



## Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - June 2020

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### Swift Mapper

Wondering what to do this weekend? Happy to see your local swifts returning to our skies? Well, try out the new Swift Mapper system – being launched this weekend to coincide with the return of swifts to our cities, towns, villages and houses. We will be promoting its use, initially of course only from home and during daily exercise. Swift Mapper has been developed from the previous Swift Survey website (which was kindly developed and hosted for us on a pro bono basis by the ERM Foundation), and it retains all 40,000+ records from the previous system. We have partnered with Natural Aptitude, to produce a new Swift Mapper website combined with a new mobile app. working towards having one UK-wide place for Swift data.

Swift Mapper is a conservation mapping tool – free – and hopefully easy to use. Anyone can submit records of breeding swifts, building a picture of where they are nesting around the UK. This enables local conservation action for swifts to be focussed in the right places. All records will be available to anyone interested in swifts and their conservation; local authority planners, architects, ecologists, developers, conservation groups and individuals who want to help their local swifts. Mapping breeding swifts helps determine where active nest sites need to be protected, and where new nesting opportunities for swifts would be best provided – the closer new potential nest sites are to existing swift colonies, the greater the chance they will be occupied. In this way, we hope that your records will play an important role in helping to reverse the decline of this charismatic RSPB priority migrant bird species.

It is designed very much as a self-help system – it engages people through encouraging the submissions of records and web links to our other conservation work for swifts and beyond. It enables targeted local conservation actions to be taken by a wide range of organisations, groups, communities and individuals. Please use it in whatever way is most appropriate to support and communicate about local swift conservation across the society and across the four countries.



Swift Mapper has been developed in partnership with other Swift conservation groups, including Swift Conservation, Action for Swifts and the Swifts Local Network. Please feel free to share and promote Swift Mapper with your external colleagues or contacts from tomorrow (Friday 8th May) onwards.

Let's hope 2020 sees a busy swift season.

**Sarah Mitchell - Conservation Officer - The Wash and North Norfolk Coast**

**Redpolls in my Garden - Chris Grimshaw**

Members may be aware of the number of Lesser Redpolls I have had in my garden for the last eight years. In fact, some people only know me as the redpoll man

I first noticed the redpoll in 2013 when I counted 437 on the 49 days in which they were present and I was looking. The largest daily count was 20 which probably wasn't a surprising number when you take into consideration that nearby Hartsholme Park had a reputation for the species.

In 2014 the largest count was 15 as numbers were well down with just 88 on the 26 days, they were present. You might think that my Nyjer seed bill would have been much lower but if the redpoll were not feeding then the goldfinch more than made up for it.

2015 saw a count of 2875 in the 136 bird days they were present, with flocks of 59 on February the 12th and 61 three days later and then 64 on March the 2nd all photographed under the feeders on what remained of the postage sized lawn. During 2016 numbers were down somewhat with 1252. 26 and 23 were the largest flock in March. There were also two flocks of 20 shortly before the birds departed in April.



Birds averaged nearly seven each day with the maximum flock being 27 in 2017. The total count was just under 600. In 2018, 710 were counted with the largest flock being just 18. In 2019 there has been just over 800 with the largest flock being 27 towards the end of March.

Although I had noted one or two Common (Mealy) Redpoll in 2013 and 2014 it was during 2015 I had some good numbers; 38 on 27 bird days. Four on March 24th was the largest count with birds counted from mid-month until the first week in April. I once went in-to the garden to find birders watching from the street. They had travelled to Lincoln from Coventry!

In 2019 there was at least 25 Common Redpolls present. Then early in March I noticed a very pale redpoll on the small flowering cherry tree where I hang my feeders. It was very distinctive, and I photographed it from the bedroom window. In fact, the bird became a regular visitor to the feeders in the five weeks it was present. I recorded it as a Mealy Redpoll and took numerous photos of it

I did ask on the Forum if people knew what it was as it did look different and slightly larger than the plentiful Lesser Redpoll that this bird tended to ignore. I didn't get an answer from anybody. I also showed photos to other people, but no one was committing themselves other than saying "interesting". The bird finally disappeared in the second week of April

I put a post and photo on Twitter and Facebook saying my Mealy Redpoll had finally departed only to receive messages from several individuals suggesting this was in fact a Coues's Arctic Redpoll. How confusing all this was! A few days earlier than my birds' arrival, Andrew Vaughan and myself had made a trip to Sculthorpe Moor in Norfolk to see a Coues's. We picked a bad day as the wind was blowing a howling gale and it wasn't long before the Reserve was closed for safety reasons and we dipped. The photographs of the bird in my garden seemed to be a much more promising candidate than the Norfolk bird. But then what do I know?

