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Happy New Years Day from the Lincs Bird Club.

Hopefully many of you are already preparing for the **Lincolnshire 2026 New Year's Day Bird Race**, or, by the time you read this newsletter, may even have just completed it. Either way, we hope New Year's Day has been an enjoyable one, spent outdoors and immersed in nature. **The results will appear in the February 2026 eNewsletter...**

The New Year's Day Bird Race has become a great opportunity to start the year on a positive note, encouraging people to get outside, explore local sites and take notice of the birds sharing our landscapes, whether in towns, farmland or along the coast. It is as much about fresh air, shared experiences and careful observation as it is about totals and competition.

Whatever your approach on the day, from an all-out dawn-to-dusk effort to a quiet walk close to home, we hope it provided a chance to reconnect with the natural world and set the tone for the year ahead. As ever, your records contribute valuable information on winter bird distribution across the county, and we would encourage everyone to submit their sightings to help build an accurate picture of Lincolnshire's birds at the very start of 2026.

We wish all our members a happy and bird-filled New Year, and look forward to sharing another year of observations, records and discoveries with you.



2026 New Years Resolution....

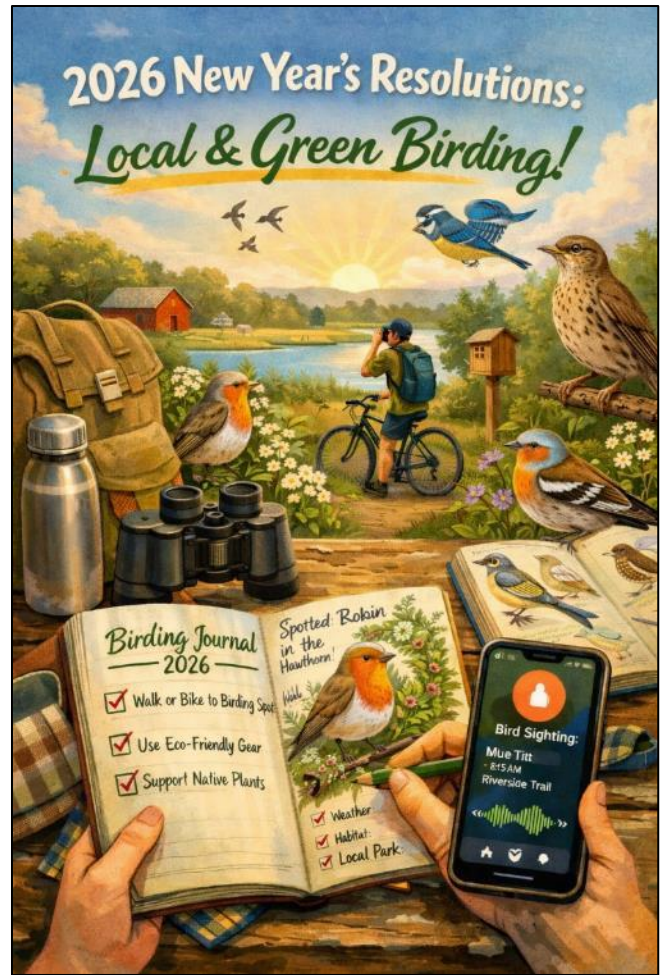
As a new year begins, many birdwatchers find themselves thinking less about adding species to a list and more about how they watch birds, what they record, and the wider impact of their time in the field. A set of thoughtful New Year resolutions can help shift the focus towards ecology, careful recording. One useful resolution is to slow down and learn a local habitat properly. Whether it is a local wetland, saltmarsh, pasture or urban green space, understanding why birds use a site can be far more rewarding than simply noting what turns up. Paying attention to habitat structure, management, weather, tides and seasonal change often explains bird presence better than any rarity alert. Alongside this, making a conscious effort to reduce disturbance, particularly around winter roosts and breeding areas, is one of the most valuable contributions any birder can make.

Recording can also be improved by focusing on quality rather than quantity. Noting behaviour, age, sex, plumage details and habitat use adds real value to records, especially when supported by photographs of the environment as well as the birds themselves. Submitting records regularly throughout the year (BTO Birdtrack or eBird), rather than in a rush at the end, helps local datasets remain accurate and useful. Negative records, where species were searched for but not found, are equally important and often overlooked, yet they can say a great deal about changing bird use of a site.

Adopting a local patch for the year is another resolution that pays dividends. Visiting the same places in all weathers and seasons builds a far deeper understanding than occasional visits ever can. Carefully logging first arrivals and last departures of migrants, learning the calls of common species that still cause hesitation, and paying attention to often-ignored groups such as gulls or common waders can all transform routine birding into something more purposeful. Over time, these repeated visits create datasets that are genuinely useful to county recorders and conservation bodies.

A greener approach to birding is also worth embracing. Walking or cycling to nearby sites where possible, valuing local biodiversity over long journeys for single birds, and making full use of existing equipment rather than constant upgrades all help reduce the environmental footprint of the hobby. Sharing knowledge locally, whether with landowners, schools or survey groups, can further strengthen the link between birdwatching and conservation on the ground.

Finally, there is value in setting personal resolutions that are quiet and reflective. Spending time in the field without a camera or phone, writing a proper site or species summary by the end of the year, and learning to appreciate apparently uneventful days can all deepen enjoyment. Fewer birds watched more carefully often leave a stronger impression than a long list hastily compiled. In the end, these small shifts in approach can make a year of birding more rewarding, more responsible and far more connected to the places and birds that matter most locally.



PLEASE visit the NEW EVENT page on the website at
<https://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk/site/index.php/information/events>

Event - MESSINGHAM SAND QUARRY

Saturday January 24 2026 Time 9.0 -11.0 Meet in the car park at 8.45

This Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Reserve has been created by the excavation of sand which has left a series of lagoons. There is a small area of heath, woodland, grassland and marsh providing a range of habitats and supporting a wide range of fauna and flora.

In winter the lagoons host good numbers of duck, gulls and waders whilst the alders and birches that grow alongside the series of paths often have roving flocks of finches, Siskins and Redpolls. Egrets and harriers are frequently present and with luck a yaffling Green Woodpecker or calling Great Spotted may be heard or seen.



There are two hides overlooking the lagoons

The walk will be led by Matt Cox, the Reserve warden and all will be welcome. There is no formal charge for the event, however, voluntary donations to the Wildlife Trust may be made on the day and will be much appreciated.

Location:-

The Reserve lies to the east of the B1400 Messingham – Kirton road. The entrance is through a gate opposite Scallow Grove Farm (look for the electricity pylon).

Nearest post code is DN17 3RD

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Please note that the car park is relatively small so if you are able to car share then please do so. Also there are no toilet facilities on the Reserve, however, there is a Garden Centre further along the road towards Kirton, on the small industrial estate on the left of the road, where there is a cafeteria and toilets.

In winter the paths can become very wet and muddy so good walking shoes, boots or wellies would be advisable.

To book a place please contact;

Sally Prescott <sally.prescott142@btinternet.com>

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The Lincs Bird Club is pleased to donate £1000 to the LWT Save Hawthorpe Appeal...

With your help the LWT can safeguard one of the largest areas of grassland left in Lincolnshire before it is ploughed and lost forever.

The LWT have the chance to buy land near Hawthorpe village in south Lincolnshire stretching across 87 hectares. The sweeping fields and big skies already echo to the sound of skylarks in spring and, in winter, short-eared owls silently hunt over the grassland – but it could all be lost.

The grassland at Hawthorpe was taken out of arable production and kept as ‘set aside’ for decades. Now, the LWT have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to prevent these fields from returning to intensive farming. If they can raise sufficient funds, they can purchase the land and restore it. They can bring back wildflower-rich grassland and re-link river habitats. The potential for nature is tremendous....

Click here to Donate as an individual... <https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/hawthorpe-appeal>

Donate Now

"This is one of the last opportunities in Lincolnshire to save a landscape of this scale and quality – but only if we act now"

Libby John, Chair, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust



**Lincolnshire
Wildlife Trust**

Thank you for your donation
to secure Hawthorpe

Your generous support will help
protect this vital haven where skylarks,
short-eared owls and a wealth of wildlife
can thrive.

UK breeding status of Purple Sandpiper looks increasingly precarious – by Jim Wright

JUDGING by the most recent data, the Purple Sandpiper may now be on the way out as a breeding species in Britain.

Although small numbers of this inquisitive species are regularly seen in winter on the Lincolnshire Coast – particularly on rocky shores or where there are breakwater groynes – it has probably never been plentiful as a UK breeder.

No official breeding information is available yet for either this year or last year, so the most recent update is that provided in the 2023 Rare Breeding Birds Panel report which was published in the November edition of the journal, *British Birds*.

This states: "The one confirmed breeding pair was at a traditional site in north Scotland where the birds incubated a clutch of four eggs."

Strange to say, the outcome of this breeding attempt was not recorded.

The report goes on: "Since the first confirmed breeding record in 1978, Purple Sandpipers have been reported in all but four of the 46 years (and one of these absences was in 2020 when Covid-19 restrictions prevented most ornithological fieldwork in the high montane areas they favour).

"Multiple pairs were reported in most years through the 1980s and 1990s, and records were received from a number of sites (though a precise figure cannot be provided as, in some cases, site information was not shared with the Rare Breeding Birds Panel).

"More recently, numbers have fallen, and since 2015 there have only been records of a single pair at the same single site in Scotland though it is possible that additional pairs have gone unrecorded.

"The Scottish breeding grounds, at a latitude of 57°N, lie at the very southern edge of an international breeding distribution which stretches up to Franz Josef Land at 82°N."

The report estimates that the 25-year breeding pairs trend is one of "strong decrease" – down by 62 per cent. It continues: "How long this species, which seems to have such a precarious grip on its status as a UK breeder, can persevere in the face of climate change is unclear. "But perhaps the increase in other rare northern waders, such as Temminck's Stint, Red-necked Phalarope and Wood Sandpiper, gives some glimmer of hope?"



Purple Sandpiper (with fishing line attached to one leg) on Cleethorpes sea wall © Jim Wright

Book review: *What's That Bird* by Rob Hume

One of the most surprising features of the first bird book to be published in 2026 is the inclusion of the Black Woodpecker - a species not even on the British List.

It gets a place in *What's That Bird?* while the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker is omitted.

In his notes, author Rob Hume acknowledges that the species is a "continental European bird not seen in the UK" - so why is it included while the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker is omitted?

