

WBC Sightings Report 2015

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28 December 2014 to 3 January 2015

Hen Harriers were seen at Haddiscoe Island (male and ringtail) and Belton Marshes (male), 29 December, **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Beccles Marshes, 28 December, Belton Marshes, Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, 29 December, Haddiscoe Island (18), 30 December and Carlton Marshes, 1 January, while three **Buzzards** were noted at Beccles, 28 December with another three at Herringfleet Marshes the following day. **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 28 December, Belton Marshes (three), 29 December and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (two), 3 January, with **Barn Owls** at Barsham Marshes and Beccles Marshes, 28 December, Belton Marshes (two), Herringfleet Marshes, Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 29 December, Haddiscoe Island (two) and Burgh Castle, 30 December, Geldeston Marshes, 31 December, Worlingham, 1 January and Waveney Forest (two), 2 January.

A group of seven **Bewick's Swans** was present at Camps Heath Marshes, 1 January, while **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Wheatacre Marshes (2000) and St Olaves (60 flew south), 1 January and Haddiscoe Island (2000), 3 January.

A wintering **Chiffchaff** was seen at Waveney Forest, 29 December and four **Tree Sparrows** were present in a garden at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 3 January. **Stonechats** were recorded at Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 1 January and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (two), 3 January, **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes (two), 29 December and Carlton Marshes (three), 1 January, **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes (six) and Lopham Fen (two), 29 December and Oulton Marshes (two), 1 January and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 1 January and Beccles Marshes, 2 January.

A **Redshank** and four **Curlews** were recorded at Burgh Castle Flats, 30 December and ten **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 1 January, while single **Woodcock** were noted at Puddingmoor, Beccles, 29 December and Waveney Forest, 3 January. Finally, **Little Egrets** were present at Belton Marshes, 29 December, Carlton Marshes (two), 1 January and Lopham Fen, 3 January.

4 to 10 January 2015

A flock of 100 **Bewick's Swans** flew north-west over Bungay, 4 January, while two **Bewick's Swans** were present at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 8 January.

A **Water Pipit** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 7 January. Two **Grey Wagtails** were recorded at Outney Common, Bungay, 4 January and three **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes, 8 January, while **Bearded Tits** were noted at Burgh Castle (six) and Belton Marshes, 4 January and Herringfleet Marshes (six), 8 January and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 6 January and Outney Common, 10 January.

Haddiscoe Island hosted two ringtail **Hen Harriers** and 15 **Marsh Harriers**, 4 January and a **Peregrine**, a male **Hen Harrier** and five **Buzzards**, 7 January. Elsewhere, **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Belton Marshes, 4 January and Carlton Marshes (three) and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 8 January, while four **Buzzards** were seen at Bath Hills, Ditchingham, 10 January. **Short-eared Owls** were present at Belton Marshes, 4 January

and Waveney Forest, Fritton, 7 January and **Barn Owls** at Belton Marshes (three), Lopham Fen and Outney Common, 4 January and Barnby, 10 January.

Wader records included 2000 **Golden Plovers** and 25 **Curlews** at Haddiscoe Island, 4 January and 600 **Lapwings**, two **Green Sandpipers** and 20 **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 6 January. **Green Sandpipers** were also recorded at Ditchingham and Outney Common, 10 January. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Outney Common (seven), 4 January, Herringfleet Marshes, 5 January and Haddiscoe Island (three), 7 January.

11 to 17 January 2015

A **Tundra Bean Goose** and a **Brent Goose** were present at Flixton Marshes (near Lowestoft), 11 January, while counts of **Pink-footed Geese** included 1500 at Wheatacre Marshes, 13 January, 270 at Haddiscoe Marshes, 16 January and 1000 at Flixton Marshes, 300 east at Waveney Forest, Fritton and 300 south at St Olaves, 17 January.

Whooper Swans were recorded at Aldeby shooting lakes (11), 11 January, Carlton Marshes (eight), 15 January and Beccles Quay (eight flew west), 16 January, while 12 **Bewick's Swans** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 17 January. Five **Goosanders** also flew west at Carlton Marshes on the same date.

Juvenile **Glaucous Gulls** were present at Aldeby shooting lakes, 13 January and Carlton Marshes, 15 and 16 January, with two at Carlton Marshes, 17 January. A **Bittern** was seen at Fisher Row, Oulton, 11 January, while **Little Egrets** were recorded at Belton Marshes, 11 January, Carlton Marshes, 13 January and Lopham Fen, 16 January.

Raptors noted at Haddiscoe Island during the week included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a ringtail **Hen Harrier** and eight **Marsh Harriers**, 11 January, a male **Hen Harrier** and a **Barn Owl**, 13 January and a **Merlin** and three **Short-eared Owls**, 17 January. Elsewhere, **Peregrines** were seen at Burgh Castle, 11 January, Worlingham Marshes, 14 January and Carlton Marshes, 16 January, **Marsh Harriers** at Lopham Fen, Oulton Marshes and Castle Marsh, 11 January, Somerleyton Marshes (five) and Burgh Castle (two), 13 January, Worlingham Marshes (two), 14 January and Beccles Marshes (two), 15 January, with four **Buzzards** at Castle Marsh, 13 January. **Short-eared Owls** were also present at Belton Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 17 January and **Barn Owls** at Belton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 11 January, Burgh Castle, 12 January, Carlton Marshes, 16 January and Castle Marsh, 17 January.

A **Water Pipit** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 13 and 15 January and a **Grey Wagtail** at Worlingham Marshes, 14 January. Over-wintering warblers included a **Blackcap** in a garden at South Lopham, 17 January and a **Chiffchaff** at North Cove SWT reserve, 11 January. A **Bearded Tit** was noted at Lopham Fen, 11 January and two **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes, 13 January, with **Cetti's Warblers** recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Somerleyton Marshes, 13 January, Worlingham Marshes (three), 14 January and Carlton Marshes, 15 January. **Kingfishers** were seen at Gillingham Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 11 January, Carlton Marshes and Somerleyton Staithe, 13 January and Beccles Quay, 17 January.

Waders included three **Green Sandpipers** at Bungay, 11 January, two **Avocets**, 55 **Curlews** and ten **Redshanks** at Burgh Castle, 13 January, 2500 **Lapwings** and 25 **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 15 January and four **Woodcocks** at Waveney Forest, 17 January.

18 to 24 January 2015

Three **Scaup** at Beccles Quay, 22 January, were an excellent find by a club member, with two present until the end of the week. Two **Tundra Bean Goose** were seen at Flixton Marshes (near Lowestoft), 18 January and 600 **Pink-footed Geese** flew over Somerleyton Marshes the following day. The same group of eight **Whooper Swans** probably accounted for records from Aldeby shooting lakes, 18 January, Flixton Marshes, 19 and 21 January and Haddiscoe Marshes, 24 January, while **Bewick's Swans** were seen at Oulton Marshes (nine), Castle Marsh, North Cove (seven) and Carlton Marshes (four), 18 January.

A first-winter **Glaucous Gull** was present at Carlton Marshes, 18 and 19 January, while two **Caspian Gulls** (adult and first-winter) were reported from Aldeby landfill site, 23 January.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Peregrine**, six **Marsh Harriers**, three **Buzzards**, two **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl**, 20 January and a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, 23 January. Elsewhere, a **Merlin** was seen at Beccles Marshes and a ringtail **Hen Harrier** at Oulton Marshes, 24 January, with **Marsh Harriers** noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 21 January, Barsham Marshes (two) and Gillingham Marshes, 22 January, Beccles Marshes, 23 January and Burgh Castle, 24 January. Seven **Buzzards** were seen in the air together at Beccles, 22 January, with three also at Castle Marshes, 23 January, while two **Barn Owls** were recorded at Beccles Marshes, 24 January.

Over-wintering warblers included a female **Blackcap** in a garden at Barnby, 19 and 20 January and a **Chiffchaff** along Marsh Lane, Flixton, 22 January. Other notable passerines included a **Water Pipit** at Castle Marsh, 24 January, a **Lesser Redpoll** at Redgrave Fen, 19 January and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Barsham Marshes and two **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes, 18 January. **Bearded Tits** were noted at Lopham Fen, 18 January and Burgh Castle (two) and Castle Marsh (two), 24 January, **Grey Wagtails** at Ashby, 20 January and Beccles Quay, 24 January and **Kingfishers** at Beccles and Lopham Fen, 18 January and Flixton Marshes, 21 January.

Waders at Carlton Marshes on 18 January included a **Green Sandpiper**, four **Black-tailed Godwits** and three **Dunlin**, with further **Green Sandpipers** present at Barsham Marshes, 19 January and Outney Common, Bungay, 20 January. Six **Avocets**, two **Black-tailed Godwits**, 35 **Curlews**, 17 **Dunlin** and 30 **Redshanks** were seen at Burgh Castle, two **Ruff** at Haddiscoe Marshes and seven **Black-tailed Godwits** at Somerleyton Marshes, 24 January. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Lopham Fen, 18 January, Beccles Quay, 20 January and Burgh Castle, 24 January.

