



Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - July 2021

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Shorebird Team at Gibraltar Point

The LBC are supporting the Shorebird Team at Gibraltar Point this summer with a £1600 grant which helps to pay for night time wardening for 4 nights per week during the vulnerable period which is right now. At the moment two pairs of Little Terns are about to hatch chicks and another pair are incubating a single egg after – a fox was scared off by the Night warden just before that was predated. A number of Ringed Plover pairs have very young chicks now. **Sadly the club's cash grant is insufficient to provide full cover so voluntary support from our members would be a great help too. Duties involve staying up all night from 21.00 to 08.00 and dissuading foxes from visiting breeding sites with powerful torches. If you wish to bring a friend that is no problem.**

In addition, the Shorebird Sanctuary needs wardening during the day to keep an eye on daytime predators such as crows and also to engage with visitors. Its also a good opportunity to do a bit of sea-watching or visible migration. The team is flexible on dates but weekend day or night cover is particularly helpful so if you can help, please contact Kev Wilson on KWilson@lincstrust.co.uk. Birds have usually fledged by early August by which point night wardening comes to an end. Anytime you can offer to support our rarest Lincolnshire breeding seabird would be greatly appreciated and will give you a great night out too."



The joint BTO and LBC conference, January 2021

For those of you who were unable to participate in this illuminating online conference back in January, here are the links to the talks that have been made available from the January BTO & Lincolnshire Bird Club.

Black-tailed Godwits: Lincs to Iceland, Jenny Gill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L30tCwc22F0>

The last few decades will have witnessed the huge increase in numbers of wintering Black-tailed Godwits. Tracking of marked individual Godwits since the 1990s has helped us to work out why numbers have gone up and why eastern England has seen some of the biggest increases; all was revealed in this presentation!

Managing Frampton Marsh for passage and breeding waders, John Badley -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJWeOkIsAkI>

John talked about the design and ongoing management of one of the UK's premier coastal wetland for waders through 'dynamic management.' The challenges, considerations and opportunities in trying to make the reserve a factory for breeding waders and an ongoing production line of passage waders for birders to enjoy.

How your birdwatching records are used in Europe, Dawn Balmer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PQyPo2kzTY>

Dawn's talk explained how your general birdwatching records and data from the surveys you take part in are used in projects and schemes across Europe.

Nocturnal migration: things that go tseep in the night, Simon Gillings -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nd5_89T6ZF0

Every spring and autumn, millions of birds migrate over us whilst we sleep. Recent years have seen considerable interest in using audio recorders to capture the flight calls of these migrants, either to boost garden lists or as part of more structured monitoring. Simon introduced nocturnal migration, discussed how recordings can be taken and illustrated some of what he has learned about this topic.

Caspian Tern at Barton pits – lifting the curse (partially)

By Graham Catley (<https://www.grahamcatley.com/>)

2021 started out quite well on the bird finding front with a flock of eight Common Cranes over Loughton Forest on January 22nd and the first local Smew for a few years on the 30th seemed positive. March passed without incident apart from a nice early Sedge Warbler and thus into spring proper. On the morning of April 2nd, I abandoned the camera gear intending on a long walk from home and having had almost nil photo opportunities of late. About 3 miles later I came across a superb and very close Red-necked Grebe getting into smart breeding plumage but where was the camera! A couple of phone calls and my wife generously offered to drive to Barrow Haven and bring me my camera. Hurrying the mile to the meeting point I passed the Ski pit, which seemed to have nothing of note on view and then having picked up the camera headed back quickly but the grebe had now drifted out into the middle of the pit. I had rung Mark before leaving and he arrived so we sat chatting watching the grebe and its insect gleaning behaviour before I set off on the trek back home and Mark went off past the Ski pit. A couple of minutes later the phone was ringing – Mark's name popped up? Quick question, has this drake Ring-necked Duck been on Ski pit for long?!!!! A quick 600m dash and I was watching a smart drake Ring-necked Duck but surely it had not been in the open when I walked past, TWICE, earlier. In fact, it did then disappear into a channel in the reeds for a while but I was left with the Yvonne Fair lyrics ringing loudly