The author is well known in the birding world. A member of the RSPB for 35 years, he was editor of the society's magazine for 20 years and also served on the editorial board of *British Birds* and is a past chairman of the British Birds Rarities Committees.

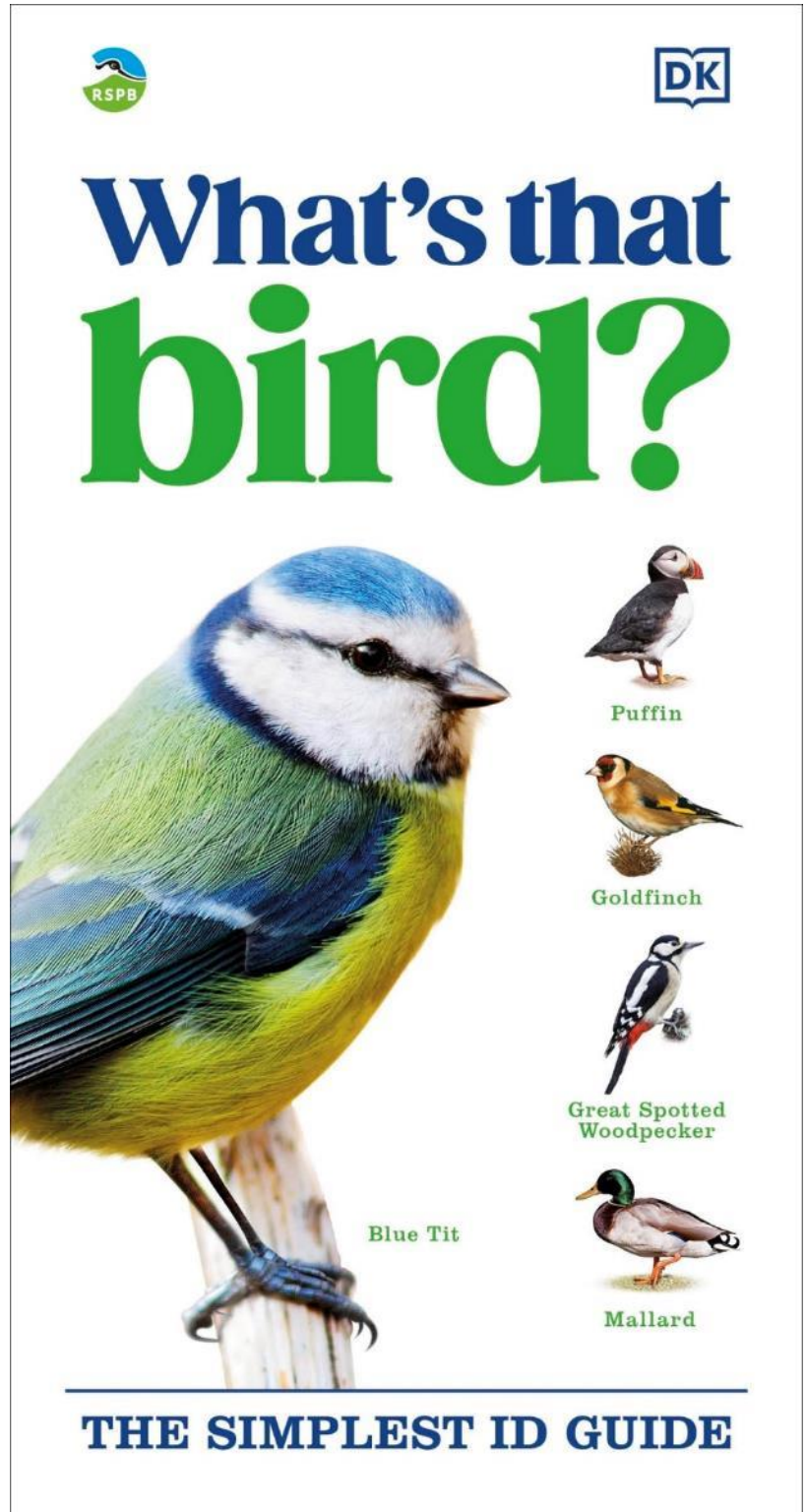
He has written numerous bird books, most of them ID field guides, and contributed almost the entire text of *Chris Packham's Birdwatching Guide*, published in spring 2024.

To his credit, Hume is always seeking a fresh approach to birds and birding, and his enthusiasm - as well as his knowledge - never fails to shine through in this pocket-sized paperback. But a downside is that the text makes no attempt to describe the calls or songs of any of the 150 or so species described.

Attractively illustrated in colour, *What's That Bird?* is published on January 1, 2026 at a modest £9.99 by DK. It is an update on a book of the same title published in 2012.

It is written not so much for the experienced birder as for anyone with a casual interest in birds or who is taking their first steps in birding.

Book review by Jim Wright



Influx of Russian White-fronted Geese into England

A significant influx of Russian White-fronted Goose into southern England has occurred over the festive period.

The arrivals began suddenly and rather spectacularly on Wednesday 24 December, as brisk, cold north-easterly winds set in. Typically for such an influx, the bulk of records came from southern and eastern England, though Russian White-fronted Geese reached as far west as Cornwall and Carmarthenshire.



While 24th saw the largest volume of arrivals, new locations continued to record geese on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Remarkably, between the start of the 24th and the end of the 26th, more than 150 sites in England logged Russian White-fronted Geese. A totaliser count by the BirdGuides sightings team on 27th saw an incredible 2,545 tallied.

The list below are the Lincs numbers between 23rd – 30th Dec 2025;

Photograph; **Russian White-Fronted Geese** photographed on 26th December 2025 at RAF Woodhall Spa © Clive Moore

Tue 30 Dec 2025

Willow Tree Feb - 19 flew high south-west towards Baston Fen

Tongue End - 13 still in field between Counter Drain Drove and Shillaker's Farm but distant

Mon 29 Dec 2025

Frampton Marsh - 12+ still on Marsh Farm Grassland

Baston Fen - Two

Tongue End - 10+ still in field between Counter Drain Drove and Shillaker's Farm
Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe - five in field south of Crook Bank car park

Sun 28 Dec 2025

Gib Point - eight still on Field 10
Croft - 30+ in field north of Croft Bank
Frampton Marsh - 30+ still on Marsh Farm Grassland

Fri 26 Dec 2025

Woodhall Spa - 56 on LWT Reserve
Frampton Marsh - 35 still on Marsh Farm Grassland
Anderby Creek - 17

Thu 25 Dec 2025

Gib Point - eight
Tongue End - 14 in field between Counter Drain Drove and Shillaker's Farm

Tue 23 Dec 2025

Middlemarsh Farm - seven in field north of Low Road South (see photo below)



Seven **Russian White-fronted Geese** photographed on 23rd December 2025 at Middlemarsh Farm © Nige Lound

Diary Date...

The LBC AGM March 21st 2026

Date: Saturday March 21 2026

Time: 14.00 -16.00

Location: Whisby Education Centre

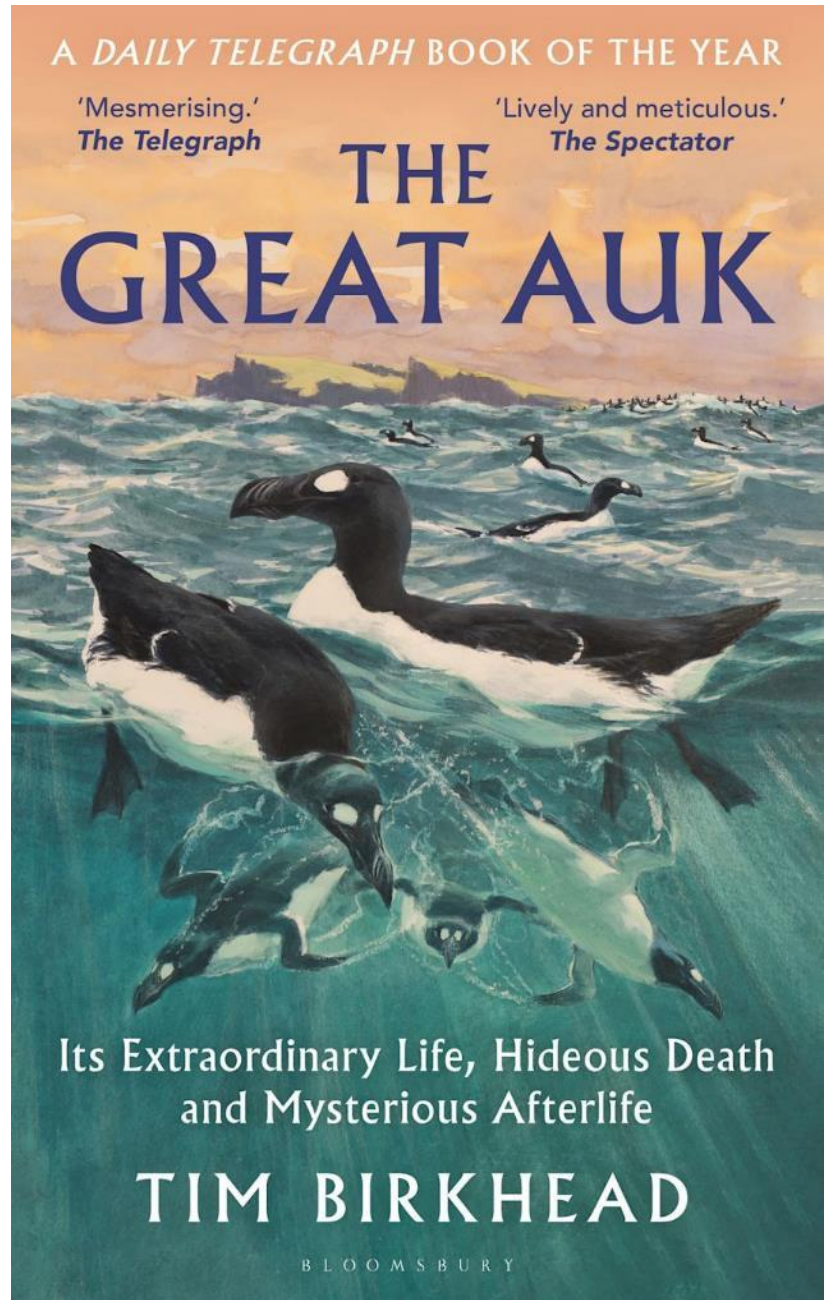
Join us for a compelling talk by Professor Tim Birkhead as he introduces his new book, *The Great Auk: The Life, Death and Afterlife of One of the True Icons of Extinction*.

