



## Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - July 2022

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### The St James Peregrines 2022 – Another successful year!

For the 8th consecutive year, the resident pair of peregrines falcons have nested on the tower walkway of St James Church, Louth. We installed the nest tray on 3 February along with two cameras giving views of the north and east walkways. There's no internet connection in the church, so when the cameras were first set up in 2021, a pair of antennae were placed on the south walkway and the wall of our house opposite, establishing a wi-fi bridge, with the camera images being beamed to a recording device and monitor in a spare room of our house. This was funded by the LBC, and installation was by Wildlife Windows, who continue to provide support.



Within a few days, courtship was seen to take place on the nest tray and on 13 March, the camera caught the pair mating. Such intimate moments including the first egg being laid and the chicks hatching were a joy to watch.

Four eggs were produced between 26 March and 2 April, with the chicks emerging between the 4th and 6th May. The timings closely followed those of previous years, so we were able to predict their arrival. The adults provided 7-8 feeds

per day – mostly starling and some feral pigeon, although the remains of a ringed black-tailed godwit was also recovered.

All four juveniles successfully fledged between 14th and 21st June, although a couple are returning to the nest tray to sleep during the day or to roost at night. Louth has now seen 16 healthy juveniles fledge.

The live-streaming was switched off on 17th June, but the cameras continue to record activity on the tower walkway and anything of interest will be uploaded to the websites.

Read the full 2022 Blog at <https://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk/site/index.php/information/lbc-articlebloglist/657-peregrine-project-st-james-2022-blog-2>

Geoff Mullett 23 June 2022 (Photograph courtesy of Steve Plant).

### **Peregrine dilemma 2022**

It seems to go without saying that if you have an interest in and a passion for breeding raptors that you suffer from high levels of stress! Adored by so many but hated by a small minority who have undue political influence the strength of the law in Britain is muted to say the least and every time you find a breeding pair of raptors there are so many threats. Human is number one but natural predation pressures are always there too with larger raptors preying smaller ones or causing mayhem amongst breeding birds; Goshawks eat just about anything and Common Buzzards can be a real nuisance when they set up near nesting harriers and then of course there are corvids, Bitterns sometimes keen on the odd harrier



nest contents, Otters and Mink in reedbeds plus the vagaries of the British weather and the constant threat of loss of nest sites and hunting habitat through human intervention. Peregrines though seem to generally hold their own against most things other than human beings but in recent years they have spread into areas where their nest sites leave the newly fledged young often floundering in busy human dominated environments.

The pair that nested on the south bank towers of the Humber Bridge of many years regularly lost young to vehicles on the road below as juveniles crashed downwards on their maiden flights and birds nesting on high voltage electricity pylons often seem to loose young that drop to the ground and presumably fall victim to predators like Red Foxes.

One such local pylon nest has caused me a few sleepless nights in recent years; I have found dead juveniles under the pylon in previous years but on June 13th 2019 I received a phone call stating that a member of the public had heard distress calls from the ground under the pylon. The weather was horrendous with torrential rain and I arrived to



find two juvenile male Peregrines on the ground under the pylon soaking wet and looking rather disheveled. They were clearly some way off flying and obviously could not be returned to the nest so I picked them up, took them home and gave them a blast with the hairdryer! Jack kindly put me in touch with Jean Thorpe, @jeanthorpeRR on Twitter, and we agreed to meet so that Jean could hopefully rehabilitate the youngsters. Two other juvenile females were on the pylon so hopefully the adults would keep feeding them and be in the area. The amazing Jean fed them up and got them flying and on the 19th we decided that I should release them back in the area of the nest where hopefully the adults would readopt them. More stress but as both birds flew from the carry box the adult started calling immediately and two days later all four were on the pylons and looking in fine fettle. Amazingly, one of these birds (which was colour ringed) has since photographed near Malmesbury in Wiltshire (May 2022).

