

Waveney Bird Club Sightings Report 2013

30 December 2012 to 5 January 2013

A flock of seven Waxwings was seen along The Street, Gillingham, 1 January, and a flock of 17 was seen in a hedge beside the B1074 between Blundeston and Somerleyton, 4 January, while in the Rigbourne Hill area of Beccles two were seen on the 3rd, three on the 4th, and six on the 5th. A male Blackcap was present in gardens in Cherrywood, Harleston, 1 and 4 January. Lesser Redpolls were noted at Benstead Marshes, Mettingham, 30 December, Queen's Highway, Oulton (two), 1 January, and Outney Common, Bungay and Carlton Marshes, 5 January. A Stonechat and a Cetti's Warbler were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 1 January, with a further six Cetti's Warblers at Carlton Marshes, 5 January. Bearded Tits were noted at Fritton Marshes, 30 December and 4 January, Castle Marsh, North Cove (three) and Burgh Castle (four), 1 January, and Carlton Marshes, 5 January, with Kingfishers at Carlton Marshes, 2 January, and Weybread GP (two), 5 January.

The Great White Egret was present at Haddiscoe Island all week. Little Egrets were seen at Oulton Marshes (two) and Shipmeadow Marshes, 1 January, Burgh Castle (five), 3 January, Haddiscoe Island (two), 4 January, and Mendham Marshes, 5 January, and single Bitterns were noted at Short Dam Level, Burgh St Peter, 30 December, and Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, 2 January. A count of 304 Cormorants was made at the Fritton Decoy roost, 5 January. A flock of 500 Lapwings was present at Burgh Castle Flats, 3 January, a Woodcock was seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 4 January, and 20 Black-tailed Godwits were noted at Geldeston Marshes, 5 January.

The Rough-legged Buzzard was again present at Haddiscoe Island all week. Peregrines were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 30 and 31 December and 4 January, with two on 3 January, and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 1 January. A male Hen Harrier was recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 1, 3 and 4 January and Carlton Marshes, 4 January, with a ringtail at Haddiscoe Island, 5 January, while records of Marsh Harrier included a roost of 11 at Haddiscoe Island, 1 January, one at Carlton Marshes, 2 January, and one at Burgh Castle, 3 January. Four Short-eared Owls were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 4 January, while Barn Owls were reported from Homersfield, 31 December, Shottford Bridge, Weybread, 1 January, Shipmeadow Marshes, 1 and 2 January, Haddiscoe Island (five), 3 and 4 January, and Low Road, Harleston and Carlton Marshes, 5 January.

Bewick's Swans were present on the flooded marshes between Bungay and Beccles, with ten at Shipmeadow, 30 December, decreasing to eight, 31 December to 2 January, and 12 at Geldeston Marshes, 5 January. A White-fronted Goose flew over Carlton Marshes, 5 January, while Pink-footed Geese were recorded at Camps Heath Marshes, Oulton (300), 1

January, Ashby (300 in flight), 3 January, and Haddiscoe Island (6000), 5 January. A count of 200 Teal was made at Burgh Castle Flats, 3 January, and a redhead Goosander was seen at Weybread GP, 5 January.

6 to 12 January 2013

The long-staying Rough-legged Buzzard at Haddiscoe Island remained all week and was joined by a second, 12 January, while Peregrines were noted at Haddiscoe Island on 8 (two) and 12 January. A ringtail Hen Harrier was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 8 January, while males were present at Barnby Marshes and Haddiscoe Island, 12 January, and records of Marsh Harrier included seven at Haddiscoe Island and one at Beccles Marshes, 8 January. Three Short-eared Owls were regularly recorded at Haddiscoe Island throughout the week, and Barn Owls were noted at Oulton Marshes (two) and Barsham Hall, 6 January, and Haddiscoe Island (three), Belton Marshes and Weybread GP, 12 January.

Sightings of Waxwings in the Rigbourne Hill area of Beccles included three on 6 January, and two on 7 January. A male Blackcap was present in gardens at Cherrywood, Harleston, 7 and 10 to 12 January, while a Nuthatch was seen on a garden feeder in Brome, 7 January. A Stonechat was noted at Oulton Marshes, 6 and 12 January, and a Water Pipit was present at nearby Carlton Marshes, 10 January. Lesser Redpolls were recorded at Weybread GP (two), 6 January, and Herringfleet Hills (three), 8 January, and a flock of 100 Siskins was also noted at Herringfleet Hills on the same day. Other notable passerines included Grey Wagtails in Beccles Road, Bungay, 6 January, and Oak Lane, Beccles the following day, Bearded Tits at Haddiscoe Island, 6 January, and Burgh Castle (five), 12 January, and a Cetti's Warbler at Oulton Marshes, 6 January.

The Great White Egret was last seen at Haddiscoe Island on 11 January, while Little Egrets were recorded at Burgh Castle, 6 January, Carlton Marshes, 8 January, and Oulton Marshes (four) and Weybread GP, 12 January.

Bewick's Swans were noted at Geldeston Marshes (12), 6 January, and Haddiscoe Island (nine), 11 January. A flock of 300 Pink-footed Geese was present at Camps Heath Marshes, Oulton, 6 January, and the Ross's Goose of unknown origin was again seen at Haddiscoe Island, 12 January. Significant counts of ducks included 250 Teal at Burgh Castle Flats, 6 January, and 470 Wigeon at Oulton Marshes, 12 January, while a redhead Goosander was noted at Weybread GP regularly throughout the week.

Noteworthy waders included two Avocets and 35 Curlews at Burgh Castle Flats, 6 January, while Woodcock were seen at Barsham Hall, 6 January, and Herringfleet Hills (two) and Carlton Marshes, 8 January.

13 to 19 January 2013

A Firecrest was trapped and ringed at Barsham Marshes, 13 January (see the News page for a photo), and three Tree Sparrows were present at North Cove SWT reserve, 15 January. A single Waxwing was seen in a garden at Cherrywood, Harleston, 19 January, while two male Blackcaps were also noted at Cherrywood, 16 January. A Stonechat, 100 Fieldfares and two Bearded Tits were recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 16 January, and four Lesser Redpolls at Weybread GP and a Grey Wagtail at Beccles Common, 19 January. Kingfishers were noted at Haddiscoe Island (two), 16 January, and Weybread GP (four), 19 January.

The Rough-legged Buzzard was present at Haddiscoe Island all week, and was joined by a Merlin, 16 January, and a Peregrine, 13 and 17 January. A male Hen Harrier was also seen at Haddiscoe Island, 13 January, and a ringtail was present at Camps Heath Marshes, Oulton the following day, while Marsh Harriers were noted at Burgh Castle (five), 13 January, and Haddiscoe Island (three), 16 and 17 January. Short-eared Owls were regularly recorded at Haddiscoe Island, with six on 13 January and two on 16 and 17 January, while Barn Owls were noted at Haddiscoe Island (three), Barsham Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, 13 January, Blundeston Marshes, 16 January, and Carlton Marshes, 19 January.

A Great White Egret flew east along the river at St. Olaves, 19 January, while Little Egrets were noted at Oulton Marshes, 13 and 14 January, and Weybread GP (four), 18 January. Single Bitterns were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 16 January, and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 19 January.

The Ross's Goose of unknown origin was present at Haddiscoe Island, 13 and 16 January, and was accompanied by 1000 Pink-footed Geese and 50 Barnacle Geese, 16 January. A count of 470 Wigeon was made at Oulton Marshes, 14 January, while a redhead Goosander and two male Pintails were present at Weybread GP, 19 January.

Two Green Sandpipers were seen at Carlton Marshes, 18 January. Other notable waders included six Dunlin, 200 Golden Plovers and 500 Lapwings at Haddiscoe Island, 16 January, a single Dunlin which flew over Carlton Marshes, 19 January, and Woodcock at Barsham Marshes (three), 13 January, and North Cove SWT reserve, 15 January.

20 to 26 January 2013

A Great White Egret was seen by the river at Barnby Marshes, 24 January. When disturbed it flew over to Short Dam Level, Burgh St Peter, before heading towards Castle Marsh, North Cove. Four Little Egrets were present at Weybread GP, 24 January, and a Bittern was noted in flight by the river at Carlton Marshes, 21 January.

A family party of six Whooper Swans was present in a field along Waddling Lane, Blundeston, 25 and 26 January. The Ross' Goose of unknown origin flew north-west along Haddiscoe New Cut accompanied by six Barnacle Geese and 20 Pink-footed Geese, 20 January, while 600 Pink-footed Geese were seen at Blundeston, 25 January, and 800 flew north over Warren Carr, Somerleyton the following day. A redhead Goosander was present at Weybread GP, 20 January, while a male flew north along the river at Fritton the following day and one was on the river at Burgh Castle, 25 January.

