



## Welcome to the LBC eNewsletter - December 2022

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## Dates for Events in 2023

### New Years Bird Race on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

(see page 6 for details)

### Departed Glory: The Great Bustard and other lost birds of Lincolnshire

14th January 2pm, Whisby Nature Park

A joint LNU/LBC talk by Phil Espin



## The “Marston” Warbler – a Lincolnshire and UK first?

As promised in last months eNewsletter, more details on the mystery warbler caught at Marston STW.

The ‘mystery’ warbler was caught in a 40’ mist net over water in the reed bed at Marston STW on 7th September 2022, during a few good days when a Spotted Crake was seen in the same net ride a few days earlier, and a Red-backed Shrike caught just a few metres away on 5th September!

This bird was one of three birds side by side in the bottom shelf of the net, the middle bird between a Sedge and Reed Warbler. Initially my first thought that it was a Paddyfield Warbler, but upon extracting the bird, realised that the wing shape (pointed rather than rounded) and emarginations were “wrong”, so was then left wondering what was it? I ringed the other birds from the net

round first, by which time local birder, Dave Roberts, arrived on site, and he was just as stumped as I was. Using the latest edition of Svensson (the ringers’ bible), we managed to quickly eliminate every species listed, and we were left with the conclusion that it was a hybrid. Initially I assumed it was a Reed x Sedge Warbler hybrid, based on appearance and colouration, but subsequent measurements suggest Marsh x Sedge Warbler.

The most noticeable thing about this bird was the prominent eye-stripe, which is lacking in Reed Warbler. The general colour of the bird was similar to Reed Warbler, but with very dark centres to some feathers, especially the tertials.



Mystery Warbler



Juvenile Reed Warbler

Photos showing the dark centres to feathers, particularly the tertials



Reed Warbler



Mystery Warbler



Sedge Warbler

*Comparison 'head shots' of the mystery warbler with Reed and Sedge Warblers*

As is standard practice with identifying warblers, a wing formula measurements as well as standard wing-length were taken and were:-

Wing length 71mm

Wing Point (WP) [longest primary] 3rd

Emarginated to 3rd only

Hardly noticeable 'notch' on inner web of 2nd primary @ 9.5 mm

Wing Formula

Primary No.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Measurement (mm)	-2	WP	-2	-4	-6	-9	-12	-14	-16

Tail 51mm - rounded 8mm

My initial thoughts, based on colouration were that it was a Reed x Sedge Warbler hybrid, however, the measurements suggest that it was more likely to be a Marsh x Sedge Warbler hybrid based upon the following:-

The wing length was 71mm, average for both Reed and Sedge Warblers is 66 – 67mm, whereas Marsh Warbler averages 71 – 72mm.

The notch on second primary was 9.5mm – it is 7.5-11.0mm in Marsh Warbler and 9.5-13.5mm in Reed Warbler.

The notch/wing ratio was 0.133, within the Marsh Warbler range of 0.107 – 0.157, and outside the Reed Warbler range of 0.144 – 0.200.

A shed tail feather was saved and has been sent to Professor Martin Collinson at Aberdeen University, for DNA testing, so hopefully we will find out in due course exactly what this bird was.

Either way, it would appear that hybrid Reed x Sedge and/or Marsh x Sedge Warblers are very rare and I can only find three previous documented instances, none involving the UK.

- (1) A Reed x Sedge Warbler caught in Finland on 07/08/1982 closely followed by three more within a week, making the Finnish ringers suspect they caught four from the same brood on site.  
[https://britishbirds.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/article\\_files/V78/V78\\_N09/V78\\_N09\\_P434\\_437\\_A103.pdf](https://britishbirds.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/article_files/V78/V78_N09/V78_N09_P434_437_A103.pdf)
- (2) A Marsh x Sedge Warbler, identified from DNA, which held territory in Trondheim in Central Norway in three successive years; 2007, 2008 and 2009. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10336-009-0469-0>
- (3) A Reed x Sedge Warbler hybrid caught by ringers on 6th September 2015 in Loire Atlantique, France.  
<http://birdhybrids.blogspot.com/2016/03/sedge-warbler-x-eurasian-reed-warbler.html?m=1>