(It should have been me). Bumping into three local Ouzels on the 9th was nice but the rest of April passed with lots of miles walked and no rewards. Most days I wander around Waters' Edge as it has produced a lot of good birds over the last 20 years and I had duly walked round on the morning of May 4th but another call from Mark early afternoon, female Ferruginous Duck on Waters' Edge, the duck curse was becoming a reality. In deteriorating weather with heavy rain arriving, I managed to get there to see it fly off but (un)fortunately it landed briefly on the Folly pond and I managed to fire off a few shots of it as it flew off again never to be seen again. Back home the images however, revealed an avicultural ring on one leg, the curse of the modern camera was now also being inflicted. Had I not got a photo of that leg the bird would of course have gone into the annals of Lincolnshire birding as a wild bird. But once again I had missed a find by a few hours – right place, right day, wrong time.



Venturing away from the local patch I headed down Bonby Carrs on the 5th to check on a wing-tagged Marsh Harrier and while there reiterated my impression that this was without a doubt our best local bet for a passage Pallid Harrier. May 8th and its torrential outside when the WhatsApp message sounds and up pops a very good picture of a stonking 2cy Pallid Harrier – I didn't really need to look and yes it was taken in Bonby Carrs the previous evening by two non-birders. Eight hours in the rain and no sign were almost to be expected but the curse was becoming more serious. My most-wanted find bird and just two days out this time, right place, wrong day. A drake Garganey and local Tree Pipit on the patch two days later were scant recompense and mid-May drifted by with more worn-out footwear and zilch results. A full day of census work at Alkborough Flats on the 19th was of course one day before the site's first Glossy Ibis arrived, another gap on my British selfy list remained unticked. Dull weather on the 23rd saw 1000 Swifts asking to be sifted locally but no white rumps showed up. A rare coastal venture on the 28th was timed to coincide with a southerly movement of Bee-eaters but oddly they decided to pass south at Spurn the following day when I had made another optimal decision and gone to Alkborough again. Sitting at the Maze a message from ND to the effect that a singing Golden Oriole was 750m away saw a quick dumping of the scope and a rapid walk, jog but needless to say the flutter had gone quiet by the time I arrived and four Spotted Flycatchers were poor compensation as the Oriole never sang again. Did I mention that Bee-eater is by far the commonest bird not to grace my Lincolnshire list? So after the Oriole dip the following day I get a frantic call from Clare to the effect that her and Wayne have four Bee-eaters flying south over their Normanby garden while sat having a relaxing coffee. I repeat the procedure over ensuing days but my garden and coffee are clearly on the increasingly cursed list.

June 3rd and we are heading to the Outer Hebrides for a week safe in the knowledge that spring was over and no good birds would be turning up. Missing the best local bird of the century and hordes of Bee-eaters was hardly offset by good views of Corncrakes but with a National influx of Rose-coloured Starlings taking place there was a good chance of adding that one to my British self-found list. Indeed, it became something of a daily event noting the lack of pink birds in the numerous flocks of Starlings that graced the wind-swept Uists. Back in

Lincs the following week and what appears on Birdguides but a RCS along the road where we had been staying the week before –I must have seriously upset one or more ancient deities.

Fast forward to June 19th and yet another long walk around the local pits fails to reveal any rare warblers in song and with increasing temperatures I am heading back towards Waters' Edge along the Humber bank when I glance left and through a gap in the hedge see a Caspian Tern. In Canada seeing a Caspian is a nice distraction but taken almost for granted and I was in the wrong mode but suddenly realised I was at Barton and this was a big bird! I cannot even recall getting the bins on it but reached for the camera and nothing in the viewfinder as I had it switched off! Quickly flicking the switch, I frantically tried to get it to focus and then found the bird soaring out against the light or so I thought but when I looked harder it was a Common Gull. Surely, I hadn't drifted into some parallel birding universe and turned a Common Gull into a Caspian Tern? Frantic scanning of the Sailing pit revealed nothing then there it was at the very furthest corner, into the light and hazy but a Caspian Tern, a British and Lincs self-found and a patch tick all in one. With nowhere for it to perch it would surely not stay long so I dashed down through the hawthorn hedge, hogweed and nettle filled ditch and managed some very poor distant images, one below, which just about proved its ID.

