



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - January 2020



HAPPY NEW YEAR & Happy Birding in 2020

from the Lincolnshire Bird Club

We are looking forward to seeing you on **11th January 2020**
at the **joint LBC/LNU meeting...**

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.



2020 Willow Tit Survey

The decline of the Willow Tit is well known. It is our most threatened resident bird having declined by 95% since the mid 70s. As an endemic race, the British Willow Tit is indigenous to Britain and found nowhere else. Its disappearance would be a slap in the face for all British conservationists. We've been charting the decline year by year in the Lincolnshire Bird Report and it has accelerated over the last 5 years.

The RSPB recognising that they need to step in and do more to prevent the extinction of this species started a national survey in 2019 which will continue into 2020. Knowing exactly where Willow Tits have been and are now is crucial to understanding how they might be saved. We will be supporting the RSPB by following their methodology and surveying the tetrad squares they have identified as worthy of checking. Some of these squares almost certainly no longer hold birds but have done over the last 20 years or so. Negative results are useful as well as positive ones so please check squares near you even if you are pretty certain there are no Willow Tits present.

The methodology requires a visit to suitable habitat in each tetrad twice during mid February to mid April and the use of playback to determine if Willow Tits are present. Suitable habitat in Lincs can include any damp scrubby woodland particularly close to water courses and on the site of old sand, gravel and clay pits. Trees especially attractive to them include willow, birch, hawthorn and elder.

Full instructions can be downloaded here -

http://www.rbbp.org.uk/downloads/Willow_Tit_national_survey_methods_2019.pdf.

The recording form is available here - http://www.rbbp.org.uk/downloads/Willow_Tit_survey_form_2019.pdf

The recording to be used for playback can be downloaded here -

http://www.rbbp.org.uk/downloads/Willow_Tit_call.mp3

As Marsh Tits and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers also occur in similar habitats to Willow Tits in some areas, please remember that these species are also a rare breeding bird. Therefore we ask that observers ensure that any sightings are reported to the county recorder or logged via BirdTrack.

Some initial work has been done at well known sites in the county. The table below lists all squares which have yet to receive any coverage, 67 in all. Please note the "general location" in the table is to give you an indication of the area the tetrad is in. It does not mean Willow Tits have been recently recorded at that site name. To decide exactly where you will visit you will need to use your experience, knowledge of the terrain and rights of access available to you. If you could identify squares you should be able to cover please email Phil Espin to register your interest on pmjespin@gmail.com and he will coordinate to avoid duplication of effort and ensure we get a broad coverage across the sample area. Completed recorded forms should be sent to him and he will pass them on to RSPB.

If you have any questions at all please call him on 07966 325380.



(Photograph Willow Tit at Messingham SQ © John Clarkson 03/03/10)

Willow Tit Survey 2020: Tetrads Requiring coverage

Square	Tetrad (s)	General Location		Square	Tetrad (s)	General Location
	North West				Central (cont'd)	
SE70	M	Wroot		TF14	R	Heckington
SE71	Q	Crowle		TF15	K,	Billingham
SE80	K,	Scunthorpe SW		TF17	H, S, Y	Bardney Forest
SE90	G, D, Y	Scunthorpe SE		TF18	V	Market Rasen
SE91	D,	Scunthorpe NE		TF19	C, D,	Walesby
SK89	G, H	Gainsborough				
SK99	H	Kirton in Lindsey			East	
TA01	A, B	Elsham		TF25	I	Coningsby
				TF26	N, T	Horncastle
	North East			TF35	J, N	Stickney
TA10	R	Caistor		TF36	U, Z, V	Old Bolingbroke
TA30	G	Tetney Lock		TF37	S, W	Tetford
				TF38	B, D, M	Louth
	West			TF39	P	Covenham
SK87	L, Z	Newton on Trent		TF47	H	Alford
SK88	L, R	Marton				
SK96	F, I	North Hykeham			South West	
SK97	V, X	Lincoln		SK84	N	Claypole
				SK93	Q, S	Grantham
	Central			SK94	J, V	Ancaster
TF06	T	Branston		TF01	C	Bourne SW
TF07	I, M	Sudbrooke		TF02	K, M, T, U	Bourne NW
TF08	A	Toft Newton		TF03	Q, Y	Threekingham
TF09	F, K, S	Thornton le Moor		TF05	G, Q, T	Ruskington