25 to 31 January 2015

Two **Scaup** remained at Beccles Quay throughout the week and were joined by a third, 26 January. The previously reported group of eight **Whooper Swans** were present at Aldeby shooting lakes, 25 January, Gillingham Marshes, 26 January and flew north-east over Beccles Marshes, 29 January, while 62 **Pink-footed Geese** flew south at St Olaves, 27 January.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard** and ten **Marsh Harriers**, 25 January and a male **Hen Harrier**, three **Buzzards**, three **Short-eared Owls** and two **Barn Owls**, 31 January. **Marsh Harriers** were also recorded at Castle Marsh, North Cove (two), 26 January, Beccles Marshes (four), Burgh Castle (two) and Carlton

Marshes, 27 January and Herringfleet Marshes, 29 January, while three **Buzzards** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 27 January. Two **Short-eared Owls** were noted at Belton Marshes, 25 January, with **Barn Owls** reported from Belton Marshes, 25 January, Herringfleet Marshes, 29 January and Waveney Forest, Fritton (two), 31 January. Unusual passerines included a **Tree Sparrow** feeding in a garden at Herringfleet, 29 January and a **Nuthatch** at Dunburgh Hill, 31 January. A **Chiffchaff** was seen near Roos Hall, Beccles, 31 January. **Bearded Tits** were noted at Burgh Castle, 27 January and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 29 January, **Stonechats** at Castle Marsh (two) and Oulton Marshes, 26 January, **Cetti's Warbler** at Castle Marsh (two), 25 January and Herringfleet Marshes, 29 January and **Kingfishers** at Weybread GP, 25 January, Beccles Quay, 26 January and Bungay, 27 January.

Waders included 15 **Ruff** and a **Woodcock** at Castle Marsh and seven **Woodcock** at Waveney Forest, 25 January, 17 **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 27 January and four **Avocets**, six **Black-tailed Godwits**, 22 **Curlews** and 50 **Dunlin** at Burgh Castle, 31 January. Finally, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Weybread GP (seven), Carlton Marshes and Castle Marsh, 25 January, Beccles Quay, 26 January and Burgh Castle, 27 January.

1 to 7 February 2015

A first-winter **Glaucous Gull** was present at Aldeby landfill site, 7 February.

A single **Scaup** remained at Beccles Quay until the end of the week, with two up to 3 February. Four **Bewick's Swans** were present at Gillingham Marshes, 4 February, with eight **Whooper Swans** the following day, while 20 **Pink-footed Geese** flew over St Olaves, 7 February.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a male **Hen Harrier** and 20 **Marsh Harriers**, 1 February, three **Short-eared Owls**, 3 February, three **Barn Owls**, 4 February and a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, 7 February. Single **Marsh Harriers** were noted elsewhere at Belton Marshes and Blundeston Marshes, 1 February, Beccles Marshes and Fritton Marshes, 3 February, Somerleyton Marshes, 6 February and Carlton Marshes, 7 February. A **Long-eared Owl** was a surprise sighting at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 4 February, while further **Barn Owls** were reported from Beccles Marshes and Somerleyton, 2 February and Fritton Marshes, 3 February.

A male **Blackcap** was present in a club member's garden at Bungay from 4 to 7 February, while a **Chiffchaff** was seen near Roos Hall, Beccles, 2 February. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Beccles Quay, 3 February, with two **Kingfishers** at the same site the following day, and two **Lesser Redpolls** and 20 **Siskins** were recorded at North Cove SWT reserve and a **Stonechat** at Carlton Marshes, 7 February.

8 to 14 February 2015

A redhead **Smew** was present at Burgh Castle and a **Scaup** at Flixton GP, 8 February. Six **Tundra Bean Geese** and 600 **Pink-footed Geese** flew north-east at dusk over Waveney Forest, Fritton and 50 **White-fronted Geese** flew west and seven **Whooper Swans** flew east over Haddiscoe Island on the same day. Also on 8 February, **Bewick's Swans** were recorded at Fritton Marshes (35) and Gillingham Marshes (four).

A **Rough-legged Buzzard** was recorded regularly throughout the week at Haddiscoe Island. Other raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Merlin**, a **Peregrine** and ten **Short-**

eared Owls, 8 February, one male and one ringtail **Hen Harrier**, 11 **Marsh Harriers** and five **Buzzards**, 10 February and five **Barn Owls**, 14 February. **Marsh Harriers** were also reported from Belton Marshes (38 roosted), Castle Marsh, North Cove and Gillingham, 8 February and Beccles Marshes, 10 February and **Barn Owls** from Belton Marshes (two), Beccles Marshes and Fisher Row, Oulton, 8 February.

A **Chiffchaff** was seen at Belton, a **Nuthatch** at Dunburgh Hill and three **Stonechats** at Haddiscoe Island, 8 February, while a flock of 300 **Fieldfares** was present at North Cove, 10 February and six **Tree Sparrows** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 14 February. **Bearded Tits** were noted at Burgh Castle (four) and Fritton Marshes, 8 February and **Kingfishers** at Weybread GP (two), 8 February and Beccles Quay and Redgrave Fen, 10 February. Notable waders included three **Green Sandpipers** at Carlton Marshes, five **Woodcock** at Waveney Forest and an **Avocet** at Burgh Castle, 8 February and 200 **Golden Plovers** and 1000 **Lapwings** at Haddiscoe Island, 13 February.

A **Bittern** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 14 February, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Haddiscoe Island (three), Belton Marshes (two) and Castle Marsh, 8 February and Beccles Marshes, 10 February. Finally, a first-winter **Caspian Gull** was reported at Aldeby landfill site, 8 February.

15 to 21 February 2015

An incredible 15 **Short-eared Owls** were counted at Haddiscoe Island, 17 February, while **Barn Owls** were noted at South Lopham, 15 February, Outney Common, Bungay and Somerleyton, 17 February, Fritton Marshes (two) and Ashby, 20 February and Haddiscoe Island (five), 21 February. A **Rough-legged Buzzard** was present at Haddiscoe Island throughout the week, while other raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Peregrine**, 15 February, a **Merlin**, 16 February, six **Marsh Harriers**, 20 February and three **Hen Harriers** and six **Buzzards**, 21 February. Elsewhere, a **Merlin** was seen at Belton Marshes, 18 February, **Marsh Harriers** at Gillingham Marshes, 16 February and Castle Marsh, North Cove (three), 20 February and **Buzzards** at North Cove (seven) and Gillingham Marshes (three), 15 February, St Olaves (six) and Somerleyton (three), 17 February and Fritton Lake (three), 20 February.

Three **Whooper Swans** were present at Belton Marshes and 185 **Mute Swans** at Fritton Marshes, 18 February, while a single **Goldeneye** was seen at Fritton Lake, 20 February. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Beccles Quay, 17 February, with a sizeable flock of 200 **Fieldfares** at Blundeston Marshes, 20 February. **Stonechats** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island (two), 16 February, Castle Marsh (two) and Beccles Marshes, 17 February and Fritton Marshes (two) and Somerleyton, 21 February, **Cetti's Warblers** at Castle Marsh and Seven Mile Carr, Burgh St Peter, 20 February and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Quay and Haddiscoe Island, 16 February and Fritton Marshes, 20 February.

Waders included four **Dunlin** and a **Redshank** at Carlton Marshes, 16 February, with two **Redshanks** at nearby Castle Marsh the following day. Four **Woodcock** were recorded at Waveney Forest, Fritton and 500 **Golden Plovers** at Haddiscoe Island, 21 February.

Two **Bitterns** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 18 February, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Outney Common (two), 17 February, Beccles Marshes, 18 February and Castle Marsh and Haddiscoe Island (two), 20 February.

22 to 28 February 2015

A **Rough-legged Buzzard** was seen intermittently at Haddiscoe Island throughout the week, while other raptors at this site included a male **Hen Harrier**, 22 February and two **Peregrines**, three **Marsh Harriers**, eight **Short-eared Owls** and five **Barn Owls**, 25 February. Elsewhere, a **Short-eared Owl** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 26 February and a **Peregrine** perched on St Mary's Church, Bungay, 28 February, while **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Barsham Marshes, 22 February, Herringfleet Marshes, 23 February, Beccles Marshes, 24 February and Lopham Fen and Herringfleet Marshes, 28 February, **Buzzards** at Barsham Marshes (three), 22 February and Ditchingham (three), 27 February and **Barn Owls** at Beccles Marshes, 24 February, Oulton Marshes (three), 26 February, Ditchingham and Roydon Fen, 27 February and Lopham Fen, 28 February.

A **Bewick's Swan** flew over Bungay, 22 February and a **Pink-footed Goose** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 25 February.

Waders included two **Green Sandpipers** at Outney Common, Bungay, 22 February, 40 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 16 **Curlews** at Burgh Castle, 26 February and eight **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 28 February. **Little Egrets** were noted at Outney Common (two) and Belton Marshes, 22 February, Haddiscoe Island, 25 February and Carlton Marshes, 27 February.

A **Grey Wagtail** was present at Beccles Quay, 24 February and a **Bearded Tit** was seen at Herringfleet Marshes, 28 February, while **Kingfishers** were reported from Outney Common, 22 February, Beccles Quay, 23 February and Burgh Castle, 25 February.

1 to 7 March 2015

A **Red Kite** flew over Sprat's Water, Carlton Colville on the morning of 6 March. Raptors at Haddiscoe Island on the following day included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, three ringtail **Hen Harriers**, two **Peregrines** and five **Buzzards**, while five **Buzzards** were also seen at Wicker Well, Somerleyton, 5 March.