A flock of 15 Waxwings were seen along St Mary's Road, Beccles, 20 January, and one was present nearby along Rowan Way, Worlingham the following day. Other unusual garden visits included a male Blackcap in Cherrywood, Harleston, 22 January, and a Brambling along Ellough Road, Beccles, 23 January. Bearded Tits were recorded at Barsham Marshes (two), 20 January, and Castle Marsh, 24 January, a Grey Wagtail was present at Weybread Sewage Works, 24 January, and three Lesser Redpolls were seen at Weybread GP, 26 January. A singing Cetti's Warbler was noted at Carlton Marshes, 26 January, while Kingfishers were noted at Weybread GP (five), 20 January, and Beccles Marshes, 22 January.

The long-staying Rough-legged Buzzard remained at Haddiscoe Island all week. A Merlin was seen at Carlton Marshes, 20 January, while sightings of Marsh Harriers included one at Beccles Marshes, 22 January, and two at Carlton Marshes and one at Castle Marsh, 24 January. Three Short-eared Owls were present at Haddiscoe Island, 21 January, while Barn Owls were reported from Beccles Marshes, 22 January, Carlton Marshes (two), Castle Marsh (two) and Pound Hill, Harleston, 24 January, Weybread GP (two) and Marsh Lane, Flixton, 25 January, and Waddling Lane, Blundeston, 26 January.

A Green Sandpiper was seen at Outney Common, Bungay, 21 January, and two Redshanks were present at Carlton Marshes, 25 January. Finally, Woodcock were noted at Carlton Marshes (two) and Weybread GP, 20 January, Beccles Common (four), 21 January, and Waddling Lane, Blundeston, 26 January.

27 January to 2 February 2013

The Rough-legged Buzzard remained at Haddiscoe Island all week and was joined by a second bird on 30 January and 2 February. A Red Kite was seen along the A143 between Fritton and Belton, 28 January, a male Merlin was noted at Haddiscoe Island, 28 January, and a Peregrine flew over Earsham GP, 27 January. Hen Harriers were recorded at Carlton Marshes and Haddiscoe Island, 27 January, with Marsh Harriers at Barsham Marshes, 29 January, Herringfleet Marshes (three), 30 January, and Carlton Marshes, 1 February. Two Short-eared Owls were hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 1 and 2 February, while Barn Owls were reported from Carlton Marshes, 27 January, Oulton Marshes, 29 January, Barnby Marshes, 31 January, and Burgh Castle, 2 February.

A flock of 30 Waxwings was present at Fritton churchyard, 31 January, and a male Blackcap was seen again at Cherrywood, Harleston, 28 January. Lesser Redpolls were noted at Earsham GP (seven), 27 January, and Weybread GP (eight), 29 January, with 75 Siskins at Earsham GP, 29 January. Two Bearded Tits and two Cetti's Warblers were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 1 February, with two Kingfishers at Earsham GP, 27 January.

Bitterns were noted at Castle Marsh, North Cove, and Haddiscoe Island, 31 January, and Carlton Marshes, 1 February, while Little Egrets were reported from Earsham GP (two), 27 January, Wortwell, 28 January, Weybread GP, 29 January, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 30 January, and Oulton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 1 February.

Redhead Goldeneyes were present at Earsham GP, 28 January, and Homersfield GP, 29 January, while Earsham GP also hosted 40 Pintail, 28 January, and 105 Gadwall the following day. A feral Ruddy Shelduck was noted at Haddiscoe Island, 1 February.

Finally, notable waders included two Woodcocks at North Cove SWT reserve, 27 January, a Redshank at Oulton Marshes, 29 January, and a Green Sandpiper at Carlton Marshes, 1 February.

3 to 9 February 2013

Two Rough-legged Buzzards were present at Haddiscoe Island, 3 to 6 February, with one remaining to the end of the week, and a Red Kite flew west over Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, 3 February. Oulton Marshes attracted a Merlin, 8 February, and a male Hen Harrier the following day, while a Merlin and a Peregrine were noted at Haddiscoe Island, also 9 February. Marsh Harriers were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 3 February, Beccles Marshes, 4 February, Haddiscoe Island (four), 7 February, and Burgh Castle (two), 9 February. Three Short-eared Owls were hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 7 February, while Barn Owls were reported from Haddiscoe Island (three), 7 February, and Oulton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 9 February.

Two Waxwings were present at the junction of St Johns Road and Bardolph Road, Bungay, 5 February. Grey Wagtails were seen at Beccles Common, 3 and 5 February, and Lock's Lane, Shipmeadow, 9 February, 50 Siskins flew south in two flocks at Burgh Castle, 9 February, and Kingfishers were noted at Earsham GP, 3 February, and Carlton Marshes, 9 February.

The flooded marshes between Bungay and Beccles attracted some Bewick's Swans, with 29 at Geldeston Marshes, 4 February, 21 at Mettingham Marshes, 5 February, and 29 at Shipmeadow Marshes, 7 February. A flock of 13 Brent Geese was present at Haddiscoe Island, 3 February, and a count of 700 Teal was made at Burgh Castle Flats, 3 February.

Notable waders at Burgh Castle Flats included an Avocet, 11 Black-tailed Godwits, six Redshanks and two Dunlin, 3 February, and a Spotted Redshank and 80 Curlews, 9 February. Three Redshanks were also noted at Flixton GP, 3 February, together with two Green Sandpipers, and two Green Sandpipers were also present at Shipmeadow Marshes, 7 February. Woodcock were reported from Earsham GP, 4 February, and Ellingham Marshes, 5 February, while Little Egrets were noted at Wortwell, 3 February, Ditchingham and Earsham GP, 4 February, and Oulton Marshes, 9 February.

10 to 16 February 2013

A Rough-legged Buzzard was again present on Haddiscoe Island all week, and was joined by a second bird on 11 to 14 February. Merlins were seen along Marsh Lane, Flixton, 11 February, and Haddiscoe Island, 15 February, and Peregrines at Haddiscoe Island, 10 February, and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 14 February. A male Hen Harrier was present at Oulton Marshes, 15 February, and Herringfleet Marshes, 16 February, and a ringtail was noted at Haddiscoe Marshes, also 16 February. Marsh Harriers were recorded at Beccles Marshes, 12 February, and Barsham Marshes and Burgh Castle, 16 February, while six

Buzzards flew north at Barsham, 15 February, and ten were in the air together over Somerleyton Marshes, 16 February. Two Short-eared Owls were hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 12 February, and Barn Owls were seen at Barsham Church and Marsh Lane, Flixton, 11 February, Beccles Marshes and Valley Farm, Homersfield, 12 February, and Barsham Marshes and Fen Farm, Bungay, 15 February.

Two Whooper Swans were present at Barnaby Marshes, 10 and 11 February, while 20 Bewick's Swans were seen at Wheatacre Marshes, 16 February, and eight flew west over Oulton Marshes on the same day. Other notable wildfowl included a redhead Goldeneye at Homersfield GP, 12 February, and 20 White-fronted Geese and the regular feral Ruddy Shelduck at Haddiscoe Island, 14 February.

A flock of 37 Waxwings flew over Waveney Forest, Fritton, 16 February. Other notable winter visitors included a Water Pipit at Haddiscoe Island and a flock of 150 Fieldfares near Barsham Water Treatment Works, 12 February, a Brambling along Cut Throat Lane, Beccles, 12 to 15 February. Two Bearded Tits were noted at Burgh Castle, 16 February, and Kingfishers were reported from Flixton Marshes (near Lowestoft), 11 February, and Barsham Marshes and Earsham GP, 12 February.

A Bittern was seen at Castle Marsh, 11 February, while Little Egrets were noted at Flixton Marshes (near Lowestoft, three), 11 February, Earsham GP and Wortwell, 12 February, Homersfield Bridge (two), 15 February, and Barsham Marshes, 16 February.

Wader highlights at Burgh Castle Flats on 16 February included 130 Black-tailed Godwits and 54 Curlews, while 55 Black-tailed Godwits were also present at Geldeston Marshes, 12 February. Finally, a Green Sandpiper was seen at Shipmeadow, 12 February, and a Woodcock at nearby Geldeston, 12 February.

17 to 23 February 2013

A first-winter Glaucous Gull was a good find at Carlton Marshes, 17 February. It was seen briefly again on 20 February, along with a third-winter Yellow-legged Gull.

