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New Year Bird Race Results 2026 by Richard Doan

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the 2026 New Year's Day bird race in Lincolnshire and for sending in records.

Collectively we managed to record an impressive 150 species throughout the county, making it the second highest tally since the event started in 2021.

The table below summarises the number of participants, number of locations recorded and the species tally over the previous six years. The average species total for the six years comes in at 145 species, 2026 was certainly one to remember. It is fantastic to see so many people continuing to support and get involved in the event each year. Bird watching is so good for the soul and offers such a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the nature on your doorstep or further afield.

Year	No. of Participants	No. of Locations	Species tally
2021	46	-	144
2022	51	41	146
2023	75	60	139
2024	104	60	154
2025	64	56	142
2026	68	65	150

The weather on the day can often impact the results of a bird race. 2026 dawned with a cool north-westerly wind and remained overcast for much for the day.

The highlights of the day included; a Snow Goose in south Lincolnshire at Deeping Lakes amongst a herd of wild swans (Whoopers/Bewick's), this rare vagrant has attracted many visitors since its arrival over the festive period. A group of 5 Tundra Bean Geese at Baston Fen and another 2 at Gibraltar Point. A trio of divers from

Covenham Reservoir including the scarcer Great Northern and Black-throated, the latter has only been recorded in 2 out of 6 years. In mid Lincs, a Siberian Lesser Whitethroat has been lingering in the garden of one lucky observer! RSPB Freiston Shore supported a Spotted Redshank and 5 Avocet. Shore lark was also noted in the North of the county and a handful of Twite.

Snow Goose and Lesser Whitethroat were both new species that haven't been recorded on previous New Year's Day bird race events.



The influx of White-fronted Geese in winter 2025/2026 reached Lincolnshire with birds recorded from numerous locations, particularly along the coast and in the south of the county. In Cleethorpes, a Mediterranean Gull was observed at Cleethorpes Boating Lake with a colour ring. It was ringed as an adult in Poland in June 2025 and this is the first record of it in the UK!

As is customary, a number of 'plastics' (birds of dubious origin) made the list included Egyptian Goose, Mandarin Duck and Red-crested Pochard.

A few absentees were noted such as Velvet Scoter, Willow Tit and Lapland Bunting.

A number of species have now become well established in Lincolnshire over the past few years, in particular Cattle Egret, Common Crane and Glossy Ibis as illustrated in the table below. The Common Crane roost at Willow Tree Fen continues to go from strength to strength and currently supports an impressive 40 birds. This truly is an impressive conservation success story. How will Common Crane numbers look in 10 years-time may we one day see triple figures gracing the skies of Lincolnshire!

A full list of all the species recorded can be found on the website at [LBC 2026 Bird List](#). This list also includes a comparison for the years 2021-2026.



Photographs - Snow Goose Image by Russ Hayes and Bewick Swans by Andrew Chick

Colour-ringed Whooper Swans in Lincolnshire – January 2026 by Andrew Chick

Many birdwatchers took the opportunity to visit Deeping Lakes to see the Snow Goose that arrived with Whooper Swans towards the end of 2025. By early January, around 150 Whooper Swans and up to eight Bewick's Swans were using the waterbody beside the entrance road as a night-time roost. The swans typically arrived at dusk, spent the night on the water and departed early each morning to feed on surrounding farmland.

On the morning of 6 January 2026, with much of the lake frozen, many of the c.150 Whooper Swans present were standing on areas of 'thin' ice. Two individuals were noted carrying white darvic rings with black lettering, 34F and 36C. Both birds were originally ringed at Sandvatn, Mývatnsheiði, Iceland on 10 August 2023 and were recaptured at the same site on 7 August 2024. This observation represents the first resighting of 36C since 2024, while 34F has previously been recorded at Crowland on 28 January 2024 and at WWT Welney on 23 November 2024.

Also on 6 January, Russ Hayes observed the Snow Goose feeding alongside Whooper Swans in an arable field near Deeping Lakes. This bird was carrying a white darvic ring marked 53B and had been ringed at Miklavatn, Skagafjörður, on 11 August 2025. The sighting near Deeping Lakes was the first recorded observation of this individual since it was ringed.



The **Snow Goose** and **Whooper Swan** (53B) on 6th January near Deeping Lakes © Russ Hayes

All three birds had been ringed by the **Waterbird Colour-marking Group**, a volunteer-led organisation working across Britain and Ireland to study and conserve waterbirds using colour-marking techniques. The group brings together experienced bird ringers, fieldworkers, researchers and statisticians who give their time to capture, colour-mark and monitor a wide range of species. By fitting lightweight, uniquely coded colour rings or collars, individual birds can be identified in the field without the need for recapture. This approach complements traditional metal ringing and provides valuable information on movements, site fidelity and survival. The group runs projects on many familiar waterbird species, including geese, swans, ducks, gulls and waders, and **relies heavily on sightings reported by birdwatchers** to build up long-term life histories. The data collected play an important role in improving our understanding of waterbird ecology and informing conservation and management decisions. Further details can be found at <https://waterbirdcolourmarking.org/>.

Whooper Swans have been the focus of intensive study for many years through a long-term life-history project led by the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust in collaboration with Sverrir Thorstensen, Ólafur Einarsson, the Irish Whooper Swan Study Group and the Icelandic Institute for Natural History. This work began in 1989 and involved the capture and ringing of several thousand birds on both the Icelandic breeding and summering grounds and at wintering sites in Britain and Ireland. To help maintain colour-marked numbers and continue collecting data for demographic monitoring of the population, the Waterbird Colour-marking Group has since teamed up with Sverrir Thorstensen to continue catching and colour-marking Whooper Swans in Iceland. Targeted catching now focuses on non-breeding moulting flocks in northern Iceland, as well as family groups made up of breeding pairs and their cygnets.

Most Whooper Swans from the Iceland–UK–Ireland population breed in Iceland, with smaller numbers nesting in the UK and Ireland, making their conservation a shared international responsibility. Around 350 birds winter on mainland Europe, including the Netherlands, but their movements, locations and timing of presence there have remained poorly understood. In 2024, an opportunity arose **to fit a GPS tracker to one individual known to migrate to the Netherlands**. This tag recorded the bird's complete journey from Iceland to the UK, across to the Netherlands and back again, providing valuable insights into stopover sites, duration of stay and even movements around offshore wind farms in the North Sea.

GPS tracking of Icelandic Whooper Swans wintering on mainland Europe is vital, not only to assess potential overlap with the North-West mainland European population, which breeds in Russia, the Baltic States and Fennoscandia, but also



to accurately locate birds ahead of the next **full population census in January 2026**. The map shows the GPS track of the bird departing Iceland and its route to and from the Netherlands.

The Iceland Whooper Swan Study Group is driven by a dedicated team of volunteers brought together by a shared commitment to swan conservation. Led by Kane Brides, Sverrir Thorstensen and Dr Ólafur Einarsson, the group combines decades of field experience with strong analytical skills and an in-depth understanding of Whooper Swan ecology. Supported by contributors including Ketill Þór Thorstensen, Dr Stephen Vickers, Scott Petrek, Magnús Ingi Óskarsson, Jóhann Óli Hilmarsson, Dr Kevin Wood, Prof Cao Lei and Dr Eileen Rees OBE, the team covers everything from demanding fieldwork in remote wetlands to the analysis of complex migration data. Alongside **a wide network of volunteer ring readers**, their collective efforts transform challenging field studies into high-quality science that underpins the conservation of Whooper Swans.

If you see a **colour-ringed bird**, reporting it is one of the most valuable ways you can contribute to bird conservation. Each sighting provides critical information about the movements, survival, and behaviour of individual birds, helping scientists and conservationists track populations over time. Colour rings allow birds to be identified in the field without the need for recapture, meaning that every observation adds to a growing database of life histories. This data can reveal migration routes, feeding grounds, breeding success, site fidelity, and even threats such as habitat loss or collisions with human structures. **By simply noting the ring details, location, and date, you become part of a larger network of observers whose contributions directly inform conservation strategies, guide habitat management, and support long-term protection of species.** In short, every report matters: what may seem like a small observation could play a key role in ensuring the future of that species.

Photograph; Kane Brides in Iceland, with a boat load of Whooper Swans caught for colour-marking and monitoring.



LBC Messingham Sand Quarry Visit Report 24th Jan 2026

The walk started just after 09.00 with 8 members present; Pete Locking, Sally Prescott, Tony Housman, Keith Parker, John Davison, Eddie Gaunt, David Smith and Brian Hedley. We began by ticking off some quality birds in the car park and set off on the circuit listening to Coal Tit and Mistle Thrush singing. The beauty of a small group bird watch of mixed experience means that birds can be spotted and identified more readily and with more confidence than perhaps a single individual. On arriving at the large lake, the Ring-Necked Duck was quickly identified amongst a group of Tufties but alas, only for a short time until it swam out of sight. Further attempts to relocate it from the duck hide were in vain but a decent handful of other ducks were there including Pochard, Egyptian Goose and a pair of Whoopers flew over.

The walk carried on with Siskin, Redpoll, Goldcrest and Green Woodpecker seen or heard with fungi and lichens also being pointed out by the experts among the group.