## Little Auk down the drain!

Chris Holliday writes *"On my regular walk along the East Fen Catchwater drain between Stickford and Stickney at 15:40 I spotted an unusual little black and white bird swimming upstream."*

*I took photographs and videos which I submitted to Lincsbirding on Facebook. It was identified as a little auk. It went out of view and couldn't be found again. The location was 53.10943 degrees N 0.02367 degrees E*

*I was advised that it may not survive. 48 hours later I went to look for it and spotted a dead bird upside down at the edge of the water about 500 yards upstream from the previous sighting.*

Photos all by Chris Holliday





**Little Auk** at East Fen Catchwater 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## **It's been a good month for Little Auks in Lincolnshire**

These three birds were photographed on 21st November 2022 flying south at Mablethorpe by Andrew Chick



**Little Auk** at Mablethorpe 21/11/22

## **NEW YEARS DAY BIRD RACE 2023**

We would like to invite as many birders as possible to take part in the Lincolnshire 2023 New Year's Day bird race event.

Similar to previous years, birders can choose what areas they wish to visit, whether it be your local patch or you may fancy going somewhere completely different. There are no time constraints, you can contribute for as little or long as you like on the day. It would be great to cover as many different habitat types in the county as possible to maximise the species count. We will then tally up all the species recorded collectively and see what total we can get. This event has been quite successful the last couple of years with an incredible 146 species recorded in 2022 and an equally impressive 144 species in 2021. Can this total be beaten in 2023?

Highlights from previous years have included: White-tailed Plover (East Halton - 2022), Richard's Pipit (RSPB Frampton Marsh - 2022) and Smew (Baston Pits - 2021). Not to mention other species such as Bewick's Swan, Tundra Bean Goose, Cattle Egret, Water Pipit and Caspian Gull.

The above species just go to show that you never know what you might stumble into and promises to be an enjoyable day for all. Not to mention a nice way to start your 2023 year list!

A rough set of rules for the day is outlined below...

1. Only species within the county boundary can be counted
2. Species can be counted and recorded any time between 00:00 - 23:59 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023
3. Observers can record independently or in groups
4. No use of tape luring allowed
5. No stringing
6. All records/sightings to be submitted via BirdTrack or eBird by January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alternatively records can be sent by email to [rdoan@linctrust.co.uk](mailto:rdoan@linctrust.co.uk) if preferred.



## Bearded Vultures in northwest Europe

A 2019 paper in *British Birds* (McInerney & Stoddart, 2019) discussed the status of birds in Europe originating from reintroduction schemes and occurring as 'vagrants' in various other countries. In June 2022, the BOU confirmed a Europe-wide agreement on the status of wandering Bearded Vultures across Europe, including the two seen in the UK in 2016 and 2020, as being Category E. This section is repeated verbatim from the BOU publication in *Ibis*:

*"...evidence suggested that the Alps population was not self-sustaining, hence the record was not placed in Category C5, but instead placed in Category E (<https://bou.org.uk/>)*

*british-list/category-e-species/), an approach taken by all other countries in north-west Europe where vagrant Bearded Vultures have been observed (McInerney & Stoddart 2019) apart from Norway which subsequently moved their single record from Category*

*D to Category E (Olsen 2021)".*

The record of Bearded Vulture at various locations in Lincolnshire in 2020 will thus not be part of the Lincolnshire List as it is officially a Category E bird in this case.

### References

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**Bearded Vulture** at Cowbit 09/10/2022 © Steve Nesbitt



## High hopes for major rewilding project in south of the county

Most birders have probably heard of the Knepp Estate project - the rewilding exercise that has not only boosted declining birds such as nightingale and turtle dove but even prompted the return, after many years' absence, of a pair of nesting white storks to the Sussex countryside.

Less well known is that a similar project, albeit on a smaller scale, has been launched in Lincolnshire by a well-financed London company called Nattergal.



On the Boothby Lodge estate, near Grantham, Nattergal is creating a new future for some 617 hectares (1,524 acres) of farmland, primarily heavy clay, which up until recently has been 92 per cent arable, three per cent grassland and three per cent woodland (cover for gamebird shoots), with two per cent indeterminate. Since 1900, 45 per cent of trees and hedges have been lost.

At present, its biodiversity, past and present, is being monitored and recorded in readiness for what will be "a staged retreat from agriculture" over the course of the next three years.