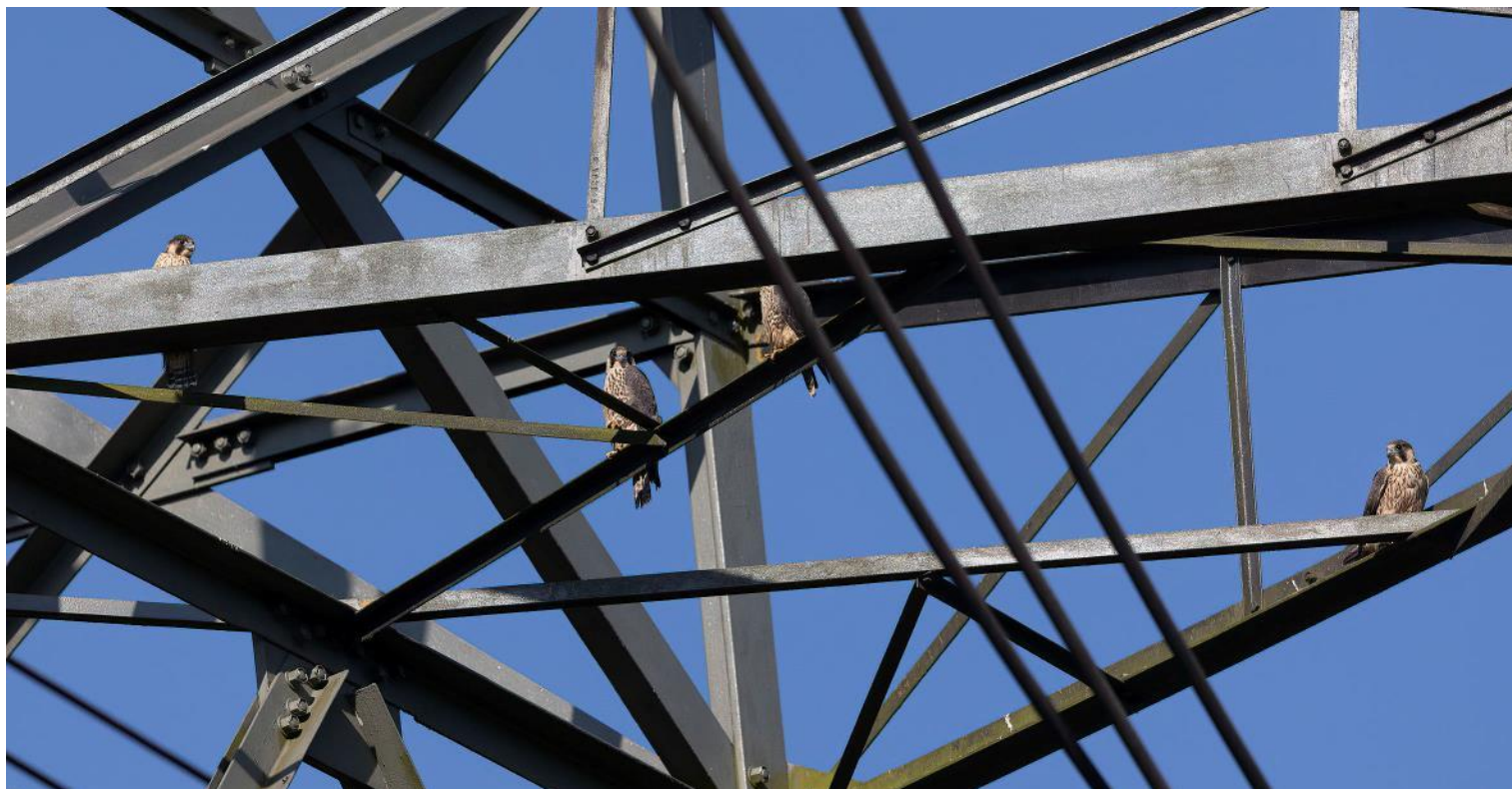
Fast forward to 2022 and I had seen four young in the nest on the pylon on June 4th and knew they would be fledging in a couple of weeks. A check on the 19th revealed two juvenile males on the pylon with one making an extended flight but to my dismay the two females were on the ground under the pylon. They were in good shape and looked to be well fed with several carcasses on the ground nearby but could clearly not yet fly though they were flapping hard. The weather was good and clearly the biggest threat was from discovery by a Fox or even Badger but I made a tough decision and went for the non-interventionist approach and left them there hoping they would fledge in a few days' time. It was a serious gamble. Returning on the morning of the 23rd things did not look good. Scanning the pylon and adjacent ones there was no sign of any birds and no calling but at least there did not look to be any corpses on the ground from what I could see from a distance. A





walk down to the pylon soon raised the spirits as I could see two birds hiding behind a metal arm then a third and as I scanned harder the fourth all safely fledged and accounted for. With that mum arrived to give me a verbal battering and three of the young proved just how well they could fly and land on uninviting metal perches. The same scenario no doubt plays out at other pylon nests as it does on industrial buildings and churches and it is always a difficult decision whether to interfere but happily this outcome was a positive one and no hairdryer was needed.

Graham Catley (All photos © Graham Catley)



### **LBC Alkborough Guided Walk - 11th June 2022**

On the afternoon of Saturday June 11th, 6 of us met in the top carpark at Alkborough Flats. Unfortunately, another couple had been waiting in the lower carpark and, being out of synch with us, went on to do their own thing.

It was a very overcast afternoon although we just happened (carefully planned by the leader!?) to be in a hide when a heavy, short shower came over but otherwise it continued dry and very windy. Despite that, Bearded Tits put in a couple of brief appearances, this being a highlight for many of the group, along with an abundance of actively feeding Spoonbills. One juvenile, right in front of the hide, was sporting readable leg bling so it'll be interesting to discover the origins of this individual. Unusually for the site, there were no Great White Egrets evident, but it was uplifting to see dozens of Swift feeding along with plenty of hirundines, whilst Marsh Harriers gracefully drifted over the reed beds. Sedge, Reed, Cetti's, Common Whitethroat and Blackcaps tested our warbler song ID skills. We continued down to the confluence of the Trent and Ouse where we picked out Redshank, Shelduck, Cormorant, Dunlin and Ringed Plover.

As we ambled back to the carpark one of the group heard a Treecreeper but, like many of the birds this afternoon, it was staying hidden out of the wind. Nevertheless, after a very enjoyable 3 hours, we had a respectable list of 51 species.