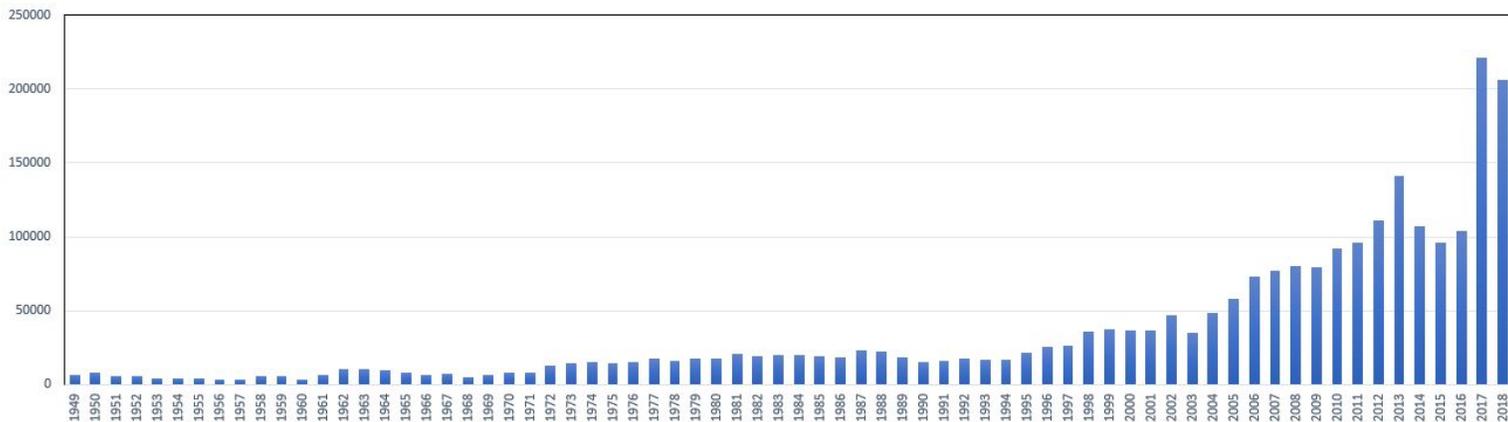
For those unfamiliar with the tetrad system a good description can be found at p35 of Bird Atlas 2007 – 11. In brief, the Ordnance survey divides the British Isles into 10 km squares each of which has its own unique number based on the grid system shown on it's maps. A tetrad is a 2km x 2km square and each 10 km square contains 25 of them. Each tetrad is uniquely lettered from A to Z on a fixed system. The letter O being omitted to avoid confusion. To identify the square you choose to survey it is therefore essential to refer to the correct OS map. If you have any difficulty with this please call Phil Espin. Good hunting!

LBC Records Database

As 2019 closes and work is well on the way on the 2018 Lincs Bird Report, I thought I would update you about 2018 records.

In 2018, The Lincs Bird Club managed to get over 400000 records sent in or "farmed". Of these, once culled there was 205980 in total. 2017 was higher but many of the duplicate records are still in the database for that year.

Number of observer records per year from 1949 to 2018



The chart above shows records per year from 1949 to 2018. In 2018 of all the records sent in, 40% did not have a count so sadly were of little scientific use.

About 20000 records were wasted due to the observer using a site name that we could not decipher such as "Garden", "Gravel Pit" and even "On the train", however very few of these were from known birders. Birdtrack managed a new record in 2018 with one trip being recorded as "just north of Frampton Marsh" but with a Map Reference entered on the BirdTrack system just over 300 miles away. Maybe that observer has the best Binoculars ever, certainly better than mine.

All the records we have are now in one single LBC Master database rather than the six we had a couple of years ago, so getting information out and mapping is easy but I must admit it's been a huge task.

