 2 Bullfinch, Buzzard, **Lapland Bunting**, 80 Curlew, 9 Red Throated Diver, 87 Tufted Duck, 15 Little Egret, 2 Eider, 24 Gadwall, 27 Gannet, 3 Goosander, 350 Brent Goose, 900 Pink-footed Goose, 23 Goldcrest, 3 Great Crested Grebe, 23 Little Grebe, **Hen Harrier**, 2 Marsh Harrier, 2 Kestrel, 140 Lapwing, 2 Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, **Water Pipit**, 2 Pochard, **Puffin**, 6 Redwing, **Greater Scaup**, 71 Common Scoter, **Shag**, 47 Shoveler, 44 Siskin, 2 Sparrowhawk, 8500 Starling, 34 Whooper Swan, 323 Teal, 6 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, 9 Turnstone, Cetti's Warbler, 256 Wigeon, Woodcock, Great Spotted Woodpecker

Lincoln, Doddington Park

Buzzard, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk

Saltfleetby NNR

Pallas's Warbler, **Yellow-browed Warbler**

Wainfleet Marsh

200 Dunlin, 2 Little Egret, 40 Bar-tailed Godwit, Hen Harrier (male), 2 Marsh Harrier, Kestrel, 680 Golden Plover, 70 Knot, 21 Mallard, c120 Meadow Pipit, c70 Skylark, 7 Teal, Wren

11/11/2019

Anderby Creek

Hume's Leaf Warbler (a possible BirdGuides reporting)

Denton Reservoir

Greater Scaup



Greater Scaup at Denton Reservoir - Image © Dave Roberts

Far Ings

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier

Gibraltar Point

38 Blackbird, Black Brant, (possible or hybrid), Brambling, 37 Curlew, 20 Stock Dove, 77 Tufted Duck, Great White Egret, 10 Little Egret, 25 Gadwall, 200 Brent Goose, 900 Pink-footed Goose, 25 Goldcrest, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 170 Lapwing, 2 Merlin, Water Pipit, Lesser Redpoll, 44 Shoveler, 94 Whooper Swan, 8 Siskin, 2 Bearded Tit, 168 Teal, 2 Bearded Tit; Cetti's Warbler, 376 Wigeon, Great Spotted Woodpecker

10/11/2019

Anderby Creek

Yellow-browed Warbler

Deeping High Bank

5 Bewick Swan

Donna Nook

Lapland Bunting, Black Brant

East Halton Skitter

2 Water Pipit

Frampton Marsh

2 Goldeneye (females), Greenshank, Hen Harrier (ringtail), Kingfishers, Water Pipit, Water Rail, Barn Swallow, Whooper Swans, Cetti's Warbler

Gib Point

90 Blackbird, 3 Blackcap, Black Brant (possible), 3 Brambling, 8 Chiffchaff, 11 Corn Bunting, 2 Lapland Bunting, 3 Snow Bunting, 22 Little Egret, Eider, Peregrine Falcon, 36 Goldcrest, 180 Brent Goose, 1900 Pink-footed Goose (S), 41 Little Gull (north), Hen Harrier (male), Marsh Harrier, 90 Lapwing, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, 8 Grey Partridge, Water Rail, 1 Black Redstart, 53 Robin, Scaup, 68 Common Scoter, 55 Shelduck, 51 Siskin, Sparrowhawk, 3000 Starling, 3 Stonechat, 10 Whooper Swan (S), 5 Bearded Tit (Tennyson's Sands), Twite, 5 Woodcock, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 189 Wigeon,

Horncastle (flood relief area)

40 Whooper Swans with 32 adults and 8 juveniles (three family groups)

Huttoft Bank

Little Auk, 2 Snow Bunting

Marton/Trent Port

8 Buzzard, 5 Tufted Duck, 3 Little Egret, c500 Fieldfare, 160 Pink-footed Goose (S), 200 Lapwing, 2 Little Grebe, Common Redshank, Stonechat, 35 Wigeon, 25 Yellowhammer