I felt it was an enjoyable and companionable trip with the added bonus of finally being able to put faces to those names often only read on the LBC forum.

## Joy Croot

**NB** The next LBC guided walk will be at Donna Nook on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. See the Events section for more details.

The following photographs are of the two juvenile Spoonbills present at Alkborough at the moment, both ringed in Holland (Both images © Graham Catley).



**Spoonbill** NASJ Alkborough May 2022 © Graham Catley





Spoonbill NAXA Alkborough May 2022 © Graham Catley

<b>Kleurcode:</b> W[NASJ]/a	<b>Ringnr</b> 8066194 <b>Leeftijd:</b> pullus <b>Geslacht:</b> onbekend	<b>Ringdatum:</b> 9-7-2021 <b>Soort:</b> Lepelaar <b>Gezenderd?</b> Nee	<b>Ringer:</b> Harry Horn <b>Ringplaats:</b> Griend, Not specified The Netherlands
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Datum	Plaats		Afstand tot ringplaats	Gedrag	Waarnemer(s)	
8-10-2021	Alicante, Salinas de Santa Pola	38,11N -0,38E	Spain	1740 km	resting, sleeping	Sergio Arroyo Morcillo
1-11-2021	Alicante, Salinas de Santa Pola	38,11N -0,38E	Spain	1740 km		Sergio Arroyo Morcillo
17-5-2022	Portsmouth, Farlington Marshes	50,83N 1,03E	United Kingdom	395 km	resting, sleeping	Tim Doran
23-5-2022	Kent, Cliffe Pools	51,77N 0,80E	United Kingdom	344 km	resting, sleeping	Tom Cackett
26-5-2022	North Lincolnshire, Alkborough Flats	53,70N -0,67E	United Kingdom	395 km	foraging	Graham Catley

<b>Kleurcode:</b> W[NCXA]/a	<b>Ringnr</b> 8067747 <b>Leeftijd:</b> pullus <b>Geslacht:</b> onbekend	<b>Ringdatum:</b> 16-6-2021 <b>Soort:</b> Lepelaar <b>Gezenderd?</b> Nee	<b>Ringer:</b> Petra de Goeij <b>Ringplaats:</b> Schiermonnikoog, Oosterkwelder The Netherlands
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Datum	Plaats		Afstand tot ringplaats	Gedrag	Waarnemer(s)	
30-7-2021	Hornhuizen, wad	53,26N 6,22E	The Netherlands	25 km	resting, sleeping	Marycha Franken Petra de Goeij
10-8-2021	Groninger Kust, Hornhuizen wadrand HVP	53,24N 6,20E	The Netherlands	27 km	resting, sleeping	Sven Prins
17-5-2022	Yorkshire, Fairburn Ings	53,77N -1,33E	United Kingdom	501 km	resting, sleeping	John Glendinning
18-5-2022	East Yorkshire, Blacktoft Sands	53,70N -0,72E	United Kingdom	461 km	foraging	Peter Short
26-5-2022	North Lincolnshire, Alkborough Flats	53,70N -0,67E	United Kingdom	458 km	foraging	Graham Catley

### Bonaparte's Gull, Gibraltar Point.

The updated 'Work in Progress' file from the BBRC shows that the following record has been accepted: Bonaparte's Gull (AdW), Nov-03-2021, Gibraltar Point.

This is only the 3rd county record, the previous two having been in 1979 and 2010.

## Events programme for summer 2022

Our Events organiser Chris Gunn has put together the following summer programme. Please support these events if you can. This is the first time in many years that we have arranged a programme like this and it is hoped that we can bring members together and enjoy a great time birding. If you'd like to go on a trip and have no transport please put a request on either the LBC Discussion Forum or tweet @Lincsbirding and we'll see what can be arranged.

### Saturday 2nd July Donna Nook

Visit to Donna Nook

Either meet in Stonebridge car park at OS TF420998 at 7.00 a.m. for the first circuit or

9.00 a.m. to join the first group for the second circuit. High tide is at 08.33 and we will watch the high tide then follow it out from 09.00 to see what we can find so be prepared for mud and bring wellies!

### 15-17 July 2022 Global Bird Fair Rutland County Showground

LBC will be at the Bird Fair! We have been working with Visit Lincolnshire on developing a Lincs Birding Trail hosted on their website. Thank you to Visit Lincolnshire, the Lincs Tourism department at Lincolnshire County Council for paying for the stand. If you'd like to volunteer to help out on the stand and get free entry to GBF please email [chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk). If you are coming to GBF even if you can't help out please pop in for a chat and introduce yourself. We hope to have a new lapel badge to give to all LBC members who rock up and ask for one.

### Saturday 6th August Boat Trip

12 hour boat trip from Grimsby £75

Meet DN31 3SD at 8 a.m.

This trip is fully booked and currently has a stand by list of one. If you'd like to add your name to that list please email [chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk)

### Saturday 3rd September Summer Social at Frampton, please come and help make it a great event!

Visit to Frampton Meeting at either or both 9.00 a.m. or 1.00 p.m outside the Visitor Centre PE20 1AY for a guided walk around the reserve with experienced Frampton birders.