Notable passerines included six **Tree Sparrows** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe and four **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes, 1 March, a **Chiffchaff** at Fisher Row, Oulton, 5 March and a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles Quay, 7 March. Singing **Cetti's Warblers** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes (four), 1 March, Fisher Row (two) and Somerleyton, 5 March and Carlton Marshes, 6 March and **Stonechats** at Beccles Marshes, 3 March and Oulton Marshes (two), 5 March.

Wader highlights included 90 **Avocets** and 140 **Curlews** at Burgh Castle Flats, 7 March, while a **Curlew** was also seen at Beccles Marshes, 3 March. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Haddiscoe Island (two), Beccles Marshes and Belton Marshes, 7 March.

8 to 14 March 2015

Two **Cranes** were seen at Haddiscoe Marshes, 11 March, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Haddiscoe Island (two) and Fritton Marshes, 8 March and Carlton Marshes (two), 10 March.

Two **Rough-legged Buzzards** were recorded at Belton, 8 March, with one at nearby Haddiscoe Island up to 12 March. Other raptors at Haddiscoe Island included five **Buzzards**, 8 March and a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, three **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl**, 11 March. Elsewhere, **Buzzards** were noted at Ashby (ten), 8 March and Barnby (five), 10

March, two **Short-eared Owls** at Oulton Marshes, 9 March and **Barn Owls** at Lopham Fen (two) and Oulton Marshes (two), 8 March and Carlton Marshes and Fritton Marshes, 10 March.

Two **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 8 March, a flock of 300 **Fieldfares** was present at Redwings Horse Sanctuary, Fritton, 11 March and a **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Beccles Quay, 12 March. **Cetti's Warblers** were noted at Oulton Marshes (five), 8 March and Carlton Marshes, 10 March and **Kingfishers** at Oulton Marshes, 8 March, Beccles Quay (two), 9 March and Carlton Marshes, 10 March.

Waders included a **Ringed Plover** and nine **Redshank** at Carlton Marshes, 8 March, a **Woodcock** at St Olaves, 11 March, a **Black-tailed Godwit** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 13 March and 200 **Avocets** and 300 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Burgh Castle Flats, 14 March. Finally, a **Pink-footed Goose** flew over Beccles, 10 March and 289 **Wigeon** were counted at Oulton Marshes, 8 March.

15 to 21 March 2015

An immature **White-tailed Eagle**, which had been roaming East Anglia since 14 March, was observed by one very lucky club member flying north over the centre of Bungay at 12.30pm on 17 March. Other raptor highlights included four **Buzzards** at Flixton GP, 18 March and three at Blundeston, 20 March, a **Short-eared Owl** at Haddiscoe Marshes, 20 March and **Barn Owls** at Somerleyton, 15 March, Herringfleet Marshes, 17 March, Carlton Marshes, 19 March and Haddiscoe Marshes (three), 20 March.

A **Bittern** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 15 March, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Lopham Fen, 16 March, Beccles and Shipmeadow, 17 March, Carlton Marshes (three), 19 March and Haddiscoe Marshes, 20 March.

Two **Chiffchaffs** were singing at Wicker Well, Somerleyton, 20 March. A count of 15 **Bearded Tits** was made at Haddiscoe Marshes, 20 March. **Grey Wagtails** were recorded at Diss Mere, 16 March and Beccles, 17 March, **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes, 17 March, Burgh St Peter (three), 18 March, Carlton Marshes (seven), 19 March and Haddiscoe Marshes (three) and Wicker Well, Somerleyton, 20 March and **Kingfishers** at Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Barsham Marshes, 17 March, Beccles Quay (two), 18 March and Carlton Marshes (two), 19 March.

Waders included **Green Sandpipers** at Flixton GP (three) and Beccles Quay, 18 March, **Woodcock** at Beccles Marshes, 17 March, Carlton Marshes, 19 March, Lopham Fen and Wicker Well, Somerleyton, 20 March and Rookery Park, Carlton Colville, 21 March and **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes (six), 17 March, Flixton GP (two), 19 March and Haddiscoe Marshes (six), 20 March.

22 to 28 March 2015

This week's highlights included a **White Stork** at Earsham, 26 March and two male **Garganeys** at Redgrave Fen, 27 March.

Wader migration gained momentum with a **Bar-tailed Godwit**, 220 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 100 **Avocets**, three **Spotted Redshanks**, 80 (Common) **Redshanks** and 31 **Curlews** at Burgh Castle, 22 March, while Carlton Marshes hosted a **Ruff**, 22 March, a **Little Ringed Plover** and two **Green Sandpipers**, 27 March and two **Spotted Redshanks**, eight (Common) **Redshanks** and a **Dunlin**, 28 March. **Woodcock** were

recorded at Puddingmoor, Beccles, 22 March and Fisher Row, Oulton (three) and St Olaves, 23 March. **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 22 March and Lopham Fen (three), 27 March.

The first singing **Blackcap** of the year was heard at Beccles Quay, 25 March. Two **Rock Pipits** were present at Carlton Marshes, 22 March, with **Grey Wagtails** seen at Beccles and Ditchingham Park, 23 March and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes (three), 22 March and Beccles Quay, 24 March.

Haddiscoe Island hosted a **Merlin**, 22 March and a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, 25 March. Counts of **Buzzards** included seven at Aldeby, 22 March, four at Beccles, 24 March and three at Ditchingham, 25 March. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 22 March, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Somerleyton, 23 March, Beccles Marshes (two), 24 March and Haddiscoe Marshes (two), 27 March.

29 March to 4 April 2015

Sightings of **Long-eared Owls** in the area are rare, so one that appeared in a garden at St James South Elmham on 30 March was a real treat for one very lucky club member. Two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 4 April, while **Barn Owls** were noted at Beccles Marshes and Lopham Fen, 2 April, Ditchingham Estate (two) and St Olaves, 3 April and Carlton Marshes and Wortham, 4 April. Two **Red Kites** and a **Peregrine** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 30 March, with a further **Red Kite** at St Olaves on the same day, while sightings of **Buzzards** included four at Ditchingham Estate and three at Flixton GP, 3 April and four at Carlton Marshes and three at Somerleyton the following day.

A **White Stork** flew south over Haddiscoe Marshes, 4 April, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Belton Marshes, 29 March, Lopham Fen, 31 March, Burgh Castle Flats (two), 1 April, Ditchingham Estate (two), 3 April and Carlton Marshes (three) and Outney Common, Bungay, 4 April.

The first **Swallow** of the year was seen at Mettingham, 2 April and the first **Sand Martins** (three) at Bungay the next day. Two **White Wagtails** were present at Carlton Marshes, 4 April and two **Grey Wagtails** were seen on the Ditchingham Estate, 3 April. **Cetti's Warblers** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 30 March, Beccles Marshes, 31 March, Haddiscoe railway station, 3 April and Somerleyton (three) and Blundeston Marshes, 4 April and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Quay, 30 April and Ditchingham Estate, 3 April.

Waders at Burgh Castle Flats on 1 April included 63 **Avocets**, two **Black-tailed Godwits**, two **Redshanks** and a **Curlew**. An **Avocet** was present at Carlton Marshes, 4 April, while **Green Sandpipers** were noted at Haddiscoe Marshes, 2 April and Flixton GP (two), 3 April and **Redshanks** at Belton Marshes (two), 29 March and Carlton Marshes (two), 4 April.

5 to 11 April 2015

Two Cranes flew south-west over Carlton Marshes, 11 April, while Little Egrets were noted at Carlton Marshes (five) and Burgh Marshes, Burgh St Peter (two), 5 April, Lopham Fen (three), 6 April and Haddiscoe Island (six), Herringfleet Marshes (four), Oulton Marshes (two) and Beccles Marshes (two), 11 April. The wandering White Stork was seen flying over Homersfield, 8 April.

Lingering signs of winter included two Waxwings, which flew east over the junction of Ashburnham Way and Long Meadow Walk, Carlton Colville, 5 April and a Brambling at

nearby Carlton Marshes, 6 April, while spring was represented by four White Wagtails at Carlton Marshes, 5 April and a Wheatear at Somerleyton, 11 April. The first House Martin (three at Weybread GP, 10 April), Sedge Warbler (at Carlton Marshes, 11 April) and Willow Warbler (three at Carlton Marshes, 11 April) were also recorded. Bearded Tits were noted at Wheatacre Marshes, 5 April and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 8 April; Cetti's Warblers at Blundeston Marshes and Burgh Castle, 5 April, Carlton Marshes (six), Geldeston Marshes and Gillingham Marshes, 6 April, Beccles Marshes, 7 April, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 8 April and Oulton Marshes (nine), 9 April and Kingfishers at Weybread GP, 5 April, Carlton Marshes (three), 6 April, Beccles Quay (two), 7 April and Haddiscoe Island (two), 8 April. A Rough-legged Buzzard and a Hen Harrier were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 8 April. A Red Kite flew over Oulton Marshes, 10 April, Peregrines were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 7 April and Burgh Castle, 11 April and notable counts of Buzzards included four at Diss and Flixton GP and three at Somerleyton, 5 April and six at Ashby, 6 April. Short-eared Owls were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 6 April, Haddiscoe Island, 8 April and Oulton Marshes (two), 10 April, while Barn Owls were reported from Shotford Bridge Weybread, 5 April, Lopham Fen, 6 April, Beccles Marshes (two), 7 April, Gillingham Marshes, 9 April, Oulton Marshes (two), 10 April and Carlton Marshes, 11 April. Waders at Carlton Marshes included two Redshanks, 5 April, a Little Ringed Plover, 6 April and three Green Sandpipers, 11 April. Further Redshanks were present at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe (two), 5 April and Herringfleet Marshes (nine), 8 April and further Green Sandpipers at Flixton GP (three), 5 April and Haddiscoe Island, 8 April.