The great auk was a flightless, goose-sized seabird, perfectly adapted to life in the North Atlantic. Abundant, tame and easy to catch, it proved fatally vulnerable once sailors reached its remote breeding colonies. On places such as Funk Island, off north-east Newfoundland, unimaginable slaughter followed, with birds killed in their millions. By 1800 the great auk had vanished from Funk Island altogether. What followed was a final, tragic chapter: a ruthless scramble by private collectors for the last surviving birds, leading to the species' extinction in 1844.

Yet the story does not end there. In death, the great auk acquired a remarkable and troubling afterlife. Skins, eggs and skeletons became coveted objects, pursued by collectors in a world of obsession, rivalry and dubious dealings that continues even today.

Drawing on meticulous research and rich storytelling, Tim Birkhead reveals new insights into the great auk's life before human exploitation, its brutal destruction on the shores of the North Atlantic, and the enduring fascination with its remains. Both a gripping natural history and a cautionary tale, the great auk stands as a powerful symbol of human folly, and a stark reminder of why conservation matters.

This is the story of the great auk, told in full.



More Diary Date...

SNIPE DALES

Saturday May 2nd Time 8.0-11.0

Situated east of Horncastle near the village of Hagworthingham and well signposted off the A158 and B1195

James Forrester, Reserve Warden will lead a walk around this varied habitat comprising mixed woodland, and wet valleys and scrub. At this time of year this diverse area should be alive with newly arrived summer migrants in addition to the resident bird population and is also rich in a wide range of Flora and insects. This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable early summer morning

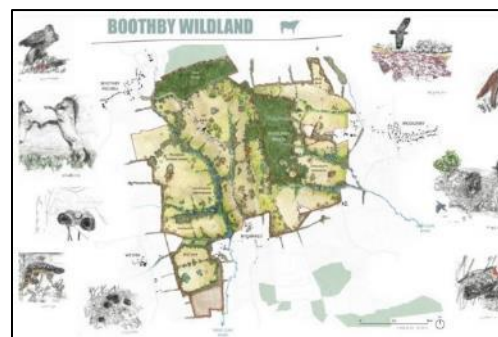


Please note that there is a small charge for parking, also that some of the paths may be steep in places.

BOOTHBY WILDLAND

Boothby Pagnell near Grantham - Date in June yet to be confirmed

Boothby Wildland is an ambitious rewilding project inspired by the Knepp Estate and aiming to restore 617 hectares of Grade 3 agricultural land and part of the river Glen to its natural state. Still in its relatively early stages, this should nevertheless be a very interesting and inspirational visit.



The 2.5 hour tour will start with a brief introduction to the project, followed by a guided walk of 1.5-2.0 hours. There are a network of public and permissive paths across the Wildland, so anyone wishing to extend their visit and explore further on their own would then be welcome to do so. Cost £5.00 per head.

SUMMER SOCIAL at GIBRALTAR POINT

Saturday July 18

By kind arrangement with the Warden, Richard Doan and the staff in the Visitor Centre cafeteria, outline plans are again in place for an afternoon /evening series of walks and buffet supper. Full details to follow nearer the time.

DONNA NOOK COASTAL PATH AUTUMN MIGRATION WALK

Saturday morning October 17, Leader: Phil Espin

As part of the plan to create a footpath round the coast of England, a new section was opened during the summer of 2025. This includes the area through the dunes and scrub to the South of the seal colony as described by Phil in his article in the September 2025 LBC Newsletter. To quote Phil " This path has massive birding potential" especially during the migration season, so the walk should be full of promise. Meet in the car park 7.30am



The Updated Lincs WhatsApp Group

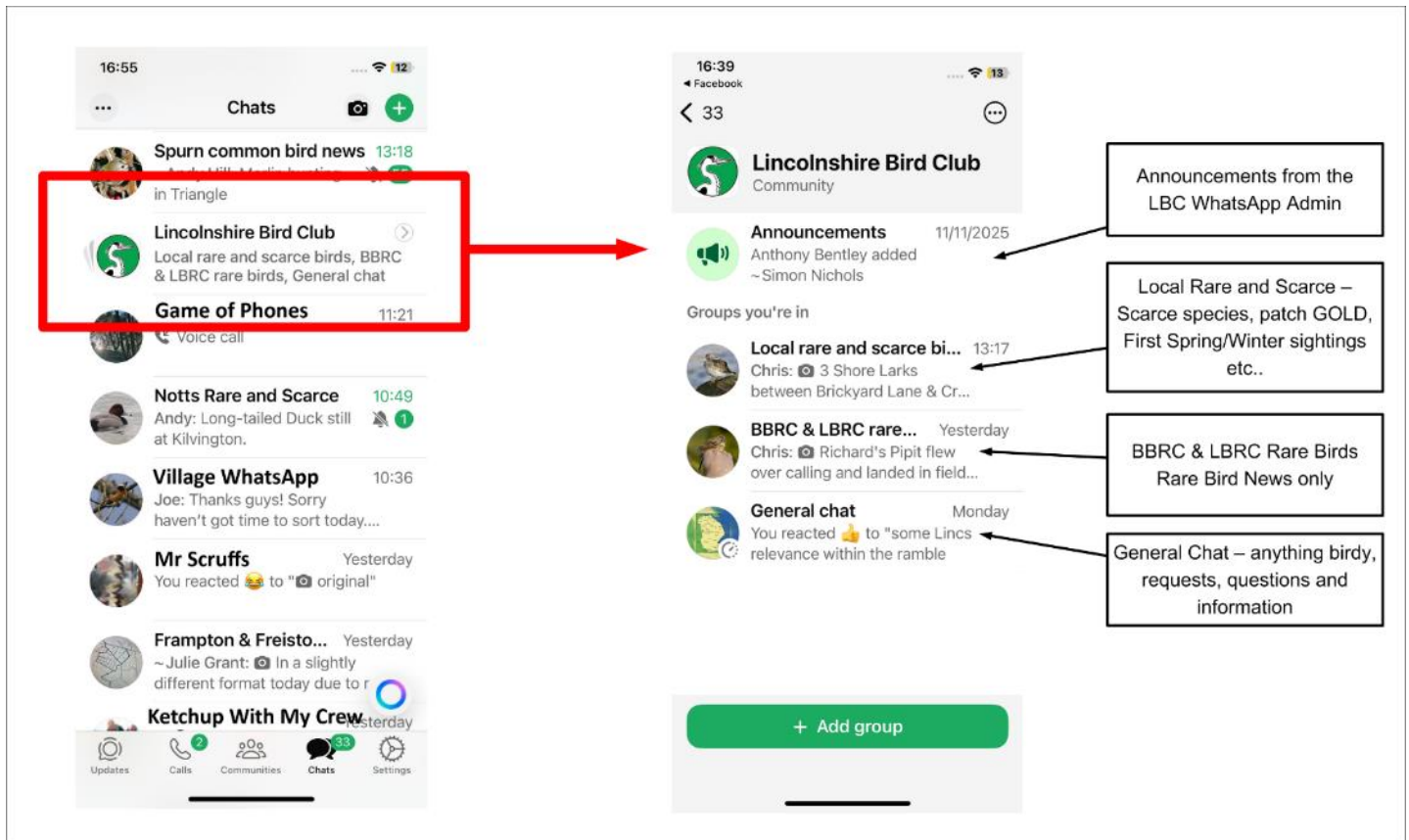
Members of the LBC WhatsApp group will be aware that there have been some major changes to the system over the past month. A big thank you to Antony Bentley who has updated the system to a WhatsApp Community.

What is a WhatsApp Community?

WhatsApp Communities allow members to come together under a single “community” while still having topic-based groups within it, making it easier to organise discussions, share relevant information, and give members more choice in how they participate.

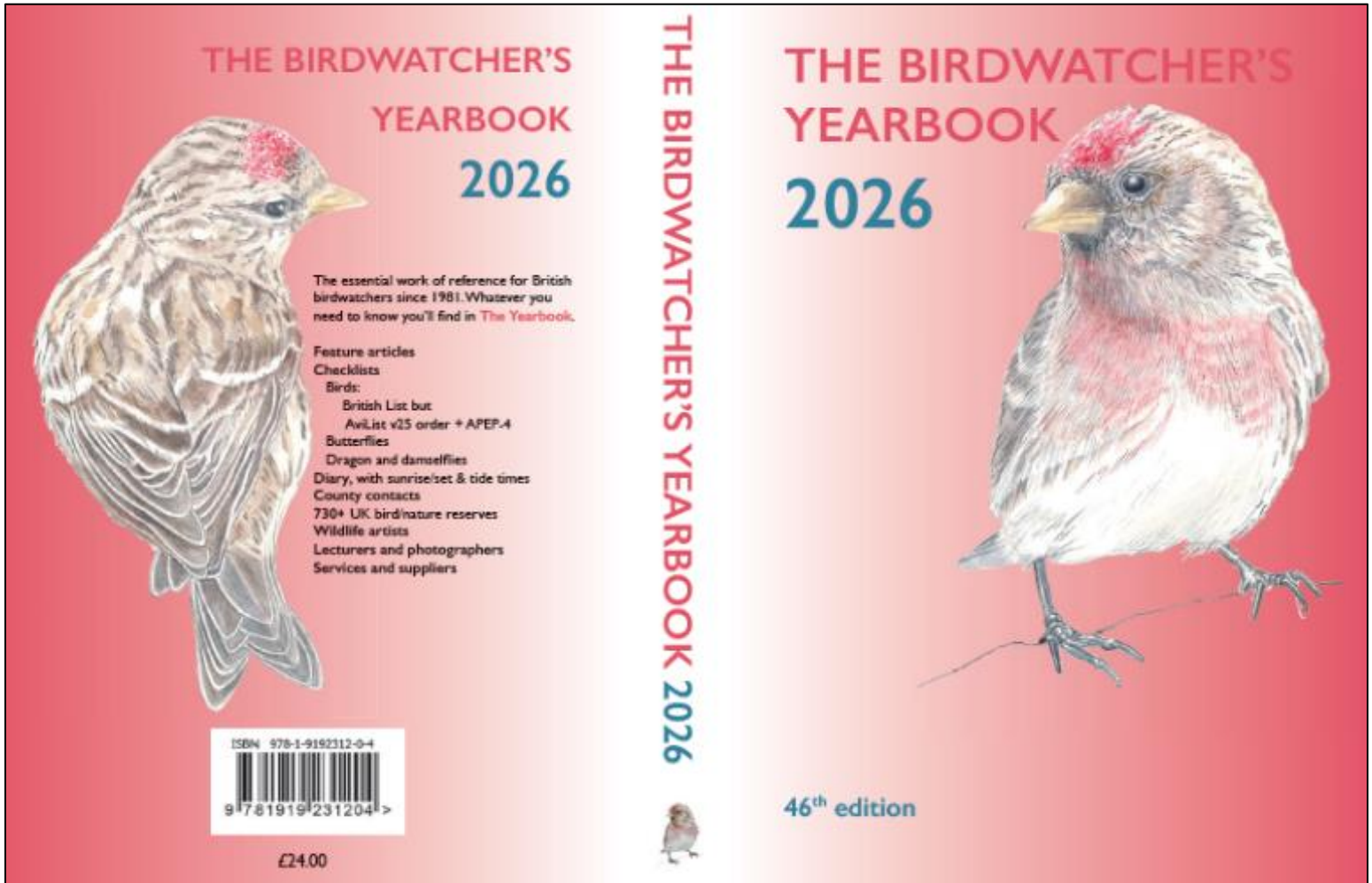
For New Year’s Bird Day we’ve set up a new Community, active for **1st January only**. It’s a space for members to share bird news throughout the day and to feel part of a much bigger group of birdwatchers out in the countryside, all recording together.