Followed by a BBQ from 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. at Frampton Village Hall at PE20 1AR. The cost will be £15 a head and the BBQ will be provided by the same team who gave us an excellent barbie last year.

Please book on the sales section on the website via the following link

<https://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk/site/index.php/sales-list/668-bbq2022> and specify if you have specific dietary requirements.

The idea is to either spend a full day or half day birding as you wish followed by the BBQ. It is hoped that this will be a good social event. If you just wish to do the birding that is fine and you can also do just the BBQ but why not go for the full experience and bring your partner too!

### Saturday 1st October

Visit to Gibraltar Point

Meet 9.00 a.m. at the Visitor Centre

For further information see the Lincs Bird Club web site and future editions of The Heron.



## Migration at Barrow Haven 1977:

During this period I worked (passed about 6-8 hours a day) at Barrow Haven station. With little actual work most of my time was spent observing birds in the vicinity of the station from where I could look out down the Haven to the Humber with clay pits and reedbeds in the immediate vicinity. The habitat consisted of worked out clay pits with reedbeds and some hawthorn scrub and old tileyard with some buildings and small areas of rough grassland. Daily watches consisted of recording westerly passage of passerines and checking for any new migrants. The abridged account for 1977 shows some of the changes that have been apparent in local and Lincs birding over the ensuing 45 years. The Sparrowhawk recorded was the only one of the year while three Marsh Harriers was a massive yearly total but Hooded Crow was an expected annual migrant and note the number of Turtle Doves of which only large numbers were even recorded. Nightingale was not an out of the way migrant and even Whinchat, Redstart and Black Redstart have now become extreme rarities locally.

### January – February

The first part of the year was very quiet, two Goosanders and a Brambling Jan 3rd and a male Goosander 5th were notable as was a movement of 90+ Snow Buntings up river on the 3rd.

### March

The month started windy, cool and westerly but on the 6th the wind swung to south-west and warmer conditions prevailed until the 12th when an early Sand Martin arrived. Generally, south-westerly winds dominated again to the 19th but it was cooler; Gadwall and Pintail were seen during the period and the first Chiffchaff arrived on the 17th. On the 21st east to north-east winds became established with much colder weather to the month end but despite this a second Sand Martin arrived on the 23rd.

### April

Nothing of note was recorded until the 6th when a second year Glaucous Gull flew west on a day of cold Northerly winds. With cold north-easterlies dominant to the 12th nothing new arrived but as the wind swung to north-west with milder weather on the 12th the first Willow Warbler occurred and was followed on the 14th by the first Swallow, Yellow Wagtail and a Black Redstart. As the wind abated on the 15th Willow Warblers became regular and the 16th produced five Goldcrests and a Brambling in addition to the regular Swallows and Sand Martins. Light south-easterlies on the 18th accounted for the first male Blackcap, a White Wagtail, 32 Swallows, 15 Sand Martins and four Yellow Wagtails. In light south-westerlies on the 19th a female Ring Ouzel and the first House Martin were noted with the 20th seeing the start of a period of strong south-westerly winds which brought nothing new until the 23rd except for the first Whimbrel that flew west on the 22nd. From the 23rd with light west to south-westerlies to the month end several small arrivals took place. The first Sedge Warbler arrived on the 23rd followed by the first Turtle Dove on the 25th and Lesser Whitethroat on the 26th. The 27th saw a heavy westerly passage of Linnets, Goldfinches and Lesser Redpolls with summer visitors being in good numbers too; firsts for the year including Whinchat, Grasshopper Warbler, Whitethroat and Tree Pipit. The 28th was again a good day in spite of the blustery south-westerly wind with a Nightingale singing in some Hawthorns by





the station and a female Redstart also new for the year. The Nightingale was still present 29th when 20 Willow Warblers, 8 Sedge Warblers, a Wheatear, Whinchat and the first Swift were found and five northern Golden Plovers flew west. The 30th ended a good month with the first two Cuckoos, two Reed Warblers and an immature or female Marsh Harrier that flew over before soaring up and heading off north.

## May

The 3rd saw a Marsh Harrier hunting the pits but nothing else new was noted until a fresh south-westerly on the 6th brought a Tree Pipit and Wheatear with a Whinchat the next day. Light south-westerly winds again dominated the weather to the 13th and just a few Swifts and Turtle Doves passed through but an immature male Sparrowhawk flew west on the 11th. The 14th dawned bright and sunny and Turtle Doves and Redpolls flew west with another Marsh Harrier arriving mid-morning while a late female Red-breasted Merganser was on the pit. The first Garden Warbler was noted and Turtle Doves numbered 172 west by midday when a light south-easterly developed. By the 16th a cold north-north-easterly airstream was dominant and nothing occurred over the next few days but for a build up of Swifts to 50+ and three late Goldeneye were noted on the 17th. The north-north-easterlies continued to the 25th with cool temperatures only a Hooded Crow on the 24th was notable. By the 26th with the wind swinging to east and then east-south-east the first three Black Terns and five Common terns provided excitement. Also noted were the first Spotted Flycatcher, a Whinchat, summer plumaged Sanderling and a Grey Plover. The tern passage continued on the 27th when 9 Black Terns and 62 Common/Arctic Terns flew east and another Garden Warbler arrived. By the 30th cold north-easterlies were again blowing and a quiet end to the month was only enlivened by a pair of Red-breasted Mergansers flying east.