So, after the seed of my bird being a Coues's Arctic Redpoll had been planted in my mind I decided to write a description and send it off along with several photographs to the British Birds Records Committee. I got no receipt or acknowledgement that they had received my submission and found the whole process intimidating.

At least three months after my original submission I decided to resubmit it in case it had gone astray but lo and behold there on the BBRC website I found there was an interim report and my bird had actually been assessed. Was it a Coues's Arctic Redpoll? Unfortunately, no; my bird was "not proven". Eventually I did get a letter from

the BBRC who said, “while this clearly shows several indicative features of exilipes, the lack of any sight of or description of the undertail coverts led the committee to vote NP in this instance”. Oh well!



My so-called Coue's Arctic Redpoll

The Arctic or Hoary Redpoll? Good God, I had enough trouble comparing Lesser and Common Redpolls. So, come on someone write a definitive article explaining the differences of the Redpoll family in layman's language. Just how many species are we actually talking about?



I wrote most this early in 2019 and did nothing with it. Obviously, I was looking forward to the return of the birds as winter approached and because the so-called Coue's had really whetted my appetite. A single lesser redpoll eventually returned on October 26th with me thinking this is it but by the end of the year I counted only a further seven birds. In January and February of 2020, I had another 12. Perhaps weather related but a really small and frustrating count for me. Still I will be looking from the bedroom window once again come October.

**The latest report on UK's breeding birds shows mixed results.**

The latest Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) report, covering population trends for the UK's bird species, is released today. This report is a celebration of the dedication of the volunteers who give up their time and take part in bird surveying; collectively they walked 14,996km whilst actively surveying in 2019.

The distance walked in 2019 is the equivalent of walking from the BTO's headquarters in Norfolk to Palmer Land in Antarctica! Since the survey began in 1994, the total distance walked by BBS volunteers is a staggering 299,701km, almost seven and a half times around the World! But what has it told us?

The report covering the population changes of UK's breeding birds shows that one of our most widespread and common bird is in trouble and disappearing from large parts of the country, and how skilled volunteers are helping to monitor the changes as they unfold.

The Greenfinch is a familiar bird, being a frequent visitor to garden feeding stations across the UK, but how much longer might this be the case? The 2019 Breeding Bird Survey results show an alarming decline. During the last 23 years, the Greenfinch population has fallen by 64%.

The main driver behind this change is a parasite that causes a disease called *trichomonosis*. Known as a disease in cage birds for some time, it was first noted in British finches in 2006. Infected birds become lethargic, have fluffed-up feathers and are unable to swallow food. Transmission between birds can be via contaminated food and water, e.g. at garden feeding stations. Good feeding station hygiene, with regular cleaning and disinfecting can help to slow the spread. The *Trichomonas gallinae* parasite is a parasite of birds and does not pose a health risk to humans or their mammalian pets.

In contrast, the UK's commonest bird, the Wren, just got even more common with an increase of 30% over the last 23 years as reported by the Breeding Bird Survey. This translates to around 11,000,000 Wrens across the UK, as calculated using BBS trend changes and historic estimates and published in another bird monitoring report, APEP. A run of mild winters no doubt contributing to the 30% increase since 1994 as revealed by the BBS Report.

It is now possible to monitor the population changes for 117 bird species and it is all thanks to the dedication of the thousands of BBS volunteers who go out every spring to survey the UKs' birdlife.

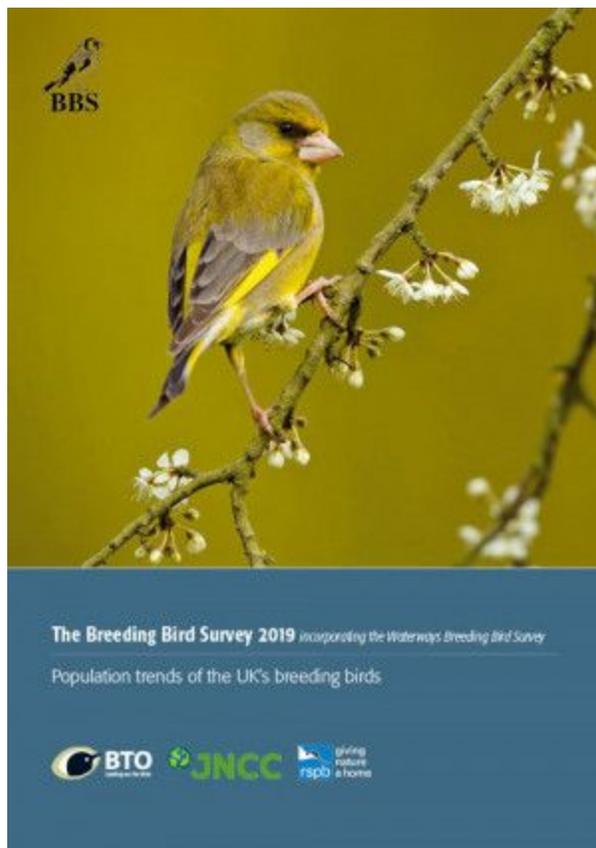
Sarah Harris, BBS Organiser, said "I am always amazed by the power of citizen science, the dedication of volunteers and in turn, the difference their observations can make to conservation and research. The Greenfinch is still found across the UK and you might be forgiven for thinking nothing is amiss, but as the BBS shows, nothing could be further from the truth - thanks to all those who take part we are able to keep an eye out for changes in bird populations."