A quick phone call and input into the Lincs WhatsApp group and things settled down a bit but then after a fairly close fly-by it drifted off west. While deciding where it might have gone it returned and performed really well for the next hour doing circuits of the pit but apart from a couple of early dives it never caught anything and at 12:15 drifted off south-west and was not relocated.



So, a good find and a three-way box ticker but has the long-standing curse really been lifted? With the summer birding doldrums ahead of us it would be a good time to bump into a Blue-cheeker Beeeater or mythical swift species to really lay the curse to rest but in reality I envisage a lot more miles walked before another goody pops up locally.

By Graham Catley (<https://www.grahamcatley.com/>)

St James's Peregrine Webcam season comes to an end...

The sight and sound of four juvenile peregrines flying around St. James Church today (27th June) stopped passers-by in their tracks with all eyes turning skywards. It also marked the end of the breeding season for Louth's peregrines – the most successful so far since they first nested on the church in 2015.

Four healthy young birds from four eggs laid, was a first for the St. James pair and what made it special was the intimate views the webcam, paid for by the LBC, gave of the whole process – courtship, copulation, egg laying and feeding. Once out of the nest tray, the juveniles chose to spend much of their time on the south and west sides of the tower walkway, whereas the cameras covered the north and east sides. Perhaps two more cameras for next year?



One the 2021 Louth Peregrine chicks © Mark Johnson

Rosy Starling influx

A major invasion of Rosy Starlings to western Europe is underway, with many hundreds of birds reported from France and Spain in recent weeks, and with a significant number reaching Britain including Lincolnshire with at least four reported to date. This influx is slightly later in the season than either of the previous large irruptions noted in 2018 and 2020, doubtless reflecting the cold and unsettled weather throughout May.

Several large flocks appeared in southern France and northern Spain in the final few days of May, with one group of at least 400 reported from the French-Italian border. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the influx is already shaping up to exceed that witnessed in 2018, although plenty more will have to arrive to match the record-breaking arrival of 2020 that saw breeding confirmed in France for the first time. Numbers in France had likely reached four figures by 1 June, with the biggest flock totaling 320 birds and a minimum of 182 individuals had been reported from north-east Spain by the end of May. The majority (131) were in Catalonia, with some having reached as far west as Cantabria.

Two of the four records in Lincolnshire were photographed in private gardens coming to feeders with Starlings, so eyes peeled! (Thanks to Bird Guides for the European information).

Bird Track Update

April has always been the month with the most records submitted, probably due to people keen to see their first summer migrants but also due to better weather, longer days and a wide variety of species. This April has been no exception and over 952,000 records were submitted to BirdTrack, making it a record breaker beating the previous monthly record of 849,260 set in April 2019. The number of users has also been steadily increasing and we are up almost 13% compared to the same time last year and up almost 30% compared to 2019.

The addition of the new taxa groups (butterflies, Reptiles, amphibians, and orchids) is progressing well and we have also taken this opportunity to review data entry and the validation of records and we are in the final stages of testing before pushing this to live. I would love to give a date on when this will be available but this is dependent on the results of testing but hopefully it will be available over the summer.



Contact: Scott Mayson Email birdtrack@bto.org

Young wildlife enthusiasts to get much needed equipment in brand new scheme.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) have just launched a scheme to help redistribute binoculars, telescopes, identification field guides and much more from those that don't need them anymore, to those that do.

The BTO Equipment Donation Scheme (EDS) is designed to help redistribute birding equipment from those who don't need them anymore, or wish to support others by gifting equipment, to those who may not be able to afford or access the equipment, but would benefit from its use. Many experienced wildlife watchers upgrade their binoculars and telescopes and other wildlife watching equipment as newer and better instruments are brought onto the market, and there will be lots of older pairs of binoculars, books and more languishing in cupboards across the UK. It is this kit that the BTO wants to get into the hands of a young wildlife watcher in need.