12 to 18 April 2015

A male **Ring Ouzel** was seen at Blundeston Marshes, 18 April. Other migrants included the first **Grasshopper Warbler** (at Fisher Row, Oulton, 13 April), **Whitethroat** (at Outney Common, Bungay, 13 April), **Cuckoo** (at Lopham Fen, 15 April) and **Garden Warbler** (at Lopham Fen, 16 April) of the spring. **Nuthatches** were recorded at Outney Common, 12 April and Carlton Marshes, 17 April. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Mendham, 15 April, a **Bearded Tit** at Lopham Fen, 17 April, while **Cetti's Warblers** were noted at Carlton Marshes (four) and Beccles Marshes (three), 14 April, Oulton Marshes (three), 15 April and Blundeston Marshes and Somerleyton (two), 18 April.

A **White Stork** was present at Carlton Marshes, 16 April and at Ellingham the following day. A single individual has almost certainly accounted for all sightings in the valley over the past three weeks and views were sufficient at Carlton Marshes to establish that it was wearing a small yellow ring on its left leg, indicative of captive origin. **Little Egrets** were reported from Outney Common and Beccles Marshes, 12 April, Carlton Marshes, 13 April and Gillingham Marshes, 15 April and a **Pink-footed Goose** was present at Oulton Marshes, 16 April.

The first **Hobby** of the year was seen at Oulton Marshes, 16 April. Other raptor highlights included a ringtail **Hen Harrier** at Beccles Marshes, 14 April, **Red Kites** at Harleston, 15 April and Beccles Common the following day and five **Buzzards** at Oakley, 15 April.

Short-eared Owls were seen at Carlton Marshes, 14 April and Oulton Marshes (two), 18 April, with **Barn Owls** reported from Lopham Fen, 13 April, Carlton Marshes, 14 April, Mendham, 15 April, Oulton Marshes (two), 16 April and Redgrave Fen, 17 April.

Notable waders included an early **Common Sandpiper** at Outney Common, 12 April and six **Little Ringed Plovers** at Carlton Marshes and a **Whimbrel** and a **Ringed Plover** at Beccles Marshes, 14 April. **Redshanks** were noted at Beccles Marshes (two), 14 April and Carlton Marshes (two), 16 April.

19 to 25 April 2015

Wader passage gained momentum with **Whimbrel** noted at Burgh Castle Flats, 19 April, Beccles Marshes (15) and Castle Marsh, North Cove (two), 22 April and Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 25 April. Other waders recorded at Burgh Castle Flats included three **Spotted Redshanks**, 100 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 40 **Curlews** and 80 **Redshanks**, 19 April and 30 **Avocets** and 180 **Dunlin**, 25 April. A **Black-tailed Godwit**, a **Little Ringed Plover** and a **Redshank** were present at Carlton Marshes, 24 April, with two further **Redshanks** at Herringfleet Marshes, 21 April. **Green Sandpipers** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 21 April, St James South Elmham, 23 April and Flixton GP (two), Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 25 April, with two **Common Sandpipers** also at Flixton GP, 25 April.

Notable passerine migrants included a **White Wagtail** at Carlton Marshes, 24 April and a **Ring Ouzel** and a **Wheatear** at Flixton GP the following day. The first **Yellow Wagtail** (two at Burgh Castle, 19 April), **Reed Warbler** (Oulton Marshes, 20 April), **Nightingale** (Barsham, 21 April), **Swift** (Beccles, 23 April) and **Lesser Whitethroat** (Carlton Marshes, 24 April) were all recorded during the week. Further **Yellow Wagtails** were present at Carlton Marshes (five), Flixton GP (two) and Oulton Marshes, 25 April and a **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Diss Mere, 19 April. **Cetti's Warbler** were noted at Burgh Castle, 19 April, Oulton Marshes (five) and Herringfleet Marshes, 21 April and Outney Common, Bungay and Geldeston, 25 April and **Kingfishers** at Redgrave Fen, 19 April, Beccles Marshes, 20 April and Outney Common, 25 April.

A pair of **Garganey** and a pair of **Mandarin** were present at Oulton Marshes, 25 April. The first **Common Tern** of the year was recorded at Weybread GP, 19 April and two **Mediterranean Gulls** were seen at Flixton (near Bungay), 25 April. **Little Egrets** were noted at Redgrave Fen, 21 April, Herringfleet (two), 22 April and Outney Common and Carlton Marshes, 25 April.

A **Red Kite** drifted southeast over Beccles, 21 April and three **Buzzards** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 24 April. **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Oulton Marshes, 19 April, Beccles Quay, 22 April and Carlton Marshes, 24 April, with **Barn Owls** reported from Belton Marshes, Blundeston, Burgh Castle and Lopham Fen, 19 April, Oulton Marshes, 21 April, Herringfleet, 22 April and Carlton Marshes, 25 April.

26 April to 2 May 2015

A pair of **Garganey** was present at Carlton Marshes, 26 April. A pair of **Mandarin** was seen at St Olaves, 28 April, with a male **Mandarin** at nearby Fritton Lake, 2 May. Two **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Burgh Castle, 28 April, while ten **Sandwich Terns** flew west at the same site the following day. **Little Egrets** were reported from Fritton Marshes, 27 April, Carlton Marshes, 28 April, Beccles Quay and Outney Common, Bungay, 29 April and Herringfleet Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen, 30 April.

Whimbrel passage continued with sightings at Castle Marsh, North Cove (27), 26 April, Burgh Castle Flats (three) and Carlton Marshes, 1 May and Beccles Marshes (50) and Worlingham Marshes, 2 May. Other waders at Burgh Castle Flats included four **Spotted Redshanks**, 28 April, 12 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 29 April, 36 **Avocets**, four **Greenshanks** and 500 **Dunlin**, 1 May and 20 **Curlews**, 2 May, while Carlton Marshes hosted a **Green Sandpiper**, 26 April and a **Greenshank** the following day. Two **Ruffs**, two **Black-tailed Godwits** and a **Dunlin** were present at Aldeby shooting lakes, 26 April and a late **Jack**

Snipe was seen at Oulton Marshes, 28 April. **Redshanks** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 27 April, Burgh Castle Flats (50), 29 April, Herringfleet Marshes, 30 April and Beccles Marshes (two), 2 May.

Migrant passerines included a **Ring Ouzel** at Flixton GP, 27 April, **Wheatears** at Carlton Marshes, 26 April and Flixton GP (three), 27 April and a **White Wagtail** at Carlton Marshes, 28 April. Scarcer summer visitors included **Turtle Doves** at Beccles Marshes, 28 April and Belton Common, 2 May; **Cuckoos** at Barsham Marshes, Lopham Fen and Outney Common, 26 April, Carlton Marshes (two), 28 April and Beccles Marshes and Wortham Ling, 1 May; **Yellow Wagtails** at Carlton Marshes, 28 April and Burgh Castle (six), 29 April and **Grasshopper Warblers** at Oulton Marshes, 28 April and Carlton Marshes (three), 2 May. A **Bearded Tit** was noted at Fritton Marshes, 27 April and **Cetti's Warblers** at Somerleyton, 27 April, Beccles Marshes (three), 28 April, Oulton Marshes (six), 28 April, Herringfleet Marshes, 30 April and Carlton Marshes (three) and Burgh Castle, 2 May.

Hobbies were seen at Lopham Fen (two), 26 April and Carlton Marshes, Castle Marsh, North Cove, 27 April, Bungay, 29 April and Beccles Marshes (two), 30 April. A **Red Kite** flew over Waterloo, near Gillingham, 30 April and a **Peregrine** was recorded at Ditchingham, 27 April and nearby Bungay, 29 and 30 April. **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 26 April, Waveney Forest, Fritton, 27 April and Oulton Marshes (two), 28 April, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Lopham Fen, 26 April, Oulton Marshes (two), 28 April, Herringfleet Marshes, 30 April, Beccles Marshes (two), 1 May and Carlton Marshes (four) and Burgh Castle (two), 2 May.

3 to 9 May 2015

Raptor highlights were an **Osprey**, which flew south-west over Burgh Castle, 7 May and a first-summer **Rough-legged Buzzard**, which flew south over Carlton Marshes, 9 May.

Hobbies were seen at Beccles Marshes (two), 3 May, Lopham Fen (eight), 4 May, Worlingham, 6 May, Oulton Marshes (two), 8 May and Somerleyton and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 9 May, while sightings of **Buzzards** included three at Beccles Marshes, 7 May and five at Carlton Marshes the following day.