Two Rough-legged Buzzards were again seen at Haddiscoe Island, 18 and 22 February, and were joined by a Peregrine, 18 February, with another Peregrine seen at Carlton Marshes, 21 and 22 February. A male Hen Harrier was present at Wheatacre Marshes, 17 February, while Marsh Harriers were noted at Barsham Marshes, 17 February, Haddiscoe Island (13), 18 February, Beccles Marshes, 19 February, and Carlton Marshes (two), 20

February, and Buzzards at Flixton GP (three), 17 February, Barsham Marshes (five), 18 February, Carlton Marshes, 20 February, and Roydon Fen, 23 February. A Short-eared Owl was hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 18 and 22 February, while Barn Owls were recorded Barsham Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes (two), 18 February, and Beccles Marshes and Weybread GP, 19 February.

A flock of 37 Bewick's Swans was present at Wheatacre Marshes, 17 February, and a total of 99 in two flocks flew over Barsham Marshes, 19 February. A Goosander flew east over Carlton Marshes, 19 February, while counts of commoner winter wildfowl included 600 Wigeon at Oulton Marshes and 580 Teal, 145 Wigeon, 120 Gadwall and 18 Pintail at Geldeston Marshes, 18 February.

Single Bitterns were seen at Oulton Marshes and Haddiscoe Island, 18 February, while Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes and Flixton (near Bungay), 17 February, Haddiscoe Island, Shipmeadow and Geldeston, 18 February, and Mendham Marshes, 19 February. Green Sandpipers were present at Barsham Marshes and Flixton GP (two), 17 February, and Haddiscoe Island (two), 18 February, and a Woodcock was seen at Puddingmoor, Beccles, also 18 February.

A total of 35 Waxwings were noted at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 18 February, and six Lesser Redpolls were seen at Weybread GP the following day. Finally, Kingfishers were recorded at Weybread GP, 19 February, and Carlton Marshes, 22 February.

24 February to 2 March

Three Rough-legged Buzzards were present at Haddiscoe Island, 25 February, with two on 26 February and 1 March, and one flew into roost at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 2 March. Other raptors noted at Haddiscoe Island included Merlins on 26 February and 2 March, two Peregrines on 1 March, and a male and a ringtail Hen Harrier, 2 March. Three Short-eared Owls were hunting there on 1 March, while Barn Owls were noted at Oulton Marshes, 26 February, Haddiscoe Island (two) and Earsham, 1 March, and Barsham Marshes (two), 2 March.

A total of 12 Bewick's Swans were present at Haddiscoe Island, 26 February, with two still present on 1 March, while a total of 30 were seen in flight on 2 March.

Notable waders included a Green Sandpiper at Barsham, 26 February, 150 Black-tailed Godwits at Burgh Castle Flats, 1 March, and three Spotted Redshanks at Burgh Castle and

a Woodcock at Waveney Forest, 2 March. Two Little Egrets were present at Oulton Marshes, 26 February.

An impressive count of 52 Stock Doves was made at Barsham Marshes, 26 February, with 200 Fieldfares and 30 Skylarks noted at the same site on 1 March. Two male Blackcaps were seen in a garden in Cherrywood, Harleston, 24 February, with one noted on 25 and 28 February, up to three Lesser Redpolls have been regularly visiting garden feeders in Crisp Road, Ellingham and two Rock Pipits were seen at Burgh Castle, 2 March. Finally, a Kingfisher was noted at Burgh Castle, 2 March.

3 to 9 March 2013

There was a large easterly movement of Bewick's Swans on 3 March with birds noted at Bungay (80), Barsham Marshes (six), Haddiscoe Island (four), Belton (200) and Burgh Castle (113), 3 March, with a further 30 seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 6 March. Other notable wildfowl included 130 Teal at Geldeston Marshes, 4 March, and 600 Wigeon at Oulton Marshes, 7 March.

A Rough-legged Buzzard was seen at Haddiscoe Island until at least 6 March, while single Peregrines were noted at North Cove SWT reserve, 3 March, and Barsham Marshes, 4 March. Buzzards were much in evidence with reports from Barsham Marshes (four), North Cove SWT reserve (five) and Carlton Marshes, 3 March, and Ashby (five), Waveney Forest, Fritton (five) and Herringfleet (six), 5 March. Two Short-eared Owls were hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 4 March, while Barn Owls were reported from Barsham Marshes (two) and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 3 March.

Notable waders included a Woodcock at North Cove SWT reserve, 3 March, and a flock of 850 Lapwings at Barsham Marshes, three Ruff at Geldeston Marshes and a Redshank at Beccles Marshes, 4 March. Two Little Egrets, were present at Carlton Marshes, 3 March, and a pair of Grey Partridges was seen at Thorpe Hall, Haddiscoe, 4 March.

Finally, passerines included six Lesser Redpolls at North Cove SWT reserve and 100 Fieldfares at Roydon Fen, 3 March, two singing Cetti's Warblers at Barsham Marshes, 4 March, and 60 Yellowhammers at the same site, 8 March.

10 to 16 March 2013

A Rough-legged Buzzard was still present at Haddiscoe Island, 10 March, and a Peregrine was seen at the same site on 15 March. Buzzards were noted at Beccles Marshes (two), 10 March, and Ashby (nine), 14 March, while Barn Owls were reported from Oulton Marshes, 13 March, Barsham Marshes, 14 March, and Haddiscoe Island, 15 March.

A flock of 20 Bewick's Swans flew east over Beccles, 14 March, while two Pintails were present at Beccles Marshes, 10 March, together with three Redshanks.

Notable passerines included 100 Siskins at Barsham Marshes and 50 at North Cove SWT reserve, 10 March, and a Water Pipit and three White Wagtails at Peto's Marsh, Carlton Colville, 14 March.

17 to 23 March 2013

Two Rough-legged Buzzards were again seen at Haddiscoe Island, 20 March. Haddiscoe Island also hosted a ringtail Hen Harrier, 17 March, and a Peregrine, 20 March. A Short-eared Owl was seen at Herringfleet Marshes, along with a Barn Owl, 21 March, while a Barn Owl was also noted at Oulton Marshes, 17 March.

A Mealy (Common) Redpoll was with a flock of 40 Siskins at Barsham Marshes, 17 March, and two Kingfishers were noted at the same site on 19 March. Three White Wagtails were present at Carlton Marshes, 17 March.

Waders included eight Avocets, 120 Black-tailed Godwits, 250 Curlews, and 40 Redshanks at Burgh Castle Flats and a Woodcock at Barsham Marshes, 17 March, and 12 Dunlin at Carlton Marshes, 23 March.

Finally, 300 Wigeon were present at Oulton Marshes, 17 March, with two feral Black Swans at the same site the following day.

24 to 30 March 2013

There was little sign of spring! Two Rough-legged Buzzards were again present at Haddiscoe Island, 25 March, and a male Hen Harrier was seen at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, a Merlin at Barsham Marshes and nine Buzzards, Ashby, 29 March. Two Short-eared Owls were hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 24 March, with one at nearby Thorpe Marshes, 29 March, while Barn Owls were noted at Stuston Common, 24 March, Earsham, 26 March, and Beccles Marshes (two), 28 March.

A Grey Wagtail was seen at Beccles Common, 24 March, and two White Wagtails at Carlton Marshes, 30 March, while a male Blackcap visited a garden feeder at Cherrywood, Harleston, 30 March.

Finally, assorted waterbird highlights included 260 Teal at Geldeston Marshes, 25 March, a Redshank at Beccles Marshes, 28 March, three Goldeneye at Fritton Decoy, 29 March, and a Bittern at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 30 March.

31 March to 6 April 2013

A second calendar-year White-tailed Eagle flew high south over Burgh Castle at 1.20pm on 6 April during its tour of coastal Norfolk and Suffolk. A Red Kite flew north east over Oulton Marshes, 6 April, and a Rough-legged Buzzard was again seen at Haddiscoe Island, 2 April. Buzzards were much in evidence, no doubt comprising passage as well as local birds, with high counts of six at Ashby, 1 April, and four at Carlton Marshes, 2 April. Barn Owls were reported from Oulton Marshes (two), 31 March, Beccles Marshes and North Cove SWT reserve, 2 April, Earsham, 3 April, and Herringfleet Marshes, 5 April.

A male Garganey flew from Castle Marsh, North Cove across the river to Aldeby shooting lakes, 31 March. A Bittern was also seen at these shooting lakes on the same day, while Little Egrets were noted at Oulton Marshes, 1 April, Carlton Marshes (three) and Haddiscoe Island, 2 April, Redenhall, 3 April, and Herringfleet Marshes, 4 April.