## June

Coverage was limited to 1st – 2nd and 20th – 30th (Camargue intervening). The first two days were hot with light NE winds and only a Sandwich Tern on the 2nd was notable. By the 20th cold NE's were blowing and Lapwings were already moving north. This weather persisted to the 24th the Lapwings and Curlew flying NW. Hot westerly weather at the month end produced 100 Lapwing, a Grasshopper Warbler on 28th when 50 Swifts moved west. By the 30th Sand Martins were returning.

## July

Hot weather with variable light winds was the norm to the 6th. Lapwing, Curlew 3 Golden Plover and Sand Martins trickled west with a Common Sandpiper on the 4th. From the 6th – 15th NE's were dominant and Lapwing movement slowed; 7 Common Terns on the 6th with one next day and a Mistle Thrush were new. Waders began to build up from 11th with 16 Oystercatchers flying west, Dunlin, Ringed Plover and Turnstone also occurring. Another Sandwich Tern

arrived on the 12th. A Little Ringed Plover new on the 16th and a 2cy Little Gull flew west on the 18th. Strong northerlies on the 25th produced a passage of Linnets, Goldfinches, Redpolls, Yellow Wagtails and Meadow Pipits. Further Little Ringed Plovers and Little Gulls followed with a cold northerly on the 25th bringing Green Sandpiper, Greenshank, Ringed Plover and 103 Redshank moved east. Three Little Terns appeared on the 28th.

### August

Throughout the first ten days terns were much in evidence and Swifts and hirundines passed west on most days. A Cuckoo and Lesser Whitethroat were seen on the 4th and the 5th was exceptional with a Manx Shearwater moving east following a period of westerly winds. On the 8th 33 Common and a Black Tern were on the pit with a Spotted Flycatcher on the 9th. Strong NE winds from 17th – 19th and 22nd produced two Little Terns 11th and a Sandwich Tern 13th. Thirty Common Scoters arrived 13th with 7 on 15th when easterly winds drifted in more Black Terns , 7 15th, 3 19th and 5 20th. After a gale on 17th three Arctic Skuas and a Great Skua appeared on the river and 84 Common Terns flew east.



### September

The first 10 days were dominated by strong westerly winds. A sodden Purple Sandpiper was caught on the road on the 1st when a juvenile Cuckoo occurred. A Wheatear on the 2nd and Spotted Flycatcher 3rd accompanied passage warblers, up to 4 Lesser Whitethroats, 10 Sedge Warblers, Blackcaps, Willow warblers and Whitethroats. Hot weather on the 5th produced a roost of 2000 Sand Martins and the first Fieldfare arrived next day. During thundery weather on the 8th 129 Swifts passed west in two hours. The 9th was notable for a Common Buzzard flying west. The 12th – 13th produced an influx of Song Thrushes, Reed Buntings, Meadow Pipits and Redpolls peaking at 50+. A Coal Tit 15th with Meadow Pipits and Bullfinches moved west. Strong NE winds during 16th – 17th produced a good influx of seabirds with 4 Arctic Skuas and a Razorbill 16th with Sandwich Tern, 2 Common Scoter, a drake Velvet Scoter, a Gannet, an Arctic Skua and an immature Pomarine Skua chasing gulls on the river on the 17th. A week away before observations continued from 26th with a good westerly passage including 30+ Dunnocks, 50 Goldfinch, Reed Bunting, 16 Carrion Crows and a flock of 8 Bearded Tits. The last Turtle Dove of the year was seen and two Grey Wagtails flew west. A fall on the 27th produced a Redstart and Garden Warbler. The 29th saw a late Swift and the first Redwing while the 30th brought two Fieldfares, Black Tern and Tree Pipit.

### October

The 1st saw a blustery SW increase to gale force with westerly passage including 50+ Linnets, 50+ Meadow Pipits, 20 Sand Martins, the last Swift and 3 Grey Wagtails; a flock of 50 Common Terns and single Black Tern flew west. On 7th 195 Swallows and 52 House Martins flew west but the highlight of the day was a Black Redstart singing briefly on some rusty iron drums and still in the area on the 8th. During 10th – 14th a westerly passage occurred in light SW winds with four day totals being; Chaffinch 35, Greenfinch 30, Linnet 30, Tree Sparrow 20, House Sparrow 100, Dunnock 25, Skylark 178, Starling 948, Meadow Pipit 40, Rock Pipit 2, Yellowhammer 3, Reed Bunting 5, Song Thrush 20, Mistle Thrush, Redwing 8, Blackbird 16, 10 Coal Tits, Swallow 50 and the last Sand Martin 13th. Two late Reed Warblers 18th coincided with the appearance of a pair of Stonechats. Westerly movements of finches, pipits and Skylarks continued on following days.



