

December 2019

31/12/2019 New Years Eve - (Happy New Year)

Chapel 6 Marshes to Anderby Creek

2 Water Rail, Stonechat (male), 3 Cetti's Warbler,

Deeping Lakes

2 Long-eared Owl

Denton Res

Scaup (M)

Frampton Marsh

Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Great White Egret, Red Kite, Barn Owl.....and 6,273 golden plovers!

Manby Flashes

Iceland Gull

Tetney/N Cotes

3 Red-throated Diver, 3 Velvet Scoter, 275 Common Scoter, Marsh Harrier, 2 Hen Harrier, 3 Peregrine, Merlin, 15 Grey Partridge, Lapland Bunting and Snow Bunting.

30/12/2019

Baston Pits

40+ Red-crested Pochard

Far Ings

Bittern

Gibraltar Point

Black Brant, 30 Snow Bunting, 12 Twite

Marton to Willingham

3 Bullfinch, 45 Fieldfare, 14 Grey Partridge, 35 Redwing, Treecreeper, Grey Wagtail, 24 Yellowhammer.

Wellingore

700 Fieldfare, 900 Lapwing

29/12/2019

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier, 6 Pintail

Cleethorpes

Twite

Freiston Shore

Hen Harrier

Swanholme

7 Goosander (4 male)

28/12/2019

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, 3 Chiffchaff, 10 Red-throated Diver, 4 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, 2 Merlin, 2 Velvet Scoter, Water Rail,

Marston

2 Pintail



A pair of Pintail at Marston - Image © Dave Roberts

27/12/2019

Baston & Langtoft Pits

Ring-necked Duck, Smew

Far Ings

Bittern

Gibraltar Point

Snow Bunting, 2 Chiffchaff, 107 Red-throated Diver, Gannet, Red-necked Grebe Guillemot, Merlin, 21 Red-breasted Merganser, 2 Velvet Scoter,

Goxhill Haven

Little Gull

Hartsholme Park

4 Goosander

26/12/2019

Cranwell

Merlin

Gibraltar Point

2 Chiffchaff, Snow Bunting, 4 Red-throated Diver, Red-necked Grebe. 3 Goosander, Merlin, Water Pipit, 2 Velvet Scoter, 4 Stonechat

Thurlby Pit

Black-necked Grebe

25/12/2019

Donna Nook

3 Lapland Bunting, 37 Snow Bunting, 2 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Black Brant, Tundra Bean Goose, 2 Hen Harrier, 80 Twite

Marston

3 Peregrine Falcon

Swanholme Lakes

Goldcrest, 4 Goosander, Jay

24/12/2019

Bardney Lock

Great White Egret

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier

Far Ings

Bittern

Gibraltar Point

11 Red-throated Diver, 3 Goosander, Guillemot 23 Common Scoter, 2 Velvet Scoter, Great Skua, Water Pipit

23/12/2019

Bourne

Great White Egret

Frampton Marsh

Chiffchaff, 650 Pink-footed Geese, Goldeneye. Kingfisher, Merlin, Barn Owl, 2 Water Rail, ♀Scaup, 2 Stonechat, Whooper Swan 120, Cetti's Warbler

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Snow Bunting, Hen Harrier (ring-tail), 3 Water Pipit, 2 Velvet Scoter, Pomarine Skua,

Langworth

A belated report of three blackcap on feeders in a private garden at Langworth on the 21st and two pairs on the 23rd

Marston

12 Curlew

22/12/2019

Baston Fen

2 Hen Harrier (ring-tails roosting)

Beesby

Buzzard, Barn Owl

Far Ings

2 Bittern



2 Bittern at Far Ings - Image © Simon Wellock

Frampton Marsh

Peregrine Falcon, Goldeneye, Kingfisher, Water Rail, Stonechat, 140 Whooper Swan, Bearded Tit,

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, 9 Red-throated Diver, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, **Water Pipit**, 35 Common Scoter, 2 **Velvet Scoter**