The first singing Chiffchaff of the year was finally recorded on 2 April at Beccles Marshes. A Black Redstart was present at Church Farm Marshes, Burgh Castle, 4 April, and six Crossbills flew north at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 6 April. Water Pipits were noted at Aldeby shooting lakes, 31 March, and Carlton Marshes, 5 and 6 April, with White Wagtails at Outney Common, Bungay, 5 April, and Carlton Marshes, 6 April. Bramblings were recorded at Redenhall, 1 April, and North Cove SWT reserve (three), 2 April, while 30 Siskins were seen at Herringfleet Marshes, 5 April. Two Grey Wagtails flew over North Cove SWT reserve, 3 April, and a Stonechat was present at Priory Farm, Carlton Colville, 5 April.

Wader passage also gained momentum. The highlights were five Bar-tailed Godwits at Long Dam Level, Aldeby, 6 April, and Ruffs at Aldeby shooting lakes, 1 April, and Carlton Marshes (four), 6 April. Black-tailed Godwits were noted at Aldeby shooting lakes, 31 March, and Carlton Marshes (three), 6 April, 147 Curlew at Fritton Marshes, 2 April, Dunlin at Aldeby shooting lakes (12) and Carlton Marshes (three), 6 April, and Redshanks at Beccles Marshes, 2 April, Aldeby shooting lakes (12), 3 April, and Carlton Marshes (three), 6 April. Green Sandpipers were recorded at Aldeby shooting lakes, 31 March, Castle Marsh, 3 April, and Flixton GP, 6 April. Finally, Woodcock were seen at Ashby (five), Blundeston Marshes, North Cove SWT reserve and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 2 April.

7 to 13 April 2013

There was an impressive movement of Red Kites, with records from Syleham, North Cove, Carlton Colville (four) and Haddiscoe, 7 April, Blundeston, 8 April, and Carlton Colville (two), 10 April. Other raptors included a Peregrine at Carlton Marshes, 7 April, a male Hen Harrier also at Carlton Marshes, 9 April, and notable counts of Buzzards from Flixton GP (five), Castle Marsh, North Cove (five) and Carlton Marshes (nine), 7 April. Barn Owls were reported from Earsham, 11 April, Castle Marsh, 12 April, and Ditchingham Hall, 13 April.

Passerine migration finally gained momentum. The highlight was a male Ring Ouzel at Beccles Common, 13 April, with the first Swallow (Carlton Marshes, 8 April), Sand Martin (two, Ditchingham Hall, 13 April) and Yellow Wagtail, (three, Carlton Marshes, also 13 April) all recorded during the week. Winter visitors were also on the move with 12 Waxwings at Beccles railway station and 200 Redwings at Burnt Hill Lane, Carlton Colville, 13 April. Carlton Marshes hosted a Water Pipit, 7 April, six White Wagtails, 8 April, two Stonechats, 12 April, and a Lesser Redpoll, 12 April, while a Lesser Redpoll was also present at Weybread GP, 8 April. A Grey Wagtail and a Kingfisher were seen at Ditchingham Hall, 13 April, with further Kingfishers noted at Flixton (near Bungay), 7 April, and Weybread GP, 9 April.

Notable waders included a Green Sandpiper and a Dunlin at Flixton GP, a Curlew at Castle Marsh, and two Ruffs and two Redshanks at Carlton Marshes, 7 April. Woodcock were seen at Beccles (five) and Carlton Marshes (three), 7 April, and Ditchingham Hall, 13 April. Little Egrets were noted at Flixton (near Bungay) (two) and Carlton Marshes, 7 April, Weybread (two), 9 April, and Somerleyton, 13 April. Finally, a Brent Goose was an unusual record at Carlton Marshes, 9 and 10 April.

14 to 20 April 2013

An Alpine Swift was an excellent find over Lopham Fen in the evening of 17 April. A Ring Ouzel was seen at Burgh Castle, 19 April, while three male Blue-headed Wagtails were present at Carlton Marshes, 17 April, with two on 20 April and one on 18 and 19 April, and a maximum count of ten Yellow Wagtails was also made at Carlton Marshes, 17 April. The first House Martin (two at Lopham Fen, 14 April), Willow Warbler (three at Fisher Row, Oulton and two at Carlton Marshes (two), 14 April), Sedge Warbler (Castle Marsh, North Cove, 15 April), Grasshopper Warbler (Fisher Row, 17 April), Whitethroat (two at Carlton Marshes, 19 April) and Cuckoo (Oulton Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 20 April) were all recorded during the week. There was a very large easterly movement of Redwings on 14 April, including counts of 1,000 at Burnt Hill Lane, Carlton Colville and 500 at Gillingham Marshes. Other late-staying winter visitors included a Brambling at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 15 April, two Water Pipits at Carlton Marshes, 17 April, with one remaining until 19 April, and two Lesser Redpolls at Weybread GP, 15 April. A Stonechat was noted at Oulton Marshes, 20 April.

Two White Storks were observed circling with two Cranes over Havergate Island late morning on 19 April. Little Egrets were noted at Redgrave Fen (two), 14 April, and Oulton Marshes, 20 April.

An Osprey was seen at Beccles Marshes, 17 April. Other raptor highlights included a Red Kite, which flew north-west over Beccles, 15 April, and a Peregrine over Waveney Forest, Fritton, 14 April.

An Arctic Tern was seen at Weybread GP, 19 April, with the first returning Common Tern present there the following day. Migrant waders included a Dunlin at Carlton Marshes, 14 April, Whimbrel at Castle Marsh (three) and Beccles Marshes (eight), 16 April, two Redshanks at Carlton Marshes, 17 April, and a Common Sandpiper at Weybread GP and a Spotted Redshank and two Greenshanks at Burgh Castle Flats, 19 April. Woodcock were seen at Carlton Marshes (two), Fisher Row (four), Camps Heath, Oulton, 14 April.

21 to 27 April 2013

Carlton Marshes attracted the pick of the passerine migrants this week with a female Ring Ouzel on 21 April, single Blue-headed Wagtails on 21 to 23 and 27 April, a White Wagtail also on 21 April, a Water Pipit on 22 April, and two Wheatears, 26 April. The first Nightingale of the year was recorded at Outney Common, Bungay, 23 April, with two at Barsham, 27 April, the first Reed Warbler at Carlton Marshes, 24 April, and the first Swifts at Weybread GP (six), 27 April. Other notable summer visitors included Yellow Wagtails at

Flixton GP (three) and Worlingham Marshes, 21 April, Carlton Marshes (13), 22 April, and Beccles Marshes (five), 24 April, Cuckoos at Carlton Marshes (one throughout the week), Castle Marsh, North Cove, 23 April, Oulton Marshes, 24 April, and Barsham Marshes, 26 April, and Grasshopper Warblers at Oulton Marshes (seven) and North Cove (two), 23 April, and Carlton Marshes (five), 24 April. A late Lesser Redpoll was seen at Worlingham Marshes, 21 April, while notable residents included Kingfishers at Worlingham Marshes, 21 April, and Weybread GP, 27 April, and a Cetti's Warbler at Worlingham Marshes and two Bearded Tits at Burgh Castle, 21 April.

Waders at Burgh Castle Flats included two Spotted Redshank, a Grey Plover, two Bar-tailed Godwit, 17 Avocet, 60 Curlew and 60 Redshank, 21 April, seven Whimbrel, 22 April, two Greenshank, 23 April, a Spotted Redshank, 23 and 24 April, and 200 Black-tailed Godwit, a Greenshank, three Knot, three Dunlin and eight Avocet, 27 April. Elsewhere, an impressive count of 80 Whimbrel was made at Beccles Marshes, 24 April, with one at Oulton Marshes the following day, 50 Black-tailed Godwit flew north over Carlton Marshes, 25 April, three Greenshank were present at Carlton Marshes, 26 April, with one seen the following day, and Redshank were noted at Weybread GP, 22 April, Beccles Marshes (two), 25 April, and Carlton Marshes, 27 April. Late Green Sandpipers were present at Flixton GP (two), 21 April, and Beccles Marshes, 25 April, with Common Sandpipers at Flixton GP, 21 April, and Weybread GP (two), 27 April.

The raptor highlight of the week was an Osprey at Worlingham, 25 April. The first Hobby of the year was seen at nearby Beccles Marshes on the same day, and a Red Kite flew north over South Road, Beccles, 27 April. At Carlton Marshes, a male Hen Harrier and a Red Kite were noted on 22 April, a Peregrine on 27 April, Short-eared Owls on 22, 26 and 27 April, and three Barn Owls on 26 April.

A male Garganey was present at Carlton Marshes and an Arctic Tern at Weybread GP, 22 April. Finally, Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes (three), 26 and 27 April, and Mendham Marshes (two), 27 April.