Three **Wood Sandpipers** were present at Oulton Marshes, 4 May, while **Common Sandpipers** were seen at Oulton Marshes (three) and Redgrave Fen, 4 May and Beccles Marshes, 7 May. **Whimbrel** were recorded at Beccles Marshes (26), 4 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 5 May and Burgh Castle Flats (six), 9 May. Carlton Marshes also hosted four **Dunlin** and two **Redshanks**, 4 May and a **Greenshank** and a **Ringed Plover**, 7 May, while other waders recorded at Burgh Castle Flats on 9 May included six **Avocets**, two **Greenshanks** and 72 **Black-tailed Godwits**. **Little Egrets** were reported from Wheatacre Marshes, 4 May and Carlton Marshes (three), 8 May.

Three **Turtle Doves** were seen at Belton Common, 3 May and **Cuckoos** were reported from Redgrave Fen (two) and Dunburgh, 3 May, Carlton Marshes, Oulton Marshes and St Olaves, 4 May and Somerleyton, 9 May. A **Grasshopper Warbler** was heard at Carlton Marshes, 4 May, while **Cetti's Warbler** were noted at Blundeston Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 4 May, Beccles Marshes (three), 7 May, Carlton Marshes, 8 May and Somerleyton (three) and Burgh Castle (two), 9 May.

Finally, a drake **Mandarin** was present at Fritton Lake, 7 May.

10 to 16 May 2015

Notable passerines included a **Firecrest** at Lopham Fen, 10 May and a **Wheatear** at Carlton Marshes the following day. The first **Spotted Flycatcher** of the year was recorded at Burgh Castle, 11 May, while other summer visitors included three **Turtle Doves** at Belton Common, also 11 May, **Cuckoos** at Beccles Marshes, 10 May, Lopham Fen (five), 11 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 15 May and Oulton Marshes (three), 16 May and a **Grasshopper Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 15 May. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Ellingham Mill, 12 May and four **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes, 10 May. **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), Herringfleet Marshes (two), Beccles Marshes and Burgh Castle, 10 May, Oulton Marshes (four) and Somerleyton, 16 May and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes, 10 May and Lopham Fen, 11 May.

A pair of **Garganey** was present at Oulton Marshes, 11 and 16 May and two drake **Mandarins** at Fritton Lake, 14 May.

Hobbies were hunting at Carlton Marshes and St Olaves, 10 May, Lopham Fen (four), 12 May, while a **Peregrine** was noted at Gillingham, 12 May. **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 10 May and Oulton Marshes, 16 May and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (four) and Lopham Fen, 10 May and Beccles Marshes, 15 May.

Waders included a **Greenshank** at Carlton Marshes and a **Common Sandpiper** and a **Redshank** at Flixton GP, 10 May, with another **Common Sandpiper** at Carlton Marshes, 16 May. Finally, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Burgh Castle, 10 May, Oulton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 11 May.

17 to 23 May 2015

Turtle Doves were seen at Beccles and Carlton Colville, 17 May, Withersdale (two), 21 May and Oulton Marshes, 23 May, with **Cuckoos** noted at Oulton Marshes (two) and Beccles, 17 May, Carlton Marshes, 21 May and Lopham Fen (five), 23 May. A **Nightingale** was singing at Outney Common, Bungay, 20 May and two **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes, 23 May. **Grey Wagtails** were reported from Diss Mere (two), 19 May and Outney Common (two), 20 May, **Cetti's Warblers** from Beccles Marshes (three), 19 May, Burgh Castle, 20 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 21 May, Oulton Marshes (four) and Herringfleet Marshes, 23 May and **Kingfishers** from Beccles Marshes and Outney Common, 20 May.

Two first-summer **Little Gulls** were present at Burgh Castle Flats, 21 May and a pair of **Garganey** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 23 May. **Little Egrets** were noted at Redgrave Fen (two) and Beccles Marshes, 19 May, Outney Common, 20 May, Carlton Marshes, 21 May and Oulton Marshes (two) and Herringfleet Marshes, 23 May.

A **Peregrine** was perched on the tower of St Mary's Church, Bungay, 21 and 23 May, a **Hobby** was hunting at Redgrave Fen, 19 May and **Barn Owls** were reported from Beccles Marshes, 19 May, Outney Common, 20 May and Carlton Marshes, 21 May.

24 to 30 May 2015

A **Peregrine** was perched on the tower of St Mary's Church, Bungay, 25 May. **Red Kites** were seen at Belton, 27 May, Gillingham, 28 May and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 29 May, **Hobbies** at St Olaves, 24 May, Beccles, 25 May and Ashby and Outney Common,

Bungay, 26 May and **Barn Owls** at Beccles Marshes, 25 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 29 May and Oulton Marshes, 30 May.

A male **Garganey** was present at Oulton Marshes, 25 May and **Little Egrets** were noted at Outney Common, 25 May, Herringfleet Marshes, 27 May, Carlton Marshes (four), 29 May and Oulton Marshes, 30 May.

Four **Crossbills** were seen at Ashby, 26 May. **Turtle Doves** were recorded at Beccles Marshes and Herringfleet Hills, 26 May and Withersdale Street (two), 29 May, **Cuckoos** at St Olaves, 24 May, Carlton Marshes (two), Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 25 May, Outney Common (two) and Herringfleet, 26 May and Burgh Castle, 30 May and **Kingfishers** at Outney Common (two), Lopham Fen and Ellingham Mill, 25 May. Two **Nightingales** were singing at Outney Common, 25 May, a **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at Waterloo, near Gillingham, 26 May and a **Bearded Tit** was noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 27 May. **Grasshopper Warblers** were heard at Carlton Marshes, 24 May and Oulton Marshes, 30 May, **Grey Wagtails** were seen at Ellingham Mill (two) and Wainford Mill, Bungay (two), 25 May and **Cetti's Warblers** were reported from Carlton Marshes (four), Bath Hills, Earsham (two) and Outney Common, 25 May, Beccles Marshes (four), 26 May, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 27 May and Somerleyton (six), Blundeston Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 30 May.

31 May to 6 June 2015

Turtle Doves were recorded at Beccles Marshes, 4 June and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 5 June and **Cuckoos** at Carlton Marshes (three) and Beccles Marshes, 1 June, Outney Common, Bungay, 3 June and Castle Marsh, North Cove (two) and Oulton Marshes (two), 6 June. A **Yellow Wagtail** was noted at Burgh Castle and a **Grasshopper Warbler** was heard at Oulton Marshes, 6 June, while **Cetti's Warblers** were reported from Blundeston, 1 June and Castle Marsh (three) and Oulton Marshes (two), 6 June.

Red Kites were seen at Beccles and Oulton Marshes, 6 June and **Hobbies** at St Olaves, 4 June, Barsham Marshes, 5 June and North Cove (three), 6 June. A **Short-eared Owl** was recorded at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 5 June and **Barn Owls** were noted at Beccles Marshes, 31 May and Gillingham Marshes, 5 June.

Waders at Burgh Castle on 6 June included 119 **Black-tailed Godwits**, eight **Curlews** and four **Redshanks**.

7 to 13 June 2015

A pair of **Spotted Flycatchers** was present at Weybread churchyard, 7 June. A **Turtle Dove** was purring at Herringfleet, 11 June and **Cuckoos** were recorded at St Olaves, 7 June, Lopham Fen, 9 June, Oulton Marshes (three), 10 June and Carlton Marshes (three), 12 June. **Grasshopper Warblers** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 10 June and Oulton Marshes (two), 13 June and **Cetti's Warblers** at Beccles Marshes, 9 June, Carlton Marshes (two), 12 June and Oulton Marshes (three), 13 June.

A **Hobby** was seen at St Olaves, 7 June and an escaped **Harris' Hawk** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 12 June.

A **Dunlin** and four **Redshanks** were present at Carlton Marshes, 12 June, while **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (six), 12 June and Oulton Marshes, 13 June.

14 to 20 June 2015

Red Kites were recorded at Carlton Colville, 17 June and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 20 June, with three **Buzzards** also noted at Carlton Colville, 17 June. **Hobbies** were seen at Lopham Fen and Beccles Marshes, 16 June and St Olaves, 20 June and three **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 18 June.

Two **Turtle Doves** were present at Lopham Fen, 20 June, while **Cuckoos** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 15 June and Lopham Fen (two) and St Olaves, 20 June. Single **Spotted Flycatchers** were reported from Worlingham, 19 June and Lopham Fen, 20 June and a **Grasshopper Warbler** was heard at Lopham Fen and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Burgh Castle, 20 June.

Waders at Burgh Castle included a **Black-tailed Godwit**, two **Avocets**, six **Curlews** and 70 **Redshanks**, 20 June, with a further **Redshank** at Redgrave Fen, 15 June. **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 15 June and Burgh Castle (four), 20 June, and finally a **Pink-footed Goose** was present at Burgh Castle, also 20 June.

21 to 27 June 2015

Wader migration intensified, with Carlton Marshes hosting five **Avocets**, 25 to 27 June, two **Redshanks**, 26 June and one **Spotted Redshank**, one **Greenshank** and two **Green Sandpipers**, 27 June. Elsewhere, a **Curlew** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 21 June and four **Avocets**, 30 **Curlews** and two **Redshanks** at Burgh Castle, 26 June. A juvenile **Crane** was present at Carlton Marshes, 25 June, with a **Bittern** noted at the same site, 23 June and five **Little Egrets**, 21 June. **Little Egrets** were also recorded at Burgh Castle (five), 26 June and Somerleyton, 27 June.