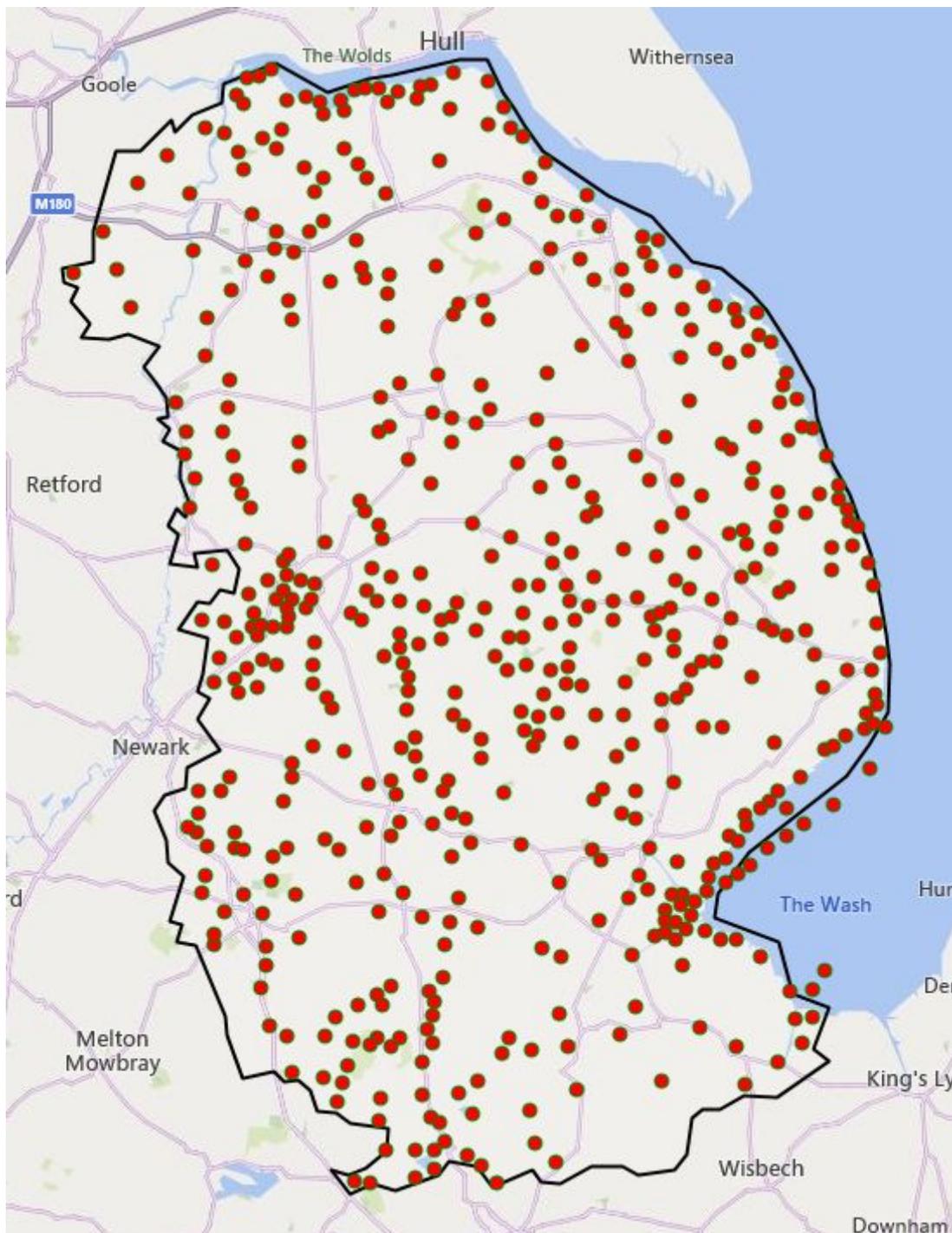
Our records are stored in Wildlife Recorder 4 and Jack Levene has again been very helpful to the LBC making many improvements and changes just for us. Being away on Chemo and having a stem cell transplant stopped me doing anything for several months and I must admit the 2018 records was a huge effort for me during those times.

The current LBC Master database contains just over 2.5 million records from just over 200000 birding trips. The highest number of records from a member in 2018 was Nige Lound, with Andy Simms a very close second.

We had about 150000 duplicate records in 2018, mainly due to observers who put records on BirdTrack while recording them in other places as well. Obviously several observers go birding together so this also makes for a lot of duplicates but the new system can handle them now (well in a fashion).

We currently have 890 sites within the database but so far in the 2 years I have been doing the records we have over 12000 different spellings and ways of naming sites by observers in our site converter. We have over 200 for Gibraltar Point alone.

The system now sorts these out automatically rather than Colin and Sheila Jennings sitting there for hours and hours going through them manually.



This WR4 produced map shows the sites where we had records from in 2018, and yes it's a big county.

If anyone thinks about writing something for the newsletter and needs some statistics, maps or graphs just email me on lincsbirdclub@gmail.com and I will see what I can produce.

Keep up the great work and thanks to all, and finally if there is a wiz kid on data out there that wants to give me a hand, please contact me.

Colin Casey

Look out for.. Goosander

Favouring larger rivers and lakes, as well as coastal estuaries, December and January mark the peak time to see Goosander in Britain and Ireland. The species forms a subgroup with Red-breasted Merganser and Smew, which are known as 'sawbills' due to their serrated bills which help them with catching fish.

Goosander can be encountered at suitable sites throughout Lincolnshire during winter. Please make sure you **eBird** or **BTO Birdtrack** all your records...