28 April to 4 May 2013

Three Cranes circled over the Waveney river centre at Burgh St Peter early afternoon on 3 May. Eight Arctic Terns and six Sandwich Terns were noted at Burgh Castle, 30 April, and 21 Arctic Terns flew east at the same site, 2 May. Little Egrets were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three), 29 April, and Beccles Marshes, 30 April.

Unusually for spring, a roost of Yellow Wagtails was located at Burgh Castle, with 317 counted on 29 April, and 244 the following day. Yellow Wagtails were also seen at Outney Common, Bungay, 29 April, Carlton Marshes (two), 3 May, and Langmere near Dickleburgh, 4 May. A Ring Ouzel was present at Burgh Castle and a Wheatear at Outney Common, Bungay, 29 April. The first Turtle Dove of the year was recorded at Beccles Marshes, 30 April, and the first Garden Warbler at Sprat's Water, Carlton Colville, 3 May. Cuckoos were noted at Barsham Marshes, 28 April, Beccles Marshes, 30 April, and North Cove, 2 May, Cetti's Warblers at Castle Marsh, North Cove (two), 28 April, Beccles Marshes, 30 April, Carlton Marshes (four), 3 May, and Burgh Castle, 4 May, and three Bearded Tits were seen at Carlton Marshes, 30 April. Single Kingfishers were recorded at Weybread GP and Beccles Marshes, 30 April. Late-leaving winter visitors included a Fieldfare at Beccles Common, 28 April, a Redwing at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 3 May, and a Lesser Redpoll at Burgh Castle, 4 May.

Waders at Burgh Castle Flats included seven Greenshank, two Knot, nine Whimbrel, two Bar-tailed Godwit, 28 April, three Spotted Redshank, 2 May, and two Greenshank, six Avocet and 31 Whimbrel, 4 May. Other notable counts of Whimbrel included 63 at Worlingham Marshes, 28 April, 50 at Beccles Marshes, 2 May, and 30 at Castle Marsh, 3 May. Beccles Marshes also hosted a Redshank, 30 April, and 20 Curlew, 2 May, while a Common Sandpiper was present at Weybread GP and a Curlew at Carlton Marshes, 30 April.

Raptor highlights included fly-over Red Kites at Flixton GP, 28 April, and Burgh Castle, 4 May, while Hobbies were seen at Carlton Marshes, 29 April, Burgh Castle (two), 30 April, and Thorpe Marshes, 2 May.

5 to 11 May 2013

A Honey Buzzard flew north over St Olaves at 11.30am on 10 May. Hobbies were noted at Carlton Marshes, 6 May, Castle Marsh, North Cove, 10 May, and Beccles Marshes (three) and North Cove Marshes, 11 May.

Three Spoonbills flying west over Langmere near Dickleburgh on 7 May was an unusual inland record. Little Egrets were seen at Carlton Marshes (three), 5 May, and Weybread GP, 11 May.

Waders at Burgh Castle Flats included six Spotted Redshank, 5 May, 12 Greenshank, 6 May, 90 Black-tailed Godwit, three Greenshank and ten Whimbrel, 10 May, and two Turnstone, 11 May. Elsewhere, two Avocet and two Greenshank were present at Carlton

Marshes, 6 May, and a Whimbrel at North Cove Marshes, 11 May. Common Sandpipers were present at Oulton Marshes (two), 8 May, and Weybread GP, 11 May.

Two Wheatears were noted at Carlton Marshes, 5 May. Turtle Doves were present at Langmere, 6 May, and Sandy Lane, Belton, 11 May, while Cuckoos were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), 5 May, and Langmere, 6 and 10 May. Residents included a Kingfisher at Beccles Marshes, 9 May, and Cetti's Warblers at Blundeston Marshes, 5 May, Carlton Marshes (two) and Burgh Castle, 6 May, and North Cove Marshes, 11 May, and a late Lesser Redpoll was seen at Burgh Castle, 6 May.

12 to 18 May 2013

Hobbies were seen at Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Fisher Row, Oulton, 13 May, and Worlingham, 18 May, with Barn Owls reported from Oulton Marshes, 12 May, and Beccles Marshes, 16 May.

20 Yellow Wagtails roosted at Burgh Castle, 16 May, while Cuckoos were recorded at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 15 May, and Carlton Marshes (two) and Barsham, 18 May.

Migrant waders included a Whimbrel and a Green Sandpiper at Carlton Marshes, 17 May. Little Egrets were noted at Herringfleet Marshes (three), 13 May, and Beccles Marshes (three), 16 May.

19 to 25 May 2013

Two Cranes were feeding at Castle Marsh, North Cove late afternoon on 23 May. Little Egrets were present at Castle Marsh (three), 23 May, and Carlton Marshes, 26 May.

An Osprey was perched in a tree at Somerleyton Marshes, 23 May. Hobbies were seen at Langmere near Dickleburgh, 21 May, and Castle Marsh, 23 May, and a Barn Owl at Stuston Common, 25 May.

The first Spotted Flycatcher was recorded at Mount Street, Diss, 19 May. Turtle Doves were seen at Burgh Castle, 19 May, Beccles Marshes, 21 May, and Withersdale Street, 23 May, and a Cuckoo at Castle Marsh, 23 May. A Kingfisher and a Cetti's Warbler were noted at Beccles Marshes, 21 May.

Whimbrels were present at Burgh Castle Flats (three), 19 May, and Castle Marsh, 23 May, and four Avocet, 38 Black-tailed Godwit and ten Redshank were recorded at Burgh Castle Flats, 26 May.

26 May to 1 June 2013

Two Cranes were again seen at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 31 May, and a Little Egret was present at Carlton Marshes, 26 May.

A Whinchat was a good find at Beccles Marshes, 26 May. A Spotted Flycatcher was present at Beccles Marshes all week, and Cuckoos were recorded at Castle Marsh (two), 26 May, Diss, 27 and 31 May, Carlton Marshes, 31 May, and Beccles Marshes, 1 June. A Cetti's Warbler was noted at Beccles Marshes, 28 May.

Notable waders included four Avocet, 38 Black-tailed Godwit and ten Redshank at Burgh Castle Flats, 26 May, and a Redshank at Beccles Marshes, 28 May. A male Mandarin was present at Weybread GP, 27 May, and eight Barnacle Geese were seen at Beccles Marshes, 28 May.

Finally, Barn Owls were reported from Carlton Marshes, 26 May, and Castle Marsh, 1 June.

2 to 8 June 2013

Two immature Cranes commuted between Castle Marsh, North Cove and Carlton Marshes, 2 June, and a Spoonbill circled over Castle Marsh on the same day. Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes (three), 4 June, and Beccles Marshes, 7 June.

A male Garganey was present at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, 8 June.

Cuckoos were seen at Castle Marsh and Beccles Marshes, 2 June. Spotted Flycatchers were recorded at St James South Elmham (pair) and Beccles Marshes, 6 June, and Cetti's Warblers at Castle Marsh, 2 June, and Sprat's Water Lane, Carlton Colville and Carlton Marshes, 6 June.

Finally, single Hobbies were hunting at Castle Marsh, 2 June, and Sprat's Water Lane, 6 June.

9 to 15 June 2013

The highlight of the week was a Quail flushed at Redgrave Fen, 14 June.

There was a small influx of Red Kites at the end of the week with individuals over Barnby, 13 June, Beccles and Herringfleet, 14 June, and Herringfleet again, 15 June. A Hobby was seen at Earsham GP, 15 June. Barn Owls were reported from Lopham Fen, 10 June, and Beccles Marshes, 11 June.

Three Spoonbills flew over Castle Marsh, North Cove, 13 June, while Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes (five), 10 June, and Beccles Marshes the following day.

Notable summer visitors included a Yellow Wagtail at Burgh Castle, 14 June, Turtle Doves at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 9 June, and Flixton (near Bungay), 11 June, Cuckoos at Lopham Fen, 10 June, and Camps Heath Marshes, 11 June, and Spotted Flycatchers at Beccles Marshes (two), 9 June, and Weybread churchyard (two), 11 June. Finally, Cetti's Warblers were noted at Beccles Marshes, 11 June, and Burgh Castle, 14 June.

16 to 22 June 2013

A Red Kite was seen over Gillingham Marshes, 16 June, and another, along with a Marsh Harrier, was seen at Worlingham, 22 June. Hobbies were noted at Ashby (two) and Flixton Marshes (near Lowestoft), 16 June, and a Barn Owl was logged at Beccles Marshes, 18 June.