Grantham

At least one Raven over St Wulfram's church

Huttoft

Barn Owl

South Willingham

30 Blackbird, 3 Buzzard, 20 Chaffinch, 40 Redwing, 47 House Sparrow, 12 Yellowhammer,

Trent Port Marton

7 Bullfinch, 2 Little Egret, 11 Gadwall, 3 Goldcrest, 23 Lapwing, 2 Grey Partridge, 35 Red-legged Partridge, 2 Redshank, 8 Skylark, 2 Teal, 120 Wigeon, 24 Yellowhammer and a Fox

21/12/2019

Frampton Marsh

2 Avocet, 10000 Golden Plover, Ringed Plover, Cetti's Warbler plus 1000's of Lapwing, Teal & Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver, 10+ Red-throated Diver, Water Pipit, 3 Water Rail, 4 Stonechat

Grimsby

20 Curlew

Goxhill Haven

14 Avocet

Healing

Blackcap (male in private garden)

Lincoln

C120 Pink-footed Geese over Waitrose's Supermarket

Ruskington

C 1500 Pink-footed Geese

19/12/2019

Huttoft Pit

Smew (male)

Witham Mouth

Great Northern Diver, 3 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, 2000 Black-tailed Godwit, 2000 Lapwing, 6 Red-breasted Merganser, 200 Pintail, 3000 Golden Plover

Gibraltar Point

Slavonian Grebe, Water Pipit, Pomarine Skua

Lincoln

200 Pink-footed Geese (NW over Doddington Park 08:35)

18/12/2019

Gibraltar Point

4 Stonechat, 2 Woodcock. 5 Whooper Swan

Huttoft Pit

Smew (adult male)

Marston

4 Green Sandpiper

Saltfleetby St Peter

Hen Harrier (male flying west)

Whisby

Buzzard, 5 Goldeneye, Tawny Owl, 2 Sparrowhawk, 15000-20000 Starling, (went down at 16:10, 20 Teal, 28 Tufted Duck, 18 Shoveler

17/12/2019

Donna Nook

Tundra Bean Goose

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, Hen Harrier (RT), Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Water Rail, 2 Spotted Redshank, c100+ Whooper Swan (dusk only), Cetti's Warbler,

Gib Point

Lapland Bunting, 10 Stonechat

Grimsby Dock

Peregrine

16/12/2019

Donna Nook

Black Brant, Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Jack Snipe

Frampton Marsh

Avocet, Chiffchaff, Merlin, 4 Spotted Redshank, 2 Stonechat, 85 Whooper Swan and lots of Dark-bellied Brent Geese, Lapwing, Golden Plover, Teal & Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

2 Chiffchaff, 3 Goosander, 2 Water Pipit, 3 Water Rail, 6 Stonechat, Woodcock

Marston

Water Rail, Stonechat, 6 Grey Wagtail



North Thoresby

Firecrest (by the church)

River Witham

Great White Egret (between Tattershall and Kirkstead Bridges)

15/12/2019

East Halton Skitter

Water Pipit

Frampton Marsh

Great White Egret, 250 Fieldfare, Water Pipit, Merlin, Peregrine, 10,000 Golden Plover, 6,500 Wigeon, 4,500 Lapwing, Hen Harrier, Bearded Tit, 3 Avocet, Cetti's Warbler, 2 Stonechat, 147 Whooper Swan (at dusk)

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, 6 Snow Bunting, Hen Harrier (ringtail), Manx Shearwater

Keelby

2 Raven

Seaview Farm

Ring Ouzel (Male)

Trent Port, Marton

6 Bullfinch, 38 Mallard, 7 Redshank, both Grey & Red-legged Partridges, 35 Redwing, Sparrowhawk, 2 Treecreeper, 95 Wigeon, 28 Yellowhammer,

Whisby NR

Long-tailed Duck (Apex Pits), 48 Greenfinch, 2 Water Rail, Sparrowhawk, 18-20,000 Starling (murmuration)*

* The murmuration is best viewed from the south side of Grebe Lake. The birds start to gather from 15.30hrs onwards and they have all gone to roost in the reed bed by 16.10hrs (at the latest). Weather conditions can affect the number of birds present and how long the murmuration lasts..... See the Whisby NR website

<https://www.lincstrust.org.uk/get-involved/top-reserves/whisby-nature-park> for visitor information and note there is a small charge for parking.