Nocton Fen

Great White Egret, 2 Peregrine Falcon

Swanholme Lakes

Buzzard, Goosander (female), 55 Wigeon

09/11/2019

Bardney Lock

Great White Egret

Boultham Mere

Cetti's Warbler, Marsh Harrier

Far Ings

2 Bittern

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Greenshank, Kingfisher, Red Knot, Merlin, 2+ Water Rail, 2 Water Pipit, Golden Plover (several thousand), 2 Common Sandpiper, 2 Stonechat, Whooper Swan, 2+ Cetti's Warbler, Wigeon (several thousand)

Gibraltar Point

Little Auk, 147 Blackbird, 4 Blackcap, 7 Brambling, 3 Bullfinch, Buzzard, 9 Chiffchaff, 51 Tufted Duck, Great White Egret, 22 Little Egret, 8 Fieldfare, 2 Firecrest, 180 Brent Geese, 1800 Pink-footed Geese, 21 Goldcrest, 8 Little Grebe, 18 Greenfinch, 2 Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 250 Western Jackdaw, Kingfisher, 180 Lapwing, Merlin, Long-eared Owl, 2 Tawny Owl, 2 Pintail, 320 Golden Plover, Pochard, 2 Water Rail, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 21 Redwing, 64 Robin, Common Scoter, 46 Shoveler, 75 Siskin, 160 Skylark, 3 Snipe, 7 Tree Sparrow, 2 Sparrowhawk, 9000 Starling, 4 Stonechat, 4 Mute Swan, 28 Whooper Swan, 25 Long-tailed Tit, 136 Teal, 8 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, Cetti's Warbler, Pallas's Warbler, 245 Wigeon, 3 Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker



A single Whooper Swan on Jackson's Marsh, Gibraltar Point at lunchtime (Saturday) - Image © Chris Grimshaw

Welland Mouth

2 Little Stint

08/11/2019

The Haven, Boston

Barn Swallow

Covenham Reservoir

Purple Sandpiper, 2 Common Scoter, 11 European Shag

Denton Reservoir

2 Goldeneye, 4 Whooper Swan

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, 4 Goldeneye, 2 Egyptian Goose, Greenshank, Water Rail, Tree Sparrows, Whooper Swans

Gibraltar Point

2 Little Auk, 183 Blackbird, 2 Blackcap, Common Buzzard, Rough-legged Buzzard, Siberian Chiffchaff, 18 Little Egret, Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, 56 Fieldfare, Firecrest, 90 Brent Goose, c3300 Pink-footed Geese, Hen Harrier (male), Marsh Harrier, Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, Olive-backed Pipit, Water Pipit, 4 Water Rail, Raven, Black Redstart, 130 Redwing, 9 Siskin, Pomarine Skua, 2 Sparrowhawk, Barn Swallow, 13 Whooper Swan, 23 Song Thrush, Coal Tit, Twite, 6 Woodcock, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker

East Halton

6 Goldeneye, 2 Guillemot, 2 Marsh Harrier, 50 Common Scoter, 2 Stonechat, 2 Whooper Swan

Holbeach Marsh

60 Pink-footed Geese, 50 Whooper Swan

Huttoft Car Terrace

1 Shore Lark, 2 Snow Bunting

Theddlethorpe Dunes

A late report Saturday morning (9th) of a [Common Rosefinch](#). No further details



Shore Lark at Huttoft Car Terrace - Image © John Clarkson

Swanpool cow-fields

Jack Snipe

07/11/2019 - [Non stop heavy rain all day](#)

Boultham Mere

Goldeneye, 13 Goosander (9 male 4 female)

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck

Gibraltar Point

8 Brambling, 250 Blackbird, 5 Bullfinch, [Rough-legged Buzzard](#), [Common Crossbill](#), [Siberian Chiffchaff](#), 18 Little Egret, [2 Firecrest](#), 90 Brent Goose, Hen Harrier, 1400 Pink-footed Geese, [Iceland Gull](#), 94 Robin, 12 Siskin, 7000 Starling, 2 Stonechat, Water Pipit, 2 Water Rail, Treecreeper, [Pallas's Warbler](#), [Yellow-browed Warbler](#), 4 Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker

06/11/2019

Donna Nook NNR

Little Auk N, Brambling, 2 Lapland Bunting, 15 Snow Bunting, 2 Peregrine Falcon, 717 Pink-footed Geese (south), Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 75 Linnet, 3 Merlin, 2 Short-eared Owl, Lesser Redpoll, Ruff, 171 Common Scoter, 46 Whooper Swan, Lesser Redpoll, Siskin, 2 Stonechat, 2 Swallow, 67 Twite, Woodcock.