A **Turtle Dove** was noted at Belton Common, 27 June, **Cuckoos** at Oulton Marshes, 21 June and Carlton Marshes, 23 June and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 23 June and Barsham Marshes, 26 June. A **Siskin** was an unusual mid-summer sighting at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 27 June. A **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 23 June, two **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes, 24 June and a **Grey Wagtail** at Weybread Mill, 26 June, while **Cetti's Warblers** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two), 21 June, Beccles Marshes (two), 23 June, Herringfleet Marshes (three), 24 June, Barsham Marshes, 26 June and Somerleyton, 27 June.

Raptors included a **Red Kite** at Gillingham, 24 June, **Hobbies** at Oulton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 21 June and St Olaves, 25 June and three **Buzzards** at Ashby, 21 June. **Barn Owls** were reported from Lopham Fen, 21 June, Waveney Forest, 23 June, Beccles and Weybread, 24 June, Carlton Marshes (two), 25 June and Barsham, 26 June.

28 June to 4 July 2015

A singing **Marsh Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 3 July was undoubtedly this week's star bird. Two adult **Spotted Flycatchers** accompanied by three juveniles were seen in a Club member's garden at St James South Elmham, 30 June. A **Bearded Tit** was noted at Burgh Castle, 30 June and **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Burgh Castle, 2 July and Blundeston Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 4 July. A **Turtle Dove** was reported from Syleham, 28 June and a **Cuckoo** showed well at Carlton Marshes, 3 July.

A juvenile **Crane** was again present at Carlton Marshes, 30 June, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Redgrave Fen, 30 June and Carlton Marshes (eight), 4 July and 11 **Sandwich Terns** flew west at Burgh Castle, 30 June.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Spotted Redshank**, 28 June; four **Wood Sandpipers**, five **Avocets**, a male **Ruff** and a **Common Sandpiper**, 29 June; a **Greenshank**, 30 June; a **Whimbrel** and three **Curlews**, 1 July; two **Snipe**, 2 July; 25 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 15 **Green Sandpipers**, 3 July and a **Golden Plover**, three **Little Ringed Plovers** and two **Redshanks**, 4 July. Burgh Castle hosted five **Avocets**, 56 **Curlews** and two **Redshanks**, 30 June and a **Whimbrel**, 2 July, while two **Greenshanks** were present at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe and nine **Black-tailed Godwits** flew over Oulton Marshes, 4 July.

Raptors included **Hobbies** at Burgh Castle, 30 June and Carlton Marshes, 1 July, **Red Kites** at Bungay and Shipmeadow, 29 June, Gillingham, 2 July and Belton, 3 July and four **Buzzards** at Beccles, 1 July. Finally, **Barn Owls** were recorded at Beccles Marshes, 28 June, Burgh Castle and Oulton Marshes (two), 30 June and Carlton Marshes (three), 4 July.

5 to 11 July 2015

An **Osprey** was seen at Burgh Castle, 5 July and at Carlton Marshes the following day. Other raptors included **Hobbies** at Beccles Marshes (four) and Carlton Marshes, 7 July, Belton (two) and St Olaves, 8 July and Lopham Fen, 11 July, two **Peregrines** at St Olaves and four **Buzzards** at Ditchingham, 9 July. **Barn Owls** were reported from Burgh Castle and Carlton Marshes, 5 July, Lopham Fen (two), 9 July, Beccles Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes (two), 10 July and Gillingham, 11 July.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Wood Sandpiper**, three **Ruffs**, a **Greenshank** and a **Dunlin**, 5 July, 30 **Black-tailed Godwits**, six **Green Sandpipers** and a **Redshank**, 6 July and two **Little Ringed Plovers** and a **Curlew**, 7 July, while at Burgh Castle Flats, 5 July, 75 **Avocets**, 19 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 13 **Curlews** and six **Redshanks** were present. Elsewhere, **Green Sandpipers** were noted at Earsham GP (four), 6 July and Lopham Fen, 9 July.

A **Turtle Dove** was heard at St James South Elmham, 9 July, while **Cuckoos** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 10 July and Lopham Fen, 11 July and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes, 9 July and Ditchingham (two), 10 July. **Grasshopper Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 5 July and Lopham Fen, 9 July and **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes, 6 July, Beccles Marshes and Somerleyton, 7 July, Herringfleet Marshes, 9 July and Oulton Marshes (two), 11 July. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Ditchingham, 9 July and **Bearded Tits** were noted at Burgh Castle, 5 July and Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Lopham Fen (two), 9 July.

A **Mediterranean Gull** was seen at Burgh Castle Flats, 5 July. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (five), 6 July, Herringfleet Marshes, 9 July and Barsham Marshes (five), Lopham Fen (two) and Oulton Marshes (two), 11 July.

12 to 18 July 2015

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Ruff**, two **Black-tailed Godwits**, three **Greenshanks** and two **Little Ringed Plovers**, 13 July, two **Redshanks**, 14 July, 12

Green Sandpipers, 15 July and an **Avocet**, 18 July, while at Burgh Castle the wader count included 63 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 21 **Curlews** and 15 **Redshanks**, 12 July and a **Whimbrel**, a **Grey Plover**, a **Greenshank** and 54 **Avocets**, 16 July. Further **Green Sandpipers** were present at Redgrave Fen, 16 July and Earsham GP (eight), 17 July, with a **Curlew** and a **Redshank** noted at Haddiscoe Island, 15 July. **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (four) and Redgrave Fen (four), 13 July and Burgh Castle (11), 16 July.

Two **Turtle Doves** were seen at Beccles Marshes, 16 July, while **Cuckoos** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 13 July and St Olaves, 14 July and **Kingfishers** at Weybread GP, 12 July and Beccles Quay and Redgrave Fen, 16 July. A **Siskin** flew over Burgh Castle, 15 July. A **Grasshopper Warbler** was singing at Lopham Fen, 14 July, while **Cetti's Warblers** were reported from Burgh Castle, 14 July and Oulton Marshes, 18 July and **Bearded Tits** from Burgh Castle, 12 July, Fritton Marshes (two), 15 July and Herringfleet, 16 July.

Hobbies were recorded at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 15 July and Redgrave Fen (two) and Oulton Marshes, 18 July and **Barn Owls** at Beccles Marshes (two), 12 July, Carlton Marshes, 13 July, Lopham Fen, 14 July and Burgh Castle, 16 July.

19 to 25 July 2015

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Ruff** and three **Green Sandpipers**, 20 July and two **Greenshanks**, 21 July. Elsewhere, 40 **Black-tailed Godwits** were present at Aldeby shooting lakes and a **Common Sandpiper** at Redgrave Fen, 20 July and 40 **Avocets** and 300 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Burgh Castle Flats the following day. **Little Egrets** were noted at Weybread GP, 19 July, Redgrave Fen (three), 20 July and Burgh Castle (19) and Carlton Marshes (seven), 21 July.

A **Red Kite** flew over Burgh Castle, 21 July, while **Hobbies** were recorded at Redgrave Fen, 20 July and Beccles, 25 July and **Barn Owls** at Shipmeadow, 21 July and Beccles Marshes, 25 July.

13 **Yellow Wagtails** roosted at Burgh Castle, 21 July and a juvenile **Cuckoo** was seen at Beccles Marshes, 25 July. Finally, **Kingfishers** were noted at Redgrave Fen, 20 July, Burgh Castle, 21 July and Beccles Quay, 23 July.

26 July to 1 August 2015

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Wood Sandpiper** and four **Greenshanks**, 29 July, six **Black-tailed Godwits** and five **Dunlins**, 30 July and three **Ruffs**, three **Green Sandpipers** and three **Redshanks**, 1 August, with six **Green Sandpipers** present at Earsham GP, 29 July. A count of waders at Burgh Castle, 31 July included 78 **Avocets**, 165 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 38 **Curlews** and 65 **Dunlins**. **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (three), 26 July, Redgrave Fen, 29 July and Oulton Marshes (two), 1 August.

A pair of **Spotted Flycatchers** was feeding two youngsters in a nest in a garden at St James South Elmham, 27 July, and another **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at Weybread Mill, 31 July. A **Grasshopper Warbler** was reeling at Lopham Fen, 29 July and a **Turtle Dove** purring at St James South Elmham, 1 August.

Hobbies were recorded at North Cove, 28 July, Beccles Marshes, 31 July and Carlton Marshes, 1 August, with a **Peregrine** also seen at the latter site on the same day. Finally, **Barn Owls** were reported from Beccles Marshes, 28 July and Carlton Marshes (two), 31 July.

2 to 8 August 2015

The summer wader fest at Carlton Marshes continued with eight **Green Sandpipers** and two **Redshanks**, 5 August, 15 **Black-tailed Godwits**, four **Ruffs**, six **Greenshanks** and three **Little Ringed Plovers**, 7 August and a **Dunlin**, 8 August. Elsewhere, a **Greenshank** was present at Outney Common, Bungay, 3 August, two **Green Sandpipers** at Redgrave Fen, 6 August and 77 **Avocets** at Burgh Castle, 8 August, while Earsham GP hosted four **Green Sandpipers**, 3 August and a **Common Sandpiper**, 7 August.