**November**

Five Swallows 2nd with a westerly trickle of thrushes and a female Scaup 4th and 7th. On 8th westerly passage included 80 House Sparrows and 72 Greenfinches. Gale force W and NW winds with rain on 14th brought a good influx of seabirds with a Kittiwake, 2 female Red-breasted Mergansers, 3 Common Scoter, 2 Velvet Scoters a Guillemot and two Bewick's Swans 15th followed on the 16th by two parties of 5 and 4 Little Auks. An influx of thrushes brought in 200 Redwings, 30 Song Thrushes, Blackbirds and 50 Fieldfares. Further Bewick's Swans were seen on 21st with three on December 23rd.

Other goodies observed from the makeshift bird observatory included Lincolnshire's first Ring-necked Duck relocating from Messingham in late 1979, a flock of 76 Black Terns in August 1979, further Nightingales in 1979 and a bird that probably bred in 1980, an overwintering Common Sandpiper and Water Pipit when they were still considered rare, a fly-by Montagu's Harrier, Great Grey Shrike, Leach's Petrel November 1976 and an unidentified pratincole that tracked eastwards pursued by a flock of Sand Martins in August 1980 and in later years a singing male Common Rosefinch June 4th 2003.

Graham Catley

**Books from Colin Casey Library for sale**

The following books are available for sale, on a first come, first served basis, please EMAIL Phil Hyde philhyde55@gmail.com

Author(s)	Title	Edition	Published	Publisher	Suggested price	
Palmer, P.	First for Britain and Ireland, 1600-1999	1st	2000	Arlequin Press	£15.00	Signed by the author
Dudley, S.	A birdwatching guide to Lesvos	2nd	2010	Arlequin Press	£15.00	
Parmenter, T. & Byers, C.	A guide to warblers of the WP	1st	1991	B. Coleman	£10.00	Signed by C. Byers
Leon, V.	Parrots, Macaws & Cockatoos	1st	1990	Blake	£1.50	
Message, S. & D. Taylor	Waders of Europe, Asia & N. America	1st	2007	Bloomsbury	£7.50	
Riley, A.	Arrivals and rivals: a birding oddity	1st	2004	Brambleby Books	£2.00	
Lewington, R.	Pocket guide to butterflies of Britain & Ireland	3rd	2006	BWP	£2.50	
Harrison, P.	Seabirds of the world: a photographic guide	1st	1987	C. Helm	£2.00	
Catley, G.P.	Where to watch birds in the East Midlands	1st	1996	C. Helm	£3.50	
Borrow, N. & R. Demey	Birds of Senegal and the Gambia	1st	2011	C. Helm	£15.00	
Busby, J.	Birds in Mallorca	1st	1988	C. Helm	£2.50	
Chinery, M.	A field guide to insects of Britain & N Europe	2nd	1985	Collins	£2.50	
Higgins, L. & B. Hargreaves	The butterflies of Britain and Europe	1st	1983	Collins	£0.50	Cover yellowed
Gibbons, B.	Wildlife of the British Isles	1st	1987	Country Life	£2.50	

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Feltwell, J.	The natural history of butterflies	1st	1986	Croom Helm	£1.00	
Thomas, J. & R. Lewington	Butterflies of Britain & Ireland	1st	1991	Dorling Kindersley	£5.00	
Fitter, R. (Ed.)	Book of British birds	1st	1969	Drive Pubs.	£1.00	
Martin, R.A.	Butterflies and Moths: A Study of the Largest and Most Beautiful of the Insects, 1958, Golden Press, 54 pages.	1st	1958	Golden Press	£0.50	
Bruun, B.	Birds of North America	1st	1973	Hamlyn	£0.50	
Delin, H. & L. Svensson	Photographic guide to the birds of Britain & Europe	1st	1986	Hamlyn	£3.00	
Friedrich, E.	Breeding butterflies & moths, a practical handbook	1st	1986	Harley	£10.00	Online price £26-115!
Warakagoda, D., Inskipp, C. et al	Birds of Sri Lanka	1st	2012	Helm	£15.00	
Borrow, N. & R. Demey	Birds of Western Africa	2nd	2014	Helm	£20.00	
Garrigues, R. & R. Dean	Birds of Costa Rica	2nd	2014	Helm	£10.00	Small notch out of top front cover
Naylor, K.A.	Reference manual of rare birds in GB & Ireland (Vol1)	1st	1996	K A Naylor	£2.50	
Lorand, S. and K. Atkin	The Birds of Lincs & South Humberside	1st	1989	Leading Edge	£10.00	Signed by both authors
Evans, L.G.R.	Rare birds in Britain 1993	1st	1995	LGRE Pubs.	£1.00	Binding split but still quite good.
Evans, L.G.R.	Rare birds in Britain 1800-1990	1st	1994	LGRE Pubs.	£2.50	
Harris, A., Tucker, L. & K. Vinicombe	MacMillan guide to bird ID	1st	1989	MacMillan	£2.50	
Harris, M. & R. Mays	The Aurelian: Nat.history of moths and butterflies & food plants	1st	1986	Newnes CL	£7.50	
Gooders, J. (Ed.)	Birds of hedgerow & garden	1st	1979	Orbis	£0.50	
Snow, D.W., and C.M. Perrins	The birds of the western palaeartic: Concise edition.	1st	1998	Oxford	£45.00	Two volumes
Cramp, S (Ed.)	Birds of the western palaeartic, volume 1	1st	1977	Oxford	£10.00	
Cramp, S (Ed.)	Birds of the western palaeartic, volume 2 (RSPB ed.)	1st	1980	Oxford	£20.00	Two versions, one produced for the RSPB
Cramp, S (Ed.)	Birds of the western palaeartic, volume 4	1st	1985	Oxford	£20.00	
Cramp, S (Ed.)	Birds of the western palaeartic, volume 5	1st	1988	Oxford	£20.00	Widely priced
Bergier P. & F.	Where to watch birds in Morocco	3rd	2017	Pelagica	£10.00	
Sharrock, J.T.R., and E.M. Sharrock	Rare Birds in Britain and Ireland	1st	1976	Poyser	£5.00	