Please do join in, post your sightings on the day, and most of all, and enjoy it!



The LBC WhatsApp Community is an **easy and effective way** to stay connected with everything that’s happening in the club, from the latest bird news and sightings to important updates and announcements. If you are not already a member, simply email chairman@lincsbirdclub.co.uk to request access and join today. Don’t miss out on timely information and updates delivered directly to your WhatsApp account, ensuring you’re always in the loop wherever you are!

The Birdwatcher's Yearbook 2026.



For 46 years... as Egrets invaded, Turtle Doves crashed, Red Kite recovered, Willow Warbler retreated, Nuthatch expanded, Sparrows faded and Serin came....and went The Birdwatcher's Yearbook has been a one stop shop for...

[The Birdwatcher's Yearbook](#)

December Star Bird – The Tongue End Snow Goose by Andrew Chick

The Snow Goose is a scarce and intriguing visitor to Britain, with a complex history that often blurs the line between wild origin and escape. The first Lincolnshire record thought possibly to involve a wild bird dates back to 1942, when one was reported near Boston. Since 1978, occurrences have been almost annual, though the majority have involved inland birds associating with feral Greylag or Canada Geese, and these are generally assumed to be of non-wild origin.

Coastal records are much less frequent. Interestingly, however, most Snow Goose records—both inland and coastal—have occurred during the winter months or in April and May, aligning with periods of wild goose movement.

A notable accepted record occurred during 2006–07, when a Snow Goose was seen accompanying Pink-footed Geese. The bird was first recorded at Saltfleetby–Theddlethorpe on 13 October 2006 and was later presumed to be the same individual found feeding with Pink-footed Geese at Sutton Bridge / Nene Mouth between 26–31 October. In January 2007, a Snow Goose was again recorded near Frampton Marsh on 6th and 14th January, flying with a flock of Pink-footed Geese, almost certainly the same bird.

Excitement therefore ran high in Lincolnshire when, on Christmas Eve 2025, a white-morph adult Snow Goose was discovered at Tongue End by Josh Jones, in a field between Counter Drain Drove and Shillaker's Farm. Crucially, the bird was associating with Whooper Swans, an entirely wild and highly mobile species, making this an excellent candidate for a genuinely wild bird. Opinion within the local birding community was largely positive, with many viewing it as one of the strongest wild-origin contenders in recent years....

At the time of writing, the Snow Goose appears to have moved on, possibly travelling south into Cambridgeshire with the Whooper Swan flock. All eyes now turn to the BBRC to see how this fascinating record is ultimately assessed.



Adult white-morph Snow Goose was discovered at Tongue End, photographed by Toby Carter on 26th Dec 2025
– see <https://ebird.org/checklist/S290285434>



Job Vacancy - Nature Partnership Officer

Based in Horncastle, Lincolnshire - Circa £25,000 pa

Do you want to do more for nature? Do you want more, bigger, better and joined areas where wildlife thrives in Lincolnshire, and can you persuade others to help make this happen? Do you know nature is part of the solution to many of the issues facing society today? Do you want to be part of helping society change and address the biodiversity and climate change crises?

The Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership is seeking someone with strong interpersonal, public speaking and communication skills to join our team. You will excel at managing competing deadlines and delivering tasks on time to a high quality. You will be working to re-connect people with nature, and advocating for nature from the Humber to The Wash.

This post requires an individual with sound knowledge and understanding of the importance of the natural environment and the ability to communicate this to others. It will be critical to have experience of working with and engaging people using different types of media and engagement techniques. As well as having excellent communication skills, you will have a high level of commitment to nature's recovery and a desire to achieve change. A relevant environmental qualification or equivalent working experience and a full current UK driving licence are also required.

Further details and application forms can be found below. CVs alone will not be accepted.

Closing date: noon on 7 January 2026

[Job Information](#)

[Job Description](#)

Lincolnshire Bird News – December 2025

Compiled by Jo Cawtheray (*nee* Whitley)

This page is regularly updated to provide an accessible news service on scarce and rare bird sightings in Lincolnshire. This is a free service. For the most up-to-date information, LBC members are encouraged to check commercial news services. The **Sightings** page, @Lincsbirding Twitter account, and the **BlueSky #LincsBirding** feed aim to notify birders about rare (RED) and scarce (BLUE) species that might be of interest within the county.

For detailed updates about Gibraltar Point, please visit their regularly updated blog at <http://gibraltarpointbirdobservatory.blogspot.com/>, which offers far more information than is included here. The latest bird news is compiled by Jo Cawtheray (*nee* Whitley), to whom the Bird Club is very grateful.

We strive to share all relevant information, but occasionally, something might be overlooked. If you spot anything missing, please don't hesitate to reach out! Send missing records or photographs to info@lincsbirdclub.co.uk with the subject line: **Lincs Latest Bird News** and we will add them to the page!

While this page highlights rarer species, records of common species are equally valuable. Please submit these to the County Recorder via email at recorder_south@lincsbirdclub.co.uk or use the **BTO BirdTrack** or **eBird** apps. All submitted records will be added to the Lincolnshire Bird Club database and included in the Annual Reports. **Important:** None of the reports displayed on this page have been verified or reviewed by the Lincolnshire Bird Club Records Committee.

31/12/25

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver (1), Great Northern Diver (2) - Still present on Site

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (7)

Thorpe Tilney Drove

Fieldfare (17), Stonechat (12), Whooper Swan (12)

Wasps Nest, Lincoln

Fieldfare (250), Grey Partridge (8), Lapwing (300), Red-Legged Partridge (8), Siskin (7)

Goxhill

Bullfinch (2), Chiffchaff (1), Common Gull (14), Green Woodpecker (1), Pink-Footed Goose (500), Snipe (6), [White-Fronted Goose](#) (15)

Sutton on Sea

[White-Fronted Goose](#) (1), Sparrowhawk (1), Sanderling (53), [Red-Throated Diver](#) (2), Oystercatcher (6), Mallard (2), Herring Gull (17), Greylag Goose, Grey Heron (1), Dunnock (2), Cormorant (4), Common Scoter (14), Canada Goose (10), Blackbird (20), Black Headed Gull (8)

Elm House Farm

Black Headed Gull, Common Gull, [Curlew](#) (30), Jackdaw, Lapwing (200), Magpie, Mallard, Meadow Pipit (6), Mistle Thrush (2), Pied Wagtail (2), Reed Bunting (2), Rook, Starling (100), [Stonechat](#) (2), Wigeon (140), Woodpigeon, Wren

30/12/2025

North Hykeham

[Siberian Lesser Whitethroat](#) (1) - Still present in Garden

Gibraltar Point NR

Snow Bunting (7)

Tongue End

Tundra Bean Goose (3), Russian White-Fronted Goose (13)

Cove Lane Pits

Black-Throated Diver (1) - Still Present

Deeping Lakes

Long-Eared Owl (1)

Willow Tree Fen

Red Kite, Stonechat, Shoveler, Goosander, Marsh Harrier, Russian White-Fronted Goose (19) - Flew South West towards Baston Fen

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spoonbill, Spotted Redshank, Whooper Swan (6), Merlin, Avocet (5)

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver (1), Great Northern Diver (2), Pintail (2)

Whisby NR

Wigeon, Teal, Tufted Duck, Shoveler (2), Pochard, Mute Swan, Moorhen (3), Long-Tailed Tit (4), Little Egret (1), Greylag Goose (3), Green Woodpcker (1), Great White Egret (1), Great Crested Grebe, Goldeneye (4), Gadwall, Cormorant (6), Carrion Crow, Canada Goose (2), Blue Tit

Flixborough, Scunthorpe

Fieldfare (174), Redpoll (2), Redwing (34)



An excellent picture of a **Great White Egret** on the River Welland 30/12/25 © Stewart Wilson



Dave Roberts. @djrlincsbirder.bsky.social · 45m

At least 35 Corn Buntings along Waterwell lane Ancaster, several Ravens, Pinkfeet on the move. c.500 Lapwings in a ploughed field at Carton Scroop. #lincsbirding



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Some of the c35 **Corn Buntings** at Waterwell Lane, Ancaster © Dave Roberts - from BlueSky <https://bsky.app/profile/djrlincsbirder.bsky.social/post/3mb7np6zovy2u>

29/12/25

RSPB Frieston Shore

Spoonbill, Greater Scaup, Spotted Redshank

Deeping Lakes

Bewicks Swan (4), Long-Eared Owl (1)

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake) - Still present on Site

Baston Fen

Tundra Bean Goose (4), White Fronted Goose, Great White Egret (3)

Deeping Fen

Snow Goose (White-Morph Adult)

Tongue End

Tundra Bean Goose (3), Russian White-Fronted Goose (2), Bewicks Swan

Alkborough Flats

Water Pipit (1)

Crook Bank

Russian White-Fronted Goose (5) - In Fields South of Crook Bank

Cove Lane Pits

Black-Throated Diver (1) - Still Present on Site

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver (2) - Still present on Site

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Marsh Harrier, Green Sandpiper, Bearded Tit, Whooper Swan (230)- At Marsh Farm, Snow Bunting (7), Grey Plover (2) Dunlin (11), Redshank (20), Ringtail Hen Harrier, Cettis Warbler, Stonechat, Peregrine Falcon, White-Fronted Goose