Thereafter, replacement habitats will be created, including ponds and restoration of parts of the River Glen to provide a home for wetland plants, birds and other creatures.

Once established, large herbivores will be introduced in the hope that their activities, as at Knepp, will help to hasten the recovery of nature to something what it was like before the First World War.

The ambitious Boothby Wildlands initiative was outlined in a fascinating presentation to the 2022 annual conference of the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership by a key member of its management team, Lizzy Lemon, a former assistant warden for the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust at Donna Nook.

In the Q&A session afterwards, Mike Harrison, of the Lincs Bird Club, estimated the purchase cost of the land to have been between £10-million and £15-million. He queried what return, if any, Nattergal was seeking on its investment.

Ms Lemon replied that revenue was expected to come chiefly from on-site shops and a cafe, plus grants from Whitehall and carbon credits. Eco-tourism, including accommodation pods, is also part of the business plan, but she intimated that her employers were not seeking a speedy return on their money.

The project has generated great interest in the surrounding villages, and Ms Lemon described the underlying community attitude as being "suspiciously positive".



She commented: "There have been quite a few rumours doing the rounds, but I can provide an assurance that there are no plans for a solar panel farm - and nor has the land been bought by composer-singer Ed Sheeran for the purpose of staging pop concerts!"

For the record, Nattergal's directors are chief executive Neil Parry, chairman Charlie Burrell (owner of Knepp Estate), Peter Davies and Jeremy Leggett.

More information about the Boothby Wildlands project is at:  
<https://www.nattergal.co.uk>

**Inserted photos:** from the online Savills sales brochure.

**Photo:** Lizzy Lemon - definitely no pop concerts!



## Former Lincs Birder Cracks New Zealand.

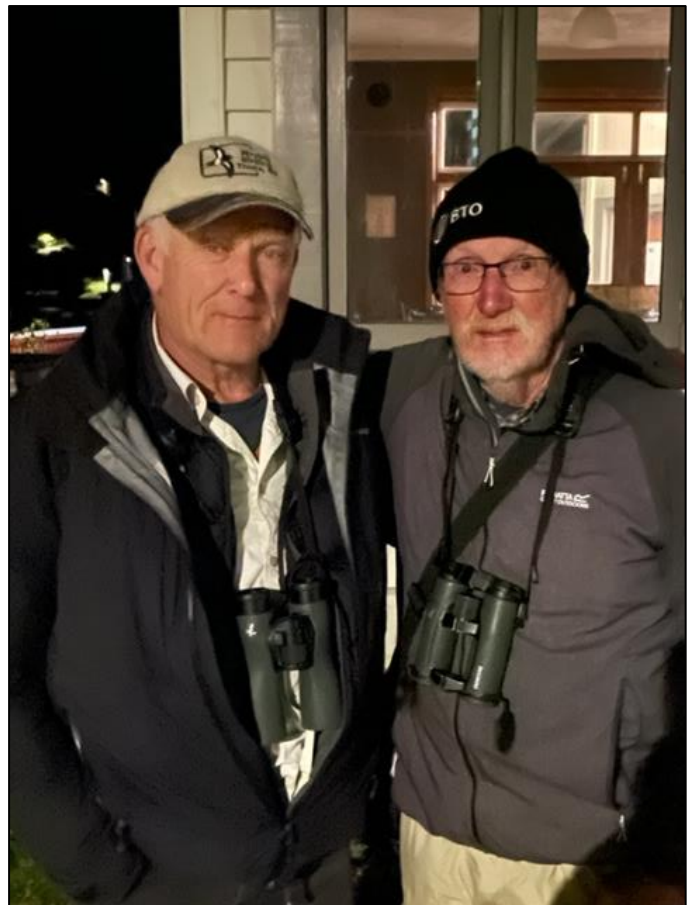
Andy Sims, Phil Espin and Robert Carr have just got back from 22 days birding in New Zealand. Although the trip was notionally run by Vaughn Ashby's Dorset based firm Birdfinders, the itinerary, logistics and guiding were arranged by New Zealand's number one bird tour firm Wrybill Birding Tours. Wrybill was founded by former Lincoln based birder and exRAF pilot Ian "Sav" Saville who went out to New Zealand in 1992. Among Sav's great accomplishments out there has been playing a key part in the re-discovery of New Zealand Storm Petrel, an endemic seabird previously thought extinct and now on every visiting birders wish list.