Paul Woodcock, Biodiversity Evidence Specialist at JNCC, said, "The report really highlights the huge contribution made by BBS volunteers up and down the country, and shows that the high quality data can help understand when, how and why bird populations are changing. Thank you to everyone involved"

Mark Eaton, RSPB's Principal Conservation Scientist, said "Greenfinches are fantastic little birds, and the flashes of green and yellow used to be a common sight at our bird feeders. The food we put out for these little seed-eaters has become increasingly important over the years, as food availability in the wider countryside has reduced. Continuing to provide food is important but you can help them, and other birds, by cleaning your feeders and water sources every couple of weeks with a mild disinfectant."

The BTO/JNCC/RSPB Breeding Bird Survey is a partnership jointly funded by the BTO, RSPB and JNCC, and the report is published by BTO annually on behalf of the partnership.

The full report can be accessed here <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/bbs/bbs-publications/bbs-reports> for trends on all 117 species covered by the Breeding Bird Survey.



**British Cuckoo completes 22,000 mile odyssey in record time.**

A Cuckoo called Carlton II has just arrived back in England having spent the last ten months travelling to and from the Congo rainforest, becoming the first of the BTO's satellite tracked cuckoos to return to this country in 2020.

Aided by favourable southerly winds, he completed the last leg of his mammoth journey in record time, Ivory Coast to southern England in seven days. In doing so, he leap-frogged two other tracked cuckoos, named PJ and Senan, currently stopping over in Spain and North Africa respectively.

Carlton II was fitted with a high-tech satellite tag in May 2018, by scientists from the British Trust for Ornithology at SWT Carlton Marshes, Suffolk, to allow them to follow his every move. We have lost almost three-quarters of our breeding Cuckoos during the last 25 years and, as Cuckoos spend more time outside of the UK than they do in it, it is vital to understand where they go, the journey they take to get there, and any pressures they face that might be contributing to their decline.

Carlton II spends the summers in Suffolk and the winters in Gabon, Central Africa, and travels over 5,500 miles between the two, dodging many hazards, such as high winds, sand and hailstorms, ferocious thunderstorms, drought and lengthy sea-crossings. Since having his tag fitted Carlton II has flown over 22,000 miles on his migration.

Dr Chris Hewson, BTO lead scientist on the project, "It is great to see Carlton II getting back to the UK so quickly. Taking just a week to cover more than three thousand miles from Liberia to Berkshire is an awesome feat and something even swifts don't manage. This shows us just how quickly these harbingers of spring can get here from tropical Africa when conditions for their journey are good. It's a journey so full of hazards that it's always a relief when they get back, no matter how fast or slow. These Cuckoos have taught us so much about their lives, giving answers but also raising more questions as to what might be behind their decline."

Anyone can watch the Cuckoos as they make their incredible journeys at [www.bto.org/cuckoos](http://www.bto.org/cuckoos)



Common Cuckoo at Rimac - 1st June 2020 © John Clarkson

## Online Lincolnshire birding!

The Len Pick Trust camera is active.

Keep watching! Two owls in residence.

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



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## A blast from the past - reproduced from the Lincolnshire Bird Bulletin Jan 1969

### OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret that we hear of the death of R.K. Cornwallis on 11th January. Dick, as he was universally known was undoubtedly one of the most famous and talented ornithologists that this county has ever had.

As an author he had many scientific papers to his credit and was, of course partly responsible for 'Birds of Lincolnshire'. Also his national effort on the waxwing invasions is already famous.

However it is Dick Cornwallis the person that we shall miss most. Active in every field of natural history, especially conservation, he was familiar to everyone and always made them feel that he had all the time in the world to listen to their problems.

He helped us with LBB on many occasions and we were especially proud when he took the chair at our last AGM when he skilfully led the discussion on the solving of many difficult problems.

At present it is perhaps impossible to appreciate the implications of his passing. Chairman and past-president of the Lincolnshire Trust, president of L.N.U. ornithological section and past president of the L.N.U., area representative of the B.T.O., his activities covered a large field of interest and his impression on each was lasting.