The long staying **Glossy Ibis** at Cleethorpes © Mark Johnson <https://bsky.app/profile/msj99.bsky.social/post/3mb2pjij2s2y>

28/12/25

Witham Mouth

Great Northern Diver (1), Red-Throated Diver (1), Slavonian Grebe (1), Long-Tailed Duck (2), Scaup (6), Brent Goose Pale-Bellied (2), Kittiwake (4), Cattle Egret (5), Peregrine Falcon (1)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Bearded Tits, Avocet, Pintail, Snow Bunting (7), Stonechat, Ruff, Golden Plover, Marsh Harrier, Whooper Swan, Hen Harrier

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver (Juvenile), Great Northern Diver (2), Russian White-Fronted Goose (3) - In Field North of Reservoir

Cleethorpes

Snow Bunting (40)

Twenty

Tundra Bean Goose (2) - In Field

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still present in Garden

Tongue End

Tundra Bean Goose (3), Bewicks Swan (3), Russian White-Fronted Goose (2)

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (1), Russian White-Fronted Goose (6) - Flew North East

Pyewipe

Caspian Gull (2)

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake)

27/12/25

RSPB Frieston Shore

Greater Scaup (1)

Croft

Russian White-Fronted Goose (30) - In Field North of Croft Bank

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still present in private Garden

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Russian White-Fronted Goose (30+) - On Marsh Farm Grassland, Snow Bunting (6), Brent Goose Pale Bellied (2), Great White Egret, Whooper Swan (200)

Tongue End

Snow Goose (White-Morph Adult, Tundra Bean Goose (3), Russian White-Fronted Goose (14), Whooper Swan (180), Bewicks Swan (8)

River Witham - Opposite Jolly Sailor

Greater Scaup (2 - Adult and Juvenile Female)

Deeping Lakes

Long-Eared Owl (5), Common Crane (17)

Anderby Creek

Black Headed Gull, Blue Tit, [Cettis Warbler](#), Common Gull, [Curlew \(1\)](#), Goldcrest (2), Great Tit, Greylag Goose, Jackdaw, Kingfisher (1), Lapwing (150), Mallard, Starling, Teal (300), Wigeon (300), Wren

Far Ings NR

Blackbird, [Cettis Warbler](#), Chaffinch, Cormorant, [Fieldfare](#), Gadwall, Goldeneye (2), Greenfinch, House Sparrow, Kestrel, Little Grebe, Moorhen, Redshank, [Redwing](#), Robin, [Shoveler](#), Teal, Tufted Duck, [Water Rail \(1\)](#), Wigeon (30)



Probable Siberian **Lesser Whitethroat** photographed today in North Hykeham © Alan Beesley

26/12/25

Deeping Lakes

[Glossy Ibis \(2\)](#), [Long-Eared Owl \(1\)](#)

Langtoft

[Ferruginous Duck \(Drake\)](#) - Still present on Site

Gibraltar Point

[Velvet Scoter \(3\)](#) - Flew Past

Tongue End

[Snow Goose \(White-Morphed Adult\)](#) - In with Whooper Swans, [Tundra Bean Goose](#), [Russian White-Fronted Goose \(14\)](#), [Bewicks Swan \(4\)](#)

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still in private Garden

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (8) - Still Present, Russian White-Fronted Goose (35) - On Marsh Farm Grassland

Freiston Lagoon

Greater Scaup

Cleethorpes LNR

Glossy Ibis (1)- Still Present

Sturton by Stow Sewage Works

Great White Egret (1)

RAF Woodhall Spa

Russian White-Fronted Goose (7)

Cove Lane Pits

Black-Throated Diver (1) - Still Present



Russian White-Fronted Geese photographed today at RAF Woodhall Spa © Clive Moore



Adult **Snow Goose** (White-Morph) photographed today at Tongue End © Matt Dineen

25/12/25 - Merry Christmas Everyone

Tongue End

Snow Goose (White - Morph Adult) - Still in with Whooper Swans, **Tundra Bean Goose (3)**, **Russian White-Fronted Goose (14)**, Bewicks Swan

Deeping Lakes

Long-Eared Owl (1)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still present in private Garden

Boultham Mere

Teal (2), **Stock Dove (1)**, Starling (13), Siskin (2), **Redwing (15)**, Greylag Goose (14), Greenfinch (2), Goldfinch

(3), [Fieldfare \(45\)](#), Common Gull (2), Buzzard (1), Blackbird (8), Black Headed Gull (9)

Park Street - Cleethorpes Leisure Centre

[Brent Goose Darked Bellied \(18\)](#), Collared Dove (2), Common Gull, [Curlew](#), Goldfinch (7), Great Black-Backed Gull, Pied Wagtail (2), Starling (11), Turnstone (30)

River Witham - Southery

[Goosander \(3\)](#), [Water Rail \(1\)](#)

Stixwold Fields

[Egyptian Goose \(3\)](#), Mute Swan (2)

24/12/25

Tongue End

[Snow Goose \(White-Morph Adult\)](#) - In With Whooper Swans, [Tundra Bean Goose \(3\)](#) - In Fields with [Russian White Fronted Geese](#)

Willow Tree Fen

Common Crane (9) - In to Roost this evening

RAF Woodhall Spa

[Barnacle Goose \(10\)](#)

North Hykeham

[Siberian Lesser Whitethroat \(1\)](#) - Still in private Garden

Ashby Park Gravel Pit

[Goosander \(2\)](#), Mallard (12), Cormorant (2), Teal (1)

Witham Bank, Kirkstaed

[Egyptian Goose \(2\)](#), [Goosander \(3\)](#), Kingfisher (1)

Middlemarsh Farm

[Caspian Gull \(1\)](#), [Fieldfare \(46\)](#), Herring Gull (850)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

[Snow Bunting \(8\)](#), [Brent Goose \(7\)](#), [Barnacle Goose \(1\)](#), [Russian White-Fronted Goose](#), Hen Harrier (Male), [Greylag Goose](#), [Canda Goose](#)

Gibraltar Point

[Brambling](#), [Brent Goose](#), Chaffinch, Coot, Cormorant, [Curlew](#), Gadwall, Golden Plover, Great Black-Backed Gull, [Greylag Goose](#), Kestrel, Little Grebe, Little Egret, Long-Tailed Tit, Marsh Harrier, Redshank, Shelduck, [Shoveler](#), Teal, Tufted Duck, Wren

Boultham Mere

[Bar-Headed Goose \(1\)](#), Black Headed Gull (80), Blue Tit (10), Buzzard (2), Collared Dove (1), Cormorant (12), [Fieldfare](#), Green Woodpecker, Grey Partridge (8), [Greylag Goose \(300\)](#), House Sparrow (2), Lapwing (168), Moorhen (6), Mute Swan, [Redwing \(15\)](#), Robin (6), [Shoveler \(3\)](#), [Stock Dove \(1\)](#), Teal (144), Treecreeper (1), [Woodcock \(1\)](#)



Barnacle Geese photographed today at RAF Woodhall Spa © Clive Moore

23/12/25

Tennysons Sands - Jacksons Marsh

Shoveler, Teal, Greylag Goose, Lapwing, Curlew, Little Grebe, Wren, Pheasant

Middlemarsh Farm

Russian White-Fronted Goose (7) - In field North of Low Road

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (8), Whooper Swan, Brent Goose Dark Bellied, Greylag Goose, Shelduck, Shoveler, Kestrel, Stonechat, Avocet, Pintail, Gadwall, Wigeon, Curlew, Starling

Stallingborough

Caspian Gull (1) - First Winter

Tetney Lock

Pied Wagtail, Mistle Thrush, Meadow Pipit, Mallard, Little Grebe, Little Egret, Dunnoek, Curlew, Chaffinch, Carrion Crow, Brent Goose Dark Bellied, Blackbird, Black Headed Gull

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still in private Garden

Goosemans Field

Black Headed Gull (10), Brent Goose Dark Bellied (23), Bullfinch (2), Buzzard (2), Carrion Crow (4), Common Gull (12), Great Tit (2), Greenfinch (2), Herring Gull, Kestrel (1), Magpie (27), Pied Wagtail (3), Redwing (2), Song Thrush (2), Sparrowhawk (1), Woodpigeon (20), Wren (2)

22/12/25

Cleethorpes LNR

Glossy Ibis (1) - On Saltmarsh near Chalets

Barnetby

Fieldfare (12), Greenfinch (2), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (3), Linnet (11), Merlin (1), Pink-Footed Goose (162), Red-Legged Partridge (7), Redwing (4), Skylark (3), Song Thrush (3), Sparrowhawk (1), Starling (329), Stock Dove (8), Wren (7), Yellowhammer (14)

Snipe Dales LWT

Yellowhammer (6), Wren (8), Woodcock (1), Tree Creeper (5), Stock Dove (3), Siskin (38), Rook (150), Reed Bunting (1), Redwing (65), Meadow Pipit (3), Long-Tailed Tit (20), Jay (4), Great Tit (12), Great Spotted Woodpecker (5), Fieldfare (36), Crossbill (4), Coal Tit (7), Buzzard (2), Bullfinch (8), Blackbird (64)

Trusthorpe

Snow Bunting (6) - Flew South along the Beach

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver (Juvenile) - Still present on Site

Gosberton

Bean Goose SP (2) - Flew over this Morning

21/12/25

Boultham Mere

Water Rail (1), Teal (124), Shoveler (3), Stock Dove (1), Robin (4), Redwing (16), Mute Swan, Moorhen (4), Marsh Harrier (1), Kestrel (1), Greylag Goose (300), Great White Egret (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker (3), Gadwall, Fieldfare, Cormorant (6), Collared Dove, Cettis Warbler (1), Black Headed Gull (17)

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake) - Still present on Site

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still present in private Garden

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spotted Redshank (1), Shelduck, Brent Goose, Shoveler, Wigeon, Teal, Pintail, Collared Dove, Avocet, Lapwing, Golden Plover, Oystercatcher, Curlew, Black-Tailed Godwit, Redshank, Little Grebe, Sparrowhawk, Skylark, Wren, Blackbird, Redwing, Meadow Pipit, Rock Pipit, Goldfinch

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Whooper Swan, Bearded Tit, Black-Tailed Godwit (7), Great Spotted Woodpecker, Stonechat, Kingfisher, Peregrine Falcon, Hen Harrier (Male), Great Egret, Merlin