Wader highlights included a Whimbrel at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, two Greenshanks and two Curlews at Carlton Marshes and a Redshank at Beccles Marshes, 18 June. The highest count of Little Egrets was of 12 at Carlton Marshes, also 18 June.

A Turtle Dove was purring at Scole, 21 June. Spotted Flycatchers were recorded at Beccles (two), 16 June and Weybread House, 21 June, a Cuckoo was seen at Camps Heath Marshes, 16 June, and a reeling Grasshopper Warbler was heard at Carlton Marshes, 18 June. Grey Wagtails were logged at Earsham Mill and Syleham Mill, 21 June, and Kingfishers at Weybread Mill and Earsham Mill on the same day.

23 to 29 June 2013

A Great White Egret was present on the scrape at Carlton Marshes, 29 June, while Little Egrets were logged at Carlton Marshes (ten) and Earsham GP (four), 29 June.

The recent run of Red Kites continued with two at Waterloo, near Gillingham and one at Carlton Colville, 23 June, while Hobbies were seen at Waterloo, 23 June, and Somerleyton, 29 June.

Turtle Doves were reported from Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 23 June, St James South Elmham, 24 June, and Beccles Marshes, 25 June. A Cuckoo was present at St James South Elmham, 25 June, and three Spotted Flycatchers were seen at Earsham Mill, 25 June.

Notable waders included six Avocets and a Curlew at Burgh Castle, 28 June, and Green Sandpipers at Flixton GP (seven), 25 June, and Earsham GP, 25 and 29 June.

30 June to 6 July 2013

A Crane flew north over Barnby at mid-day on 30 June. The Great White Egret was seen daily at Carlton Marshes until 5 July, while high counts of Little Egrets included ten at Carlton Marshes, 30 June and 4 July, and five at Earsham GP, 4 July.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a Spotted Redshank, 1, 3 and 5 July, 38 Black-tailed Godwits, 30 June, and two Curlews, 6 July. Elsewhere, 15 Avocets and 19 Curlews were noted at Burgh Castle, 30 June, a Curlew and a Redshank at Beccles Marshes, 2 July, two Green Sandpipers, a Greenshank and a Redshank at Flixton GP, 4 July, with a Green Sandpiper also present at Earsham GP, 4 July, and 50 Black-tailed Godwits at Aldeby shooting lakes, 5 July.

Raptor highlights included a Red Kite at Gillingham Marshes and a Peregrine at Carlton Marshes, 1 July, and a Marsh Harrier at Beccles Marshes, 2 July. Hobbies were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 30 June, and Beccles the following day, while Barn Owls were reported from Carlton Marshes (five), 30 June, and Beccles Marshes, 2 July.

A Cuckoo was noted regularly throughout the week at Carlton Marshes, with two present on 6 July. A Yellow Wagtail flew over Carlton Marshes, 6 July, and Spotted Flycatchers were seen at Beccles Marshes, 2 July, and Carlton Marshes the following day. A Bearded Tit was heard at Burgh Castle, 30 June, and two Kingfishers were seen at Beccles Marshes, 2 July.

Finally, a Garganey in eclipse plumage was present at Carlton Marshes, 6 July.

7 to 13 July 2013

A Red Kite was seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe and a Peregrine at Carlton Marshes, 7 July, while two Barn Owls were noted at Carlton Marshes, 9 July.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a Greenshank, 7 and 13 July, a Black-tailed Godwit, 8 July, two Redshanks, 11 July, and a Spotted Redshank, 12 and 13 July. Elsewhere, a Whimbrel flew over Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 7 July, a Greenshank, a Common Sandpiper and three Green Sandpipers were present at Flixton GP, 8 July, and 200 Black-tailed Godwits were counted at Burgh Castle Flats, 10 July. An impressive 15 Little Egrets were present at Carlton Marshes, 12 July.

Cuckoos were seen at Carlton Marshes, 8 July, and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 13 July, and a Grasshopper Warbler was reeling at Carlton Marshes, 9 and 12 July.

14 to 20 July 2013

A male Red-backed Shrike was present by the castle ruins at Burgh Castle, 15 July.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a Golden Plover, 14 July, a Greenshank, two Green Sandpipers, two Whimbrels and a Curlew, 20 July. Elsewhere, four Green Sandpipers were present at Redgrave Fen, 20 July. High counts of Little Egrets included 12 at Carlton Marshes, 14 July, and 26 at Redgrave Fen, 20 July.

Single Hobbies were seen at Carlton Marshes, 14 and 17 July, and Worlingham, 20 July, and a Barn Owl was noted at Beccles Marshes, 16 July.

21 to 27 July 2013

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a Whimbrel, three Curlews and a Dunlin, 21 July, a Whimbrel, 23 July, nine Green Sandpipers, 24 July, a Wood Sandpiper, a Ruff and three Black-tailed Godwits, 25 July, two Wood Sandpipers and six Greenshanks, 26 July, and a

Wood Sandpiper, a Spotted Redshank, a Ruff, three Golden Plovers, four Redshanks and 15 Snipe, 27 July. Elsewhere, six Green Sandpipers were seen at Flixton GP and a Redshank at Earsham GP, 24 July.

A Garganey in eclipse plumage was present at Carlton Marshes, 23, 24 and 27 July. A count of 19 Little Egrets was made at Carlton Marshes, 22 July, while notable gulls included two Mediterranean Gulls at Carlton Marshes and an adult Yellow-legged Gull along nearby Burnt Hill Lane, 27 July.

A Turtle Dove was noted at St James South Elmham, 22 July, while Carlton Marshes hosted a Cuckoo, 26 July, a Yellow Wagtail, 25 and 27 July, and a reeling Grasshopper Warbler, 26 and 27 July.

Single Hobbies were seen at Bungay, 25 July, and Carlton Marshes, 27 July, and two Barn Owls were reported from Carlton Marshes, 26 July.

28 July to 3 August 2013

Wood Sandpipers were present at Carlton Marshes all week, with six on 28 and 29 July, two on 30 and 31 July and 3 August, and one on 1 and 2 August. Other waders at Carlton Marshes included a nominate limosa race Black-tailed Godwit, a Spotted Redshank a Ruff and a Curlew, 28 July, a Spotted Redshank, two Whimbrel, four Greenshanks and two Redshanks, 29 July, 25 Snipe, 30 July, and eight Black-tailed Godwits and two Green Sandpipers, 31 July. Elsewhere, 15 Greenshanks were recorded at Burgh Castle Flats, 28 July. A Garganey was present at Carlton Marshes, 29 July, and Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes (nine) and Mendham Marshes (two) on the same day.

A Marsh Harrier was seen at Beccles Marshes, 30 July, and a Hobby at Carlton Marshes, 2 August, while Barn Owls were noted at Carlton Marshes (three), 29 and 30 July, and Beccles Marshes, 30 July.

Two Grasshopper Warblers were reeling at Carlton Marshes and two Yellow Wagtails flew south over nearby Burnt Hill Lane, 31 July, and a juvenile Cuckoo was present at Oulton Marshes, 3 August. Finally, a Kingfisher was seen at Carlton Marshes, 2 August.

4 to 10 August 2013

Three Cranes were present at Belton Marshes, 7 August. An immature Spoonbill circled over the scrape at Carlton Marshes before flying off north late morning on 10 August, and two immatures flew east in the evening on the same day. A Bittern was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 10 August, while Little Egrets were present at Burgh Castle (15), 4 August, Carlton Marshes (12), 6 August, and Redgrave Fen (three), 10 August.

A Garganey was present at Carlton Marshes, 10 August, and a second-summer Caspian Gull and an adult Yellow-legged Gull were seen along nearby Burnt Hill Lane, 5 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a Spotted Redshank, a Dunlin and three Green Sandpipers, 5 August, three Green Sandpipers, 6 August, a Redshank, 9 August, and a Wood Sandpiper, a Black-tailed Godwit, 14 Greenshanks, a Dunlin, and a Redshank, 10 August. Elsewhere, a Greenshank, two Common Sandpipers and two Green Sandpipers were present at Burgh Castle, 4 August, six Green Sandpipers and four Common Sandpipers at Belton Marshes, 7 August, and a Wood Sandpiper and three Green Sandpipers at Redgrave Fen and a Green Sandpiper and four Golden Plovers at Haddiscoe Island, 10 August

A Crossbill flew east over Carlton Marshes, 10 August, while juvenile Cuckoos were seen at Belton Marshes, 4 August, and Carlton Marshes, 10 August.

Notable raptors included a Hobby at Burgh Castle, 4 August, a Red Kite at Carlton Marshes, 10 August, and Marsh Harriers at Beccles Marshes, 6 August, and Barsham, 8 August. Finally, single Barn Owls were noted at Mendham Marshes, 7 August, and Carlton Marshes, 10 August.