I feel that the best appreciation of R.K.C. that I have heard was "He was a gentleman, a real gentleman."

JAE

## Peregrines at St Wulfram's - The 2020 Story.....

It has been a roller coaster ride for the St Wulfram's Peregrines this year with many worrying moments for viewers of the webcam. Firstly, an apology for the quality of the footage. This is due to the camera being very old. In its day it was state of the art but now it looks a little jaded.



However, we can see enough to tell this tale of woe! It is nature "red in tooth and claw" so look away now if you are the squeamish type! The pair started off in the winter showing an interest in the tray. This has happened before and then nothing else happens. So, we did not get too excited.

As soon as the female began to scrape in the gravel, we knew there were grounds for optimism. Unfortunately, the dreadful Covid 19 virus pandemic struck and the church was closed. Just occasionally glimpses of the nest tray were caught by church staff when they were performing vital duties. Then on Tuesday 31 March, Fr Stuart saw an egg! We know there was only one because peregrines do not incubate until the penultimate egg. How exciting! We had waited a long time for this, the last successful breeding was in 2012, eight long years ago. Further eggs were seen at intervals and it was confirmed we had four eggs.

On 7 May the nest went live on YouTube just in time for the hatch. Late at night, on Sunday 10 May, the first chick was seen. A tiny bundle of fluff tucked under its mother sheltering from a biting north east wind. By Tuesday there were two chicks and two unhatched eggs. Peregrines usually hatch all their eggs within a day or two, so we were nervous. On Wednesday, the smallest chick looked sickly and died that night and the following day the female removed the dead chick from the nest.

So, the situation today, 14 May is one healthy chick and two unviable eggs. What conclusions can we draw? The obvious one is the female is inexperienced and perhaps a first-time nester. She was often clumsy when moving around the nest tray (as was the male) and frequently stepped on the eggs. It is possible there is a crack in one or both. This would explain why they did not hatch. If she is our returning female in 2021, she will be more experienced, and we would expect a more positive outcome.

In the meantime, let us all root for the little chick who is flying the flag for St Wulfram's in these dark days. With two parents hunting it surely won't go short of food! Let's hope he or she fledges successfully in about six weeks' time.

Wednesday 20 May - Sadly, the remaining chick has died. It looked really healthy when it was fed just before dawn on Tuesday, 19 May. Unfortunately, it was lifeless soon afterwards. The female completed the gruesome scene by eating the body. This is what we meant by "nature red in tooth and claw" earlier in this article. We hinted before this was possibly an immature female and this may have contributed to the chick's demise. Of course, the chick may have been sick. We shall never know.

Hopefully, we shall see the peregrines next year when we expect to have a new camera!