The visit was scheduled to take 2 hours, but in fact, took two and half hours. Around 36 species were seen or heard, best birds for me: Redpoll, Siskin. Whooper Swan and the icing on the cake: Ring-Necked Duck. The day was bright sun, no wind with good conversation and expert input. All in all, a perfect morning out!

Pete Locking



Siskin at Messingham SQ 24/01/26 © Eddie Gaunt

LBC Website Update – New Ringing Report Section

We've updated the resources section of the website and added a ringing section.

At the moment it contains the ringing reports for the **Ball and Wade Bird Ring Partnership**. Over time we hope to keep adding to this resource.

Ball Wade Bird Ringing Report 2025 can be download at;

https://www.lincsbirdclub.co.uk/site/images/Ringing/2025_Report.pdf

It's an amazing read, although 2025 was a year of both sadness and transition for the ringing partnership. After the passing of Keith Bowden on 23 July 2025 following a stroke, the partnership name changed from "Bowden and Ball" to **Ball and Wade**. This report marks the **14th Annual Report**, now under the new partnership number 8032.

Ringing Totals and Efforts in 2025

The year saw a busy ringing season, with **6,564 birds processed across 64 species**, the highest total in five years. Alan Ball led the efforts, ringing 4,661 birds, while Keith Bowden contributed 11 before his passing.

Notable Ringing Sites

Marston STW topped the list with 2,407 birds processed, closely followed by Bourne Wood with 2,226. Other significant sites included Dunsby (170 birds) and Lowestoft North Denes (142 birds).

Highlights of Species Ringed

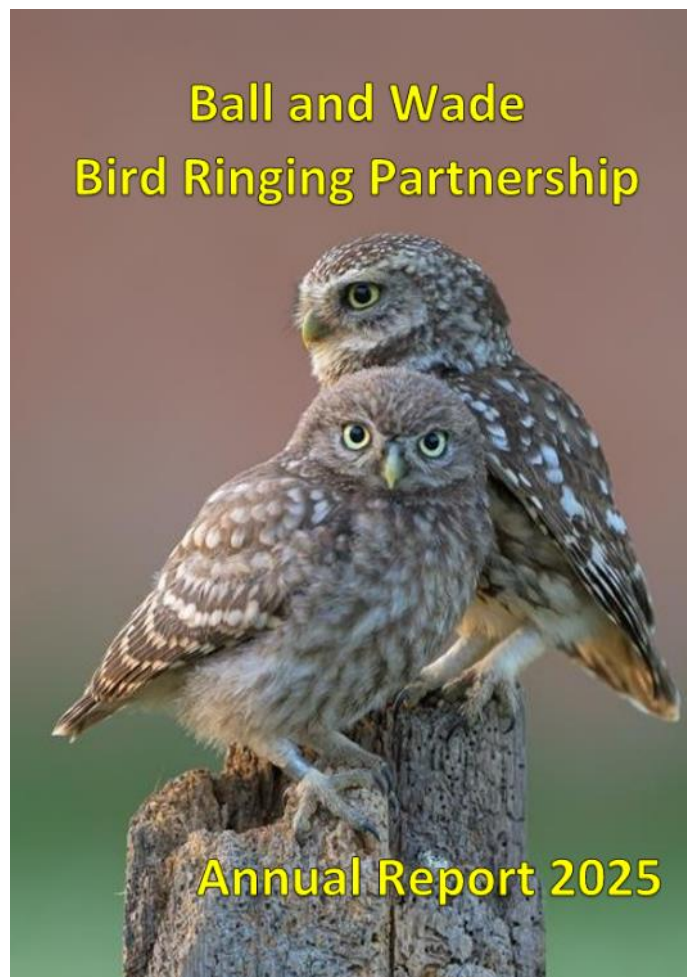
Record numbers were achieved for several species: **Blue Tits (1,609)**, **Reed Warblers (531)**, **Chiffchaffs (358)**, and **Cetti's Warblers (35)**.

Nest Records and Contributions

A total of **316 Nest Record Cards** were submitted, mainly for birds of prey, although numbers were lower than usual due to challenging breeding conditions. Andrew Chick's nest-box scheme for Pied Flycatchers contributed **59 records**, representing **64% of the group's total in three years**.

Raptor and Owl Nesting Overview

Peregrine nesting increased to six sites, though only two were successful, producing six chicks. Barn Owl nesting declined to 105 sites, with 76 broods ringed, reflecting a challenging year for breeding. Grantham celebrated its first successful Peregrine breeding in **12 years**, despite some losses due to predation.



Recoveries and Movements

The partnership recorded **61 recoveries**, highlighting impressive movements by Barn Owls and Kestrels. Notably, a Barn Owl was retrapped after **18 years**, setting a new longevity record for the species.

Marsh Harrier Highlights

A Marsh Harrier was observed at Marston STW over three consecutive winters. Returning to its natal area in its second year and later seen at Bourne South Fen, this bird illustrates the remarkable navigational abilities of these raptors.

Kestrel Records

A Kestrel set a **new British longevity record of 16 years and 165 days**, surpassing the previous 16 years and 95 days. Multiple Kestrel recoveries included a bird that travelled **589 km to France**, marking the third international recovery for the species. A GPS-tracked Kestrel was found dead, likely killed by a Peregrine.

Peregrine Falcons

Peregrines continued to be monitored at multiple sites, with notable sightings at St Wulfram's Church, Grantham. A French-ringed Peregrine visiting Britain was a first for the species, while most birds were identified in the field via colour rings.

Longevity Records for Other Species

- **Barn Owl:** new British and European longevity record at 18 years and 2 days.
- **Black-headed Gull:** Polish-ringed individual observed over 26 years at Lincolnshire landfill sites.
- **Tawny Owl:** oldest retrapped bird was nearly 14 years old.

Other Notable Recoveries

- A Swift was recovered after over **6 years**, highlighting migration routes.
- Sand Martins and Sedge Warblers showed international movements to France, Belgium, Spain, and Portugal.
- Reed Warblers, Garden Warblers, Chiffchaffs, Goldcrests, Long-tailed Tits, Wrens, and Cetti's Warblers all demonstrated interesting dispersal and migratory behaviour, contributing to a growing understanding of these species' movements.

Summary of Ringing and Recoveries

To date, the partnership has ringed **303,745 birds**, with **3,578 recoveries** and **1,400 controls**. Key species tracked include Kestrels, Barn Owls, and warblers, reflecting the diversity of birdlife in the region.

Review: The Fillingham Great Grey Shrike and other large grey shrike conundrums

Author: Graham Catley

Published: 18 Jan (Graham Catley Photography blog)

Full online article - [The Fillingham Great Grey Shrike and other large grey shrike conundrums including Steppe Grey Shrike a taxonomic bafflement – Graham Catley Photography](#)

Graham Catley's article is a rich blend of personal birding history, field observation, and taxonomic reflection, anchored around the appeal and enigma of the Great Grey Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*) in Britain. At its core, the piece is as much a memoir as a natural-history account, a celebration of a species that has both fascinated and frustrated birdwatchers for decades.

The article opens with Graham's encounter with a Fillingham Great Grey Shrike in January 2026, describing its behaviour, territoriality, and physical characteristics with keen detail and striking field photography.

The observer's narrative conveys more than just identification notes; it evokes a sense of place and moment, the shrike hovering over rough grass, its plumage in late afternoon light, and even the gruesome tableau of impaling a vole on a thorn. These vivid snapshots bring the bird to life, not just as a checklist tick, but as a subject of ongoing engagement.

Moving beyond a single sighting, Graham's transitions into historical perspectives, recounting shrike records dating back to the 1970s and through subsequent decades. His personal tally of more than 100 Great Grey Shrikes seen in Britain underscores how populations have shifted over time, and how much these birds once dominated certain migrant waves. This retrospective imbues the piece with nostalgia, but also a subtle lament over the species' growing rarity in modern British birding.

A significant portion of the article wrestles with taxonomic conundrums. Graham discusses the classification challenges within the Great Grey Shrike complex, including races like *homeyeri* and Steppe Grey Shrike, and how shifting treatments by authorities (including splits and lumps) can both aid and complicate identification. These sections reflect the broader uncertainty in shrike taxonomy and illustrate how even seasoned observers can struggle with complex plumage variations and geographic forms. Importantly, Graham avoids jargon-heavy



exposition; instead he weaves historical observation with interpretative insight, making taxonomy feel relevant to the field birder, not just the museum taxonomist.

The article excels in storytelling, Graham's voice comes through clearly: enthusiastic, experienced, and thoughtful. His reflections suggest that birding is as much about the journey and the connections forged with species over time as it is about classification and rarities. The Great Grey Shrike serves as a fitting emblem of this ethos, a bird both iconic and enigmatic, whose presence stirs memories of past coastal falls and winter territories long gone.

In summary, this article is more than a field report. It is a multilayered tribute to the Great Grey Shrike that seamlessly blends fieldcraft, personal memoir, and reflections on avian taxonomy. For anyone interested in shrikes, British rarities, or the lived experience of birding across decades, Graham's piece offers both information and inspiration.