Two of the ten Goosander at Swanholme Lakes 04/12/2019 - Images © Chris Grimshaw



Lincs Bird Club 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>



Black Guillemot records, 2018

The Systematic List for the 2018 Bird Report is almost complete with a few loose ends to tie up. There were no confirmed reports of Black Guillemot, which is an LBRC description species. However, these two pending records are on file. Can anyone firm these up ?

1, Chapel St. Leonard's, 28-09-18.

1, Huttoft, 28-10-18.

Please contact recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk if you can help, thanks.

Late Ring Ouzel, December 2019

Janet and Pete Roworth photographed this male Ring Ouzel in gardens near Seaview Farm, Saltfleetby on December 3rd and 15th. It was feeding on Hawthorn and Cotoneaster berries as well as on apples.



Previous late records for Ring Ouzels in the county are as follows:

- 22/12/1963, 1, Gibraltar Point
- 11/12/1976, 1, Gibraltar Point

- 18/12/1986, 1, Gibraltar Point
- 17/12/1995, 1, Gibraltar Point
- 01/01/1996, 1, Gibraltar Point
- 08/12/2012, 1, Gibraltar Point

The bird at Gibraltar Point in January 1996 is the only one in the LBC archive recorded in that month and there are no records of a bird definitely over-wintering.....unless someone knows differently? Let us know!

BOOK REVIEW

COULD former prime minister Neville Chamberlain really have seen a Common Sandpiper in Central London in the middle of winter?

It seems an improbable identification of the small wader he saw on the edge of the lake in St James Park, but it was apparently clinched after he heard its unmistakable call-note as it flew off.

What is also remarkable about the incident was that it occurred in January, 1940, at a time when Chamberlain was still Prime Minister.

Despite all that he had on his plate, he still made time for his favourite pastime - birdwatching.

Come what may, it was a routine for he and wife Anne to spend between 9.15am and 10am each day, taking the short walk from 10 Downing Street to the park to check birds what birds were to be seen.

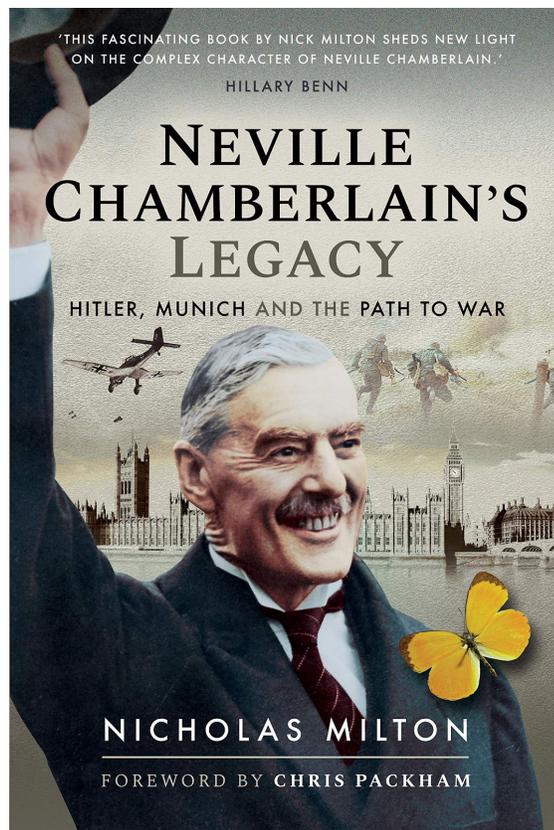
This episode, along with others of a similar kind, is described in a new book, *Neville Chamberlain's Legacy - Hitler, Munich and The Path to War* (Pen and Sword Books, £25).

Historian Nicholas Milton has put together a sympathetic portrait of a politician who was intensively vilified in the wake of his apparent appeasement of Hitler in the months leading to the outbreak of war in 1939.

His narrative covers not just Chamberlain's childhood and his career as a politician (both local and national) but also his activities as an amateur ornithologist in Birmingham (his home city), in central London and, when he was a young man, on an inhospitable island in the Bahamas where he was trying (unsuccessfully) to establish a plantation of sisal - a crop used in the manufacture of rope.

As the author, himself a naturalist, observes "appeasement may have defined Chamberlain's premiership, but nature and birds defined his personality". The book is available wherever birds are sold.