Deeping Lakes

[5 Long-eared Owl](#)

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck

Gibraltar Point

135 Blackbird, 2 Blackcap, 3 Brambling, 4 Bullfinch, Lapland Bunting, Snow Bunting, Buzzard, 26 Chaffinch, 4 Chiffchaff, a Siberian Chiffchaff (Plantation), 4 Red-throated Diver, Eider Duck, 54 Tufted Duck, Great White Egret, 15 Little Egret, 8 Fieldfare, 8 Gadwall, 23 Goldcrest, 2 Goldeneye, 22 Goldfinch, 400 Brent Goose, 2860 Pink-footed Goose, 18 Greenfinch, Yellow-legged Gull, Hen Harrier (male), 2 Kestrel, 139 Lapwing, 12 Linnet, Merlin, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, 2 Tawny Owl, 1820 Wood Pigeon, 2 Pintail, 4 Meadow Pipit, 4 Water Rail, Spotted Redshank, 4 Lesser Redpoll, 45 Redwing, Purple Sandpiper (Greenshanks Creek), c30 Common Scoter, 29 Shoveler, 57 Siskin, 2 Great Skua, 2 Pomarine Skua, 4 Snipe, 6 Tree Sparrow, Sparrowhawk, 18000 Starling, 8 Stonechat, 2 Water Pipit 59 Whooper Swan (south in two flocks), 205 Teal, 32 Song Thrush, 2 Treecreeper, 3 Twite, Grey Wagtail, 6 Woodcock, Green Woodpecker, Yellowhammer.

East Halton Skitter

Water Pipit

05/11/2019

Boultham Mere

54 Coot, Goosander (female), Marsh Harrier, Mistle Thrush

Freiston Shore

2 Merlin, 2 Velvet Scoter

Gibraltar Point

10 Auk sp. 2 Blackcap, 24 Blackbird, 4 Brambling, 2 Bullfinch, Lapland Bunting, Buzzard, 6 Chiffchaff, Siberian Chiffchaff, 116 Curlew, Black-throated Diver, 21 Red-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck (drifting north offshore), 4 Tufted Duck, 2 Great White Egret, 9 Little Egret, 7 Eider, 8 Fieldfare, 121 Gannet, 16 Goldcrest, 9 Goldeneye, 6 Goosander, 400 Brent Goose, 630 Pink-footed Goose, 2 Great Crested Grebe, 8 Greenfinch, Guillemot, 9 Little Gull, Hen Harrier (male), 2 Kestrel, 474 Kittiwake, 160 Lapwing, 12 Mallard, 1 Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, 2 Pintail, 3 Water Rail, 52 Redwing, 214 Common Scoter, 2 Velvet Scoter, 31 Shelduck, 55 Shoveler, 6 Siskin, 4 Arctic Skua, 4 Great Skua, 19 Pomarine Skua, 2 Snipe, Sparrowhawk, 2 Swallow, 274 Teal, 16 Song Thrush, Treecreeper, 5 Turnstone, Grey Wagtail, 2 Yellow-browed Warbler, 147 Wigeon, 2 Woodcock, Yellowhammer

Witham Mouth

8 Auk sp. Little Auk, 35 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1500 Black-tailed Godwit, 2 Buzzard, Red-throated Diver, 13 Eider Duck, 35 Little Egret, Peregrine Falcon, 225 Gannet, 12 Goldeneye, 1200 Brent Goose, 160 Pink-footed Goose, 8 Great Crested Grebe, Guillemot, 3 Marsh Harrier, 130 Kittiwake, 6 Red-breasted Merganser, 350 Oystercatcher, 3500 Golden Plover, Shelduck 400, 4 Great Skua, 4 Pomarine Skua, 150 Teal