# Make your Bird App Records Count!



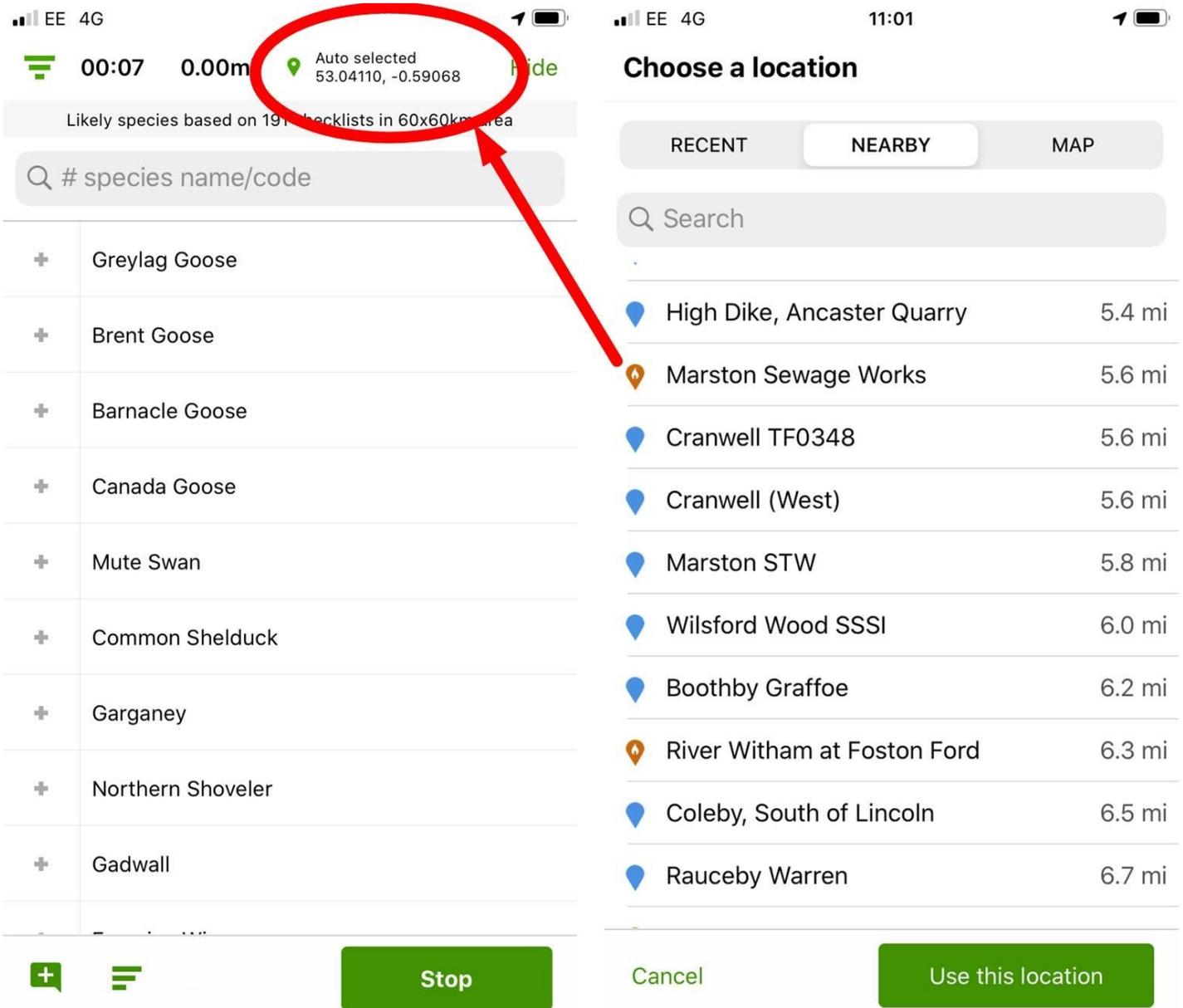
eBird

The bird club uses records from the BTO Birdtrack and eBird Apps in the annual report. We are now having to assess 10,000's of records each year from Bird Apps. Therefore, for your records to count, please take some time to name your sites sensibly and in a way we can use them!

Back Yard	✗	Back Yard, Louth	✓
Tetney RSPB	✓	RSPB	✗
Hare Woods	✗	Hare Woods, Stamford	✓
Gibraltar Point	✓	53.096086, 0.33130	✗

**Try and change Auto Select locations to something meaningful!**

**eBird Users - Auto Select locations are NO GOOD TO US!  
eBird Hotspots are BEST!**



**Thank you!**

# Lincolnshire Bird News - May 2020

Compiled by Chris Grimshaw

This Lincs Latest Bird News is available on the LBC Website and is updated on a regular basis, to provide a convenient news service to scarce & rare birds found within Lincolnshire. This is a free service and members wishing to get more up to the minute information should check commercial news services. The Sightings page and @Lincsbirding Twitter feed are intended to alert birders to rare (**RED**) and scarcer (**BLUE**) species that they might be interested in seeing within the County.

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

We would like to thank Colin Casey for updating the online news system - see

<https://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk/site/index.php/sightings/latest-news> for up to date information...

31/05/2020

**Alkborough Flats**

2 Spoonbill

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Little Gull

**Whisby**

Black Tern



A distant Black Tern that has present intermittently for a couple of days at Whisby NP - Image © Andy Sims

**Renew's Drove, Crowland**

2 Common Quail

**Deeping Lakes NR**

2 Garganey

**Frampton Marsh**

Curlew Sandpiper

**30/05/2020**

**Job's Lane**

Black Tern (for half an hour)