Anyone can donate to the scheme, but to be a recipient of redistributed wildlife watching equipment you need to be: aged between 11 and 21; a primary or secondary school who is looking to take up Garden BirdWatch with one (or more) of their year groups, or have a club that focuses on nature or the environment; or a university group or society which focuses on nature or the environment.

The scheme will accept functioning binoculars, telescopes, guide books on birds and other taxa in acceptable condition. The scheme currently does not accept bird ringing equipment or photography equipment.

The BTO would also love to hear from suppliers of optical equipment or other birdwatching related equipment that are interested in becoming corporate sponsors.

Samuel Levy of the BTO Youth Advisory Panel, who developed the scheme, said, "There are many young people out there who are passionate about wildlife and wildlife monitoring but just don't have the means to acquire expensive wildlife watching equipment. This scheme has the potential to make a huge difference, and who knows, it may even inspire the next Chris Packham or David Attenborough."

If you are interested in getting your old wildlife watching kit into the hands of a young wildlife enthusiast, please visit www.bto.org/equipment

Faye Vogely (BTO Youth Manager) Email: youth@bto.org

Three species of Dunnock ? Whatever next ?!

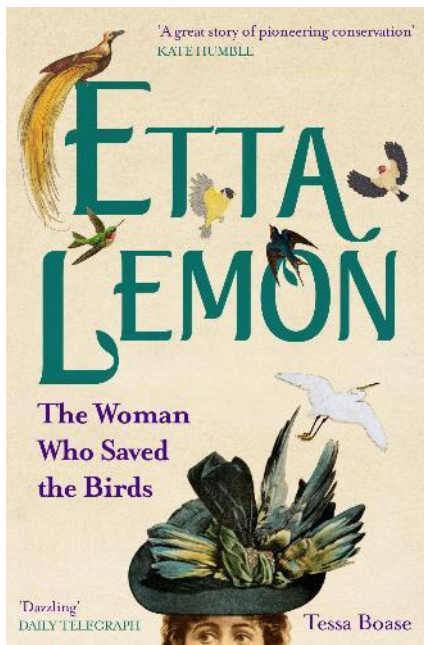
"Inevitable in light of recent genetic work" says Professor Martin Collinson, whose laboratory at the University of Aberdeen does the majority of genetic analyses on the tricky groups of birds occurring in the UK and Europe as a whole. The genetic work in question was performed by Pavia et al (BOC 141(2):199-210, 2021) and revealed that there are three distinct genetic lineages within the Dunnock *Prunella modularis* group, namely the Iberian subspecies *P.m. mabbottii*, Caucasian *P.m. obscura* and nominate *P.m. modularis*. IOC taxonomy currently recognises 8 sub-species, so there's no telling where this process will end!

Some northern populations are migratory, and there is a noticeable October peak at coastal sites in the county, but those in southern Europe are largely sedentary.

Breeding Stonechats in Lincolnshire

Stonechats have bred in just 7 of the twenty years up to and including 2019 (Birds of Lincolnshire, 2021; LBR 2019). In 2021 to date, we have received reports of confirmed breeding on The Wash at Holbeach Marsh and at Rimac, Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes NNR. Please record all instances of proven breeding of this irregular and rare breeding species.

Book Review: Etta Lemon- The Woman Who Saved The Birds



TODAY (July 1) marks the centenary of a landmark piece of bird protection legislation - the 1921 Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act.

The measure was designed to safeguard birds from being slaughtered for their feathers which were then imported from all corners of the globe for extensive use in the adornment of ladies' hats.

In itself, the law was flimsy because it remained perfectly legal to sell and wear feathers.

But the long-running campaign that preceded the passing of the Act did much to shape public opinion. Decent-minded men and women gradually came to appreciate that the trade in feathers involved immense cruelty and was bringing many global species, especially the more exotic ones, to the brink of extinction.

Shrewdly timed to coincide with this centenary, former Fleet Street investigative journalist Tessa Boase has published a fascinatingly-researched and fast-paced study of the women behind the campaign which, as a spin-off, resulted in the organisation that became the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Starring role in the author's narrative goes to Etta Lemon whose tenacity in breaking down bureaucratic doors was relentless. The author explores the motivation, personality and campaigning strategies not just of Etta but also of her allies-in-chief, Eliza Phillips and Emily Williamson.