Andy Sims and Sav were birding buddies back in the day and hadn't spoken in 30 years so it was great for them to catch up after a days pelagic seabirding knee deep in albatrosses at Kaikoura and then again on Stewart Island after crippling views of Southern Brown Kiwi.

Sav sends his greetings to any Lincs birders who remember him and he'd be happy to welcome you out in New Zealand should you be planning a visit. For further details check out his website [www.wrybill-tours.com](http://www.wrybill-tours.com). Sav can be contacted by email on [info@wrybill-tours.com](mailto:info@wrybill-tours.com).

Our trip which did around 5000 km covering North, South and Stewart Island, recorded virtually all the endemics we tried for, including all the endemic families (Kiwis, NZ Parrots, NZ Wrens, NZ Bellbirds, Stitchbird and Whiteheads), Oystercatchers, Stilts and Plovers, and a massive range of seabirds including Albatrosses, Penguins, Petrels, Diving Petrels, Storm-Petrels, Cormorants Skuas, Terns. We were lucky to have a superb guide Dave Howes, the holder of NZ's highest year list of 250, achieved in 2021. By contrast our trip list was around 140. Apart from the superb birding the tourism infrastructure is first rate, quiet roads, well organised boat trips, comfortable motels, tasty food and some great places to eat. The only problem I found was the jet lag. A 13 hour time difference takes time to cope with. If you go its worth allowing as much time as you can, 22 days was only just enough. You may recollect Andy had a severe leg break in January and you will be pleased to hear he is now fully recovered and he was not held back in any way on some reasonably long and arduous treks and climbs.





**Southern Brown Kiwi**



**White-capped mollymawk**



**White-capped Mollymawks, Northern  
Giant Petrels, Cape Petrels &  
Antipodean Wandering Albatross**



**New Zealand Storm-Petrel**

## LBC Annual Report 2021

The Lincolnshire Bird Club 2021 report is in production.

We would like to thank Jon Cooper and Charlie Barnes (GLNP) for helping with the 2021 data,

### FINAL Call for 2021 Bird Photographs

Thanks to everyone who has sent images.... Could anyone else with images of birds photographed in 2021 please send copies to [info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk](mailto:info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk). All pictures in .jpg format please. PLEASE include the species name, location, date and your initials in the image file name.

All images will be fully credited. All emails will be acknowledged, so if you don't get a response, please check that they have been received.



**Filename Example => BrentGeese\_NthCotes\_22112021\_MDJ.jpg**

## Finally... a cautionary tale by Chris Grimshaw!

I had gone to bed on Thursday night thinking that in the morning I would go to Gibraltar Point for a bit of birdwatching, but I was late up so changed my mind and decided on a quick dash down the A1 to Rutland Water but sometimes there is no accounting for events. Everything is normal, then near disaster strikes out of the blue as it nearly did today. The North Arm was my desired spot. Alone and trying to digiscope, a Ruddy Shelduck which I found on a beautiful day and in near perfect viewing conditions (It was a South African Shelduck I found out later)

Looking around I spotted a guy a couple of hundred yards away who was basically walking out along one of the low fences towards the water. Thinking 'that's funny – what's he doing – oh he must be repairing the fence'.

On spotting me he started waving at me. I shouted, "are you ok" He replied, which I couldn't hear. So, I carried on looking at the shelduck. Next time I looked he was waving a handkerchief. I left my telescope where it was. Wrong decision! On closing on the man I realised he was stuck in the mud at the water's edge. I called over to him that I was going to call the fire brigade as there was no way I could help him

I reached into my pocket for my phone. Oh hell, its over there on the scope. Double hell, moments later I am stuck too. Trying to move only made things worse as you struggled to move one leg out the other started to sink further in. Have you a phone I asked. He got it out and I told him to ring 999 and get the fire brigade. He did that but he had no idea where he was. A visitor, about 80 years old and probably Eastern European too. I had to tell him where we were which he repeated to the operator. "North Arm, near Tim's cottage on a private road just off the road to Hambleton". Obviously, they seemed to have difficulty in understanding us and couldn't pinpoint where we were. I suspect the operators were nowhere near Rutland Water

After over an hour of being stuck with no sign of assistance I told him to ring again. "Battery is dead" he announced. Oh, great, I was then becoming very concerned, but it did concentrate my mind

I had got one foot out earlier but the other seemed to be set in concrete. If you tried to move it, the free leg started to sink in again – a see-saw effect. I managed to then sit on the chicken wire between the fence posts which supported my weight easily. I then knew that I would get out under my own steam. By digging with my hands, I was able to free my trapped leg. Relief, I shuffled back inland on my backside clinging to the fence. I was only a couple of paces from solid ground. He couldn't do the same as he was by the water's edge, and I presume the mud was much more fluid there.