The article is truly a visual feast, packed with stunning images that capture the beauty and character of its subjects. A reminder of the first Great Grey Shrike I saw in Lincolnshire, a long staying and returning bird that returned to Navenby Lowfields for a number of winters in the early 1990's. However, among the many images, my personal favourite has to be the Steppe Grey Shrike photograph, a striking image that was later chosen for the front cover of the first Lincolnshire Bird Club Report published in its current format, marking the first issue to appear since 1996. Its selection perfectly illustrates the quality and impact of the photography featured throughout the piece.

Beyond the visuals, the article itself is a fascinating read, blending insightful observations with compelling storytelling. I wholeheartedly recommend taking the time to explore it, you're in for both an informative and thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Andrew Chick



Help save Hawthorpe

18%

funded

£72,852 of £400,000 goal

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

One of Lincolnshire's largest remaining grassland habitats is closer to being secured following a £1 million grant from Biffa Award, awarded through the Government's Landfill Communities Fund. The funding will support Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's efforts to purchase and protect 87.65 hectares (217 acres) of rare grassland near Hawthorpe in south-west Lincolnshire, running alongside the East Glen River.

The site lies within one of the county's most intensively farmed and nature-depleted landscapes, making it a rare opportunity to restore and safeguard a large, connected area of wildlife-rich habitat. The land already supports a mosaic of grassland habitats and species including skylark, yellowhammer, short-eared owl, bees, butterflies and a wide range of wildflowers. Securing the site will allow long-term conservation management, helping to improve soil health, store carbon, reduce flood risk and strengthen resilience to climate change.

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust is aiming to raise a total of £1.4 million to purchase the land and protect it in perpetuity as a nature reserve. The Biffa Award grant represents a major milestone for the project and has been matched by strong public support, with thousands of pounds already donated.

Paul Learoyd, Chief Executive of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, described the funding as "transformational", while Rachel Maidment, Biffa Award Grants Manager, said the project will deliver lasting benefits for nature, climate resilience and local communities.

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

"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

Diary Date...

The LBC AGM March 21st 2026

Date: Saturday March 21 2026

Time: 14.00 - 16.00

Location: Whisby Education Centre

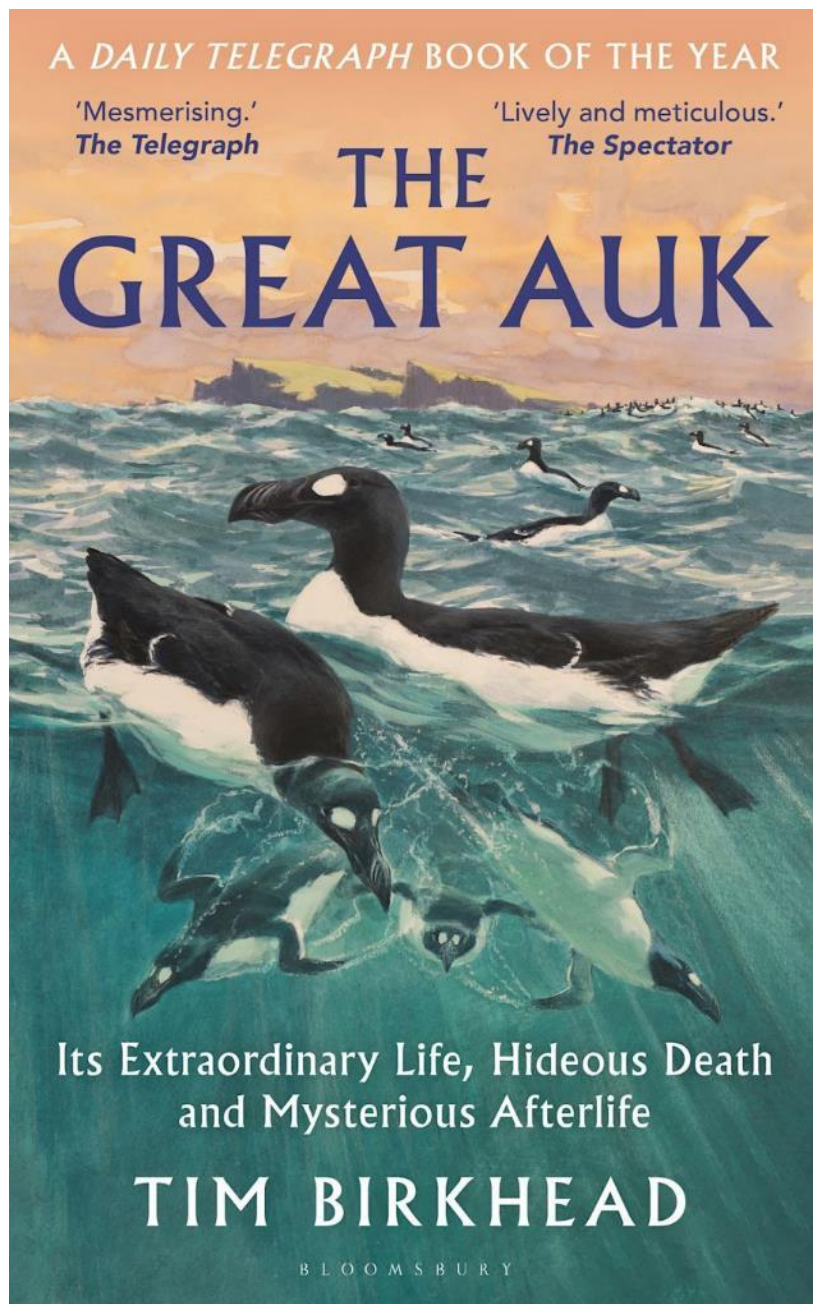
Join us for a compelling talk by Professor Tim Birkhead as he introduces his new book, *The Great Auk: The Life, Death and Afterlife of One of the True Icons of Extinction*.

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 Dates...



An Evening With David Lindo
“The Urban Birder”
Thursday 12th March
Presented by Lincoln RSPB Local Group

David Lindo is an awarded writer, broadcaster, public speaker, tour leader and birder who has spent his life encouraging others to notice nature in urban areas through the medium of birds.

Learn about some of his work and find out why it is so important to keep your mind and heart open when out birding - wherever you might find yourself.

Venue:
Robert Hardy Building, Lincoln Bishop University, Longdales Road, Lincoln, LN1 3DY
Doors Open from 18:45 Event starts at 19:30
Free Parking-Please observe university restrictions.
Entry by advance ticket only. Tickets available from Eventbrite @£7.50+fees. To purchase your tickets scan the QR code:



For information about the RSPB Lincoln Group go to:
www.lincs.rspb.org.uk



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The background image is of a Spanish hawk taken at his home by Tony Holders, an RSPB Lincoln Group member.

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



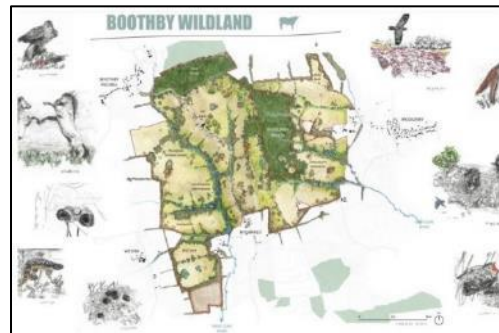
this diverse area should be alive with newly arrived summer migrants in addition to the resident bird population and is also rich in a wide range of Flora and insects. This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable early summer morning

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



Unified global taxonomy published for first time

The first-ever unified global checklist, AviList, was officially launched in June 2025, providing a long-awaited standard reference for ornithologists and conservationists worldwide.

Developed over four years by the Working Group on Avian Checklists – with contributions from BirdLife International, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the American Ornithologists' Society, the International Ornithologists' Committee (IOC) and Avibase – AviList consolidates previously conflicting global lists into a single authoritative taxonomy.

New global list

The list catalogues 11,131 bird species, 19,879 subspecies, 2,376 genera, 252 families and 46 orders, and is freely available at www.avilist.org.

The checklist will streamline global conservation efforts by eliminating inconsistencies and making it easier for scientists, birders and policymakers to share data and prioritise action. BirdLife International, which will gradually transition to AviList, says the unified approach will enhance the accuracy of tools such as the IUCN Red List and eBird.

Lincolnshire-raised birder Dr Stuart Butchart, Chief Scientist at BirdLife International, welcomed the launch, saying: "A single global taxonomy will reduce confusion, strengthen collaboration, and support more effective bird conservation."

Dr Paul Donald, BirdLife's representative on AviList, added: "Resolving hundreds of differences between existing lists was no small task, but the result is a much clearer picture of the world's birds – one that will serve science and conservation for decades."

Impact for British and European lists

AviList will supersede the IOC, the most recent update to which (version 15.2) will be the final. Meanwhile, eBird/Clements will carry out final revisions up until 2026 to fully catch up with AviList but is already 99% aligned.

The BOU's British list follows IOC taxonomy and will presumably therefore transfer to AviList taxonomy in the near future, but an official statement is yet to come from the BOU Records Committee.

With the unification of global taxonomies have come various changes, with many more expected in the coming years. Perhaps the most headline-grabbing in Europe the recent lumping of Redpolls; the split of Red Grouse previously announced and the splitting of **Buff-bellied Pipit** into two species, **American** (*Anthus rubescens*) and **Siberian Pipits** (*Anthus japonicus*), which was proposed in 2023, has been rubber-stamped, so the sole Lincolnshire record becomes American Pipit.