Hobbies were recorded at Belton and Redgrave Fen, 3 August, Beccles Marshes, 6 August and Carlton Marshes (two), 7 August. Notable counts of **Buzzards** included seven at St Olaves and five at Carlton Colville, 7 August. **Barn Owls** were reported from St James South Elmham, 2 August, Beccles Marshes, 3 August and Carlton Marshes, 8 August.

Two **Turtle Doves** were seen at Earsham, 7 August. **Kingfishers** were recorded at Outney Common and Redgrave Fen, 3 August and Burgh Castle, 8 August and a juvenile **Stonechat** was present at Beccles Marshes, 6 August.

A **Bittern** was seen in flight at Burgh Castle, 8 August, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Redgrave Fen (two) and Fritton Marshes, 3 August, Carlton Marshes (six), 5 August and Burgh Castle (eight), 8 August.

9 to 15 August 2015

A juvenile **Purple Heron** was released at Carlton Marshes during the evening of 11 August having earlier that afternoon landed exhausted on a boat 16 miles off Southwold. Although elusive, it spent the remainder of the week on the marshes, apparently unaffected by its eventful and stressful journey. **Little Egrets** were noted at Burgh Castle (12) and Belton Marshes (seven), 9 August and Carlton Marshes (seven), 15 August. This week's wader highlights at Carlton Marshes included a **Little Stint**, five **Ruff**, two **Green Sandpipers** and a **Common Sandpiper**, 12 August, a **Little Ringed Plover**, a **Ringed Plover** and ten **Dunlin**, 13 August and two **Wood Sandpipers**, six **Greenshanks** and a **Redshank**, 14 August. A **Greenshank**, two **Green Sandpipers**, 50 **Curlews** and two **Redshanks** were present at Belton Marshes, 9 August. Elsewhere, three **Green Sandpipers** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 9 August, 24 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Aldeby shooting lakes, 10 August, a **Common Sandpiper** at North Cove, 13 August and a **Golden Plover** at St James South Elmham and a **Whimbrel** at Burgh Castle, 15 August. The first **Whinchat** of the 'autumn' was present at Beccles Marshes, 11 August. A **Grasshopper Warbler** was noted at Belton Marshes, 9 August, juvenile **Cuckoos** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 10 August and Herringfleet Marshes, 12 August, while **Yellow Wagtails** were recorded at Glebe Marshes, Burgh Castle (75 roosted), 9 August and Belton Marshes (five), 15 August. A juvenile **Grey Wagtail** was seen at St Olaves, 12 August, **Bearded Tits** at Belton Marshes (five), 9 August and Herringfleet Marshes, 12 August and **Kingfishers** at Belton Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 15 August.

Hobbies were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 14 August and Somerleyton, 15 August and three **Buzzards** at St Olaves, 14 August. Finally, **Barn Owls** were reported from Belton Marshes (two), 9 August and Carlton Marshes (two), 12 August.

16 to 22 August 2015

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Little Stint**, a **Wood Sandpiper**, a **Ringed Plover**, three **Little Ringed Plovers**, two **Greenshanks**, a **Green Sandpiper** and 12 **Snipe**, 16 August, three **Black-tailed Godwits**, nine **Dunlin** and three **Redshanks**, 17 August, a **Curlew**, 19 August and six **Ruff**, 22 August. Elsewhere, a **Green Sandpiper** and two **Curlews** were present at Belton Marshes, 16 August, a **Green Sandpiper** at Earsham GP, 17 August and a **Ruff** at Redgrave Fen, 19 August.

The juvenile **Purple Heron**, released at Carlton Marshes last week, was not seen after 17 August. **Little Egrets** were noted at Belton Marshes (nine), 16 August, Carlton Marshes (five), 17 August, Redgrave Fen, 19 August and Oulton Marshes (five), 22 August.

Carlton Marshes hosted a **Whinchat** and a **Yellow Wagtail**, 16 August, two **Wheatears**, 19 August and a late **Cuckoo**, 21 August. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Belton Marshes (six), 16 August and Lopham Fen (four), 19 August.

An unseasonable **Short-eared Owl** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 17 August, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Belton Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 16 August and Redgrave Fen, 19 August.

23 to 29 August 2015

A **Redstart** was seen in a garden at Carlton Colville, 28 August. Further passerine highlights included five **Whinchats** and two **Wheatears** at Carlton Marshes and two **Whinchats** at Oulton Marshes, 23 August and nine **Yellow Wagtails** at Burgh Castle, 24 August. At Lopham Fen, two **Bearded Tits** were recorded on 28 August and a **Spotted Flycatcher** the following day.

An **Osprey** flew north over Beccles Marshes, 28 August. Two **Hobbies** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 23 August, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Belton Marshes, 24 August, Carlton Marshes (two), 26 August and Redgrave Fen, 27 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included eight **Ruff**, two **Greenshanks**, two **Common Sandpipers** and a **Redshank**, 23 August and a **Wood Sandpiper**, two **Green Sandpipers** and six **Dunlin**, 26 August, while nine **Avocets**, three **Greenshanks**, a **Green Sandpiper**, a **Golden Plover**, 25 **Curlews** and a **Redshank** were noted at Burgh Castle, 24 August. Elsewhere, four **Common Sandpipers** were present at Oulton Marshes, 23 August and two **Green Sandpipers** and three **Common Sandpipers** were seen at Earsham GP and two **Common Sandpipers** at Weybread GP, 25 August. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (four), 26 August and Redgrave Fen, 27 August.

30 August to 5 September 2015

Two **Tree Sparrows** were surprise visitors to a garden feeder in Beccles, 30 August. A **Wheatear** was present at Carlton Marshes, 5 September, while late-staying summer visitors included two **Swifts** at Lopham Fen and two **Reed Warblers** at Redgrave Fen, 1

September and a **Sand Martin** at Carlton Marshes, 5 September. Four **Bearded Tits** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 31 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included three **Black-tailed Godwits** and two **Greenshanks**, 30 August, a **Green Sandpiper**, 4 September and three **Ruffs**, 5 September, with five **Little Egrets** present at the same site, 2 September.

A **Marsh Harrier** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 4 September, with a **Hobby** noted the following day.

6 to 12 September 2015

Raptor highlights included an **Osprey** at Broome GP, 6 September and a ringtail **Hen Harrier** at Beccles Marshes, 11 September. **Hobbies** were seen at Worlingham Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 6 September, Belton, 7 September and North Cove SWT reserve (two), 9 September. Sightings of **Buzzards** included five at Worlingham Marshes and three at Gillingham, 6 September, while **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Beccles Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 7 September and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 7 September and Worlingham Marshes (three), 8 September.

Seven **Whinchats** were present at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe and two **Spotted Flycatchers** at Broome Common, 6 September and a **Wheatear** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 12 September. **Kingfishers** were reported from Beccles Marshes, 7 September and Worlingham Marshes, 8 September.

Waders included a **Curlew** at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, 6 September and five **Ruff** and a **Black-tailed Godwit** at Carlton Marshes, 12 September. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Redgrave Fen, 9 September, Castle Marsh, North Cove, 10 September and Carlton Marshes (six), 12 September.

13 to 19 September 2015

A juvenile **Red-footed Falcon** flew over Churchfarm Marshes, Burgh Castle at dusk on 19 September. **Hobbies** were seen at St Olaves, 13 September, Beccles, 15 September, Burgh Castle and Waveney Forest, Fritton, 18 September and Worlingham, 19 September and a **Peregrine** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 14 September. **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at St Olaves, 13 September, Carlton Marshes (five), 14 September, Belton Marshes, 18 September and Burgh Castle (two) and Haddiscoe Island (two), 19 September and **Barn Owls** at Belton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes (two), 18 September.

A **Great White Egret** flew east along the river at North Cove, 18 September and was seen at Carlton Marshes the following day, while **Little Egrets** were present at Carlton Marshes (eight), 13 September, Redgrave Fen, 14 September and Belton Marshes (six), 18 September.

Eight **Whinchats** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 15 September, with a **Wheatear** and two **Cetti's Warblers** noted at the same site, 19 September. A further **Cetti's Warbler** and a **Grey Wagtail** were recorded at Burgh Castle, 19 September, while **Kingfishers** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 13 September and Burgh Castle, 19 September.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Spotted Redshank** and nine **Black-tailed Godwits**, 13 September, a **Green Sandpiper**, 12 **Dunlin** and a **Redshank**, 14 September

and seven **Ruff**, 15 September. 30 **Avocets**, six **Black-tailed Godwits** and 15 **Redshanks** were recorded at Burgh Castle Flats, 19 September. Finally, a flock of 315 **Canada Geese** was present at Redgrave Fen, 14 September and 60 **Egyptian Geese** and an injured **Pink-footed Goose** were noted at Burgh Castle, 19 September.

20 to 26 September 2015

15 **Siskins** flew north over Oulton Marshes, 20 September and four **Lesser Redpolls** were noted at Blundeston the following day. A late **Sedge Warbler** was seen at Glebe Marsh, Burgh Castle, 25 September. **Grey Wagtails** were present at Burgh Castle, 20 September and Worlingham Marshes (three), 26 September. Four **Cetti's Warblers** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 24 September, with a **Stonechat** seen at the same site, 26 September. **Kingfishers** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two) and Burgh Castle, 20 September and Worlingham Marshes, 26 September.