Part of the 18-20,000 Starling (murmuration) at Whisby NR © Andrew P. Chick

14/12/2019

Anderby Creek

Great White Egret

Boultham Mere

Grey Wagtail

Frampton Marsh

2 Avocet, 3 Goldeneye, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, 5000 Golden Plover, Water Rail, 100 Ruff, Cetti's Warbler,

Gibraltar Point

4 Lapland Bunting, 3 Stonechat

Grantham

2 Kingfisher, Grey Wagtail (on the Witham)

Huttoft

55 Blackbird, 39 Curlew, Little Egret, 17 Fieldfare, 77 Golden Plover, 2 Redwing, 6 Sparrowhawk, 31 Starling, 90 Teal

Seaview Farm

Ring Ouzel

Toft Newton Res

9 Pintail

Whisby

6 Goldcrest, 45 Greenfinch, Kingfisher, Water Rail, 3+ Sparrowhawk, 18-20,000 Starling (murmuration)

13/12/2019

Belchford

2 Raven

Denton Reservoir

11 Goosander, 15 Pochard, Scaup (male)

Dunstan

Little Owl (private garden)

Frampton Marsh

200 Fieldfare, Goldeneye, Marsh Harrier, Merlin, 5000 Golden Plover, 100 Redwing, 100+ Whooper Swan, 2+ Bearded Tit

Freiston Shore

Merlin

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Kingfisher, Water Pipit, Bearded Tit

Holbeach (RAF) Marsh

6 Short-eared owl, 540 dark-bellied Brent Geese, 30 Eider, 70 Wigeon, 1300 Knot, 200 Dunlin, 40 Curlew, 25 Grey Plover, 400 Oystercatcher, 2200 Golden Plover, 120 Lapwing

Marston

Hen Harrier (male)

12/12/2019

Boultham Mere

2 Stonechat (close to the retreat)

Gibraltar Point

90 Common Scoter, **Velvet Scoter** (off Greenshank Creek)

Hartsholme Park

Tawny Owl (roosting in usual tree)

Kirkby on Bain

Smew (red-head)

Whisby

Kingfisher, **20000 Starling murmuration**

Wrangle Flats

2 (possibly 3 by old RAF Tower) **Great White Egret**,

RAF Woodhall

2 Great White Egret, Marsh Harrier

11/12/2019

Bonby Carrs

40 Corn Bunting, 1000 Pink-footed Goose, 40 Whooper Swan

Boultham Mere

Marsh Harrier

Denton Reservoir

10 Goosander

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier (RT)

Gibraltar Point

7 Corn Bunting, 2 Woodcock

Marston

3 Green Sandpiper, 15 Snipe

10/12/2019

Frampton Marsh

3 Avocet, 200 Fieldfare, Goldeneye, Hen Harrier (female), 6 Marsh Harrier, Water Rail, 100 Redwing, 100 Whooper Swan

Leadenhall Farm

5 Whooper Swan

River Welland

2 Whooper Swan, Red-breasted Merganser, 2000 Knot, 1800 Oystercatcher, 600 Dunlin, 450 Black-tailed Godwit, 300 Bar-tailed Godwit, Marsh Harrier

Gibraltar Point

Peregrine Falcon, Barnacle Goose, Water Pipit, Water Rail

09/12/2019

Donna Nook

C40 Snow Bunting, c20 Twite

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck (juvenile), 2 Red-breasted Merganser, **Pomarine Skua** (2 juvenile), 4 Little Gull,