The first version of AviList, published on 12 June, has numerous other splits and lumps that impact the British and Western Palearctic lists. Future revisions are planned to be released once a year thereafter. The most significant changes are listed below:

Fea's Petrel renamed to Cape Verde Petrel.

Yelkouan and Balearic Shearwaters lumped as Mediterranean Shearwater.

Eurasian and Green-winged Teal lumped as Green-winged Teal.

Yellow-billed and Black Kite lumped as Black Kite.

Cape Verde Buzzard re-lumped with Common Buzzard.

Western, African, Grey-headed, Philippine, Australasian and Black-backed Swamphens lumped as Purple Swamphen.

Genus of Little Ringed and Three-banded Plovers changed from *Charadrius* to ***Thinornis***.

Sandwich and Cabot's Tern lumped as Sandwich Tern.

White Tern split into Atlantic White, Blue-billed White and Little White Tern.

Maghreb Owls re-lumped with Tawny Owl.

Pacific Swift lumped and renamed as Fork-tailed Swift.

Carrion and Hooded Crow lumped as Carrion Crow.

Spotted and Mediterranean Flycatcher lumped as Spotted Flycatcher.

Siberian and Amur Stonechat lumped as Siberian Stonechat.

Mourning, Basalt and Maghreb Wheatear lumped as Mourning Wheatear.

Streaked Scrub Warbler moved from *Scotocercidae* to *Cettiidae*.

Maghreb Lark re-lumped with Crested Lark.

Red Fox, Sooty Fox, Slate-coloured Fox and Thick-billed Fox Sparrow lumped as Fox Sparrow.

Myrtle, Audubon's and Goldman's Warbler lumped as Yellow-rumped Warbler.

(Reproduced with permission from Bird Guides, Jun 13th, 2025;

<https://www.birdguides.com/news/unified-global-taxonomy-published-for-first-time/>).

Lincolnshire Bird News – January 2026

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.

January 2026

31/1/26

Branston Island

Tundra Bean Goose (9) - Viewable through trees on Witham Cycle Path

Messingham Sand Quarry

Ring-necked Duck (Female) - Still present at Location

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Tallington Lakes

Greater Scaup (Female) - Still present at Location

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (7), Russian White-fronted Goose (26)

Alkborough

Common Crane (3) - Flying South at Alkborough along the Trent

North Somercotes

Brambling (1) - Still present

Middlemarsh Farm

Caspian Gull (1st Winter)

Willow Tree Fen

Russian White-fronted Goose (14) - In with Greylag Geese

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (3)

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still present with Whooper Swans

Hobhole Pumping Station

Greater Scaup (Male)



3 Common Crane flying South along the River Trent at Alkborough © Niel

30/1/26

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (3), Long-eared Owl (1)

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still at location with Whooper Swans

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still at Location

Crook Bank

Shore Lark (2)

North Somercotes

Brambling (1)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Russian White-fronted Goose (4), Snow Bunting (7), Twite (20), Peregrine Falcon, Great White Egret

Cleethorpes LNR

Snow Bunting (20) - Still in Dunes

Belton House

Firecrest

Hazelwood Drive

Ring-necked Parakeet

Mablethorpe

Black-headed Gull, Carrion Crow, Cattle Egret (2), Golden Plover (30), Goldfinch, Grey Heron, Linnet (30), Magpie, Mallard, Meadow Pipit, Pied Wagtail, Reed Bunting, Skylark, Snow Bunting (20), Twite (10)

Cress Marsh

Black-tailed Godwit (14), Chaffinch (7), Cormorant (1), Curlew (2), Gadwall (6), Goldfinch (1), Herring Gull (20), Mallard (4), Redshank (4), Shelduck (2), Shoveler (4), Starling (3), Teal (25), Tufted Duck (13), Wigeon (55)



Firecrest Photographed today at Belton House © Nezzy



Ring-necked Parakeet photographed today at Hazelwood Drive © Nezzy

29/1/26

Crook Bank

Shore Lark (2), Lapland Bunting (1), Snow Bunting (16)

Gibraltar Point NR

Russian White-fronted Goose (47)

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult),

Bewick's Swan (12) - In with Whooper Swans

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Baston and Langtoft Pits

Russian White-fronted Goose (1)

River Witham Mouth

Greater Scaup (Drake) - Still present

North Somercotes

Brambling (1)

Willow Tree Fen

Russian White-fronted Goose (14)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Black-tailed Godwit, Spotted Redshank (2), Mute Swan, Canada Goose, Brent Goose, Gadwall,

Wigeon, Shoveler, Teal, Mallard, Tufted Duck, Goldeneye, Golden Plover, Lapwing,

Moorhen, Greenshank, Redshank, Turnstone, Dunlin, Peregrine Falcon, Wren, House Sparrow, Chaffinch,

Blackbird, Robin, Reed Bunting, Goldfinch

Brigg

Goosander (1), Great White Egret (1), Fieldfare (3)

28/1/26

Gibraltar Point NR

Short-eared Owl (2)

Whisby NR

Coot, Dunnock, Goldeneye (1), Goosander (3), Great Crested Grebe (3), Great White Egret, Grey Heron,

Jackdaw (18), Moorhen, Robin, Shelduck (5), Shoveler

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still at Location

Deeping High Bank

Tundra Bean Goose (5), Snow Goose (Adult White Morph) - Still with Whooper Swans

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (7)

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (3), Long-Eared Owl (4)

Cut End

Snow Bunting (4)

River Witham Mouth

Greater Scaup (Male)

Wainfleet All Saints

Red-Throated Diver (1) - Along River Steeping

Cleethorpes LNR

Snow Bunting (23) - Still in Dunes

Riseholme Hall

Red Kite (1), Water Rail (1)

Huttoft Bank

Black-headed Gull, Black-tailed Godwit, Canada Goose, Carrion Crow, Cettis Warbler, Common Gull, Curlew, Dunlin, Gadwall, Greylag Goose, Herring Gull, Jackdaw, Kestrel, Lapwing, Mallard, Pied Wagtail, Red Kite, Redshank, Rook, Shelduck, Sparrowhawk, Stock Dove, Teal, Tufted Duck, Wigeon, Wren

27/1/26

Cut End Hide

Great Northern Diver (1), Red-Throated Diver (1), Black-Throated Diver (1), Slavonian Grebe (1), Great Crested Grebe (2), Eider (2), Red-Breasted Merganser (11), Little Gull (3), Kittiwake (21)

Lower Metheringham Fen

Fieldfare (92), Whooper Swan (160)

Mablethorpe

Snow Bunting (30) - On Beach North of Seal Sanctuary

Rimac

Shoveler, Wigeon, Mallard, Teal, Moorhen, Ringed Plover, Lapwing, Black-tailed Godwit, Magpie, Carrion Crow, Starling

Deeping Lakes

Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Canada Goose, Coot, Cormorant, Gadwall, Goldeneye, Goosander (2), Great White Egret (1), Grey Heron, Greylag Goose, Lapwing, Little Grebe, Little Owl, Moorhen, Mute Swan, Pochard, Red Kite, Treecreeper (2), Tufted Duck, Whooper Swan, Wigeon, Woodpigeon

Middlemarsh Farm

Black-headed Gull (200), Canada Goose (20), Collared Dove (2), Cormorant (36), Curlew (15), Gadwall (6), Golden Plover (4), Great Black-Back Gull (11), Greylag Goose (20), Herring Gull (430), Jackdaw (8), Kestrel, Linnet (50), Mallard (8), Redshank (2), Shoveler (4), Skylark (3), Starling (40), Stock Dove (2), Teal (100), Wigeon (500)

26/1/26

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Messingham Sand Quarry

Ring-necked Duck (Female) - Still present on Site

Deeping High Bank

Tundra Beak Goose (5) - In ploughed Field, Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still with Whooper Swans

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (3) - On River Welland, Long-Eared Owl (2)

Boating Lake

Pintail (Male)

Cleethorpes LNR

Red-Throated Diver (1)

Baston and Langtoft Pit

Russian White-fronted Goose (5)

Hobhole Pumping Station

Greater Scaup (Male) - Still present

St Anthony's Bank

Glossy Ibis (1) - Still present at Location

25/1/26

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (2) - At Maxey Cut, Long-eared Owl (1)

Deeping High Bank

Tundra Beak Goose (5) - In ploughed Field

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (5) - Still present

RSPB Tetney Marsh

Snow Bunting (20)

Mablethorpe

Russian White-fronted Goose (7)

Hobhole Pumping Station

Greater Scaup (Male)

Beltoft

Hoopoe (1) - In private Garden

Norton Disney

Brambling (1)

Witham Mouth

Cattle Egret (2), Black-Necked Grebe (2), Slavonian Grebe (1), Great Northern Diver (1), Red-Throated Diver (9), Little Gull (3), Kittiwake (1), Great Crested Grebe (2), Little Grebe (1), Merlin (1)