**Trent Port, Marton**

Cuckoo, Little Owl, Grasshopper Warbler

**RAF Woodhall**

Black Tern

**29/05/2020**

**Alkborough Flats**

2 Little Gull, Spoonbill

**Renew's Drove, Crowland**

4 Common Quail

**Donna Nook**

Hoopoe, Common Quail

**Fiskerton Fen**

Cattle Egret

**Frampton Marsh**

200(?) Avocet, Turtle Dove



Avocet at Frampton Marsh - Image © Chris Grimshaw

28/05/2020

**Renew's Drove, Crowland**

5 Common Quail

**Frampton Marsh**

Garganey, Temminck's Stint

**Fiskerton Fen**

Cattle Egret

**Marston**

Cuckoo

**Sleaford area**

2 Peregrine Falcons

27/05/2020

**Renew's Drove, Crowland**

2 Common Quail

**Fiskerton Fen**

Cattle Egret

**Frampton Marsh**

Eurasian Spoonbill

**Huttoft**

Ring Ouzel

26/052020

**Cress Marsh**

Wood Sandpiper

**Renew's Drove, Crowland**

4 Common Quail

**Doddington**

Corn Bunting

**Frampton Marsh**

Garganey, Curlew Sandpiper

**Fiskerton Fen**

Cattle Egret

**Hykeham**

6 Common Whitethroat

**Fairfield Pit, New Holland**

Garganey but flew off late morning

**Whisby**

2 Nightingale, 2 Common Buzzard just north of the reserve

**Toft Newton Reservoir**

Red Kite, Common Pochard, Greater Scaup, Common Scoter

25/05/2020

**Alkborough Flats**

Garganey

**Bardney**

**Gannet** (over) Whooper Swan, (Bardney Lock)

**Crowland**

Common Quail

**Frampton Marsh**

Garganey, Little Gull, Curlew Sandpiper, 2 **Temminck's Stint**

**Horseshoe Point**

**Red-footed Falcon, Purple Heron**

**Manby Wetlands**

Whooper Swan

**Whisby**

Turtle Dove but no sign of the Golden Oriole up until 13:30

**24/05/2020**

**Bardney**

Honey Buzzard

**Boultham Mere**

Common Tern

**Grantham area**

Marsh Harrier

**Lincoln - Doddington Park**

Little Owl

**Marston**

2 Corn Bunting in the area, Little Grebe, Sedge Warbler, Common Shelduck

**Whisby**

**Golden Oriole - Heard only, early evening**

**23/05/2020**

**Bardney Lock**

2 Garganey

**Deeping Lakes NR**

Purple Heron (flew north along Welland and was lost from view)

**Manby Wetlands**

Whooper Swan

**22/05/2020**

**Baston Fen & Langtoft Pit**

Sanderling briefly

**21/05/2020**

**Anderby**

2 Red Kite

**Baston Fen**

Pair of Garganey

**Paradise Pool**

Wood Sandpiper

**20/05/2020**

**Cleethorpes**

Wheatear

**Cleethorpes CP**

Cetti's Warbler, 2 Grasshopper Warbler

**Dunsby area**

Spotted Flycatcher, Grey Wagtail

**Paradise Pool**

Garganey

**Thurlby GP**

2 Hobby

**19/05/2020**

**Manby Wetlands**

Garganey (drake)

**Boultham Mere**

3 Blackcap, Common Cuckoo, Mistle Thrush, 12 Common Swift, 5 Common Tern, Reed Warbler

**Hartsholme Park**

7 Grey Heron

**Swanholme Lakes**

3 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, Great Crested Grebe, 2 Garden Warbler, Willow Warbler

**Swanpool**

4 Blackcap, Common Cuckoo, 2 Grey Heron, 15 House Martin, Little Ringed Plover, 3 Skylark, 2 Barn Swallow, Song Thrush, Garden Warbler, 6 Common Whitethroat

**18/05/2020**

**Alkborough Flats**

Terek Sandpiper



Terek Sandpiper this morning at Alkborough Flats - Image © Neil Drinkall



The Terek Sandpiper in flight at Alkborough Flats - Image © Graham Catley

**Fiskerton Fen**

Cattle Egret

**Manby Wetlands**

Temminck's Stint

**Middlemarsh Farm**

Wood Sandpiper

**Tetney Lock**

2 Shoveler

**17/05/2020**

**Ashby**

Common Raven

**Blackmoor Bridge**

4 Reed Bunting, 3 Common Buzzard, 4 Little Egret, 1 Hobby, Lapwing, House Martin, Barn Swallow, Swift, 5 Yellow Wagtail, Great Spotted Woodpecker

**Bluestone Heath Road, Withcall**

58 Corn Bunting, 5 Common Quail

**Deeping Lakes NR**

3 Avocet

**Paradise Pool**

Garganey

**Saltfleetby**

Northern Wheatear

**Swanholme Lakes**

3 Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff, Great Crested Grebe, 6 Garden Warbler, Song Thrush, Willow Warbler, Great Spotted Woodpecker

**Trent Port, Marton**

Cuckoo, Egyptian Goose, Little Grebe, Curlew, Oystercatcher, Little Ringed Plover, 3 Shelduck, Yellow Wagtail, Cetti's Warbler, Lesser Whitethroat