I was soon on solid ground and back at my phone. Dialling 999, I just couldn't get a response. Let's go to Tim's cottage and get them to ring the emergency services I thought. I then noticed an elderly pair of birdwatchers had arrived. Is he mending the fence they asked? Ring the police quickly, he is stuck up to his waist but then the fire brigade arrived, but they had to call emergency rescue out as the guy was unreachable



When the Rescue Team arrived and after what seemed an endless delay while they set up their equipment they were soon by his side and had him out quickly. He was frozen and shaking severely. When I left the scene, they were trying their best to warm him and had called an ambulance

What he was doing there I will never know. When I asked him, he just shrugged and said, "I don't know it's just not been my day". Well, he was lucky as I am convinced that if I hadn't been there, those firemen would have soon been fishing out a dead body. He wasn't very well when they did get him out – and possibly on the edge of hyperthermia as he was dressed just in a tee-shirt and shorts. I later found out that he was diabetic and taking metformin. Perhaps he was confused and thought he could paddle across the water towards Barnsdale where he indicated he was staying.

My misfortune was that I didn't think through what I was going to do. I will just have a look at what he is doing and see what he wanted. I was shocked by the suddenness of events .

A cautionary tale for those of you that go into hazardous areas. Stay safe, make sure your phone is fully charged and that you are dressed appropriately. Another thing I should say, is just pause a moment before being the Good Samaritan and think about what you are about to attempt. It never crossed my mind that I was going to get stuck too



The man after I got out of the mud. He had to endure another 30 minutes before he was rescued...

## Lincolnshire Bird News - November 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.

### Lincolnshire Latest Bird News – November 2022

**30/11/2022**

#### **Broxholme**

55 Pink-footed Goose, Green Sandpiper, Grey Wagtail

#### **Crook Bank**

Lapland Bunting, 11 Snow Bunting, Great Northern Diver, Jack Snipe

#### **Crowland**

Barn Owl

#### **Deeping High Bank**

4 Grey Partridge



Barn Owl on the Welland near Crowland - Image © Mike Weedon

#### **Gibraltar Point**

Snow Bunting, Black-throated Diver, Hawfinch, 2 Hen Harrier, Greater Scaup

#### **Grantham**

2 Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail

**29/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Slavonian Grebe

**Halton Marsh**

19 Russian White-fronted Goose

**Mablethorpe**

Little Auk

**Scopwick**

Snow Bunting (sound recorded)

**Scunthorpe**

37 Goldfinch

**Tetney Marsh**

Little Auk

**Water's Edge**

Greater Scaup

**28/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Great Northern Diver, Slavonian Grebe, Ruff, Velvet Scoter, 2 Pintail, 3 Grey Wagtail

**Deeping High Bank**

Common Crane

**Doddington Park**

6 Lesser Redpoll

**Mablethorpe**

Caspian Gull, Common Scoter, 7 Velvet Scoter

**27/11/2022**

**Boultham Mere**

30 Lesser Redpoll

**Covenham Reservoir**

Velvet Scoter

**Cress Marsh**

Buzzard, 3 Green Sandpiper

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier

**Freiston Shore**

Slavonian Grebe

**Halton Marsh**

19 Russian White-fronted Goose

**Tetney Lock**

30 Brent Geese, 30 Curlew, 150 Golden Plover, 11 Redwing, 300 Starling, Cetti's Warbler, Great Spotted Woodpecker

**26/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Great Northern Diver, Slavonian Grebe, Velvet Scoter

**Epworth**

Hen Harrier

**Gibraltar Point**

Little Auk, 8 Snow Bunting, Great White Egret, 10 Little Gull

**Goxhill Haven**

19 Russian White-fronted Goose, Water Pipit

**Marston**

Wheatear

**Trent Port**

220 Fieldfare, 125 Redwing, Woodcock

**25/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Slavonian Grebe, Velvet Scoter

**Gibraltar Point**

Brambling, Red-throated Diver, Marsh Harrier, Red Kite, Red-breasted Merganser, 9 Rock Pipit, Greater Scaup, Stonechat, Swallow