04/11/2019

Frampton Marsh

Buzzard, Long-tailed Duck, Great White Egret, Peregrine Falcon, Greenshank, Goldeneye, Marsh Harrier, Kestrel, 2 Merlin 6 Red-crested Pochard, Water Rail, Sparrowhawk, Whooper Swan, Bearded Tit, Stonechat Turnstone

Gibraltar Point

18 Blackbird, Blackcap, Brambling, Bullfinch, 2 Corn Bunting, Lapland Bunting, Buzzard, 7 Chiffchaff, Siberian Chiffchaff, 9 Red-throated Diver, 7 Eider Duck, 13 Fieldfare, 493 Brent Geese, 3350 Pink-footed Geese, Slavonian Grebe, 32 Goldcrest, Little Gull, Hen Harrier (male), Marsh Harrier, 2 Kestrel, Kingfisher, 180 Lapwing, 6 Red-breasted Merganser, Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, 5 Pintail, Water Pipit, 5 Lesser Redpoll, Spotted Redshank, 8 Redwing, 2 Greater Scaup (offshore), 30 Common Scoter, 44 Shelduck, 25 Shoveler, 31 Siskin, Great Skua,

Sparrowhawk, 23000 Starling, 4 Stonechat, 200 Teal, 10 Song Thrush, 15 Turnstone, Grey Wagtail, [Barred Warbler](#), [Yellow-browed Warbler](#) 60 Wigeon, Green Woodpecker.



The Barred Warbler today at Gibraltar Point - Image © Ben Ward

03/11/2019

Crook Bank

4 Lapland Bunting, Swallow

East Halton Skitter

Water Pipit

Frampton Marsh

Avocet, **Long-tailed Duck**, 2 Egyptian Goose, 2 Greenshank, 2 Kestrel, 2 Merlin, 2 Tawny Owl, 1 Pintail, 3000 Golden Plover, 16 Pochard, Spotted Redshank, 2 Stonechat, 3 Swallow, 15 Whooper Swan, 6 Bearded Tit, 3000 Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

70 Blackbird, 2 Blackcap, 7 Brambling, 4 Bullfinch, **5 Lapland Bunting**, 18 Reed Bunting, **Snow Bunting**, 8 Chiffchaff, **Siberian Chiffchaff**, 4 Stock Dove, 10 Little Egret, 28 Fieldfare, 137 Goldcrest, 137 Goldfinch, 40 Brent Goose, 1624 Pink-footed Goose, Marsh Harrier, 90 Lapwing, 26 Linnet, Ring Ouzel, 2 Tawny Owl, 869 Wood Pigeon, 3 Pintail, 54 Meadow Pipit, 17 Rock Pipit, 18 Lesser Redpoll, 29 Redwing, 62 Robin, 42 Skylark, Spotted Redshank, 216 Siskin, 4 Snipe, 18 Tree Sparrow, 2 Sparrowhawk, 24000 Starling, Stonechat, 6 Swallow, 16 Whooper Swan, 26 Song Thrush, 2 Coal Tit, 2 Treecreeper, 12 Alba Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Yellow-browed Warbler, Woodcock, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Yellowhammer

New Holland

Peregrine Falcon, Pink-footed Geese, Tawny Owl

Kirkby on Bain GP

Buzzard

Marston

Peregrine Falcon, Marsh Harrier, Red Kite, c45 Common Snipe, 2 **Jack Snipe**, 2 Grey Wagtail,

Nocton Fen

Great White Egret, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, 16 Whooper Swan

North Hykeham Pits

Goldeneye (male), 10 Common Pochard (all male)

Trent Port, Marton

2 Bullfinch, 4 Buzzard, 130 Fieldfare, Pink-footed Geese, 4 Gadwall, Jay, 4 Teal, 2 Whooper Swan, 40 Wigeon, 8 Yellowhammer

Swanholme Lakes

Kingfisher, Red-crested Pochard (female)

Theddlethorpe St Helens

Firecrest

02/11/2019

Chapel Six Marsh

C22000 Starling (murmuration)

Cleethorpes CP

Goosander, 6 Egyptian Goose

Covenham Reservoir

2 Common Scoter, 2 Twite

Crowland

Great White Egret (two over the town centre yesterday afternoon)