Novartis Ings

Black-Tailed Godwit, Carrion Crow, Common Gull, Curlew (1), Dunlin (14), Gadwall (20), Golden Plover (30), Herring Gull, Lapwing (500), Little Egret (1), Little Grebe (1), Merlin (1), Shelduck (10), Shoveler (6), Teal (20), Tufted Duck (21), Wigeon (40), Woodpigeon

24/1/26

Gibraltar Point NR

Snooty Shearwater (1)

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult)

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Deeping lakes

Glossy Ibis (3), Long-eared Owl (1)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (6), Merlin, Russian White-fronted Goose (3)

Witham Mouth

Slavonian Grebe (1), Cattle Egret (2), Red-Throated Diver (1), Little Gull, Brent Goose Pale-Bellied

Cradge Bank

Red-Breasted Merganser (1) - Still on River Welland

RSPB Tetney Marshes

Snow Bunting (20) - Near beach at Yacht Club

Messingham Sand Quarry

Ring-necked Duck (Female) - Still present on Site

Marsh Farm

Barnacle Goose, White-fronted Goose

23/1/26

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still present with Whooper Swans

Cleethorpes Golf Course

Mediterranean Gull (2)

Rimac

Black Brant (Adult) - In with Dark Bellied Brent Geese, Snow Bunting (18)

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still at Location

Willow Tree Fen

Common Crane (3), Buzzard (1), Chaffinch (3), Grey Heron, Greylag Goose (38), Mallard (50), Marsh Harrier (2), Meadow Pipit (1), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (90), Robin (1), Shoveler (80), Teal (50), Tufted Duck (8), Whooper Swan (250), Wigeon (400)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Black-tailed Godwit (35), Brent Goose (470), Canada Goose (30), Cattle Egret (2), Cormorant (5), Dunlin (40), Eider (1), Golden Plover (1000), Grey Plover (1), Lapwing (1600), Little Egret (1), Mallard (1), Marsh harrier (1), Oystercatcher (2000), Red Kite, Red-Breasted Merganser (1), Redshank, Ringed Plover (4), Shelduck (11), Snipe (1), Teal (1), Whooper Swan (3), Wigeon (13)



Common Cranes Photographed today at Willow Tree Fen © Ian Misselbrook

22/1/26

Rimac

Cattle Egret (3)

North Hykeham

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

Fillingham

Great Grey Shirke (1) - Still present at Location

Cleethorpes LNR

Glossy Ibis (1)

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (3), Long-eared Owl (1)

Witham Mouth

Slovonian Grebe (1)

Tattershall Thorpe

Black-headed Gull (5), Coot (80), Cormorant (41), Gadwall (70), Great White Egret (1), Greylag Goose (200), Lapwing (200), Mallard, Mute Swan (6), Pochard (20), Shelduck (4), Shoveler (4), Starling (70), Teal (40), Tufted Duck (40), Wigeon (50)

East Halton Skitter

Teal, Stock Dove, Redshank, Curlew, Dunlin, Marsh Harrier, Buzzard, Kestrel, Linnet, Starling, Blackbird, Common Gull

Gibraltar Point NR

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-tailed Godwit (2), Brent Goose Dark Bellied, Buzzard, Canada Goose (68), Cettis Warbler (1), Chaffinch (10), Cormorant (128), Curlew (15), Dunlin, Gadwall (27), Goldcrest, Goldeneye (1),

Great Crested Grebe (1), [Great Spotted Woodpecker \(1\)](#), Grey Plover, Greylag Goose (124), Herring Gull (1000), Kestrel, Knot, Lapwing (5000), Mallard (91), Oystercatcher, [Red-Throated Diver \(11\)](#), Redshank, [Redwing \(6\)](#), Sanderling, Shelduck, [Shoveler \(127\)](#), Teal (500), Tufted Duck (23), Turnstone (26), Wigeon (750)

21/1/26

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still present at location with Whooper Swans

Messingham Sand Quarry

Ring-necked Duck (Female) - Still present at Site

Deeping Lakes

Long-Eared Owl (1)

Huttoft Bank

Black-headed Gull, Blue Tit, Canada Goose, Common Gull, [Curlew \(2\)](#), Dunnock, Greylag Goose, Herring Gull, House Sparrow, Mallard, Meadow Pipit, Redshank (5), Skylark (1), Teal, [White-fronted Goose \(16\)](#), Wigeon, Wren

Rimac

Black-headed Gull, Blackbird, Buzzard, Canada Goose, [Cattle Egret](#), Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collared Dove, Cormorant, [Curlew](#), Dunnock, Fieldfare, Goldcrest, Great Black-Backed Gull, [Great White Egret](#), Greenfinch, Grey Heron, [Grey Wagtail](#), Greylag Goose, Herring Gull, Jackdaw, Kestrel

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

[Black-tailed Godwit](#), [Brent Goose Dark Bellied \(3\)](#), Canda Goose (18), Common Gull, Cormorant (1), [Curlew](#), Gadwall (13), Golden Plover (100), [Grey Wagtail \(1\)](#), Greylag Goose (3), Lapwing (300), Mute Swan (7), Redshank, Shelduck, [Shoveler \(3\)](#), Snipe (1), Starling (100), Teal (4), Tufted Duck (15), Wigeon (55)

20/1/26

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (3)

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver (2)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (6), Russian White-fronted Goose (6), Hen Harrier (Male)

Gibraltar Point NR

Shore Lark (1)

Novartis Ings

Black Brant (2)

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still present with Whooper Swan

Messingham Sand Quarry

Ring-necked Duck (Female) - Still present

Willow Tree Fen

Common Crane, Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier

Cleethorpes LNR

Water Pipit (1) - Near Buck Beck



Ring-necked Duck (Female) at Messingham Sand Quarry 20/01/26 © Roy Harvey

19/1/26

Messingham Sand Quarry

Ring-necked Duck (Female)

Gibraltar Point NR

Caspian Gull (2)

Horseshoe Point

Twite (50)

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Brigg

Great White Egret (1)

Middlemarsh Farm

Russian White-fronted Goose (9) - In North Field

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still present with Whooper Swans, Bewick's Swan (2)

Cleethorpes LNR

Black-headed Gull (5), Blackbird (11), Canada Goose, Carrion Crow (15), Collared Dove (7), Cormorant

(2), Curlew (3), Glossy Ibis (1), Golden Plover (45), Goldfinch (5), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Greenfinch (4), Linnet (19), Little Egret (4), Magpie (10), Marsh Harrier, Meadow Pipit (4), Redshank (12), Reed Bunting (16), Skylark (14), Song Thrush (2), Wren, Yellowhammer (6)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Black Redstart, Brent Goose Dark Bellied (1200), Brent Goose Pale Bellied (50, Curlew (52), Dunlin (38), Fieldfare (46), Golden Plover (500), Goldeneye (7), Great White Egret (3), Grey Plover (2), Lapwing (5500), Pink-footed Goose (94), Pintail (132), Pochard (58), Ringed Plover (2), Ruff (8), Shoveler (184), Teal (3400), White-fronted Goose (2), Whooper Swan (2), Wigeon (6500), Yellowhammer (5)

18/1/26

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still in private Garden

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still present with Whooper Swans

Baston Fen

Tundra Bean Goose (3) - In with Greylag Geese

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver (3), Red-Throated Diver, Caspian Gull

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (1)

St Anthony's Bank

Glossy Ibis (1)

Willow Tree Fen

Red-Breasted Merganser (Drake) - In with Goosanders

Messingham Reserve

Ring-necked Duck

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spotted Redshank (2), Greenshank

Belton Lane, Grantham

Firecrest (2)



One of the two Firecrest photographed today at Belton Lane, Grantham © Paul Bailes



One the Snow Buntings at RSPB Frampton 18/01/2026 © Stewart Wilson

17/1/26

Covenham Reservoir

Black-Throated Diver, Red-Throated Diver, Great Northern Diver (2) - All still presnt on Site

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Snow Bunting

Deeping Lakes

Red-Breasted Merganser (Female-Type) in with Goosander Flock, Ling-Eared owl (1) - Still presnt on Site

North Hykeham

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

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Tallington Lakes

Greater Scaup (Female) - Still present on Site

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still in with Whooper Swans

Elm House Farm

Russian White-fronted Goose (11)

Messingham Sand Quarry

Blackbird (2), [Cettis Warbler \(1\)](#), Coot (14), Cormorant (12), Gadwall (40), Green Woodpecker (1), Greylag Goose (30), Jay (2), Mallard (30), Pochard (12), Shelduck (12), [Tawny Owl \(1\)](#), Tufted Duck (15)

Manby and Carlton Flashes

Black-headed Gull (6), Blue Tit (5), [Cettis Warbler \(1\)](#), Chiffchaff (3), Common Gull (18), Gadwall, [Great Spotted Woodpecker \(1\)](#), [Grey Wagtail \(1\)](#), Herring Gull, Kestrel (1), Lapwing (2), Linnet (25), Little Egret (1), Long-Tailed Tit (9), Pied Wagtail (14), Pink-Footed Goose (1000), Robin (3), [Shoveler \(8\)](#), Snipe (1), Teal (180), Wigeon (380), Wren (6)