Jim Wright



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

31/12/2019

Deeping Lakes

2 Long-eared Owl

Denton Res

Scaup (M)

Frampton Marsh

Red Kite, Great White Egret

Manby Flashes

Iceland Gull

30/12/2019

Baston Pits

40+ Red-crested Pochard

Far Ings

Bittern

Gibraltar Point

Black Brant, 30 Snow Bunting, 12 Twite

Marton to Willingham

3 Bullfinch, 45 Fieldfare, 14 Grey Partridge, 35 Redwing, Treecreeper, Grey Wagtail, 24 Yellowhammer.

Wellingore

700 Fieldfare, 900 Lapwing

29/12/2019

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier, 6 Pintail

Cleethorpes

Twite

Freiston Shore

Hen Harrier

Swanholme

7 Goosander (4 male)

28/12/2019

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, 3 Chiffchaff, 10 Red-throated Diver, 4 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, 2 Merlin, 2 Velvet Scoter, Water Rail,

Marston

2 Pintail



A pair of Pintail at Marston - Image © Dave Roberts

27/12/2019

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck, Smew

Far Ings

Bittern

Gibraltar Point

Snow Bunting, 2 Chiffchaff, 107 Red-throated Diver, Gannet, Red-necked Grebe Guillemot, Merlin, 21 Red-breasted Merganser, 2 Velvet Scoter,

Goxhill Haven

Little Gull

Hartsholme Park

4 Goosander

26/12/2019

Cranwell

Merlin

Gibraltar Point

2 Chiffchaff, Snow Bunting, 4 Red-throated Diver, Red-necked Grebe. 3 Goosander, Merlin, Water Pipit, 2 Velvet Scoter, 4 Stonechat

Thurlby Pit

Black-necked Grebe

25/12/2019

Donna Nook

3 Lapland Bunting, 37 Snow Bunting, 2 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Black Brant, Tundra Bean Goose, 2 Hen Harrier, 80 Twite

Marston

3 Peregrine Falcon

Swanholme Lakes

Goldcrest, 4 Goosander, Jay

24/12/2019

Bardney Lock

Great White Egret

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier

Far Ings

Bittern

Gibraltar Point

11 Red-throated Diver, 3 Goosander, Guillemot 23 Common Scoter, 2 Velvet Scoter, Great Skua, Water Pipit

23/12/2019

Bourne

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

Chiffchaff, 650 Pink-footed Geese, Goldeneye. Kingfisher, Merlin, Barn Owl, 2 Water Rail, ♀ Scaup, 2 Stonechat, Whooper Swan 120, Cetti's Warbler

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Snow Bunting, Hen Harrier (ring-tail), 3 Water Pipit, 2 Velvet Scoter, Pomarine Skua,

Langworth

A belated report of three blackcap on feeders in a private garden at Langworth on the 21st and two pairs on the 23rd

Marston

12 Curlew

22/12/2019

Baston Fen

2 Hen Harrier (ring-tails roosting)

Beesby

Buzzard, Barn Owl

Far Ings

2 Bittern



2 Bittern at Far Ings - Image © Simon Wellock

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Goldeneye, Kingfisher, Water Rail, Stonechat, 140 Whooper Swan, Bearded Tit,

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, 9 Red-throated Diver, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, **Water Pipit**, 35 Common Scoter, 2 **Velvet Scoter**

Grantham

At least one Raven over St Wulfram's church

Huttoft

Barn Owl

South Willingham

30 Blackbird, 3 Buzzard, 20 Chaffinch, 40 Redwing, 47 House Sparrow, 12 Yellowhammer,

Trent Port Marton

7 Bullfinch, 2 Little Egret, 11 Gadwall, 3 Goldcrest, 23 Lapwing, 2 Grey Partridge, 35 Red-legged Partridge, 2 Redshank, 8 Skylark, 2 Teal, 120 Wigeon, 24 Yellowhammer and a Fox

21/12/2019

Frampton Marsh

2 Avocet, 10000 Golden Plover, Ringed Plover, Cetti's Warbler plus 1000's of Lapwing, Teal & Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver, 10+ Red-throated Diver, Water Pipit, 3 Water Rail, 4 Stonechat

Grimsby

20 Curlew

Goxhill Haven

14 Avocet

Healing

Blackcap (male in private garden)

Lincoln

C120 Pink-footed Geese over Waitrose's Supermarket

Ruskington

C 1500 Pink-footed Geese

19/12/2019

Huttoft Pit

Smew (male)

Witham Mouth

Great Northern Diver, 3 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, 2000 Black-tailed Godwit, 2000 Lapwing, 6 Red-breasted Merganser, 200 Pintail, 3000 Golden Plover

Gibraltar Point

Slavonian Grebe, Water Pipit, Pomarine Skua

Lincoln

200 Pink-footed Geese (NW over Doddington Park 08:35)

18/12/2019

Gibraltar Point

4 Stonechat, 2 Woodcock. 5 Whooper Swan

Huttoft Pit

Smew (adult male)