Hawthorpe

Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Stonechat



Short-eared and Barn Owls in South Lincolnshire, Images © Steve Nesbitt

Kirkby on Bain

Redshank, Smew (female)

Lincs Coastal CP

28 Whooper Swan and 11 Mute Swan on fields south of Marsh Yard

Wrangle Flats

3 **Great White Egrets** (together at TF 47007 50770) also of note were 5 Mute Swan, 35 Shelduck, 70 Wigeon, 120 Mallard, 26 Eider, 1 Red-breasted Merganser, Grey Heron, 35 Little Egret, c600 Oystercatcher, 32 Lapwing, 60 Curlew, c450 Bar-tailed Godwit, 8 Turnstone, 2 Sanderling, c3000 Knot, c400 Dunlin, c40 Redshank and c450 Fieldfare

Woodhall Spa

Woodcock

08/12/2019

Bardney Lock

2 Great White Egret

Donna Nook

Lapland Bunting, 35 Snow Bunting

Frampton Marsh

2 Avocet, 1 Peregrine Falcon, 200 Fieldfare, 1 Goldcrest, 6 Goldeneye, Hen Harrier, Marsh Harrier, 2 Merlin, 5000 Golden Plover, 3 Water Rail, 100 Redwing, 80 Whooper Swan, 2000 Wigeon

Gibraltar Point

Water Pipit

07/12/2019

Alkborough

3 **Common Crane** (flight only)

Baston Fen

2 Hen Harrier, (ring-tail), Water Pipit

Donna Nook

Tundra Bean Goose, 47 Whooper Swan and a warbler that may have been a Siberian Lesser Whitethroat or possibly a Dusky Warbler (heard only)



Tundra Bean Goose with 47 Whooper Swans at Quad 3, Donna Nook © Chris Atkin

East Halton Skitter

100 Avocet

Freiston Shore

Hen Harrier (ring-tail)

Gib Point

Black Brant, c 80 Red-throated Diver, **Pale-bellied Brent Goose**, Hen Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Stonechat

Grimsby

30 Curlew (T.A.G sports field)

North Somercotes

Chiffchaff

Toft Newton

Common Scoter

06/12/2019

Cleethorpes

Snow Bunting

Frampton Marsh

Barnacle Goose, Marsh Harrier, Water Rail, 2 Spotted Redshank, 3 Twite, Cetti's Warbler

Gibraltar Point

Black-throated Diver, 9 Red-throated Diver, Long-tailed Duck, 4 Red-breasted Merganser, 2 Stonechat, 2 Woodcock

05/12/2019

Kirkby on Bain

Smew (RH on River Sleap Pit)

Baston Fen

2 Hen Harrier (please don't enter any of the farmland)

Frampton Marsh

Hen Harrier

Gibraltar Point

Lapland Bunting, Woodlark

Witham Mouth

Scaup (F)

04/12/2019

Donna Nook

Lapland Bunting, Pomarine Skua still feeding among the seals,

Far Ings

2 Bittern, 3 Goldeneye (female)

Frampton Marsh

400 Fieldfare, Merlin, 2 Spotted Redshank, Water Rail, 6 Whooper Swan

Gibraltar Point

Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Water Pipit, 4 Stonechat,

Kirkby on Bain

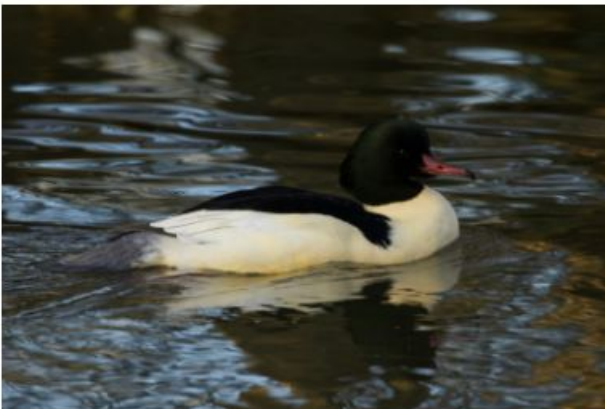
Smew (red-head)