16/1/26

RSPB Freiston Shore

[Brent Goose \(802\)](#), [Curlew \(10\)](#), Dunlin (4), Snipe (5), [Jack Snipe](#), [Greenshank \(1\)](#), [Spotted Redshank \(1\)](#), [Pintail \(100\)](#), Wigeon (1275), Teal (551), Lapwing (1650), [Hen Harrier](#), [Shoveler](#), Shelduck, [Black-tailed Godwit](#), Gadwall, Goldeneye, Grey Plover, Ringed Plover, [Redwing](#), Little Grebe, Little Egret, Kingfisher, Kestrel, [Rock Pipit \(2\)](#)

North Hykeham

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

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

Buck Beck

[Glossy Ibis \(1\)](#), [Snow Bunting \(40\)](#) - Still present at Location

Covenham Reservoir

[Black-throated Diver](#), [Great Northern Diver \(2\)](#), [Red-Throated Diver \(1\)](#) - Still present on Site

Culverthorpe - The Hollow

[Hawfinch \(1\)](#)

Deeping Lakes

[Long-Eared Owl \(1\)](#), [Great White Egret \(1\)](#), [Red Kite \(1\)](#)

Boultham Mere

[Russian White-fronted Goose \(1\)](#) - Still present in Cattle Field

Gibraltar Point NR

[Russian White-fronted Goose \(3\)](#), [Hen Harrier](#)

Deeping High Bank

[Snow Goose \(White-morph adult\)](#) Still present with Whooper Swans



Great Grey Shrike at Fillingham 16/01/26 © Dean Eades on WhatsApp

15/1/26

Riseholme Lakes

Bar-Headed Goose (1), Great White Egret (1)

Alkborough Flats

Tundra Bean Goose (5), Barnacle Goose (400), Bearded Tit, Buzzard, Cettis Warbler, Curlew (20), Dunlin (1), Gadwall, Golden Plover (7), Green Woodpecker, Kestrel, Lapwing (21), Marsh Harrier (7), Pink-Footed Goose (340), Pintail, Redshank (30), Redwing, Shelduck, Shoveler, Sparrowhawk, Starling, Stonechat

Manor House, Market Rasen

Woodcock (1)

Covenham Reservoir

Great Northern Diver, Black-Throated Diver, Red-Throated Diver, Goosander (6)

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present at Location

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spotted Redshank, Spoonbill

Deeping St Nicholas

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - With Whooper Swans

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting

Holton-Le-Clay

Woodcock (1)

Humberston Fitties

Glossy Ibis (1), Snow Bunting (39)

Norvartis Ings

Iceland Gull (1)

Old Woodhall

Fieldfare (80), Marsh Harrier (1), Redwing (40)



Glossy Ibis still present at and around Buck Beck, Cleethorpes © Chris Grimshaw

14/1/26

Gibraltar Point NR

Black-Throated Diver (1)

Humberston Fitties

Glossy Ibis (1)

Cradge Bank

Red-Breasted Merganser (1)

Deeping Fen

Snow Goose (White-morph adult), Great White Egret (5), Goosander (1), Bewick's Swan (3),

Stonechat, Whooper Swan (800)

Fillingham

Great Grey Shrike (1)

Covenham Reservoir

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

Pyewipe

Iceland Gull (Juvenile)

Sunningdales Estate

Firecrest (1)

Scartho

Curlew Sandpiper

Branston and Langtoft Pits

Russian White-fronted Goose (1)

Deeping Lakes

Bewick's Swan (4), Long-Eared Owl (1), Greylag Goose, Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Whooper Swan (400), Shelduck, Shoveler, Gadwall, Wigeon, Mallard, Teal, Pochard, Tufted Duck, Goosander (3), Great White Egret (1), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Cettis Warbler, Wren, Dunnock, Redwing, Fieldfare, House Sparrow, Pied Wagtail

Bleasby - Market Rasen

Brent Goose (40), Lapwing (12), Curlew (2), Black-tailed Godwit (1), Herring Gull (28), Blackbird (10), Sparrowhawk (1), Kestrel (2), Rook (40), Carrion Crow (30), Fieldfare (5), Dunnock (2)



Firecrest Photographed today at Sunningdales Estate in Grantham © Steve Nesbitt

13/1/26

North Hykeham

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

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (6), Hen Harrier

Cradge Bank

Red-Breasted Merganser (1)

Fillingham Lakes

Great Grey Shrike (1) - Still present on Site, Fieldfare (1), Redwing (10)

Saltfleetby St Clements

Russian White-fronted Goose (11) - North of Mar Dyke

Deeping Lakes

Long-Eared Owl (1)

Boultham Mere

Russian White-fronted Goose (1) - In Cattle Field

Tallington Lakes

Greater Scaup (Adult Female)

Killingholme Haven Pits

Black-headed Gull, Dunlin, Lapwing, Mallard, Redshank, Shelduck, [Shoveler](#), Snipe (8), Teal (1)

Brigg

Barn Owl (1), Buzzard (2), Canada Goose (20), Chaffinch (1), Cormorant (1), [Fieldfare](#) (50), Grey Heron (5),

Kestrel (1), Little Grebe (1), Marsh Harrier (3), Pink-footed Goose (600), Teal (1), Wigeon (9)

Cleethorpes Shore Line

Bar-Tailed Godwit, **Black-tailed Godwit**, Carrion Crow, Common Gull, **Curlew**, Dunlin, Herring Gull, Knot, Oystercatcher, Redshank, Shelduck, Turnstone

Tennysons Sands

Cettis Warbler (3), Kingfisher (1), Mallard (14), Moorhen (2), **Shoveler** (10), Teal (400), **Water Rail** (2)

12/01/26

Fillingham Lakes

Great Grey Shrike (1)

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl (1), Bewick's Swan (2), Great White Egret (1), Redwing, Fieldfare (40), Red Kite (2)

Cleethorpes LNR

Glossy Ibis (1), **Snow Bunting** (30) - Around pool edge South of Beck

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Still present with **Whooper Swans**

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (6), **Waxwing**(2)

Cleethorpes Sea Front

Purple Sandpiper (1)

Keelby Village

Redwing (25), **Yellowhammer** (1)

Horseshoe Point

Twite (90)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spotted Redshank (2)

Brigg

Wigeon (12), Whooper Swan (15), **Water Rail** (1), Teal (11), **Stonechat** (1), Reed Bunting (1), Pink-footed Goose (1500), Mute Swan (60), Mallard (50), Marsh Harrier (4), Lapwing (100), Kestrel (1), Grey Heron (1), **Goosander** (1), **Fieldfare** (50), Cormorant (2), Common Gull (11), Black-headed Gull (22), Barn Owl (1)



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Not seen GG/Shrike for quite some time and was half hour away from Ingram, Lincs. So dropped in to see this stunning bird. Feeding from hedge and dropping into set aside field. Also plucked a shrew out of hedge had a munch and stashed @lincsbirding.bsky.social @rarebirder.bsky.social #UKBirding



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Great Grey Shrike at Fillingham 12/01/26 from BlueSky

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11/1/26

Tallington Lakes

Greater Scaup (Adult Female), Ferruginous Duck × Pochard

Baston and Langtoft Pits

Russian White-fronted Goose

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spoonbill, Spotted Redshank (2)

Middlemarsh Farm

Caspian Gull (1st Winter) - In Field off Scrapyard

Norton Disney

Russian White-fronted Goose (1) - In field with Greylag Geese, Cattle Egret

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - In Beet field with Whooper Swans

North Hykeham

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

Deeping Lakes

Long-eared Owl (4), Bewick's Swan (2)

Marston STW

Brent Goose Dark Bellied

Tealby

Blackbird, Carrion Crow, [Fieldfare](#), [Redwing](#), [Woodcock](#), Woodpigeon, Wren

Bardney (Station Road)

[Fieldfare](#) (47), Goldfinch (40), Red-Legged Partridge (23), [Stonechat](#) (2), Whooper Swan (6)

St Anthony's Bank

[Brent Goose \(Black Brant\)](#) (1), [Glossy Ibis](#) (1), Little Grebe, Mallard, Moorhen, Oystercatcher, Redshank, Woodpigeon

Bradley Woods

Blue Tit (15), Buzzard (1), Coal Tit (2), Dunnock (3), Goldcrest (1), [Great Spotted Woodpecker](#) (2), Great Tit (15), Greenfinch (1), Jay (1), Long-Tailed Tit (5), Mistle Thrush (1), Nuthatch (1), [Redwing](#) (1), [Stock Dove](#) (10), Treecreeper (1), [Woodcock](#) (1), Wren (1)



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White-fronted Geese, Elm House Farm this morning

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Russian White-fronted Geese at Elm House Farm ,Saltfleetby 11/01/26 © Mark Johnson from BlueSky <https://bsky.app/profile/msj99.bsky.social/post/3mc5xqom6bs2k>

10/1/26

Ingham

Great Grey Shrike - Between Ingham and Fillingham

North Hykeham

Siberian Lesser Whitethroat (1) - Still in private Garden

Cleethorpes LNR

Glossy Ibis (1) - In front of Chalet, Snow Bunting (30) - Still on outer Ridge, Tufted Duck (8), Turnstone, Skylark (15), Sanderling (30), Rock Pipit (5), Redshank, Oystercatcher, Moorhen (15), Little Egret (2), Knot, Greylag Goose (60), Gadwall (7), Curlew, Cormorant (1), Canada Goose, Brent Goose Dark Bellied (20), Black-headed Gull