Marston

4 Green Sandpiper

Saltfleetby St Peter

Hen Harrier (male flying west)

Whisby

Buzzard, 5 Goldeneye, Tawny Owl, 2 Sparrowhawk, 15000-20000 Starling, (went down at 16:10, 20 Teal, 28 Tufted Duck, 18 Shoveler

17/12/2019

Donna Nook

Tundra Bean Goose

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, Hen Harrier (RT), Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Water Rail, 2 Spotted Redshank, c100+ Whooper Swan (dusk only), Cetti's Warbler,

Gib Point

Lapland Bunting, 10 Stonechat

Grimsby Dock

Peregrine

16/12/2019

Donna Nook

Black Brant, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Jack Snipe

Frampton Marsh

Avocet, Chiffchaff, Merlin, 4 Spotted Redshank, 2 Stonechat, 85 Whooper Swan and lots of Dark-bellied Brent Geese, Lapwing, Golden Plover, Teal & Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

2 Chiffchaff, 3 Goosander, 2 Water Pipit, 3 Water Rail, 6 Stonechat, Woodcock

Marston

Water Rail, Stonechat, 6 Grey Wagtail



Grey Wagtail & Stonechat at Marston - Images © Steve Nesbitt

North Thoresby

Firecrest (by the church)

River Witham

Great White Egret (between Tattershall and Kirkstead Bridges)

15/12/2019

East Halton Skitter

Water Pipit

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, 250 Fieldfare, Water Pipit, Merlin, Peregrine, 10,000 Golden Plover, 6,500 Wigeon, 4,500 Lapwing, Hen Harrier, Bearded Tit, 3 Avocet, Cetti's Warbler, 2 Stonechat, 147 Whooper Swan (at dusk)

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, 6 Snow Bunting, Hen Harrier (ringtail), Manx Shearwater

Keelby

2 Raven

Seaview Farm

Ring Ouzel (Male)

Trent Port, Marton

6 Bullfinch, 38 Mallard, 7 Redshank, both Grey & Red-legged Partridges, 35 Redwing, Sparrowhawk, 2 Treecreeper, 95 Wigeon, 28 Yellowhammer,

Whisby NR

Long-tailed Duck (Apex Pits), 48
Greenfinch, 2 Water Rail,
Sparrowhawk, 18-20,000 Starling
(murmuration)*

14/12/2019

Anderby Creek

Great White Egret

Boultham Mere

Grey Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

2 Avocet, 3 Goldeneye, Hen Harrier,
Short-eared Owl, 5000 Golden
Plover, Water Rail, 100 Ruff, Cetti's
Warbler,

Gibraltar Point

4 Lapland Bunting, 3 Stonechat

Grantham

2 Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail (on the Witham)

Huttoft

55 Blackbird, 39 Curlew, Little Egret, 17 Fieldfare, 77 Golden Plover, 2 Redwing, 6 Sparrowhawk, 31 Starling, 90 Teal

Seaview Farm

Ring Ouzel

Toft Newton Res

9 Pintail

Whisby

6 Goldcrest, 45 Greenfinch, Kingfisher, Water Rail, 3+ Sparrowhawk, 18-20,000 Starling (murmuration)

13/12/2019

Belchford

2 Raven

Denton Reservoir

11 Goosander, 15 Pochard, Scaup (male)

Dunstan

Little Owl (private garden)

Frampton Marsh

200 Fieldfare, Goldeneye, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, 5000 Golden Plover, 100 Redwing, 100+ Whooper Swan, 2+ Bearded Tit

Freiston Shore

Merlin

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Kingfisher, Water Pipit, Bearded Tit



Part of the 18-20,000 Starling (murmuration) at Whisby NR © Andrew P. Chick

Holbeach (RAF) Marsh

6 Short-eared owl, 540 dark-bellied Brent Geese, 30 Eider, 70 Wigeon, 1300 Knot, 200 Dunlin, 40 Curlew, 25 Grey Plover, 400 Oystercatcher, 2200 Golden Plover, 120 Lapwing

Marston

Hen Harrier (male)

12/12/2019

Boultham Mere

2 Stonechat (close to the retreat)

Gibraltar Point

90 Common Scoter, **Velvet Scoter** (off Greenshank Creek)

Hartsholme Park

Tawny Owl (roosting in usual tree)

Kirkby on Bain

Smew (red-head)