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Dymond, J.N., Fraser, P.A., and S.J.M. Gantlett	Rare Birds in Britain and Ireland	1st	1989	Poyser	£15.00	
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Rporter, R.F., Willis, I et al	Flight ID of European Raptors	3rd	1981	Poyser	£2.50	
Grant, P.J.	Gulls: a guide to ID	1st	1986	Poyser	£2.50	
Moyes, J.A.W.	A farm in the marsh	1st	2019	Private	£2.00	
Forrester,B., Murray- Hudson, M & Cherry,L.	The swamp book: a view of ther Okavango	1st	1990	Southern Book Pubs.	£1.00	
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Miscellaneous						
Modern map 1 of Lesbos, 1:50000	Pub. by Freytag & Berndt				£1.00	
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## Lincolnshire Bird News - June 2022

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.

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**29/06/2022**

Brigg

**Red Kite**

**Frampton Marsh**

**8 Spoonbill**

**Gedney**

**Corncrake (possible)**

**Whisby**

**Caspian Gull**

**28/06/2022**

**Gibraltar Point**

**Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, 8 Spoonbill**

**27/06/2022**

**Boultham Mere**

**2 Mediterranean Gulls**



Mediterranean Gulls at Boultham Mere - Image © Andy Sims



**Frampton Marsh**

Little Gull, 4 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank

**Messingham**

Buzzard, Kestrel, 37 Lapwing, 3 Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover, 2 Red-crested Pochard, 2 Teal, 12 Common Tern

**26/06/2022**

**Cress Marsh**

Buzzard, 152 Black-tailed Godwit, Lesser-black Backed Gull, 25 Great-black Gull

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Gull, Spotted Redshank, 6 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Spotted Redshank, 2 Spoonbill

**North Somercotes**

Long-tailed Duck

**25/06/2022**

**Alkborough Flats**

Wood Sandpiper

**Gibraltar Point**

Cattle Egret, Short-eared Owl, 3 Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, 6 Spoonbill

**Scopwick**

Common Quail

**24/06/2022**

**Cradge Bank (South of Spalding)**

Cattle Egret

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Little Gull, 4 Spotted Redshank, 2 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Common Quail, 4 Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper 6 Spoonbill

**Langtoft**

2 Common Quail

**Tunman Woods**

4 Raven

**23/06/2022**

**Branston**

Red Kite

**Boultham Mere**

Barn Swallow

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank

**Grimsby**

White-tailed Eagle (flying high and off to the North)

**Withcall**

2 Common Quail

**22/06/2022**

**Doddington Park**

Great Spotted Woodpecker

**Far Ings**

Bittern (two fledged young on show)

**Frampton Marsh**

Cattle Egret, Little Gull, Spotted Redshank, 2 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill

**Willow Tree Fen**

Common Crane (first flight for juveniles)

**21/06/2022**

**Alkborough Flats**

Baird's Sandpiper



The Baird's Sandpiper at Alkborough Flats - Image © Wayne Gillatt

**Frampton Marsh**

3 Barnacle Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Mediterranean Gull, 3 Little Gull, Marsh Harrier, 3 Green Sandpiper, 3 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

6 Spoonbill

**20/06/2022**

**Boultham Mere**

80 Swift

**19/06/2022**

**Alkborough Flats**

Spoonbill

**Bardney**

House Martin

House Martin collecting nesting material in Bardney - Image © Russell Hayes

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Arctic Tern

**Belton House**

2 Little Egret, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Kingfisher, Nuthatch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl

**Market Deeping**

Honey Buzzard

**North Somercotes**

Common Quail

**18/06/2022**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Arctic Tern

**Cress Marsh**

Buzzard, 2 Little Egret, 11 Black-tailed Godwit, Little Ringed Plover, 15 Shelduck, 3 Skylark

**Doddington Park**

6 House Martin

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Gull, Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Little Gull

**Manby Wetlands**

3 Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, White Stork

**17/06/2022**

**Alkborough Flats**

Garganey, 4 Spotted Redshank, Wood Sandpiper

**Anderby Marsh**

8 Avocet, 4 Spoonbill, Whooper Swan, Wigeon

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Arctic Tern

**Covenham Reservoir**

Grey Phalarope

**Frampton Marsh**

Spotted Redshank

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl

**16/06/2022**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Arctic Tern

**Frampton Marsh**

3 Little Gull, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Water Rail, Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Red-backed Shrike, Marsh Warbler