11 to 17 August

A Garganey was present at Carlton Marshes, 11 to 13 and 15 August. An impressive count of 60 Egyptian Geese was made at Burgh Castle, 11 August, and three Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes, 11 to 13 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included six Greenshanks, four Curlews and a Green Sandpiper, 11 August, a Ruff, 13 August, and 15 Snipe and a Golden Plover, 15 August. Elsewhere, a Greenshank and a Common Sandpiper were present at Burgh Castle and four Green Sandpipers at Haddiscoe Island, 11 August, a Golden Plover at St James South Elmham, 12 August and five Green Sandpipers at Earsham GP, 14 August.

A pre-roost count of 15 Yellow Wagtails was made at Burgh Castle, 11 August. Juvenile Cuckoos were seen at Carlton Marshes, 11 and 15 August, and a Spotted Flycatcher at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 15 August. A Kingfisher was noted at Beccles Marshes, 13 August.

Notable raptors included a Hobby at Carlton Marshes, a Peregrine at Herringfleet Marshes and Red Kites at Barnby and Beccles, 11 August.

18 to 24 August

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a Wood Sandpiper, two Curlews and two Green Sandpipers, 18 August, and a juvenile Little Ringed Plover, two Ruff, ten Greenshanks and 30 Snipe, 22 August. Elsewhere, a Common Sandpiper and six Green Sandpipers were seen at Hemplands Farm, St James South Elmham, 19 August and two Green Sandpipers at Beccles Marshes, 21 August. A Garganey was present at Carlton Marshes, 22 August and two Little Egrets at the same site, 18 August.

A Red Kite flew north over Barnby Broad, 20 August, and a Hobby was seen at Worlingham, 24 August.

Juvenile Cuckoos were seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe and Burgh Castle, 20 August, Carlton Marshes, 22 August and Castle Marshes, North Cove, 23 August, a Yellow Wagtail flew east over Sprat's Water Lane, Carlton Colville, 22 August, and a Wheatear was noted at Ashby, 23 August.

25 to 31 August

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two Black-tailed Godwits and two Green Sandpipers, 25 August, and seven Ruff and four Greenshank, 27 August. Elsewhere, a Greenshank and five Green Sandpipers were present at Hemplands Farm, St James South Elmham and a Common Sandpiper at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 25 August, a Greenshank, a Redshank and two Green Sandpipers at Earsham GP, 29 August, and a Common Sandpiper at the same site the following day.

Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe hosted three Whinchats, 25 August, and a Kingfisher was seen at Beccles Marshes, 27 August.

Finally, a Marsh Harrier was noted at Beccles Marshes, 27 August.

1 to 7 September

Waders at Carlton Marshes included ten Ruff, two Black-tailed Godwits, four Greenshanks and a Dunlin, 1 September. Elsewhere, a Whimbrel was seen at Burgh Castle Flats, 1 September, two Green Sandpipers at Hemplands Farm, St James South Elmham, 2 September, and two Common Sandpipers and two Green Sandpipers at Earsham GP, 6 September.

A Whinchat and four Bearded Tits were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 6 September, and a Yellow Wagtail at Hemplands Farm, St James South Elmham, 2 September.

Notable raptors included two Hobbies at Carlton Marshes, 7 September and a Marsh Harrier at Beccles Marshes, 3 September.

Finally, two Little Egrets were present at Carlton Marshes, 1 September.

8 to 14 September

Migrant passerines included a Whinchat at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 8 September and a Wheatear at the same location the following day, while a late Sand Martin was seen at Beccles Marshes, 12 September. Kingfishers were reported at Oulton Dyke, 8 September and Beccles Marshes, 12 September.

Notable waders included four Greenshanks at Carlton Marshes, 8 September, a Common Sandpiper at Oulton Dyke, 9 September, two juvenile Spotted Redshanks and a Greenshank at Earsham GP, 11 September, two Curlew Sandpipers and a Common Sandpiper at Burgh Castle Flats, two Green Sandpipers at Earsham GP and four Ruff at Carlton Marshes, 12 September, and two Greenshanks, a Common Sandpiper and two Green Sandpipers at Flixton GP, 14 September.

Hobbies were seen at Carlton Marshes (two) and Langley Marshes, Haddiscoe, 8 September, Burgh Castle, 12 September, Barsham Marshes (two), 13 September and Flixton GP, 14 September. Marsh Harriers were noted at Langley Marshes, Haddiscoe, 8 September and Barsham Marshes (two), 13 September, while a Barn Owl was recorded at Oulton Marshes, 10 September.

An impressive count of 36 Little Egrets was made at Langley Marshes, Haddiscoe, 8 September, with one at Carlton Marshes on the same day.

15 to 21 September

Wader highlights included juvenile Curlew Sandpipers at Burgh Castle Flats on 15 September (two), 17 September, 19 September (three) and 20 September (two) and at Earsham GP, 20 and 21 September. Other waders at Burgh Castle Flats included 340 Dunlin, 17 September, and a Ruff and 13 Common Sandpipers, 20 September and at Earsham GP, a Greenshank and four Green Sandpipers, 20 September. Elsewhere, a Green Sandpiper was seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, a Greenshank, a Common Sandpiper, a Green Sandpiper and two Redshanks at Flixton GP, 15 September and three Ruffs and a Greenshank at Carlton Marshes, 17 September.

Late summer migrants included Hobbies at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 15 September, Somerleyton churchyard, 19 September and Carlton Marshes (five), 21 September,

a Yellow Wagtail at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 15 September, a Swift at Belton, 18 September and a Sedge Warbler at Carlton Marshes, 21 September.

Two Mediterranean Gulls were noted at Burgh Castle Flats, 20 September, while Little Egrets were seen at Flixton GP, 15 September, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 17 September, Burgh Castle Flats (four), 20 September and Carlton Marshes, 21 September.

22 to 28 September

A Yellow-browed Warbler was trapped and ringed at Burgh Castle, 26 September. The first Redwings of the autumn, a flock of six flying west, were recorded at Beccles, 27 September. Notable resident passerines included two singing Cetti's Warblers at Carlton Marshes, 26 September and two Bearded Tits at Burgh Castle, 28 September.

Single Curlew Sandpipers were present Flixton GP, 22 September and Burgh Castle Flats, 27 September. Flixton GP also hosted two juvenile Ringed Plovers, a Greenshank, a Dunlin, a Common Sandpiper and four Green Sandpipers, 22 September, while a Little Stint, 27 September, and 318 Dunlin, 28 September, were present at Burgh Castle Flats. Elsewhere, a Greenshank and three Green Sandpipers were seen at Earsham GP, 22 September, and at Carlton Marshes a Ruff was present on 26 September and a

Greenshank on 28 September. Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 26 September and Burgh Castle (ten), 28 September.

Finally, a Peregrine was seen at Burgh Castle, 28 September.

29 September to 5 October

A juvenile Pomarine Skua was chasing Herring Gulls over Burgh Castle Marshes, 3 October.

A Yellow-browed Warbler was present at Burgh Castle, 30 September. A very late Reed Warbler was seen at Burgh Castle, 3 October and a Cetti's Warbler was noted at Beccles Marshes, 1 October.

Finally, a Peregrine was seen at Carlton Marshes, 2 October.

6 to 12 October

Notable passerine migrants at Burgh Castle included a Wheatear, 9 October and a Yellow-browed Warbler and two Ring Ouzels, 12 October, while a very late Reed Warbler was seen at Carlton Marshes, 6 October. A Lesser Redpoll was noted at Carlton Marshes and three Bearded Tits at Burgh Castle, 6 October and two Crossbills at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 11 October, while Cetti's Warblers were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three), 6 October and Beccles Marshes, 8 October.

Waders at Burgh Castle Flats included a Spotted Redshank, two Little Stints, five Avocets, two Bar-tailed Godwits, 15 Black-tailed Godwits, four Greenshanks, two Common Sandpipers, ten Curlews, ten Redshanks, 40 Dunlin and nine Ringed Plovers, 6 October, with a Curlew Sandpiper noted at the same location, 9 October. Little Egrets were recorded at Burgh Castle (14) and Carlton Marshes (two), 6 October.

Marsh Harriers were noted at Burgh Castle and Carlton Marshes, 6 October and Beccles Marshes, 8 October, with Barn Owls at Carlton Marshes, 6 October and Beccles Marshes, 8 October.

13 to 19 October

A Great White Egret was present Aldeby shooting lakes, 15 and 17 October. A Greenshank was recorded at Burgh Castle Flats, 19 October.