Whisby

Kingfisher, **20000 Starling** murmuration

Wrangle Flats

2 (possibly 3 by old RAF Tower) **Great White Egret**,

RAF Woodhall

2 Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier

11/12/2019

Bonby Carrs

40 Corn Bunting, 1000 Pink-footed Goose, 40 Whooper Swan

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier

Denton Reservoir

10 Goosander

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier (RT)

Gibraltar Point

7 Corn Bunting, 2 Woodcock

Marston

3 Green Sandpiper, 15 Snipe

10/12/2019

Frampton Marsh

3 Avocet, 200 Fieldfare, Goldeneye, Hen Harrier (female), 6 Marsh Harrier, Water Rail, 100 Redwing, 100 Whooper Swan

Leadenhall Farm

5 Whooper Swan

River Welland

2 Whooper Swan, Red-breasted Merganser, 2000 Knot, 1800 Oystercatcher, 600 Dunlin, 450 Black-tailed Godwit, 300 Bar-tailed Godwit, Marsh Harrier

Gibraltar Point

Peregrine Falcon, Barnacle Goose, Water Pipit, Water Rail

09/12/2019

Donna Nook

C40 Snow Bunting, c20 Twite

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck (juvenile), 2 Red-breasted Merganser, **Pomarine Skua** (2 juvenile), 4 Little Gull,

Hawthorpe

Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Stonechat



Short-eared and Barn Owls in South Lincolnshire, Images © Steve Nesbitt

Kirkby on Bain

Redshank, Smew (female)

Lincs Coastal CP

28 Whooper Swan and 11 Mute Swan on fields south of Marsh Yard

Wrangle Flats

3 **Great White Egrets** (together at TF 47007 50770) also of note were 5 Mute Swan, 35 Shelduck, 70 Wigeon, 120 Mallard, 26 Eider, 1 Red-breasted Merganser, Grey Heron, 35 Little Egret, c600 Oystercatcher, 32 Lapwing, 60 Curlew, c450 Bar-tailed Godwit, 8 Turnstone, 2 Sanderling, c3000 Knot, c400 Dunlin, c40 Redshank and c450 Fieldfare

Woodhall Spa

Woodcock

08/12/2019

Bardney Lock

2 Great White Egret

Donna Nook

Lapland Bunting, 35 Snow Bunting

Frampton Marsh

2 Avocet, 1 Peregrine Falcon, 200 Fieldfare, 1 Goldcrest, 6 Goldeneye, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 2 Merlin, 5000 Golden Plover, 3 Water Rail, 100 Redwing, 80 Whooper Swan, 2000 Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

Water Pipit

07/12/2019

Alkborough

3 **Common Crane** (flight only)

Baston Fen

2 Hen Harrier, (ring-tail), Water Pipit

Donna Nook

Tundra Bean Goose, 47 Whooper Swan and a warbler that may have been a Siberian Lesser Whitethroat or possibly a Dusky Warbler (heard only)



Tundra Bean Goose with 47 Whooper Swans at Quad 3, Donna Nook © Chris Atkin

East Halton Skitter

100 Avocet

Freiston Shore

Hen Harrier (ring-tail)

Gib Point

Black Brant, c 80 Red-throated Diver, **Pale-bellied Brent Goose**, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Stonechat

Grimsby

30 Curlew (T.A.G sports field)

North Somercotes

Chiffchaff

Toft Newton

Common Scoter

06/12/2019

Cleethorpes

Snow Bunting

Frampton Marsh

Barnacle Goose, Marsh Harrier, Water Rail, 2 Spotted Redshank, 3 Twite, Cetti's Warbler

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver, 9 Red-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck, 4 Red-breasted Merganser, 2 Stonechat, 2 Woodcock

05/12/2019

Kirkby on Bain

Smew (RH on River Sleap Pit)

Baston Fen

2 Hen Harrier (please don't enter any of the farmland)

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Woodlark

Witham Mouth

Scaup (F)