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Black-Tailed Godwit, Blackbird (8), Cormorant (4), Curlew, Goldfinch, Herring Gull, Kestrel (1), Lapwing (200), Mute Swan (2), Redshank, Shoveler (6), Sparrowhawk (1), Teal, Tufted Duck (29), Wigeon (32)



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Willow Tree Fen pm 20/11/25

15 Crane, 247 Whooper Swan, 30 Marsh Harrier, 1-2 Merlin, Peregrine, Sparrowhawk, 44 Goosander, 3 GW Egret, 3 C Egret, Bittern, 7 L Egret, L Owl, G Woodpecker, 3 Stonechat & 5+ Snipe

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Three of the 15 **Common Cranes** at Willow Tree Fen © Josh Sollitt on BlueSky

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20/12/25

Trent Falls

Curlew Sandpiper (1)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Brent Goose (22), Golden Plover (90), Greylag Goose (45), Herring Gull, Kestrel (1), Kingfisher (1), Lapwing (100), Little Grebe (8), Pintail (22), Redshank (1), Shoveler (1), Siskin, Snipe (5), Wigeon (90)

Cress Marsh

Black-Tailed Godwit, Blackbird, Chaffinch, Kestrel, Linnet, Mallard, Starling, Teal, Wigeon

Boultham Mere

Bar-Headed Goose (1), Buzzard (1), Canada Goose (3), Cettis Warbler (1), Cormorant (4), Fieldfare (1), Goosander (1), Grey Heron (1), Jay (1), Moorhen (3), Mute Swan (1), Pink-Footed Goose (20), Redwing (18), Shoveler (3), Sparrowhawk (1), Teal (61), Tufted Duck (4), Wigeon (1)

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - In private Garden

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Short-Eared Owl (1) - Off Cross Bank, Hen Harrier (Male)



Curlew Sandpiper photographed today at Trent Falls © Niel Drinkall

19/12/25

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier (Male)

Rimac

Black Headed Gull, Canada Goose (5), Carrion Crow, **Cattle Egret (6)**, Chiffchaff, **Curlew**, Dunlin, Dunnock, Greylag Goose, Herring Gull, Lapwing, Little Egret, Long-Tailed Tit, Mallard, Marsh Harrier, Pink-Footed Goose, Redshank, Reed Bunting, Shelduck, **Shoveler**, Skylark, Sparrowhawk, Teal, Wigeon, Wren

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver (2), Great Northern Diver (1) - Still present on Site

Cress Marsh

Shoveler (2), Redwing (2), Pintail (1), Linnet (100), **Green Sandpiper (1)**, Dunlin (1)

Hawthorpe

Fieldfare (14), Red Kite (5)

Messingham Sand Quarry

Bittern (1)

Leadenham Tip

Caspian Gull (2)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Bar-Tailed Godwit, **Black-Tailed Godwit**, Canada Goose (35), Cormorant (1), **Curlew**, Dunlin, Gadwall (4), Golden Plover (3000), Lapwing (160), Mistle Thrush (1), **Redwing (1)**, Shelduck, **Shoveler (10)**, Snipe (1), **Stock Dove (5)**, **Stonechat (1)**, Teal (7), Tufted Duck (39), Wren (1)

18/12/25

Deepings High Bank

Great White Egret

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe NNR

Cattle Egret (2)

Legbourne

Black Headed Gull (10), Gadwall (2), Grey Heron (10), Greylag Goose (2), Jackdaw (5), Lapwing (180), Mallard (40), [Shoveler](#) (6), Teal (6), Tufted Duck (2), Woodpigeon

Tattershall Thorpe

Coot (50), Cormorant (6), Gadwall (6), [Great White Egret](#) (1), Greylag Goose (7), Meadow Pipit (2), Mute Swan (8), Redshank (1), [Shoveler](#) (2), Teal (4), Tufted Duck (30), Wigeon (100)

Gayton Le Marsh

Wigeon (10), Whooper Swan (53), Starling (20), Pink-Footed Goose (2000), Mute Swan (82), Moorhen (20), Mallard (20), Lapwing (120), Kestrel (1), Grey Heron (1), Golden Plover (13), [Fieldfare](#) (50), Dunnock (1), [Curlew](#) (1), Buzzard (1), Blue Tit (2), Blackbird (2)

Branston Fen

Little Owl (1)

The Orchard, Mablethorpe

[Curlew](#) (17), Pink-Footed Goose (4000), Golden Plover (26)

Sutton on Sea

Black Headed Gull, Common Gull, Common Scoter (6), Dunnock, Great Black-Backed Gull, Herring Gull, Oystercatcher (2), Pied Wagtail, [Red-Throated Diver](#) (11), Robin, Sanderling (1), Shelduck (5), Song Thrush (1)

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake) - Still present on Site



One of at least three **Great White Egrets** at Deeping High Bank © Chris Grimshaw

17/12/25

Sandtoft

Glossy Ibis (1) - Flew North East over River Torne

Tallington Lakes

Greater Scaup (Female), Ferruginous/Pochard Hybrid, Red-Crested Pochard (Drake), Pochard

Cleethorpes LNR

Glossy Ibis (1) - Still Present

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake), Tufted Duck (30), Shoveler (3), Red Kite (1), Mute Swan, Grey Heron (2), Gadwall (1), Cettis Warbler (1), Canada Goose, Buzzard (1)

Horse Shoe Point

Buzzard (1), Chaffinch (42), Cormorant (4), Curlew (8), Dunlin, Golden Plover (14), Great White Egret (1), Grey Heron (1), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (40), Linnet (90), Marsh Harrier (2), Merlin (1), Pink-Footed Goose (30), Redshank, Shelduck (60), Whooper Swan (92)

Mablethorpe

Caspian Gull - At Beach Outfall

Tattershall Bridge

Blackbird (4), Cormorant (1), Egyptian Goose (1), Kestrel (1), Pink-Footed Goose, Robin (3)



Ferruginous Duck (Drake) still present at Langtoft and photographed today © Andy Sims

16/12/25

RSPB Freiston Shore

Woodcock, Water Rail, Black-Tailed Godwit, Brent Goose Dark Bellied, Curlew, Dunlin, Eider, Golden Plover,

Kingfisher, Knot, Lapwing, Little Egret, [Pintail](#), Redshank, [Rock Pipit](#), [Shoveler](#), Skylark (20), Snipe (15), Teal, Wigeon

RSPB Frampton Marsh

[Merlin](#) (1), [Hen Harrier](#) (Male), [Black-Tailed Godwit](#), [Brent Goose](#) Dark Bellied, Buzzard, [Cettis Warbler](#), [Curlew](#), Dunlin, Gadwall, Greylag Goose, Knot, Lapwing, Marsh Harrier (6), Pink-Footed Goose, [Pintail](#), Redshank, [Rock Pipit](#) (1), Ruff, Sparrowhawk, Shelduck, [Shoveler](#), Teal, Whooper Swan (12), Wigeon

Boultham Mere

[Bar-Headed Goose](#) (1), Black Headed Gull (75), Blackbird (20), Collared Dove (3), Cormorant (10), Dunnock (1), [Great Spotted Woodpecker](#) (3), Great Tit (8), Green Woodpecker (1), Grey Heron (1), Greylag Goose (197), House Sparrow (5), Jay (3), Kingfisher (1), Little Grebe (1), [Redwing](#) (10), [Shoveler](#) (2), Teal (124), Water Rail (1)

Hundred Fen, Spalding

Buzzard (2), [Fieldfare](#) (200), Grey Heron (1), Kestrel (3), Magpie (3), Mute Swan (3)

Sandtoft

[Hoopoe](#) (1) - At Sandtoft Road

Langtoft

[Ferruginous Duck](#) (Drake)- Still present, [Goosander](#) (6), [Fieldfare](#), Goldeneye (1), [Redwing](#), [Shoveler](#), Tufted Duck

15/12/25

Covenham Reservoir

[Black-Thorated Diver](#), Canada Goose (15), Coot, Cormorant (50), Gadwall, [Goosander](#), Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Mallard, Pied Wagtail, Pochard, Raven, Redshank, [Slavonian Grebe](#), Tufted Duck, Wigeon

Langtoft

[Ferruginous Duck](#) (Drake) - Still present on Site

Tattershall Thorpe

[Great White Egret](#) (2), [Stonechat](#) (2)

Cleethorpes Coast LNR

[Glossy Ibis](#) (1) - Still present on Site

RSPB Freiston Shore

Greylag Goose, [Brent Goose](#), Canada Goose, Shelduck, [Shoveler](#), Gadwall, Wigeon, [Pintail](#), Teal, [Goosander](#), Avocet, Golden Plover, Lapwing, [Curlew](#), Redshank, Herring Gull, Little Grebe, Cormorant, Carrion Crow, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, [Rock Pipit](#), Linnet, Goldfinch

Sleaford, Tattershall

Barn Owl (1), Coot (1), [Egyptian Goose](#) (3), [Goosander](#) (6), [Great White Egret](#) (1), Grey Heron (1), Little Egret (10), Little Grebe (30), Moorhen (1), Pheasant (1), Pink-Footed Goose (150)



Barn Owl out hunting on the river Witham 15/12/25 © Stewart Wilson

14/12/25

Bourne Woods

Common Crossbill (6)

North Promenade

Purple Sandpiper (1)

Pyewipe

Caspian Gull (1)

Cleethorpes Coat LNR

Glossy Ibis (1)

Cleethorpes Country Park

Glossy Ibis (1) - At east side of Lakes - Elusive

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (2), Black Headed Gull, Chiffchaff, Coot, Cormorant, Fieldfare, Gadwall, Goldeneye (2), Goosander (1), Greylag Goose, Jackdaw, Jay, Little Egret (1), Mute Swan, Pintail, Pochard, Red Kite (2), Redwing, Shoveler, Teal, Tufted Duck, Whooper Swan, Wigeon, Woodpigeon

Cove Lane Pits

Black-Throated Diver (1) - Still present at Site

13/12/25

Rimac

Cattle Egret (3), Cormorant (3), Curlew (12), Great Black-Backed Gull (68), Herring Gull (150), Little Egret (1), Mallard (6), Redshank (3), Shoveler (36), Starling (12), Teal (92), Whooper Swan (5), Wigeon (64)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Merlin (1)

Toft Newton Reservoir

Fieldfare (190), Great Crested Grebe (9), Grey Heron (3), Cormorant (6), Redshank (1), Tufted Duck (2), Teal (127), Shoveler (4)