A Brambling together with the first Fieldfares (a flock of eight) of the autumn were seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 14 October, and a flock of 30 Siskins flew over the same site the following day. A second Brambling was seen at Barnby, 16 October and a Grey Wagtail at Goose Green West, Beccles, 18 October, while Cetti's Warblers were noted at Beccles Marshes, 17 October, and Carlton Marshes the following day.

Finally, a Barn Owl was hunting at Beccles Marshes, 17 October.

20 to 26 October

The Great White Egret was again present at Aldeby shooting lakes, 20 October.

A Red-breasted Merganser was seen at Burgh Castle, 21 October and a flock of 30 Pink-footed Geese flew south over Ashby, 22 October, while a feral male Ruddy Shelduck was noted at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 20 October.

A Brambling was seen at Barsham Marshes, 20 October and two Lesser Redpolls flew south over Waveney Forest, Fritton, 24 October. An impressive 56 Pied Wagtails were noted at a pre-roost gathering at Castle Marsh, 20 October and two Stonechats were recorded at the same location the following day.

Finally, a Spotted Redshank was present at Burgh Castle Flats, 21 October

27 October to 2 November

Notable waders included two Jack Snipe at Oulton Marshes, 1 November and a single Jack Snipe and 12 Ruff at Thorpe-with-Haddiscoe, 2 November. Little Egrets were noted at Castle Marshes, North Cove, 29 October, Carlton Marshes (four), 31 October and Oulton Marshes, 1 November.

A Hen Harrier was present at Oulton Marshes, 1 November, while a Marsh Harrier was noted at Thorpe-with-Haddiscoe, 2 November.

A Kingfisher was seen at Castle Marshes, 31 October, while a count of two thousand Starlings was made at nearby Carlton Marshes on the same day.

3 to 9 November

Firecrests were seen in gardens at Burgh Castle, 3 November and Worlingham (two), 9 November. A Kingfisher and a Cetti's Warbler were noted at Beccles Marshes, 7 November.

Notable wildfowl included two Whooper Swans at Aldeby shooting lakes, 6 November and a flock of 17 Pink-footed Geese which flew east over Ashby, 9 November. A Woodcock was seen at The Dell, Beccles, 3 November.

10 to 16 November

A flock of six Crossbills was present at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 12 November, while a count of 110 Stock Doves was made at Thorpe-with-Haddiscoe, 12 November.

Notable wildfowl included a group of 19 Pink-footed Geese at Peto's Marsh, Carlton Colville, 16 November.

Single Woodcock were noted at Redgrave Fen and Beccles Marshes, 12 November.

Finally, two Marsh Harriers were seen at Fritton Marshes and a Barn Owl at Thorpe-with-Haddiscoe, 12 November.

17 to 23 November

A Black Redstart was present along Foxglove Close, Worlingham from 17 to 21 November. A Chiffchaff and two Bearded Tits were seen at Carlton Marshes, 17 November, while Cetti's Warblers were noted at Carlton Marshes, 17 November and Beccles Marshes, 19 November.

Other notable sightings on 19 November involved a flock of 1000 Pink-footed Geese which flew north-west over Somerleyton, two Redshanks at Beccles Marshes and a Marsh Harrier at Herringfleet Marshes.

24 to 30 November

A male Hen Harrier was present at Westhorpe from 25 to 29 November. A count of Marsh Harriers coming into roost at Burgh Castle totalled 24 on 24 November, with Marsh Harriers also recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (six), 25 November, Beccles Marshes, 26 November and Fritton Marshes (two), 30 November.

Notable passerines included two Bearded Tits at Herringfleet Marshes, 25 November, a Cetti's Warbler at Beccles Marshes, 26 November, two Bramblings at Fritton Decoy, 27 November, eight Crossbills at Ashby, 28 November and two Lesser Redpolls and a Chiffchaff at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 30 November.

A flock of 102 Golden Plovers was present at Fritton Marshes, 30 November. Single Little Egrets were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 25 November and Fritton Marshes, 30 November, while 299 Cormorants flew in to roost at Fritton Decoy, 27 November.

1 to 7 December 2013

Two Rough-legged Buzzards were present at Haddiscoe Island, 7 December, together with two Peregrines, two Marsh Harriers and a Barn Owl, while two Marsh Harriers were also noted at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 1 December.

Records of notable passerines involved a Firecrest along Back Lane, Burgh Castle and 12 Lesser Redpolls and 30 Siskins at North Cove SWT Reserve, 1 December.

Waders at Burgh Castle Flats included a Bar-tailed Godwit, a Curlew and 60 Dunlin, 1 December and 20 Black-tailed Godwits, 6 December, while a Woodcock was noted at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 7 December.

Finally, a feral Ruddy Shelduck was present at Castle Marsh, 1 December and a Little Egret was seen at Redenhall, 5 December.

8 to 14 December 2013

The two Rough-legged Buzzards first seen last week remained at Haddiscoe Island all week. Other raptors at Haddiscoe Island included two Peregrines, 9 December and a ringtail Hen Harrier and 20 Marsh Harriers at dusk on 14 December, while a male Hen Harrier flew north over Worlingham, 12 December.

A Spotted Redshank was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 8 December, while Woodcock were noted at Waveney Forest, Fritton (four), 9 December and along Waddling Lane, Somerleyton, 11 December.

A large finch flock at North Cove SWT reserve included 50 Lesser Redpolls and 30 Siskins, 8 December.

15 to 21 December 2013

A Glossy Ibis was found at Oulton Marshes, 19 December and was present again on the 21st.

The two Rough-legged Buzzards remained at Haddiscoe Island all week and were supported by a Peregrine and five Marsh Harriers, 15 December, an immature male Merlin, 17 December and a male Hen Harrier, 19 December.

Haddiscoe Island also held a flock of 4,000 Pink-footed Geese, 17 December, while a count of 50 Egyptian Geese was made at Beccles Quay, 19 December. Little Egrets were recorded at Fritton Marshes, 15 December and Haddiscoe Island (five), 17 December.

Two Grey Wagtails were a surprise find in a member's garden in the centre of Beccles on 17 December, a Chiffchaff was seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 19 December, and 28 Magpies were counted at Oulton Marshes, 21 December.

22 to 28 December 2013

The Glossy Ibis remained at Oulton Marshes throughout the week. Whooper Swans were seen flying over Castle Marsh, North Cove (ten) and Oulton Marshes (six), 26 December,

and a count of 49 Mute Swans was made at Carlton Marshes, 28 December. Single Little Egrets were noted at Oulton Marshes, 25 December, and Haddiscoe Island (three), Belton Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 28 December.

The two Rough-legged Buzzards were present at Haddiscoe Island all week, and were joined by a Peregrine and a Marsh Harrier, 28 December, while a male Hen Harrier seen at Peto's Marsh, Carlton Colville, 28 December. Barn Owls were recorded at Beccles Marshes, 26 December, and Haddiscoe Island, 28 December.

Waders at Burgh Castle Flats on 22 December included 30 Redshanks and four Curlews while a flock of 500 Lapwings flew overhead, and a Woodcock was noted at Nebb Wood, Flixton, 26 December. Wigeon numbers had increased to 220 at Oulton Marshes, 24 December.

Notable passerines included two Bearded Tits at Burgh Castle and two Cetti's Warblers at Oulton Marshes, 22 December, a Chiffchaff at Oulton Marshes, 25 December, six Lesser Redpolls at Barsham Marshes, 26 December, and three Bearded Tits and a flock of 23 Crossbills at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 28 December.

29 December to 4 January 2014

The Glossy Ibis remained at Oulton Marshes all week, while single Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes, 2 January, and Oulton Marshes, 4 January.

The two Rough-legged Buzzards were present at Haddiscoe Island throughout the week. Other notable raptors included a male Hen Harrier and three Marsh Harriers at Haddiscoe Island and a ringtail Hen Harrier at nearby Fritton Marshes, 1 January, and a Merlin, a Peregrine and two ringtail Hen Harriers at Haddiscoe Island and a male Hen Harrier at Fritton Marshes, 2 January. Barn Owls were recorded at Haddiscoe Island (two), 3 January, and Oulton Marshes, 4 January.

A Long-tailed Duck was seen at Burgh Castle, 30 December, and two Bewick's Swans commuted between Peto's Marsh, Carlton Colville and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 1 January. A count of eight Woodcock was made at Waveney Forest, Fritton at dusk on 3 January.

Notable passerines included a Cetti's Warbler at Oulton Marshes, 1 January, two Chiffchaffs at Oulton Marshes, 2 January, two Mealy Redpolls at North Cove SWT Reserve, 3 January and two Firecrests at Burgh Castle, 4 January.