Ms Boase also explores the workings of the incredibly lucrative plumage trade in Victorian and Edwardian times and its significance in providing massive employment in the millinery industry - a factor which undoubtedly helped delay legislation. Many leading ornithologists of the day also opposed the campaign, deeming it to be unscientific and based on soft-centred female sentimentality.

The curious thing is that far from being proud of its origins - and the role played by women - the RSPB sought, up until recently, to bury the past as if its female founders were somehow unworthy of recognition and even to be derided.

According to Ms Boase, executives at the organisation were unhelpful to the point of being obstructive as she pursued her research. It was only as a result of Ms Boase's own doggedness and determination that the Sandy-based charity acknowledged the shameful cover-up and is now only too eager to celebrate the courage and flair of Etta and her associates.. This stylishly-written and sometimes controversial book is published in paperback at £9.99 by Aurum Press and is available from bookshops and online outlets.

Jim Wright



One the 2021 Louth Peregrine chicks © Mark Johnson

Lincolnshire Bird News - June 2021

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. 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.

30/06/2021

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, 2 Spoonbill

Scopwick

2 Common Quail

29/06/2021

Barton Pits

Caspian Tern

Deeping Lakes

Russian White-fronted Goose

Frampton Marsh

Turtle Dove, 1000 Bar-tailed Godwit, 3500 Red Knot, Short-eared Owl, 3 Spotted Redshank, 7 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

4 Spoonbill

Scopwick

2 Common Quail

28/06/2021

Bardney Lock

2 Common Crane, Glossy Ibis

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl, 5 Spoonbill, 5 Spotted Redshank

Water's Edge

Caspian Tern

27/06/2021

Barton Sailing Pit

Caspian Tern

Frampton Marsh

Hobby, 3500 Red Knot Barn Owl, 3 Spotted Redshank, 2 Sandwich Tern, Green Sandpiper, Ruddy Shelduck, 11 Spoonbill,

Whimbrel

Gibraltar Point

5 Spoonbill

Tetney Lock

2 Bee-eater

26/06/2021

Barton Sailing Pit

Caspian Tern (also seen at Read's Island and South Ferriby and at Lound in Notts early morning)

Frampton Marsh

Cuckoo, 1000 Bar-tailed Godwit, 4 Barnacle Goose, 3000 Red Knot, Short-eared Owl, Little Ringed Plover, Ruddy Shelduck, 11 Spoonbill, 2 Yellow Wagtail

Haconby

White-tailed Eagle (possible)

Swanpool

Common Quail

25/06/2021

Bardney Lock

Glossy Ibis, no sighting of the Cranes reported by 18:35

Barton Sailing Pit

Caspian Tern (again)

Gibraltar Point

Spoonbill

North Hykeham (private garden)

Serin (reported)

24/06/2021

Gibraltar Point

5 Spoonbill

Kirkby on Bain

Glossy Ibis (until 13:00 at least)

Messingham

2 Blackcap, 2 Buzzard, 3 Chiffchaff, Cuckoo, Little Egret 3, 2 Kestrel Lapwing 10, 6 Sand Martin, Oystercatcher 2, Swallow 2, Common Tern 4 (including 2 juveniles), Cetti's Warbler, 6 Reed Warbler

Scopwick

Common Scoter (sound recorded over)

23/06/2021

Bardney Lock

2 Common Crane, Glossy Ibis

Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank, 4 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point 5

Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill

Huttoft Bank

Red-footed Falcon (in off)

Lincoln

Cuckoo (over bypass), Turtle Dove (to west of city)

Long Sutton

Rosy Starling

Scopwick

Common Quail

Swanpool
Common Quail
Withcall
2 Common Quail

22/06/2021

Bardney Lock

2 Common Crane, Glossy Ibis, 2 Spotted Redshank, Whooper Swan



A distant Glossy Ibis and Whooper Swan at Bardney Lock - Image © Russell Hayes

Frampton Marsh
10 Spoonbill
Gibraltar Point
Short-eared Owl, 2 Spoonbill

21/06/2021

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Caspian Tern (04:20 then flew off south)