Alkborough Flats

Wren (3), Tawny Owl (2), Robin (2), Marsh Harrier (1), Linnet (36), Greenfinch (5), Great Tit (3), Fieldfare (2), Chiffchaff, Cettis Warbler (3), Carrion Crow (4), Blue Tit (3), Blackbird (10)

Killingholme Pits

Black Headed Gull, Blackbird, Blue Tit, Grey Heron, Lapwing (100), Mallard, Marsh Harrier, Pheasant, Shoveler, Teal

Healing to Cress Marsh

Blackbird (20), Buzzard (1), Carrion Crow, Cettis Warbler (1), Red Kite (1), Redwing (6), Woodpigeon, Wren (1)

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still in private Garden

Cove Lane Pits

Black-Throated Diver (1)

Deeping St James

Glossy Ibis (2) - In ash tree



A probable **Siberian Lesser Whitethroat** seen in North Hykeham © Matt Dineen

12/12/25

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Black-Tailed Godwit, Canada Goose (61), Curlew, Gadwall (20), Golden Plover, Grey Heron (1), Greylag Goose (40), Kestrel (10), Lapwing (100), Long-Tailed Tit (11), Mallard, Redshank, Stock Dove, Shoveler (8), Teal (6),

Tufted Duck (33), Wigeon (35), Wren (1)

Keelby Village

Starling (85), Sparrowhawk (1), Robin (5), Pink-Footed Goose (38), Magpie (20), Linnet (100), Kestrel (10), Jay (1), House Sparrow (6), [Fieldfare \(7\)](#), Chiffchaff (9), Buzzard (3)

Deeping Lakes

[Glossy Ibis \(3\)](#) - [By the Pool between West Pit and River Welland](#), [Long-Eared Owl \(2\)](#) - [In Ivy tree near Hide](#)

Middlemarsh Farm

[Stonechat \(2\)](#), Wigeon (250), Teal (150), [Shoveler \(4\)](#), [Stock Dove \(8\)](#), Marsh Harrier (1), Cormorant (4), [Great Spotted Woodpecker \(1\)](#), Curlew (17)

Cleethorpes LNR

[Glossy Ibis \(1\)](#) - [Still present on Site](#)

Whisby NR

Wigeon, Tufted Duck, Teal (10), Pochard, Mute Swan, Moorhen, Mallard, Little Grebe, Jackdaw, Green Woodpecker, [Great White Egret \(1\)](#), Great Tit, Gadwall, Cormorant (4), Coot, Carrion Crow (3), Blue Tit (2), Blackbird (1), Black Headed Gull (1)

11/12/2025

Rimac

[Water Pipit \(2\)](#) - [On Freshmarsh Scrape](#)

Boultham Mere

[Bar-Headed Goose \(1\)](#), [Redpoll \(1\)](#), [Redwing \(15\)](#), [Shoveler \(13\)](#)

Toft Newton Reservoir

Common Gull (220), Coot (44), Cormorant (21), [Fieldfare \(80\)](#), Gadwall (34), Goldeneye (9), Great Crested Grebe (5), Greylag Goose (61), Kestrel (1), Lapwing, Mallard (55), Rook, [Shoveler \(9\)](#), Starling (140), [Stock Dove \(2\)](#), Teal (133), Tufted Duck (5), Wigeon (2)

Willingham Woods

Blackbird, Blue Tit, Buzzard, Coal Tit, Goldcrest, [Great Spotted Woodpecker](#), Great Tit, Long-Tailed Tit, Mallard, Nuthatch, [Redwing](#), Robin, Siskin, [Stock Dove](#), Woodpigeon, Wren

Covenham Reservoir

[Black-Throated Diver](#), [Great Northern Diver](#) - [Still present South Corner](#), Coot (264), Cormorant (355), Goldeneye (48), Great Crested Grebe (56), Greylag Goose (300), Pochard (60), Redshank (7), [Redwing](#), Tufted Duck (99), Wigeon (4)

Saltfleet

[Black Brant](#), [Brent Goose \(450\)](#) - [On New Inn Field](#)

Crook Bank

[Shore Lark \(3\)](#) - [Still present on Site](#), [Snow Bunting \(15+\)](#)



Black Brant amongst **Brent Geese** spotted today at Saltfleet © Owen Beaumont

10/12/25

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spoonbill (8), Black-Tailed Godwit (1), Red-Breasted Merganser (5)

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still present in private Garden

Cleethropes Boating Lake

Black Headed Gull (60), Blackbird (2), Canada Goose (12), Collared Dove (3), Cormorant (1), Curlew (1), Greenfinch (2), Grey Heron (1), Greylag Goose (64), Herring Gull (4), Jack Snipe (1), Mallard (87), Moorhen (15), Mute Swan (8), Oystercatcher (1), Pochard (2), Robin (1), Tufted Duck (27)

Grainthorpe

Great White Egret (2) - In Fields

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake) - Still present on Site

Tallington Lakes

Greater Scaup (Female) - Still present on Site

Hawthorpe, Bourne

Red Kite (7), Short-Eared Owl (2), Raven (1), Kestrel (2), Collared Dove (1), Carrion Crow

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Brent Goose, Canada Goose, Cettis Warbler, Chaffinch, Curlew, Dunnock, Fieldfare, Gadwall, Goldcrest, Golden Plover, Goldfinch, Greylag Goose, Lapwing, Little Egret, Long-Tailed Tit, Meadow Pipit, Mute Swan, Pintail, Redshank, Reed Bunting, Shelduck, Shoveler, Skylark, Stonechat, Teal, Wigeon, Wren



Ring-necked Parakeet in Grantham © Steve Nesbitt



13 of the 22 **Common Cranes** at Willow Tree Fen on 10/12/25 © Andrew P. Chick

9/12/25

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Black-Tailed Godwit, Buzzard (1), Common Gull, Cormorant (1), Curlew, Gadwall (5), Golden Plover (30), Grey Plover, Herring Gull, Kestrel (1), Lapwing (200), Little Grebe, Mallard, Mute Swan, Pied Wagtail (1), Shoveler (10), Starling (50), Tufted Duck (24), Wigeon (15), Woodpigeon

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - In private Garden

RAF Woodhall Spa

Cormorant (37), Great White Egret (1), Pochard (12), Redshank (17)

Immingham

Little Stint (1) - On the river Humber

Whisby NR

Great White Egret (1), Redpoll, Redwing, Shoveler, Treecreeper, Siskin, Wigeon, Tufted Duck

Sandtoft

Hoopoe (1) - Reportedly been present the past 7 days, no further sign this afternoon)

8/12/25

Flixborough, Scunthorpe

Yellow-Legged Gull (1), Redwing (20), Merlin (1), Fieldfare (26), Bullfinch (2), Coal Tit (1), Grey Plover (10), Marsh Harrier (3), Sparrowhawk (1), Lapwing (17), Common Gull (139)

Gibraltar Point NR

Bar-Tailed Godwit (400), Black-Tailed Godwit (7), Brent Goose Dark Bellied (62), Common Scoter (14), Cormorant (187), Curlew (60), Dunlin (2500), Eider (51), Golden Plover (1200), Grey Plover (2000), Knot (5000), Lapwing (2200), Oystercatcher (2000), Pink-Footed Goose (104), Red-Breasted Merganser (8), Red-Throated Diver (2), Sanderling (150), Shoveler (71), Velvet Scoter (1), Wigeon (110)

RSPB Tetney Marsh

Brent Goose Dark Bellied (80), Common Scoter (500), Cormorant, Curlew, Eider (2), Great Crested Grebe, Lapwing (1000), Little Egret (4), Marsh Harrier (1), Oystercatcher, Pink-Footed Goose (40), Redshank, Rock Pipit (5), Shelduck, Skylark, Teal (20), Velvet Scoter (1)

Mablethorpe

Siberian Chiffchaff (1)

Witham Mouth

Great Crested Grebe (1), Eider (1), Common Scoter (3), Cattle Egret (7), Curlew (100)

North Prom - St Anthony's Bank

Brent Goose Dark Bellied (64), Common Scoter (60), Cormorant (1), Curlew (150), Dunlin (950), Eider (1), Great Northern Diver (1), Grey Plover (10), Grey Wagtail (1), Kingfisher (1), Knot (1), Oystercatcher (81), Pink-Footed Goose (41), Purple Sandpiper (1), Redshank (30), Ringed Plover (19), Shelduck (57), Snipe (1), Turnstone (48)

7/12/25

Halton Marshes

Water Pipit (1) - On flew south

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver (1), Black-Throated Diver (1), Slavonian Grebe (1) - All still present on site, Cormorant, Canada Goose, Coot, Goldeneye, Great Crested Grebe, Greylag Goose, Little Grebe, Mallard, Pochard, Redshank, Starling, Tufted Duck, Wigeon

Gibraltar Point NR

Slavonian Grebe (1) - On the Sea, Great Northern Diver, Snow Bunting (1) - On the Beach

Denton Reservoir

Crossbill (23)

Tallington Lakes

Greater Scaup (Female)

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake) - Still present on Site

Horse Shoe Point

Twite (1)

Mablethorpe

Siberian Chiffchaff (1)

Willow Tree Fen

Wigeon (23), Snipe (3), Redpoll, Red Kite (2), Mute Swan (5), Marsh Harrier (4), Grey Heron (10), Green Woodpecker (1), Cormorant (5)

Deeping Lakes

Red Kite (1), Teal, Shoveler, Wigeon, Tufted Duck, Marsh Harrier (1), Lapwing, Long-Tailed Tit, Kestrel (1), Greylag Goose, Great White Egret (1), Gadwall, Fieldfare, Cormorant, Coot, Cettis Warbler, Canada Goose, Blackbird, Black Headed Gull

6/12/25

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake) - Still present on Site

Saltfleetby/Theddlethorpe Dunes

Shore Lark (3) - Still present on site, Snow Bunting (15)

Holywell Lakes

Buzzard (2), Canada Goose (28), Coot (7), Cormorant (1), Egyptian Goose (2), Gadwall (11), Jay (1), Little Egret (2), Little Grebe (21), Mallard (75), Moorhen (27), Red Kite (1), Teal (35), Tufted Duck (19), Wigeon (4), Wren (2)

Westwood Ho, Grimsby

Curlew (37)

Cleethorpes LNR

Glossy Ibis (1)

Deeping Lakes

Chaffinch, Fieldfare, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Jackdaw, Red Kite, Grey Heron, Cormorant, Herring Gull, Coot, Lapwing, Black Headed Gull, Tufted Duck, Gadwall, Canada Goose, Greylag Goose