**16/05/2020**

**Bardney**

2 Common Crane over, Red Kite over

**Fiskerton Fen**

Western Cattle Egret



Cattle Egret overhead near Fiskerton - Image © Chris Laycock

**Croft**

Wood Sandpiper

**Denton Reservoir**

2 Hobby

**Huttoft Pits**

Great White Egret

**Middlemarsh Farm**

Wood Sandpiper

**Swanpool**

2 Hobby

**Toft Newton Reservoir**

Hobby, Whimbrel, Whooper Swan

**Wellingore**

Several Common Swift overhead

15/05/2020

**Croft**

Iberian Chiffchaff



A stunning photo of a Iberian Chiffchaff at Croft - Image © John Clarkson

**North Somercotes**

Bee-eater, Black Redstart



Bee-eater, North Somercotes - Image © Mark Johnson 15/05/2020

**Whisby/North Hykeham Pits Complex**

Chiffchaff, Common Shelduck, 16 Common Swift, Cetti's Warbler, 2 Garden Warbler, Reed Warbler, 20 Willow Warbler

**14/05/2020**

**Alkborough Flats**

2 Spoonbill

**Deeping Lakes**

Temminck's Stint

**Kirkby Moor**

Cetti's Warbler, Cetti's Warbler

**Kirkby Tip**

4 Hobby

**Manby Wetlands**

Green Winged Teal

**RAF Woodhall**

2 Arctic Tern, 30 Common Tern

13/05/2020

**Baston Fen**

2 Avocet

**Deeping Lakes**

2 Eurasian Spoonbill, Temminck's Stint

**Grantham area**

100+ Swift

**Langtoft**

2 Common Crane - north east



Green Winged Teal - Image © Owen Beaumont

**Manby Wetlands**

Green Winged Teal

**Walesby Moor**

Cuckoo, Spotted Flycatcher, Nuthatch, Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush

12/05/2020

**Boultham Mere**

2 Common Buzzard, Chiffchaff, 2 Cuckoo, 5 Common Tern



Nothing is private at Boultham Mere - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**Pyewipe, Grimsby**

Glaucous Gull

**Swanpool**

Cuckoo, Little Ringed Plover, 16 Swallow

**11/05/2020**

**Cleethorpes**

4 Dunlin, Kestrel, 20 Ringed Plover

**Covenham Reservoir**

House Martin, Ringed Plover, 4 Common Sandpiper, Barn Swallow, Common Swift, 2 Yellow Wagtail

**Grantham**

7 Common Swift



One of seven Common Swift over Grantham - Image © Steve Nesbitt

**Manby**

**Green Winged Teal**

**Middlemarsh Farm**

up to 3 Wood Sandpiper in recent days

**Swanholme Lakes**

2 Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff, 3 Grey Heron, 16 House Martin, Garden Warbler