Donna Nook

Brambling, 2 Corn Bunting, 200 Brent Goose, Hen Harrier (male), 2 Marsh Harrier, Merlin, 8 Water Pipit, 980 Shelduck, 1 9 Snipe

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, 2 Greenshank, 2 Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

16 Auk sp, 2 Avocet, 5 Brambling, 3 Bullfinch, Buzzard, 27 Chaffinch, 4 Chiffchaff, Siberian Chiffchaff (Plantation), 38 Curlew, 5 Red-throated Diver, 22 Tufted Duck, 3 Great White Egret, 12 Little Egret, 8 Fieldfare, Firecrest, 19 Gadwall, 36 Goldcrest, Goldeneye, 28 Goldfinch, 60 Brent Goose, 103 Pink-footed Goose, Hen Harrier (ringtail), Kestrel, 80 Lapwing, 2 Tawny Owl, 6 Meadow Pipit, 35 Golden Plover, Lesser Redpoll, Spotted Redshank, 20 Redwing, 57 Shoveler, 29 Siskin, 16 Skylark, 9 Common Snipe, Jack Snipe, 2 Sparrowhawk, 2 Swallow, 294 Teal, Mistle Thrush, Treecreeper, Grey Wagtail, Waxwing, 2 Yellow-browed Warbler, 9 Wigeon, Green Woodpecker, Yellowhammer

Huttoft Bank

13 Mute Swan, 25 Whooper Swan

Lincs Coastal CP

Tufted Duck, 6 Eider, 8 Gannet, Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, Redpoll sp, 3 Common Scoter, 4 Tree Sparrow, 13 Mute Swan, 25 Whooper Swan,

Wolla Bank

C12000 Starling (murmuration)

01/11/2019

Chapel Six Marshes

8000 Starling (murmuration)

Frampton Marsh

Long-tailed Duck, Greenshank, Goldeneye, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, Merlin, Spotted Redshank, 2 Tree Sparrow, Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

Gib Point

Blackcap, 2 Brambling, 3 Common Chiffchaff, **Siberian Chiffchaff**, 20 Tufted Duck, 17 Gadwall, 31 Goldcrest, Hen Harrier (male), Marsh Harrier, Kestrel, 120 Lapwing, 2 Tawny Owl, 4 Pochard, 12 Redwing, 54 Shoveler, 6 Snipe, 15000 Starling, Sparrowhawk, 4 Swallow, 652 Teal, Treecreeper, **Pallas's Warbler** (now in the East Dunes), 2 Yellow-browed Warbler

Huttoft Bank

1 Snow Bunting 13 Red-throated Diver, 3 Eider (north), 1 Red-breasted Merganser, 1 **Purple Sandpiper** (south), 40 Common Scoter

Wolla Bank

4 Bearded Tit, 18000 Starling (murmuration)

Normanby Enterprise Park

Hawfinch

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<http://lnu.org/>

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Love Lincs Plants

<https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/what-we-do/love-lincs-plants>

Love Lincs Plants Twitter feed [@LoveLincsPlants](#)

Sir Joseph Banks Society

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

enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

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

Lincolnshire Bat Group website

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

Butterfly Conservation Lincolnshire Branch

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

FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

Rural Crime Officer

Pc 160 Nick Willey

Force Wildlife, Rural Crime Officer

Force Dog Training Establishment

Lincolnshire Showground.

Grange-De-Lings.

Lincoln

nicholas.willey@lincs.pnn.police.uk

OFFICE: 01522-731897

MOBILE :07768-501895

PAGER : 07654-330877

Rural Crime News -

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

STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

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

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

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

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

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

Lyme Disease

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

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

Botany

Botanical Group in South Lincs

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

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

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

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

Lincolnshire Mammals

Chris Manning, Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com

Mammal Atlas

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

<http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php>

Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

Ashley Butterfield - learningoutdoors@btinternet.com

Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

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

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: annettefaulkner@btinternet.com

USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

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

Contact: charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk

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

Natural England

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

Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk

Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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



Lincolnshire Bird Club
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<http://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk>

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