Sleaford

Wren (1), Robin (1), Pheasant (1), Moorhen (1), Marsh Harrier (1), Magpie (2), Lapwing (1), Great Tit (1), Fieldfare (300), Buzzard (2), Blue Tit (1), Blackbird (1)

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Slavonian Grebe - All still present on site, Pink-Footed Goose, Gadwall, Shoveler, Pochard, Goldeneye, Coot, Redshank, Great Crested Grebe, Little Grebe, Cormorant, Sparrowhawk, Robin, Redwing, Meadow Pipit, Wren

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - In private Garden



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Lesser Whitethroat, probably blythi, in a private North Hykeham garden today. @lincsbirding.bsky.social @btobirds.bsky.social

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Lesser Whitethroat (Probably Blythi) in North Hykeham from Andy Sim'ss BlueSky Post

- <https://bsky.app/profile/andysims49.bsky.social/post/3m7dbsqm2m22w>

5/12/25

Willow Tree Fen

Cormorant, Goosander (20), Great White Egret, Grey Heron, Kestrel, Marsh Harrier (27), Red Kite, Shoveler, Starling (100), Wigeon

Far Ings NR

Bittern, Great White Egret, Cettis Warbler, Great Crested Grebe, Grey Heron, Little Grebe, Long-Tailed Tit, Mute Swan, Robin, Starling, Wren

Cleethorpes LNR

Glossy Ibis (1), Curlew (4), Kingfisher (1), Little Egret (5), Marsh Harrier, Meadow Pipit (19), Oystercatcher (2), Skylark (16), Sparrowhawk (1), Whooper Swan (1), Woodcock (1), Yellowhammer (13)

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake)

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver - Still present on Site

RSPB Freiston Shore

Greylag Goose, Brent Goose, Whooper Swan, Shelduck, Wigeon, Pintail, Teal, Goldeneye, Avocet, Lapwing, Curlew, Redshank, Spotted Redshank, Cormorant, Little Egret, Merlin, Meadow Pipit, Siskin, Linnet

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Bearded Tit, Peregrine Falcon, Whooper Swan (30), Pink-Footed Goose, Ruff (4), Golden Plover (3000), Spotted Redshank, Rock Pipit (2), Linnet (40), Stonechat (2)

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Seen in a private Garden



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The adult Drake Ferruginous Duck was back at Langtoft West End, Lincs this morning, after a period of absence, though true to recent form, remained fairly distant @birdguides.bsky.social @rarebirder.bsky.social @lincsbirding.bsky.social #ukbirds #rarebirds



The adult Drake **Ferruginous Duck** was back at Langtoft West End from Paul Bolton's BlueSky Post - <https://bsky.app/profile/paolobolton.bsky.social/post/3m7ay6o6hy22p>

4/12/25

Gibraltar Point NR

Bar-Tailed Godwit (12), Black-Tailed Godwit (7), Brent Goose Dark Bellied (133), Bullfinch (1), Common Scoter (11), Cormorant (145), Curlew (25), Eider (5), Gadwall (43), Golden Plover (300), Grey Plover, Herring Gull (300), Lapwing (1800), Long-Tailed Duck (1), Oystercatcher, Pink-Footed Goose (2600), Pintail (3), Red-Throated Diver (1), Redshank (40), Redwing (1), Sanderling (20), Shoveler (68), Snipe (2), Teal (550), Turnstone (6), Water Pipit (1), Wigeon (350), Woodcock (1)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Black-Tailed Godwit, Cormorant (1), Curlew, Golden Plover (3000), Goldeneye, Great Black-Backed Gull, Lapwing (100), Linnet (15), Little Grebe (2), Pied Wagtail, Mute Swan, Redshank, Robin, Shoveler (6), Starling

(17), Teal (7), Tufted Duck (24), Wigeon (39)

Sutton on Sea

Rock Pipit (1), Redwing (1), Pintail (1), Eider (8)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spotted Redshank (1)

Norvartis Ings

Glaucous Gull (Juvenile)

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver (2)

3/11/25

RSPB Freiston Shore

Avocet (4), **Black-Tailed Godwit (1)**, **Brent Goose Dark Bellied (200)**, Cormorant (6), Dunlin (12), Golden Plover (300), Goldeneye (2), House Sparrow (40), Lapwing (400), Linnets (20), Little Egret (6), Little Grebe (20), Marsh Harrier (2), **Merlin (1)**, Pink-Footed Goose (80), Pintail (60), Redshank (20), **Spotted Redshank (1)**, **Shoveler (1)**, Wigeon (1000)

Hawthorpe

Buzzard, Kestrel (2), **Red Kite (5)**, **Short-Eared Owl (2)**

Cleethorpes LNR - Leisure Centre-Buck Beck

Bar-Tailed Godwit (2), **Brent Goose Dark Bellied (2)**, Carrion Crow (50), **Curlew (3)**, **Glossy Ibis (1)**, Herring Gull, Knot (2), **Lapland Bunting (1)**, Linnets (16), Little Egret (3), Marsh Harrier (1), Oystercatcher (239), Redshank (17), Reed Bunting (12), **Snow Bunting (5)**, Turnstone (10), Wren, Yellowhammer (5)

Withern Ings

Buzzard (5), Chaffinch (6), Dunnock (2), **Fieldfare (9)**, Goldfinch (12), Greenfinch (2), Grey Heron (1), **Grey Wagtail (1)**, Kestrel (3), Lapwing (9), Little Grebe, Mallard (35), Raven (1), **Redwing (1)**, Skylark (5), Snipe (1), **Stock Dove (1)**, Teal (3), Wigeon (9)

Covenham Reservoir

Slovenian Grebe, Great Northern Diver, Black-Throated Diver (Juvenile) - All still present on Site

Molecey Mill Pit

Tufted Duck, Robin, **Fieldfare**, Blackbird, Common Gull, Jackdaw, Lapwing, Pochard, Teal, Mallard, Black Headed Gull, **Redwing**

Cleethorpes CP

Black Headed Gull (57), **Cettis Warbler (1)**, Coot (7), Gadwall (19), Herring Gull (16), Kingfisher (1), Mallard (16), Moorhen (4), Mute Swan (4), Tufted Duck (10), Wren (1)



Probable *blythi* Lesser Whitethroat at Tetney © Chris Atkin



Two **Tundra Bean Geese** on Trent Sand © Neil Drinkall

2/12/25

Boultham Mere

Redwing (14), Redpoll (30), Teal (5), Shoveler (7), Moorhen (12), Mallard (21), Jay (2), House Sparrow (2), Greylag Goose (61), Grey Heron (3), Greenfinch (2), Cormorant (15), Collared Dove (1), Canada Goose (5), Black Headed Gull (120)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Great White Egret (1)

Waters Edge CP

Black-Tailed Godwit (7), Black Headed Gull, Mallard (20), Coot (5), Cormorant (1), Cettis Warbler (2), House

Sparrow (6)

Manby and Carlton Flashes

Black-Tailed Godwit, Blackbird (12), Buzzard (1), Canada Goose (162), Cettis Warbler (1), Chiffchaff (1), Common Gull (72), Dunnock, Fieldfare (1), Goldfinch (2), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Great White Egret (1), Greylag Goose (365), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (150), Little Egret, Meadow Pipit (18), Pink-Footed Goose (290), Redshank, Robin (3), Shoveler (9), Snipe (1), Sparrowhawk (1), Teal (107), Tufted Duck (8), Whooper Swan (6), Wigeon (113), Wren (5), Yellowhammer (2)

Anderby Creek

Bearded Tit, Blue Tit, Cettis Warbler, Chaffinch (1), Curlew, Goldcrest (4), Greylag Goose, Herring Gull, Linnet (2), Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail (5), Redshank (1), Rock Pipit (1), Siskin (6), Skylark (3), Water Pipit (1), Wigeon (280), Wren

Deeping Lakes

Siskin, Robin, Cettis Warbler, Treecreeper, Goldcrest, Goldeneye, Tufted Duck, Goosander, Shoveler, Little Grebe, Woodcock, Egyptian Goose, Long-Tailed Tit, Lapwing, Redwing, Fieldfare, Cormorant, Teal, Red Kite, Kestrel, Moorhen, Stonechat, Robin

Brickyard Lane

Shore Lark (3) - Still present on Site

Crook Bank

Brambling (1), Curlew (20), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Great Tit (20), Linnet (5), Pheasant (12), Raven (2), Siskin (1), Sparrowhawk (1), Stock Dove (29), Wren, Yellowhammer (4)

Mablethorpe

Snow Bunting (28)

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver, Slavonian Grebe - All Still present on Site



Slavonian Grebe at Covenham Res on 2nd December 2025 © Roger Labbett

1/12/25

RSPB Tetney Marsh

Ruddy Shelduck (6)

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Black-Tailed Godwit, Blackbird (6), Canada Goose (46), Common Gull, Cormorant, Curlew, Dunnock, Gadwall (5), Golden Plover (30), Goldeneye (1), Great Black-Backed Gull, Greylag Goose (3), Lapwing (100), Little Grebe (2), Mallard, Mute Swan (6), Redshank, Redwing (1), Shelduck, Shoveler (4), Teal (34), Tufted Duck (20), Turnstone (1), Wigeon (7), Wren (1)

RSPB Frieston Shore

Goosander (North Lagoon), Spotted Redshank (South Lagoon), Merlin, Hen Harrier (Male)

Barnetby

Brambling (1), Fieldfare (7), Golden Plover (20), Pink-Footed Goose (258), Redwing (2), Siskin (1), Starling (722), Tree Sparrow (3), Wren (1)

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver, Black-Throated Diver (Juvenile), Red-Breasted Merganser, Slovenian Grebe - All still present on Site, Coot (100), Cormorant (150), Dunlin (1), Gadwall (4), Goldeneye (30), Great Crested Grebe (10), Greylag Goose (3), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (1), Little Grebe (8), Pochard (6), Redwing (1), Teal (2), Tufted Duck (100), Wigeon (6)

Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes NNR

Shorelark (3)



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Shorelarks, Lincolnshire coast yesterday @lincsbirding.bsky.social @lincswildlife.bsky.social @rarebirder.bsky.social #Birds



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Shorelark at Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe Dunes NNR © Mark Johnson on BlueSky <https://bsky.app/profile/msj99.bsky.social/post/3m6wrzjabb2j>

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Recording

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

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

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

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<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/>

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Mammal Atlas

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