Grey Heron - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**10/05/2020**

**Chowder Ness**

Purple Sandpiper

**Deeping Fen**

2 Garganey

**Kettleby Quarries**

5 Dunlin, Hobby, 2 Whimbrel

**Rippingale area**

Turtle Dove, Spotted Flycatcher, Barn Owl

**Whisby**

Hobby, Common Sandpiper, 2 Arctic Tern. 4 Common Tern

**09/05/2020**

**Bardney**

Hobby

**Manby Wetlands**

Green-winged Teal

**08/05/2020**

**Grimsby**

Wheatear

**Louth area**

Common Crane



Common Crane - Image © Owen Beaumont

**Skegness** (out at sea - on a boat)

Pied Flycatcher

**07/05/2020**

**Anderby Creek**

Blyth's Pipit

**Boston Stump**

Peregrine eggs hatching

**Gibraltar Point**

Black Kite

**Grantham**

7 Swift

**Huttoft**

Wryneck

**Langtoft**

Nightingale

**Middlemarsh Farm**

3 Wood Sandpiper

**06/05/2020**

**Alkborough Flats**

Spotted Redshank

**Gibraltar Point**

Pied Flycatcher

**Hartsholme Park**

6 Grey Heron, Common Tern

**Middlemarsh Farm**

Glossy Ibis

**Swanholme Lakes**

+5 Garden Warbler

**08/05/2020**

**Louth area**

Common Crane

**Skegness (out at sea - on a boat)**

Pied Flycatcher

**Fulbeck**

Swift

**07/05/2020**

**Anderby Creek**

Blyth's Pipit

**Boston Stump**

Peregrine eggs hatching

**Gibraltar Point**

Black Kite

**Grantham**

7 Swift

**Huttoft**

Wryneck

**Langtoft**

Nightingale

**Middlemarsh Farm**

3 Wood Sandpiper

**06/05/2020**

**Alkborough Flats**

Spotted Redshank

**Gibraltar Point**

Pied Flycatcher

**Hartsholme Park**

6 Grey Heron, Common Tern

**Middlemarsh Farm**

Glossy Ibis

**Swanholme Lakes**

+5 Garden Warbler

**05/05/2020**

**Boultham Mere**

3 Oystercatcher

**Brampton/Marton**

Mediterranean Gull

**Sincil Dyke, Lincoln**

Common Sandpiper



Common Sandpiper in Sincil Dyke, Lincoln - Image © Ken Haw

**Swanholme Lakes**

2 Bullfinch, 4 Blackcap, Chiffchaff, 5 Garden Warbler

**Whisby**

Greenshank

**04/05/2020**

**Bardney**

Cuckoo

**Baston Fen**

Cattle Egret

**Boultham Mere**

2 Swift

**Hartsholme Park**

2 Garden Warbler, Tawny Owl down towards Swanholme Lakes

**Keelby**

Hobby

**Swanpool**

Cuckoo, Grey Partridge (Pig Lane), 6 Barn Swallow, Mistle Thrush, Grey Wagtail (Pig Lane), White Wagtail (Pig Lane), Lesser Whitethroat, Willow Warbler,

**Toft Newton**

Blue-headed Wagtail

**03/05/2020**

**Ancaster area**

43 Linnet 5 Grey Partridge, c300 Wood Pigeon 69 Skylark, 8 Willow Warbler, 45 Common Whitethroat, 6 Lesser Whitethroat, 39 Yellowhammer

**Grimsby**

Swift

**Kelby, Sleaford**

**Osprey**

**Doddington Park, Lincoln**

8 House Martin

**Linwood Warren**

Cuckoo

**Marton**

Swift

**The Wolds**

39 Corn Bunting, Hobby, 58 Linnet, 10 Yellow Wagtail. 24 Common Whitethroat, 7 Lesser Whitethroat

**02/05/2020**

**Boultham Mere**

Hobby

**Donna Nook**

Great White Egret

**Manby Wetlands**

Whooper Swan

**Market Rasen area**

Red-breasted Flycatcher

**Tetney**

2 Cuckoo, Greenshank Marsh Harrier, Ring Ouzel, Spotted Redshank, 3 Common Sandpiper, 6 Common Scoter, Swift, 5 Whimbrel, 3 Lesser Whitethroat, Whinchat

**01/05/2020**

**Apex Pits**

Swift

**Cleethorpes CP**

Common Sandpiper, Barn Swallow

**Dunston**

Hobby, Swift

**Grimsby**

3 Wheatear

**Heckington**

Ring-necked Duck



Ring-necked Duck discovered today on a lock-down walk - Image © Ray Shrouder

**New Holland**

2 Common Tern

**Swanholme Lakes**

2 Gadwall, Garden Warbler, Pochard

**Weelsby Wood area**

Wheatear

## 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](mailto:recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk)

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

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

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

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

### Recording

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

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

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

### Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website

<http://lnu.org/>

LNU e-mail: [info@lnu.org](mailto:info@lnu.org)

### Love Lincs Plants

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

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

### Sir Joseph Banks Society

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

[enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@joseph-banks.org.uk)

### Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

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

### Lincolnshire Bat Group website

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

### Butterfly Conservation Lincolnshire Branch

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

### FIGHTING WILDLIFE CRIME

Rural Crime Officer

Pc 160 Nick Willey

Force Wildlife, Rural Crime Officer

Force Dog Training Establishment

Lincolnshire Showground.

Grange-De-Lings.

Lincoln

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Rural Crime News -

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

### STAYING SAFE

EasyTide

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

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

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

Environment Agency Flood Information/Floodline

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

Lyme Disease

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

### SPECIES IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING

#### Botany

Botanical Group in South Lincs

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

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

LNU Sawflies, Bees, Wasps and Ants Recorder

Dr. David Sheppard - [d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com](mailto:d.a.sheppard@btinternet.com)

#### Lincolnshire Mammals

Chris Manning, [Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com](mailto:Chris.LincsDeer@gmail.com)

#### Mammal Atlas

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

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

#### Lincs Amphibian and Reptile Group

The Lincolnshire ARG (Amphibian & Reptile Group)

Ashley Butterfield - [learningoutdoors@btinternet.com](mailto:learningoutdoors@btinternet.com)

#### Local Bat Helpline

Grounded bats, bat problems, advice and information.

Contact Annette and Colin Faulkner on

01775 766286 or e-mail: [annettefaulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:annettefaulkner@btinternet.com)

Confidential Bat Records

You may send confidential bat records direct to Annette

Faulkner on: [annettefaulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:annettefaulkner@btinternet.com)

### USEFUL WILDLIFE CONTACTS

#### Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership

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

Contact: [charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk](mailto:charlie.barnes@glnp.org.uk)

or for more general [queries:info@glnp.org.uk](mailto:queries:info@glnp.org.uk)

#### Natural England

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

#### Lincolnshire Environmental Awards

[www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk](http://www.lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk)

#### Life on the Verge and Wildflower Meadow Network Project

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



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