04/12/2019

Donna Nook

Lapland Bunting, Pomarine Skua still feeding among the seals,

Far Ings

2 Bittern, 3 Goldeneye (female)

Frampton Marsh

400 Fieldfare, Merlin, 2 Spotted Redshank, Water Rail, 6 Whooper Swan

Gibraltar Point

Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Water Pipit, 4 Stonechat,

Kirkby on Bain

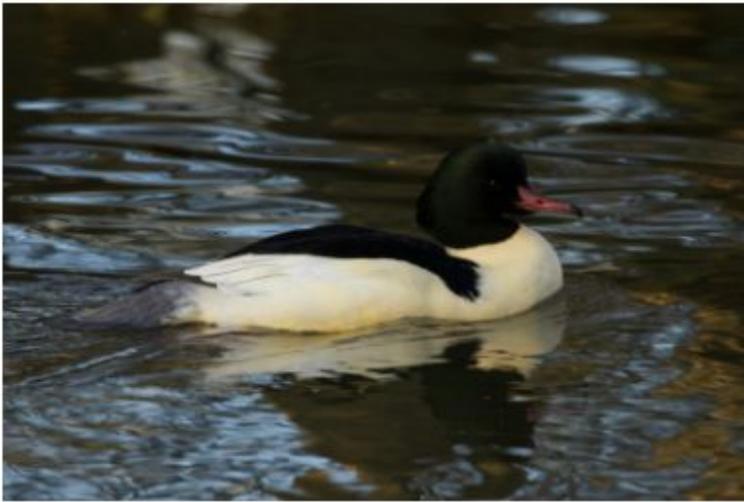
Smew (red-head)

Reads Island

10 Curlew, Dunlin, 8 Black-tailed Godwit, Pink-footed Goose, 700 Lapwing, 300 Golden Plover, Common Redshank, 147 Shelduck

Swanholme Lakes

10 Goosander (7 male 3 female), Jay, Red-crested Pochard (female)



Two of the ten Goosander at Swanholme Lakes - Images © Chris Grimshaw

03/12/2019

Ancaster

Marsh Harrier, 35 Golden Plover

Boultham Mere

Jack Snipe

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua still feeding among the seals

Freiston

5 Whooper Swans north of Shore Road, Freiston (3 juvs) feeding on potato field.

Gibraltar Point

2 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Lapland Bunting 4 Red-breasted Merganser, 2 Water Rail, Water Pipit,

Holbeach St John's

2 Tundra Bean Goose

Kirkby on Bain

Smew (RH)

Marston

3 or 4 Raven, Stonechat

Whisby

c5000 Starling murmuration

02/12/2019

Bardney Lock

2 Great White Egret

Boultham Mere

19 Cormorant, 22 Gadwall, 3 Egyptian Goose, 76 Pink-footed Goose, Water Rail, 11 Snipe, 27 Teal, Woodcock

Crowland

Great White Egret

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Denton Res

Scaup

Far Ings

Red-throated Diver (Target Lake)

Frampton Marsh

Pink footed Geese, Whooper Swan, Merlin, Peregrine, 3000 Golden Plover and c 500 Fieldfares.

Freiston Shore

Raven

Gibraltar Point

5 Lapland Bunting, Tundra Bean Goose, 2 Pale-bellied Brent, Black Redstart and Water Pipit

01/12/2019

Bardney Lock

Great White Egret

Crowland

Tundra Bean Goose, c40 Whooper Swan

Deeping St Nicholas

2 Berwick Swan, Whooper Swan

Far Ings

Up to 3 Bittern, Red-throated Diver (Target Lake)

Frampton Marsh

200 Fieldfare, 3 Goldeneye, 50 Pink-footed Goose, Hen Harrier (male), Kingfisher, Water Rail, Redwing 40, Common Sandpiper, Stonechat, Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

Freiston Shore

4 Red-throated Diver (offshore), 4 Whooper Swans and spectacular numbers of waders & wildfowl (c7000 Black-tailed Godwits)

Fulbeck

c110 Pink-footed Geese east at 11.02hrs.

Gibraltar Point

3 Brambling, 3 Bullfinch, 2 Corn Bunting, Chiffchaff, 73 Curlew, 15 Red-throated Diver, 8 Little Egret, 3 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, Fulmar, 16 Gadwall, 12 Goldcrest, 90 Brent Goose, 2000 Pink-footed Goose, 2 Tundra Bean Goose, 17 Little Grebe, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, 136 Lapwing, Merlin, Water Pipit, 200 Golden Plover, 3 Pochard, 5 Water Rail, 62 Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter, 43 Shoveler, 5 Siskin, Jack Snipe 2 Sparrowhawk, 4 Stonechat, 291 Teal, Treecreeper, 216 Wigeon, Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker.

Trent Port, Marton

2 Coot, 2 Goosander (female), 250 Fieldfare, 500 Black-headed Gull, 15 Common Gull, 55 Herring Gull, 6 Great Black-backed Gull, 95 Lapwing, 8 Grey Partridge, 8 Whooper Swan, 140 Wigeon, 35 Yellowhammer,

Nocton Fen

Pink-footed Goose, Whooper Swan

Contact Information & Useful Lincs Websites

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/>

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

Rural Crime Officer

Pc 160 Nick Willey

Force Wildlife, Rural Crime Officer

Force Dog Training Establishment

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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-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/>



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