Bardney Lock

2 Common Crane, Glossy Ibis

Donnington on Bain

Common Quail

Scopwick
Common Quail
Swanpool
Common Quail

20/06/2021

Baston & Langtoft Pits
Caspian Tern
Bardney (wetland)
2 Common Crane, Glossy Ibis
Cress Marsh
Avocet, Peregrine Falcon, 2 Little Ringed Plover, Oystercatcher (with young), Shelduck, Cetti's Warbler
Gibraltar Point
2 Cuckoo, Red-throated Diver, Mediterranean Gull, Green Sandpiper, Spoonbill,
Swanpool
Common Quail

19/06/2021

Bardney (wetland)
2 Common Crane, Glossy Ibis
Barton Sailing Pit
Caspian Tern



Caspian Tern at Barton Sailing Pits - Image © Graham Catley

Frampton Marsh
Corn Bunting, 1500 Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Greenshank, 3000 Red Knot, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Red-crested Pochard, Green

Sandpiper, 8 Spoonbill
Gibraltar Point
Short-eared Owl, Cetti's Warbler
Reed's Island
Ruddy Shelduck



Ruddy Shelduck, Reed's Island - Image © Neil Drinkall

Sturton
Common Quail (between Sturton and Scampton)
Swanpool
Common Quail

18/06/2021
Swanpool, Lincoln
Common Quail

17/06/2021
Frampton Marsh

Spotted Redshank

Gibraltar Point

Cetti's Warbler, Cuckoo

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe Dunes

8 Cuckoo, 2 Turtle Dove, Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Marsh Warbler,

16/06/2021

Eagle

Tawny Owl

Nocton

Hobby, Nuthatch, 2 Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Woodcock,



Tawny Owl at Nocton - Image © Andrew Chick

Frampton Marsh

White-tailed Eagle (high NE), Great White Egret, 4 Spotted Redshank, 7 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

8 Spoonbill

15/06/2021

Eagle

Turtle Dove

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, 4 Spoonbill

Messingham SQ

3 Buzzard, 4 Chiffchaff, Cuckoo, 5 Sand Martin, Red-legged Partridge, Red-crested Pochard, 2 Song Thrush, Cetti's Warbler

14/06/2021

Alkborough Flats

2 Bittern, 3 Great White Egret, 20 Little Egret, Marsh Harrier, 15 Grey Heron, Spotted Redshank, 6 Spoonbill, Bearded Tit

Frampton Marsh

2 Corn Bunting, Cuckoo, Great White Egret, 1000 Bar-tailed Godwit, Black-necked Grebe, 1000 Red Knot, Water Rail, Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill, 3 Sandwich Tern

Gibraltar Point

Garganey

Swanpool

Skylark



Skylark on the Swanpool cow fields - Image © Andy Sims

13/06/2021

Alkborough Flats

3 Great White Egret, Glossy Ibis, 8 Spoonbill

Cress Marsh

Little Egret, 70 Herring Gull, 50 Lesser-black Backed Gull, 5 Grey Heron, 7 Oystercatcher, 2 Little Ringed Plover, Yellow Wagtail
Tetney

Common Quail

Frampton Marsh

Spoonbill

Freiston Shore

Little Gull

Gibraltar Point

Spoonbill

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe Dunes

7 Turtle Dove, 2 Grasshopper Warbler

12/06/2021

New Cotes

Common Quail

Doddington Hall

2 Tufted Duck, 2 Little Grebe, Grey Partridge, 4 Yellowhammer

Frampton Marsh

Cuckoo, 3 Brent Goose, Black-necked Grebe, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Red-crested Pochard, Green Sandpiper, 7
Spoonbill, Lesser Whitethroat

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, 15 Spoonbill

11/06/2021

Frampton Marsh

Black-necked Grebe, Western Osprey



Osprey over Frampton Marsh - Image © John Clarkson

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, Turtle Dove, Spotted Flycatcher, Hobby, Cetti's Warbler

10/06/2021

Frampton Marsh

Corn Bunting, Cuckoo, Black-necked Grebe, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Short-eared Owl, Little Ringed Plover, Ringed Plover