**Howdens Pullover**

Hen Harrier

**Mablethorpe**

Velvet Scoter

**Messingham**

Great White Egret, Gannet, Kingfisher, 8 Pochard, 4 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Shelduck, 6 Siskin, 2 Cetti's Warbler

**RAF Wainfleet**

2 Hen Harrier, Merlin, Barn Owl

**Short Ferry**

700 Lapwing, 500 Golden Plover

**24/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Snow Bunting, Velvet Scoter

**Deeping High Bank**

Great Northern Diver, Kittiwake

**Freiston Shore**

Hen Harrier

**Gibraltar Point**

2 Great Northern Diver, Little Gull, Water Pipit

**Grimsby**

2 Waxwing

**23/11/2022**

**Donna Nook**

Common Redstart

**Mablethorpe**

10 Velvet Scoter

**Sutton on Sea**

Short-eared Owl

**22/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Snow Bunting, Great Northern Diver, Slavonian Grebe, Yellow-legged Gull, Velvet Scoter, Grey Wagtail

**Gibraltar Point**

Waxwing

**Mablethorpe**

2 Little Auk, 2 Velvet Scoter



Little Auks off Mablethorpe - Image © Andy Chick

**21/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Snow Bunting, Great Northern Diver, Velvet Scoter

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier

**Gibraltar Point**

Lapland Bunting

**Mablethorpe**

Little Auk, Caspian Gull, Woodcock

**Winters Pool**

Blue-winged Teal

**20/11/2022**

**Baston Fen**

Common Crane

**Chapel Point**

2 Little Auk

**Covenham Reservoir**

Snow Bunting, Great Northern Diver, Velvet Scoter



Velvet Scoter at Covenham Reservoir Image © Russell Hayes

**Epworth**

Hen Harrier

**Gibraltar Point**

18 Snow Bunting, Black-throated Diver, 2 Great Northern Diver, 10 Little Gull, Water Pipit, Velvet Scoter, Twite

**Marshchapel**

Hen Harrier

**19/11/2022**

**Baston Fen**

Spotted Redshank

**Chapel Point**

Sabine's Gull

**Covenham Reservoir**

10 Goosander, Mediterranean Gull, 2 Pintail, 2 Velvet Scoter

**Frampton Marsh**

Russian White-fronted Goose

**Gibraltar Point**

4 Little Auk, 6 Snow Bunting, White-throated Diver, 3 Little Gull, Short-eared Owl, Velvet Scoter, Sooty Shearwater, 2 Pomarine Skua

**Goxhill Haven**

14 Snow Bunting

**Halton Marsh**

3 Little Auk, Great Northern Diver, Little Gull, Blue-winged Teal, Greater Scaup

**Huttoft Bank**

Little Auk

**Sutton on Sea**

11 Little Auks in groups of 3, 4 and 4. 9 Eider and 1 imm Shag plus a Woodcock in off

**Toft Newton**

Kittiwake

**Witham Mouth**

Black-throated Diver

**18/11/2022**

**Anderby Creek**

Sabine's Gull

**Barton on Humber**

Little Auk

**Covenham**

Great Northern Diver, 52 Little Gull, Kittiwake, 2 Reb-breasted Merganser, Black Redstart

**Gibraltar Point**

Iceland Gull

**Huttoft Bank**

Osprey

**Pyewipe**

5 Caspian Gull, 3 Little Gull, Iceland Gull

**Rimac**

Short-eared Owl

**Sutton on Sea**

8 Little Auk, 45 Little Gull, 36 Common Scoter, Arctic Tern

**Wolla Bank**

Pomarine Skua

**17/11/2022**

**Anderby Creek**

Little Auk, Little Bunting, 15 Snow Bunting, Great Northern Diver, Little Gull, Velvet Scoter