**15/06/2022**

**Ancaster**

Common Quail

**Branston**



2 Red Kite

**Dorrington Fen**

Common Quail

**Frampton Marsh**

7 Barnacle Goose, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Marsh Harrier, Green Sandpiper, Spoonbill

**Harmston Fen**

2 Common Quail

**North Thoresby**

2 Buzzard, Cuckoo

**Saltfleetby - Theddlethorpe Dunes**

Black Redstart



Black Redstat at Saltfleetby/ Theddlethorpe Dunes - Image © Chris Atkin

**Sea-View Farm**

Bee-eater

**Swanholme Lakes**

4 Garden Wabler

**Thurlby Fen**

Common Quail

**Torksey**

Common Quail

**14/06/2022**

**Branston (Cliff Farm)**

House Martin, Swallow

**Frampton Marsh**

Long-tailed Duck, Great White Egret, Little Gull, Red-crested Pochard, Water Rail, Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill, Wheatear

**Kexby**

Common Quail

**Kirkby on Bain**

Marsh Harrier, Garden Warbler

**Thurlby Fen**

Common Quail

**13/06/2022**

**Alkborough Flats**

Greenshank, 4 Marsh Harrier, 9 Spoonbill, 3 Bearded Tit, 9 Cetti's Warbler

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Spoonbill

**Frampton Marsh**

Long-tailed Duck

**Gibraltar Point**

Bee-eater, Spoonbill

**12/06/2022**

**Alkborough**

Spoonbill

**North Cotes**

Osprey

**Deeping Lakes**

Whooper Swan

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Gull, Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl, Spoonbill

**Mablethorpe**

Little Gull

**11/06/2022**

**Frampton Marsh**

Cuckoo, Little Gull, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Spoonbill, Yellowhammer

**Hartsholme Park**

Tawny Owl, Green Woodpecker

**Lincoln**

Peregrine Falcon

**Nocton**

6 Grey Partridge

**10/06/2022**

**Branston**

Kestrel

**Frampton Marsh**

150 Avocet (chicks), 2 Long-tailed Duck, Peregrine Falcon, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Sandwich Tern, Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Little Stint

**Market Deeping**

Common Qyail

**09/06/2022**

**Anderby Creek**

Marsh Warbler

**Boultham Mere**

Pink-footed Goose

**Far Ings**

Osprey

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Long-tailed Duck, Little Gull, 2 Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl

**Seaview Farm**

Spoonbill

**08/06/2022**

**Frampton Marsh**

Long-tailed Duck, Short-eared Owl, Whooper Swan

**07/06/2022**

**Alkborough Flats**

Garganey, 8 Spoonbill

**Frampton Marsh**

Long-tailed Duck, 6 Barnacle Goose, 198 Gadwall, Greenshank, Little Gull, Marsh Harrier, Little Ringed Plover, Whooper Swan

**At Sea**

2 Red Spotted Bluethroat (on a ship, several miles off Mablethorpe)

**06/06/2022**

**Apex Tit**

Sandwich Tern

**Frampton Marsh**

Long-tailed Duck, Spoonbill, Whooper Swan

**Gibraltar Point**

Great White Egret, Curlew Sandpiper, Red-backed Shrike

**Tunman Woods**

Raven





A Raven in Tunman Woods - Image © Chris Grimshaw

**Whisby**

2 Little Tern

**05/05/2022**

**Baston & Langtoft Pits**

Wood Sandpiper, Turnstone

**Gibraltar Point**

Curlew Sandpiper

**Winter's Pool**

20 Barn Swallow, 100+ Swift, 10 House Martin

**04/06/2022**

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Long-tailed Duck, Cattle Egret



One of the Long-tailed Duck that has been at Frampton Marsh - Image © Josh Fusiara

**Gibraltar Point**

Cuckoo, Gannet, Little Gull, Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Curlew Sandpiper, Common Scoter

**Mid-Lincs**

2 Grey Partridge, Raven

**Tallington Lakes**

Little Tern

**03/06/2022**

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Long-tailed Duck, Cattle Egret, Little Gull, Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl, 3 Curlew Sandpiper, Spoonbill

**Tunman Woods**

Barn Owl, 4 Song Thrush

**02/06/2022**

**Cleethorpes**

Cuckoo

**Frampton Marsh**

Greenshank, Little Gull, Mediterranean Gull, Hobby, Little Ringed Plover, Spoonbill

**Gibraltar Point**

Short-eared Owl, Curlew Sandpiper

**Market Rasen**



Red Kite

**Messingham**

3 Buzzard, Goldcrest, 2 Shelduck, Sparrowhawk, 9 Common Tern, Cetti's Warbler, 5 Reed Warbler

**Moulton Marsh**

Blue-headed Wagtail

**01/06/2022**

**Bardney**

Barn Owl



Barn Owl in Bardney - Image © Russell Hayes

**Cleethorpes**

2 Cuckoo, 10 Reed Warbler

**Cleethorpes CP**

Little Stint

**Far Ings**

Bearded Tit

**Gibraltar Point**

Golden Oriole, Short-eared Owl

**Market Rasen**

Turtle Dove

**Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes**

Mandarin Duck

**Walesby**

2 Spotted Flycatcher



## 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/>

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](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

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Lincolnshire Showground.

Grange-De-Lings.

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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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