Freiston Shore

2 Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

Cuckoo, Great White Egret, 6 Spoonbill, 220 Swift

09/06/2021

Frampton Marsh

Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, Little Stint

Gibraltar Point

Little Gull, Pintail, 7 Spoonbill

Scopwick

3 Common Quail (males)

Wolla Bank

Bee-eater

08/06/2021

Far Ings

Osprey

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl, Tree Pipit, 4 Spoonbill

Lincoln (A57 Bishops Bridge Layby)

2 Bee-eater

Scopwick

2 Common Quail

07/06/2021

Blyton, Gainsborough

Rosy Starling (in private garden)

Far Ings

Bittern, Little Egret, Otter, Bearded Tit

Gibraltar Point

Short-eared Owl, 6 Spoonbill

Linwood Warren

4 Mistle Thrush, 2 Green Woodpecker

Swanpool

Grey Partridge

Willingham Woods

Spotted Flycatcher, Great Spotted Woodpecker

06/06/2021

Blyton, Gainsborough

Rosy Starling (in private garden)

Cress Marsh

6 Avocet, 50+ Lesser black-Backed Gull, 5 Little Ringed Plover (3 chicks), Cetti's Warbler

Frampton Marsh

Cuckoo, 200 Bar-tailed Godwit, 7 Barnacle Goose, Mediterranean Gull, Red Kite, Red Knot, Short-eared Owl, 2 Spoonbill, Grasshopper Warbler

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, Marsh Harrier, 4 Spoonbill, 2 Cetti's Warbler

Marston

House Martin, Oystercatcher



Excellent capture of a House Martin at Marston - Image © Steve Nesbitt

Trent Port, Marton

2 Cuckoo, Goldcrest, Kingfisher, Treecreeper,

Scopwick

2 Common Quail (possibly three)

05/06/2021

Croft Marsh

Little Gull

Frampton Marsh

Corn Bunting, 300 Bar-tailed Godwit, 11 Barnacle Goose, 2 Brent Goose, Black-necked Grebe, Little Gull, Buzzard, Hobby, 70 Red

Knot, 2 Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill

Gibraltar Point

2 Spoonbill

04/06/2021

Croft Marsh

Little Gull

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, 2 Spoonbill, Rosy Starling

Scopwick

Common Quail

03/06/2021

Churchill Lane

Hobby

Cress Marsh

4 Avocet, Cetti's Warbler, 6 Little Ringed Plover, 7 Shelduck, Yellow Wagtail

Gibraltar Point

2 Cuckoo, 2 Mediterranean Gull, Rosy Starling (in off)

Huttoft Bank

Rosy Starling

Scopwick

Common Quail

02/06/2021

Biscathorpe

Little Tern

Croft Marsh

Little Gull

Deeping Lakes

Little Gull

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Black-necked Grebe, Little Gull, Hobby, Red Knot, Spoonbill, Yellow Wagtail, Lesser Whitethroat

Gibraltar Point

Bee-eater (over), Firecrest, Tawny Owl, Whimbrel, Marsh Warbler (Sykes Farm)

01/06/2021

Croft Marsh

2 Little Gull

Frampton Marsh

Spoonbill

Freiston Shore

Hobby, Spoonbill, Little Stint



A close up of a Spoonbill at Freiston Shore - Image © Paul Sullivan

Gibraltar Point
Spoonbill
Kirkby on Bain GP's
Squacco Heron (a possible fly over)
Holbeach Clough
Rosy Starling

Another good garden bird in Lincolnshire - Image © Peter Gray

Messingham
Bittern, Cuckoo, Hobby, Red-crested Pochard, 3 Cetti's
Warbler
Rimac
3 Blackcap, 2 Cuckoo, 2 Turtle Dove, 5 Common Whitethroat



Contact Information & Useful Lincs Websites

Lincs Bird Club Website

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

Twitter [@Lincsbirding](https://twitter.com/Lincsbirding)

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

LBC County Bird Recorder

Phil Hyde recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk

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

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

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

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

Recording

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

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

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

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

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

Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website

<http://lnu.org/>

LNU e-mail: info@lnu.org

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

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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>

Lincoln 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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