**Deeping High Bank**

Hen Harrier

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Stint

**Gibraltar Point**

Great Northern Diver, 4 Little Gull, Greater Scaup, Velvet Scotter

**Mablethorpe**

Pallid Swift

**Rosper Road Pools**

Garganey

Rimac

Hooded Crow, Short-eared Owl, Jack Snipe

**Stickney**

Little Auk

**Sutton on Sea**

660 Kitts, 321 Little Gulls, 8 Little Auk, 2 Velvet Scoter, 1 GN Diver, 1 Bonxie

**16/11/2022**

**Gibraltar Point**

Great Northern Diver, Little Gull, Greater Scaup, Velvet Scoter

**Rosper Road Pools**

Garganey

**Stickney**

Little Auk

**15/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Great Northern Diver

**Frampton Marsh**

Little Stint

14/11/2022

**Doddington Park**

Tawny Owl

**Covenham Reservoir**

Great Northern Diver

**Frampton**

Pintail, Little Stint, Stonechat, Cetti's Warbler

**Gibraltar Point**

62 Brent Goose, Marsh Harrier, 2 White-fronted Goose, 4 Rock Pipit, Raven, 7 Stonechat, 95 Shoveler, Barn Swallow, 485 Teal

**Mablethorpe**

Red-throated Diver, 40 Eider, 6 Dark-bellied Brent Goose, 1 Dark-bellied Brent Goose, 60 Linnet, Red-breasted Merganser, 120  
Cannon Scoter



Dark and Pale-bellied Brent Geese, NE Mablethorpe - Image © Andrew Chick

**Swineshead Bridge**

Cetti's Warbler

13/11/2022

**Alkborough Flats**

Bearded Tit

**Anderby Creek**

Siberian Chiffchaff

**Bardney Pits**

American Wigeon

**Boultham Mere**

Marsh Harrier, Redwing

**Covenham Reservoir**

Great Northern Diver

**Frampton Marsh**

Black Redstart

**Freiston Shore**

Black Redstart

**Gibraltar Point**

Merlin

**Goxhill Haven**

18 Snow Bunting, Spotted Redshank

**Halton Marsh**

Spotted Redshank

**Trent Port**

2 Goldcrest, Pink-footed Goose, 2 Kingfisher, Whooper Swan, Grey Wagtail, 55 Redwing

**South Willingham**

Buzzard, 250 Fieldfare, 80 Common Gull, 2 Raven, 100 Redwing

**12/11/2022**

**Churchill Lane**

18 Snow Bunting

**Bardney Pits**

American Wigeon

**Frampton Marsh**

Hen Harrier

**Gibraltar Point**

14 Snow Bunting, 2 Short-eared Owl, Spotted Redshank

**Hartsholme Park**

Nuthatch

**Trent Port**

2 Goldcrest, 13 Moorhen, Green Woodpecker, 62 Redwing

**Whisby**

50 Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll

**11/11/2022**

**Doddington Park**

2 Goldcrest

**Frampton Marsh**

Brambling, Goldeneye, Lapwing, Goldcrestr, Golden Plover, 2 Pochard, 3 Rock Pipit, Siskin, 20 Skylark

**Gibraltar Point**

Snow Bunting, Great Northern Diver, White-tailed Eagle, Caspian Gull, 2 Bearded Tit

**Harstholme Park, Pike Drain**

3 Goosander (female)

**10/11/2022**

**Bardney Pits**

Buzzard, Goldeneye, Kestrel, Whooper Swan, American Wigeon

**Gibratar Point**

2 Waxwing

**Holywell Lake, Stamford**

Barn Swallow

**Messingham**

Tundra Bean Goose

**Nocton Fen**

500 Fieldfare, 3000 Starling

**RAF Woodhall**

4 Black-tailed Godwit, Goldeneye, Pintail, 6 Redshank, Snipe, 2 Stonechat, 35 Whooper Swan



Owt about? RAF Woodhall Spa - Image © Dave Roberts

09/11/2021

**Bardney**

**American Wigeon**

**Coningsby**

**5 Whooper Swan**

**Deeping High Bank**

**Short-eared Owl**

**Donna Nook**

**15 Snow Bunting**

**Halton Marshes**

**Snow Bunting**

**Messingham**

6 Buzzard, Great White Egret, 3 Little Egret, 2 Goldcrest, Marsh Harrier, 3 Jay, 40 Lapwing, Shelduck, 11 Long-tailed Tit, **Cetti's Warbler**, Great Spotted Woodpecker

**Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe**

**Merlin**

**08/11/2021**

**Alkborough Flats**

Hen Harrier (ringtail)

**Bardney**

American Wigeon

**Mablethorpe**

8 Snow Bunting

**07/11/2022**

**Bardney**

American Wigeon

**Crook Bank**

Lapland Bunting, 2 Twite

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Goldeneye, 4 Marsh Harrier, 2700 Pink-footed Goose. 3300 Lapwing, Merlin, 117 Pintail, Siskin, Stonechat, 5 Whooper

Swan, 3000 Teal, 5200 Wigeon

**Gibraltar Point**

Black-throated Diver

**Mablethorpe**

6 Snow Bunting

**Pyewipe**

Sand Martin

**Toft Neweon Reservoir**

Snow Bunting

**Towthorpe Lakes**

12 Mandarin



Mandarin Ducks at the Towthorpe Lakes on the Belton Estate - Image © Steve Nesbitt

**06/11/2022**

**Bardney Pits**

2 American Wigeon (male)

**Birchwood**

200 Starling

**Black Bank (Messingham)**

Buzzard, 4 Field Fare, 2 Kestrel, Kingfisher, 4 Grey Partridge, 23 Redwing, 150 Rook, 3 Whooper Swan, Coal Tit

**Cress Marsh**

Buzzard, Little Egret, 2 Kestrel, Common Sandpiper, 26 Shoveler

**Gibraltar Point**

4 Snow Bunting, Black-throated Diver

**Trent Port**

37 Pink-footed Goose, Barn Owl, 5 Red-legged Partridge, 2 Stonechat, Great Spotted Woodpecker

**05/11/2022**

**Belvoir Estate**

43 Red Kite

**Denton/Barrowby**

9 Red Kite

**Donna Nook**

Corn Bunting, Snow Bunting, Hooded Crow, 88 Chaffinch, Raven, 25 Twite

**Frampton Marsh**

Pink-footed Goose

**Gibraltar Point**

Hen Harrier

**Normanby**

2 Hawfinch

**04/11/2022**

**Baston Fen**

2 Common Crane

**Marston**

Jack Snipe



Jack Snipe at Marston - Image © Stewart Wilson

**Scawby**

Hen Harrier

**Whisby (Grebe Lake)**

20 Brambling



Brambling at Whisby - Image © Jackie Spindley

**Wolla Bank**

2 Snow Bunting, Pomarine Skua

**03/11/2022**

**Covenham Reservoir**

Snow Bunting

**Frampton Marsh**

Olive-backed Pipit (probable)

**Gibraltar Point**

Avocet, Blackcap, Chiffchaff, 75 Brent Goose, 420 Pink-footed Goose, 2 Marsh Harrier, Short-eared Owl, 8 Rock Pipit, Velvet  
Scoter, 4 Siskin, 3 Stonechat, 680 Teal, Whimbrel, 300 Wigeon

**Grantham**

Grey Wagtail

**Marston**

Marsh Harrier

**Rimac**

3 Twite, Waxwing

02/10/2022

**Frampton Marsh**

2 Hen Harrier (m&f)

**Gibraltar Point**

Snow Bunting, 3 Velvet Scoter

**Grantham**

Little Egret, Goosander



Goosander in Queen Elizabeth Park, Grantham - Image © Steve Nesbitt

**Halton Marsh**

4 Twite

**Huttoft**

3 Velvet Scoter

**Sandilands**

Black-throated Diver

**Tawthorpe Hollow, Belton Park**

7 Mandarin

**Winters Pool**

Blue-winged Teal

01/10/2022

**Rimac**

Swift Sp.

**Trent Port**

46 Fieldfare, 3 Goldcrest, 45 Goldfinch, Kingfisher, Red Kite, 72 Lapwing, 2 Sparrowhawk, 3 Treecreeper, 3 Great Spotted

Woodpecker

**Winter's Pool**

Blue-winged Teal

## 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](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](https://twitter.com/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

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Force Dog Training Establishment

Lincolnshire Showground.

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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-](http://www.glnp.org.uk/our-publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php)

[publications/biodiversity/projects-and-reports.php](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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