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - In Beet Fields with Whooper Swans

Deeping Lakes

Bewick's Swan (3), Long-Eared Owl (1), Canada Goose (50), Cettis Warbler, Coot (24), Cormorant (1), Fieldfare (40), Goosander (10), Green Woodpecker (1), Greylag Goose (80), Styarling (18), Teal (30), Whooper Swan (85), Wigeon (50)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Pink-Footed Goose, Greylag Goose, Mute Swan, Wigeon, Mallard, Pintail, Goldeneye, Lapwing, Curlew, Black-tailed Godwit, Redshank, Little Grebe, Little Egret, Blackbird

Alkborough Flats

Pink-Footed Goose, Greylag Goose, Mallard, Mute Swan, Curlew, Marsh Harrier, Green Woodpecker, Carrion Crow, Sanderling, Blackbird, Robin, Siskin, Reed Bunting

Woodhall Spa Airfield

Goldfinch, Redpoll, Chaffinch, Meadow Pipit, Gadwall, Dunnock, Stonechat, Robin, Redwing, Skylark, Jay, Peregrine Falcon, Canada Goose, Buzzard, Marsh Harrier, Cormorant, Lapwing, Teal, Tufted Duck, Wigeon, Shoveler, Greylag Goose

Beltoft

Hoopoe (1) - In private garden at Belton Road



Lincolnshire birding

Ben Wilkinson · 7h ·



Apologies for the poor photo quality. Spotted today at the top of a tree between the villages of Ingham and Fillingham, north of Lincoln. Around 4pm, just before dusk. I am new to this but I think it is a Great Grey Shrike. Can anyone confirm?



Great Grey Shrike photographed today in Ingham © Ben Wilkinson

9/1/26

Jobs Lane

Bar-Headed Goose (1)

Branston Fen

Tundra Bean Goose (5)

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - In Field with Whooper Swan

Kirkstead

Great White Egret (1)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spoonbill, Spotted Redshank, Jack Snipe, Black-tailed Godwit (1077)

Cut End

Hen Harrier, Cattle Egret (1), Kittiwake (2), Great Crested Grebe, Red-Throated Diver (1), Eider (3), Red-

Breatsed Merganser (22)

Sutton on Sea

Great White Egret, Wigeon (29), Cormorant (2), Kittiwake (8), Buzzard (1), Common Gull (34), Herring Gull (48), Pheasant (1), Woodpigeon

Immingham

Little Stint (1)

Middlemarsh Farm

Caspian Gull (2nd Winter)

Cleethorpes

Purple Sandpiper (At Rock Armour), Glossy Ibis (1) - At Saltmarshes, Snow Bunting (30) - Outer South Beach



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Tundra Bean Geese x 5 - Branston Fen @lincsbirding.bsky.social

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Four of the five Bean Geese at Branston Fen © Russ Hayes on BlueSky
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8/1/26

Rimac

Russian White-fronted Goose (5) - In Cereal field South of Rimac

Nocton Fen

Bewick's Swan (2)

Buck Beck

Glossy Ibis (1)

Deeping Lakes

Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Flew North East towards Fields North of Crowland Road with Whooper Swans

RSPB Frampton

Merlin, Great Egret (2), Snow Bunting (6), Russian White-fronted Goose, Raven, Stonechat, Fieldfare

RSPB Freiston Shore

Pink-footed Goose, Rock Pipit, Chaffinch, Linnet, Brent Goose, Shelduck, Wigeon, Goldeneye, Moorhen, Oystercatcher, Grey Plover, Ringed Plover, Curlew, Redshank, Spotted Redshank, Lapwing, Ruddy Turnstone, Knot, Dunlin, Kingfisher, Redwing, Fieldfare

Deeping High Bank

Bewick's Swan (2), Buzzard, Coot, Cormorant, Egyptian Goose (3), Gadwall, Goosander (4), Great White Egret (4), Little Egret, Little Grebe (3), Mallard, Moorhen, Rook, Starling, Teal, Tufted Duck, Whooper Swan (150), Wigeon

Humberston

Black-headed Gull (11), Carrion Crow (7), Collared Dove (1), Common Gull (11), Curlew (2), Dunnock (2), Fieldfare (40), Golden Plover (133), Great Spotted Woodpecker (1), Greenfinch (12), Herring Gull (3), House Sparrow (12), Lapwing (2), Magpie (18), Meadow Pipit (31), Skylark (7), Snipe (9), Woodpigeon (32), Wren (4), Yellowhammer (1)



Robwatson21 @skeggymariner.bsky.social · 19h

A walk in to Gib along the beach was productive today, found the 2 Shorelark and the single Snow Bunting feeding on the tideline but more surprisingly an unseasonal Little Stint feeding with 6 Dunlin in a muddy creek @lincsbirding.bsky.social @lincswildlife.bsky.social



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Two Shore Lark at Gib Point © Rob Watson from

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7/1/26

Cleethorpes LNR - (Leisure Centre - Buck Beck)

Bar-Tailed Godwit (330), Brent Goose Dark Bellied (117), Curlew (2), Dunlin (100), Grey Plover (79), Knot (550), Mute Swan (3), Oystercatcher (195), Redshank (14), Ringed Plover (34), Rock Pipit (1), Sanderling (9), Shelduck (13), Turnstone (61)

Deeping High Bank

Snow Goose (White-morph adult), Bewick's Swan (2), Whooper Swan

Sand Lane, Marston

Fieldfare (13)

Stallingborough

Russian White-fronted Goose (5) - Flew North West

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (5), Black-tailed Godwit, Brent Goose Dark Bellied, Chaffinch, Curlew, Dunlin, Fieldfare, Golden Plover, Grey Plover, Lapwing, Little Egret, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, Redshank, Redwing, Reed Bunting, Ringed Plover, Robin, Shelduck, Snipe, White-fronted Goose, Whooper Swan, Wren, Bearded Tit

Buck Beck

Kingfisher (2), Glossy Ibis (1) - South of Outfall

Steingot

Blackbird (3), Buzzard, Chaffinch, Collared Dove (1), Common Gull (20), Dunnock, [Fieldfare \(5\)](#), Golden Plover (6), Great Tit, House Sparrow (12), Red-Legged Partridge (7), [Redwing \(4\)](#), Skylark (7), Song Thrush (2), Starling (2), Wren (1), Yellowhammer (5)



One of the Snow Buntings at RSPB Frampton on 7th Jan 2026 © Ian Misselbrook

6/1/26

Deeping Lakes

[Snow Goose \(White-morph adult\)](#) - Flew off with Whooper Swans (150) @ 08.45am, [Bewick's Swan \(8\)](#), [Long-eared Owl \(1\)](#), [Glossy Ibis \(1\)](#)

Mablethorpe

[Long-Tailed Duck \(2\)](#) - Flew South

North Thoresby Fisheries

Cormorant (2), [Goosander \(2\)](#), Mute Swan (5), Moorhen (4), Canada Goose (2), Mallard (4)

Cleethorpes

[Snow Bunting \(40\)](#) - At West End of Outer Ridge

Buck Beck

[Glossy Ibis \(1\)](#) - Around Outfall Area

Festive Pools, Skegness

Black-headed Gull (40), Chiffchaff (2), Common Gull (2), Dunnock (1), Herring Gull (80), House Sparrow (4),

Mallard (2), Moorhen (2), Pied Wagtail (1), [Stonechat](#) (1)

Horseshoe Point

Whooper Swan (101), [Russian White-fronted Goose](#) (3), Pink-footed Goose (130), [Twite](#) (30), [Brent Goose](#) [Dark Bellied](#) (11), Lapwing (1), [Red Kite](#), [Redwing](#) (3), [Rock Pipit](#) (1), Shelduck (11)

RSPB Freiston Shore

Greylag Goose, Whooper Swan, Wigeon, [Pintail](#), [Eider](#), [Red-Breasted Merganser](#), Oystercatcher, Golden Plover, Lapwing, [Curlew](#), [Ruddy Turnstone](#), Red Knot, Skylark, Wren, Great Tit, Jackdaw, Starling, [Redwing](#), Song Thrush, [Fieldfare](#), House Sparrow, Linnet, [Stonechat](#), [Rock Pipit](#), Goldfinch, Reed Bunting



Sanderling at Mablethorpe 6th Jan 2026 © Roger Labbett



Long-Tailed Ducks photographed today at Mablethorpe © Roger Labbett



Snow Goose photographed today at Deeping Lakes © Russell Hayes

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Deeping Lakes

Snow Goose (White-Morph Adult), Bewick's Swan (8) - In with Whooper Swans, Long-Eared Owl (2)

RSPB Tetney Marsh

Brent Goose Dark Bellied, (200), Brent Goose Pale Bellied (1), Chaffinch, Curlew, House Sparrow, Redshank, Redwing (1), Robin, Starling, Wren, Yellowhammer

Sandtoft

Hoopoe (1)