Reads Island

10 Curlew, Dunlin, 8 Black-tailed Godwit, Pink-footed Goose, 700 Lapwing, 300 Golden Plover, Common Redshank, 147 Shelduck

Swanholme Lakes

10 Goosander (7 male 3 female), Jay, Red-crested Pochard (female)



Two of the ten Goosander at Swanholme Lakes - Images © Chris Grimshaw

03/12/2019

Ancaster

Marsh Harrier, 35 Golden Plover

Boultham Mere

Jack Snipe

Donna Nook

Pomarine Skua still feeding among the seals

Freiston

5 Whooper Swans north of Shore Road, Freiston (3 juvs) feeding on potato field.

Gibraltar Point

2 Pale-bellied Brent Goose, Lapland Bunting 4 Red-breasted Merganser, 2 Water Rail, Water Pipit,

Holbeach St John's

2 Tundra Bean Goose

Kirkby on Bain

Smew (RH)

Marston

3 or 4 Raven, Stonechat

Whisby

c5000 Starling murmuration

02/12/2019

Bardney Lock

2 Great White Egret

Boultham Mere

19 Cormorant, 22 Gadwall, 3 Egyptian Goose, 76 Pink-footed Goose, Water Rail, 11 Snipe, 27 Teal, Woodcock

Crowland

Great White Egret

Deeping High Bank

Great White Egret

Denton Res

Scaup

Far Ings

Red-throated Diver (Target Lake)

Frampton Marsh

Pink footed Geese, Whooper Swan, Merlin, Peregrine, 3000 Golden Plover and c 500 Fieldfares.

Freiston Shore

Raven

Gibraltar Point

5 Lapland Bunting, Tundra Bean Goose, 2 Pale-bellied Brent, Black Redstart and Water Pipit

01/12/2019

Bardney Lock

Great White Egret

Crowland

Tundra Bean Goose, c40 Whooper Swan

Deeping St Nicholas

2 Berwick Swan, Whooper Swan

Far Ings

Up to 3 Bittern, Red-throated Diver (Target Lake)

Frampton Marsh

200 Fieldfare, 3 Goldeneye, 50 Pink-footed Goose, Hen Harrier (male), Kingfisher, Water Rail, Redwing 40, Common Sandpiper, Stonechat, Whooper Swan, Cetti's Warbler

Freiston Shore

4 Red-throated Diver (offshore), 4 Whooper Swans and spectacular numbers of waders & wildfowl (c7000 Black-tailed Godwits)

Fulbeck

c110 Pink-footed Geese east at 11.02hrs.

Gibraltar Point

3 Brambling, 3 Bullfinch, 2 Corn Bunting, Chiffchaff, 73 Curlew, 15 Red-throated Diver, 8 Little Egret, 3 Eider, Peregrine Falcon, Fulmar, 16 Gadwall, 12 Goldcrest, 90 Brent Goose, 2000 Pink-footed Goose, 2 Tundra Bean Goose, 17 Little Grebe, Hen Harrier, Kingfisher, 136 Lapwing, Merlin, Water Pipit, 200 Golden Plover, 3 Pochard, 5 Water Rail, 62 Common Scoter, Velvet Scoter, 43 Shoveler, 5 Siskin, Jack Snipe 2 Sparrowhawk, 4 Stonechat, 291 Teal, Treecreeper, 216 Wigeon, Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker.

Trent Port, Marton

2 Coot, 2 Goosander (female), 250 Fieldfare, 500 Black-headed Gull, 15 Common Gull, 55 Herring Gull, 6 Great Black-backed Gull, 95 Lapwing, 8 Grey Partridge, 8 Whooper Swan, 140 Wigeon, 35 Yellowhammer,

Nocton Fen

Pink-footed Goose, Whooper Swan