North Killingholme

Black Redstart (1) - Along Sea Wall

Great Sturton

Fieldfare (36), Lapwing (20)

Covenham Reservoir

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

RSPB Freiston Shore

Ruddy Turnstone, Wren, Great Tit, Redwing, Brent Goose, Shelduck, Wigeon, Greylag Goose, Mallard, Pintail, Oystercatcher, Lapwing, Curlew, Kingfisher, Herring Gull, Common Gull, Kestrel, Skylark, Song Thrush, House Sparrow, Fieldfare, Robin, Stonechat, Meadow Pipit, Linnet



Paul Bolton @paolobolton.bsky.social · 20h

The Snow Goose, originally found by @jrmjones.bsky.social left its Deeping Lakes East Pit roost at 0855hrs this morning, heading off to feed on the surrounding frozen fields. @justwildimages.bsky.social @birdguides.bsky.social @rarebirder.bsky.social @lincsbirding.bsky.social #rarebirds #ukbirds



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Snow Goose at Deeping Lakes LWT 050126 © Paul Bolton - On BlueSky <https://bsky.app/profile/paolobolton.bsky.social/post/3mboy5ari6c2w>



Mark James Pearson @markthebirder.bsky.social · 1d

Black Redstart feeding along the seawall at North Killingholme, in a loose passerine flock with Rock Pipits, Pied Wags, Meadow Pipits and Robins

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Black Redstart at North Killingholme © Mark Pearson on BlueSky
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Hartsholme CP

Black-headed Gull, Blackbird, Blue Tit, Canada Goose, Carrion Crow, Coot, Cormorant, Gadwall, [Great Spotted Woodpecker](#), Great Tit, Grey Heron, Greylag Goose, Jackdaw, Jay, Long-Tailed Tit, Mallard, Mute Swan, Moorhen, Nuthatch, [Redpoll](#), [Redwing](#), Robin, Siskin, Wigeon

Deeping High Bank

Chaffinch (1), Cormorant (5), [Great White Egret](#) (2), Grey Heron (2), Kestrel (1), Kingfisher (1), [Lesser Black-Backed Gull](#), Linnet (59), Little Egret (1), [Red Kite](#) (4), Reed Bunting (1), Tufted Duck (9)

Far Ings NR

Wigeon, Tufted Duck, Teal, [Redwing](#), Redshank, Mute Swan, Little Grebe, Herring Gull, Goldeneye (5), [Fieldfare](#), Dunlin (1), Chaffinch, Carrion Crow, Black-headed Gull

Deeping Lakes

[Snow Goose](#) (White-morph adult), [Bewick's Swan](#) (4) - Both in with Whooper Swan

Covenham Reservoir

[Black-Throated Diver](#), [Great Northern Diver](#), [Red-Throated Diver](#) - Still present on Site

North Hykeham

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

Gibraltar Point NR

[Tundra Bean Goose](#) (2)

Elm House Farm

Russian White-fronted Goose (10), Pink-footed Goose

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake) - Still present on Site

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (7) - Still present on Site



Twite, Horseshoe Point. 4.01.26 © Roger Labbett



Whooper Swans, Horseshoe Point. 4.01.26 © Roger Labbett

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Deeping Lakes

Snow Goose (White-Morph) - In field with whooper Swans, Bewick's Swan (2), Blackbird, Buzzard, Canada Goose, Cettis Warbler, Chaffinch, Cormorant, Egyptian Goose, Fieldfare (20), Gadwall, Goldeneye (4), Goosander (3), Great White Egret (2), Grey Heron, Greylag Goose, House Sparrow, Jay, Lapwing, Marsh Harrier, Mute Swan, Pink-Footed Goose, Pochard, Raven, Red Kite (1), Redwing, Rook, Teal, Tufted Duck, Wigeon

Festive Pools, Skegness

Stonechat (1)

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Snow Bunting (7), Russian White-fronted Goose (35) - Still present on Site

Black Bank, Scunthorpe

Brent Goose (1500)

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret (2), Goosander, Grey Heron (1), Lapwing (20), Red Kite (3), Stock Dove (300), Teal, Wigeon

Middlemarsh Farm

Herring Gull (700), Brambling (1), Lapwing (200), Linnet (110), Snipe (13), Chaffinch (60), Curlew (6), Fieldfare (3), Egyptian Goose (2), Stock Dove (20), Teal (40), Wigeon (250)

Willow Tree Fen

Cattle Egret, Cettis Warbler (1), Cormorant (6), Goosander (16), Green Woodpecker, Grey Heron (1), Kestrel (1), Lapwing (30), Little Egret (1), Mallard (40), Pheasant (20), Raven (1), Starling (100), Whooper Swan (300), Woodpigeon (1)

Gibraltar Point NR

Long-Tailed Duck (1) - Flew past early Morning, Bar-Tailed Godwit (4), Cormorant (160), Curlew (10), Eider (215), Grey Plover (7), Herring Gull (820), Kittiwake (7), Merlin (1), Oystercatcher (40), Pink-Footed Goose (4), Red-Breasted Merganser (7), Red-Throated Diver (23), Redshank (60), Ringed Plover (7), Sanderling (40), Shoveler (7), Sparrowhawk (1), Teal (27), Tufted Duck (22), Turnstone (5), Wigeon (1)



One of the Russian White-fronted Goose at RSPB Frampton Marsh 02/01/25 © Jeremy Eyeons

2/1/26

Deeping Lakes

Glossy Ibis (1), Snow Goose (White-Morph) - In with Whooper Swans, Long-Eared Owl (1), Great White Egret (1), Egyptian Goose, Fieldfare, Redwing, Wigeon

Langtoft

Ferruginous Duck (Drake) - Still present on Site

RSPB Tetney Marsh

Ringtail Hen Harrier (1)

Gibraltar Point NR

Hen Harrier (1), Glossy Ibis (2) - At Jacksons Marsh

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Merlin (1), Russian White-fronted Goose (15) - On Marsh Farm, Snow Bunting (9)

ELM House Farm

Russian White-fronted Goose (10)

Covenham Reservoir

Tundra Bean Goose (2) - Flew South West, Great Northern Diver (2), Black-Throated Diver (1) - Still present on Site

Norton Disney

Greater Scaup (Drake) - On Fishing Lakes with over 200 Tufted Ducks

RSPB Freiston Shore

Hen Harrier

Branston Fen

Tundra Bean Goose (5) - Still Present

Pyewipe/Grimsby Docks

Bar-Tailed Godwit, Black-tailed Godwit, Buzzard (1), Curlew, Gadwall (9), Golden Plover (1), Goldfinch (3), Greylag Goose (15), Lapwing (30), Redshank, Robin (1), Shoveler (41), Snipe (1), Stock Dove (1), Teal (17), Tufted Duck (20), Wigeon (60)



Two Tundra Bean Goose Photographed today at Covenham Reservoir © Roger Labbett

1/1/26 - Happy New Year Everyone

RSPB Freiston Shore

Spotted Redshank (1) - Still on Site, Avocet (5), Knot (8), Peregrine Falcon, Goldeneye (4), Oystercatcher (200), Little Grebe (21)

Baston Fen

Tundra Bean Goose (5) - In field off Branston Causeway

Rimac

Hen Harrier, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Jack Snipe, Snow Bunting, Cattle Egret, Whooper Swan, Common Scoter, Red-Throated Diver

Mablethorpe

Long-Tailed Duck (1) - On the sea at North End

North Hykeham

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

Toft Newton Reservoir

Peregrine Falcon, Redwing, Pink-Footed Goose (30)

Croft Marsh

Tundra Bean Goose (2)

Crook Bank

Russian White-fronted Goose (4)

Goxhall Haven

Curlew, Redshank, Dunlin, Black-headed Gull, Herring Gull, Wigeon, Turnstone, Lapwing, Grey Plover, Ringed Plover, Marsh Harrier (2), Bullfinch, Goldcrest

Covenham Reservoir

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

Brigg Marina

Goosander (5)

North Somercotes

Fieldfare (120)

Swanpool

Jack Snipe

Jobs Lane

Egyptian Goose (6), White-fronted Goose, Greylag Goose

Trent Port

Bullfinch, Red-Legged Partridge, Redpoll, Green Woodpecker, Goosander, Yellowhammer

Deeping Lakes

Whooper Swan (300), Bewick's Swan (4), Snow Goose (White-morph adult) - Flew North West, Long-Eared Owl (1), Red-Crested Pochard

RSPB Frampton Marsh

Pintail, Shoveler, Marsh Harrier, Little Egret, Dunlin, Curlew, Great White Egret, Snow Bunting (7), Peregrine Falcon, Black-tailed Godwit, Greater Scaup, Russian White-fronted Goose (31), Goldeneye (3), Pochard (55), Barnacle Goose, Merlin, Buzzard



Rob Walker Photography is at Deeping lakes Nature Reserve.
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First day of 2026 and a first for me - a Snow Goose.
(It's the smaller white bird that isn't a Whooper Swan 🌈)

Snow Goose with Whoopers at Deeping Lakes NR from Lincolnshire Birding Facebook Page © Rob Walker
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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/>

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

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

Lincolnshire Naturalists' Union Website

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

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

Met Office Severe Weather E-mail Service

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