A **Hobby** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 20 September. **Marsh Harriers** were present at Burgh Castle, 20 September, Carlton Marshes (two), 23 September and Haddiscoe Island (six), 25 September and five **Buzzards** were noted at Worlingham Marshes, 26 September. **Barn Owls** were reported from Burgh Castle, 20 September, Carlton Marshes (four), 23 September and Haddiscoe Island, 25 September.

A **Bar-tailed Godwit** was present at Burgh Castle Flats, 20 September and five **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes on the same day.

27 September to 3 October 2015

A **Ring-necked Parakeet** flew north over Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, 28 September. The first **Fieldfare** of the autumn was seen at Gillingham, 29 September, while late records of summer migrants included a **Yellow Wagtail** and a **Lesser Whitethroat** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 27 September and a **Reed Warbler** at Glebe Marsh, Burgh Castle and a pair of **House Martins** still feeding young at Worlingham, 2 October. A **Nuthatch** was a surprise sighting at St James South Elmham, 28 September. **Grey Wagtails** were recorded at Worlingham Marshes (three), 27 September and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 3 October; **Bearded Tits** at Somerleyton Marshes (two), 28 September, Herringfleet Marshes (four), 29 September and Carlton Marshes (two), 3 October; **Cetti's Warblers** at Beccles Marshes, 29 September and Carlton Marshes (five), 3 October and **Kingfishers** at Worlingham Marshes, 27 September, Carlton Marshes (two), 28 September and Oulton Marshes, 3 October.

A **Red Kite** was noted at Burgh Castle, 3 October. **Hobbies** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 28 September, Herringfleet Marshes, 29 September, St Olaves (two), 30 September and Oulton Marshes and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 3 October. **Marsh Harriers** were reported from Haddiscoe Island (four), 2 October and Carlton Marshes, 3 October, with four **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (four), 27 September.

Wader records included an impressive count of 34 **Snipe** at Oulton Marshes, 1 October and two **Greenshanks** and 20 **Curlews** at Burgh Castle, 2 October. Finally, **Little Egrets** were seen at Burgh Castle (eight), 2 October and Carlton Marshes (four) and Oulton Marshes the following day.

4 to 10 October 2015

A flock of 170 **Pink-footed Geese** flew south at St Olaves, 10 October, while 390 **Canada Geese** and 333 **Greylag Geese** were present at Redgrave Fen, 8 October. **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (three), 7 October and Burgh Castle (11), 9 October. Late **Hobbies** were seen at Lopham Fen and St Olaves and a **Peregrine** was roosting on the tower of St Mary's Church, Bungay, 10 October. **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at St Olaves, 7 October, Beccles Marshes, 8 October and Burgh Castle (two), 9 October. Three **Swallows** were seen at Burgh Castle, 9 October and a **House Martin** at Lopham Fen, 10 October. Two **Grey Wagtails** were noted at Worlingham Marshes, 5 October and two **Stonechats** and a **Bearded Tit** at Lopham Fen and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Beccles Marshes, 8 October, with three **Bearded Tits** also recorded at Burgh Castle the following day. Finally, **Kingfishers** were reported from Beccles Marshes and Redgrave Fen, 8 October, Burgh Castle, 9 October and Carlton Marshes, 10 October.

11 to 17 October 2015

Two **Merlins** were seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton at dusk on 11 October. **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island (eight), 11 October and Burgh Castle, 15 October and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (three) and Haddiscoe Island (three), 11 October.

The first **Redwings** of the autumn were noted at Beccles and Oulton, 12 October, while late summer migrants included **Chiffchaffs** at Beccles and Waveney Forest, 11 October and **Swallows** at Oulton Marshes, 16 October and St Olaves, 17 October. A **Stonechat** was present at Carlton Marshes, 11 October, **Grey Wagtails** were recorded at Ellingham Mill, 11 October, Worlingham Marshes, 12 October and Somerleyton (two), 15 October and two **Bearded Tits** were noted at Burgh Castle, 15 October. **Kingfishers** were reported from Worlingham Marshes (two) and Beccles Quay, 12 October.

Numbers of **Pink-footed Geese** rose during the week, with counts of 1500 over Waveney Forest, 11 October and 2000 over Somerleyton Marshes, 1000 over Oulton and 1000 over St Olaves, 17 October. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Gillingham Marshes, 13 October, Burgh Castle (seven), 15 October and Carlton Marshes, 17 October.

18 to 24 October 2015

A **Great Grey Shrike** was present at Barnby Marshes, 24 October. A **Black Redstart** was seen along Field View Gardens, Beccles, 18 October; a **Tree Sparrow** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 21 October; a **Nuthatch** at St James South Elmham, 23 October and a **Water Pipit** and two **Stonechats** at Carlton Marshes and a **Grey Wagtail** at North Cove SWT reserve, 24 October. **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 21 October and Carlton Marshes (five), 24 October; **Chiffchaffs** at Diss Mere, 18 October, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 21 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 24 October; **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes (three), 20 October and Carlton Marshes (five), 24 October; **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (seven), 19 October and Herringfleet Marshes (six), 20 October and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 18 October. High counts of **Starlings** included 1000 at Carlton Marshes, 19 October and 4000 at Herringfleet Marshes, 20 October.

A **Long-eared Owl** was hunting at dusk at Carlton Marshes, 23 October, while **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 18 October and Haddiscoe Island (two), 22 October and **Barn Owls** at Haddiscoe Island, 22 October, Oulton Marshes, 23 October and Carlton Marshes (four), 24 October. **Hen Harriers** were recorded at Barnby Marshes (male) and Haddiscoe Island (male), 23 October and Carlton Marshes (ringtail) and Oulton Marshes (male), 24 October and **Marsh Harriers** at Lopham Fen, 18 October, Beccles Marshes and Herringfleet Marshes, 20 October, Haddiscoe Island (three), 23 October and Carlton Marshes (four) and Somerleyton Marshes, 24 October.

Two **Spoonbills** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 23 and 24 October. A **Bittern** flew over Castle Marsh, North Cove, 19 October and **Little Egrets** were recorded at Redgrave Fen (two), 18 October, Herringfleet Marshes, 20 October, Haddiscoe Island, 22 October, Oulton Marshes, 23 October and Carlton Marshes (three), 24 October.

Waders at Burgh Castle on 24 October included a **Spotted Redshank**, 225 **Black-tailed Godwits**, ten **Avocets**, 20 **Curlews**, seven **Dunlins** and ten **Common Redshanks**. **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at St Olaves (300), 18 October, Haddiscoe Island (80), 22 October and Carlton Marshes (1000), 24 October and 120 **Barnacle Geese** flew north over Bungay, 19 October.

25 to 31 October 2015

The **Great Grey Shrike** was again present at Barnby Marshes, 25 October. **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (15), 25 October and Beccles Marshes, 28 October; **Grey Wagtails** at Beccles Quay and Earsham, 28 October; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (two), 29 October and Herringfleet Marshes (three), 30 October and **Stonechats** at Herringfleet Marshes, 30 October and Carlton Marshes, 31 October. Two **Kingfishers** were noted at Beccles Quay, 28 October and four **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes, 30 October. Sizeable flocks of **Fieldfares** included 230 at Carlton Marshes, 26 October and 100 at Beccles Marshes, 30 October.

Two **Spoonbills** remained at Carlton Marshes until 26 October, while **Little Egrets** were present at Haddiscoe Island, 25 October and Carlton Marshes (four), 26 October.

Short-eared Owls were hunting at Haddiscoe Island (two), 25 October and Carlton Marshes, 26 October, with **Barn Owls** reported from Carlton Marshes (four) and Beccles Marshes, 26 October and **Marsh Harriers** from Haddiscoe Island, 25 October, Carlton Marshes, 26 October and Herringfleet Marshes (three), 30 October.

Pink-footed Geese were noted at St Olaves (1500), 28 October and Herringfleet Marshes (1500), 30 October. Finally, a **Green Sandpiper** was seen at Earsham, 28 October.

1 to 7 November 2015

A **Rock Pipit** was noted at Burgh Castle Flats, 1 November; a **Stonechat** and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe and four **Lesser Redpolls** and two **Grey Wagtails** at Beccles, 2 November; a **Kingfisher** at Beccles Quay, 3 November and a **Bearded Tit** at Fritton Marshes, 7 November.

A male **Hen Harrier** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 7 November, while **Marsh Harriers** were reported from Beccles Marshes, Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 3 November and Haddiscoe Island (13), 7 November and **Barn Owls** from Carlton Marshes (two), 3 November and Flixton (near Bungay), 7 November.

Little Egrets were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three), 3 November, Beccles Marshes, 6 November and Haddiscoe Island, 7 November. A **Mediterranean Gull** was present at Burgh Castle Flats, 1 November.

8 to 14 November 2015

A **Penduline Tit** flew south-east over St Olaves bridge at 9.15am on 8 November, providing the highlight of the week. A **Chiffchaff**, four **Cetti's Warblers**, two **Stonechats** and 12 **Bearded Tits** were recorded at nearby Somerleyton on the same day, with a further **Cetti's Warbler** noted at Carlton Marshes, 12 November. **Grey Wagtails** were seen at Ellingham Mill, 8 November and Beccles Quay, 9 November, **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 8 November and Beccles Quay (two), 9 November and two **Lesser Redpolls** at Outney Common, Bungay, 13 November. Pre-roost gatherings of **Starlings** included 1200 at Haddiscoe Island, 8 November and 12000 at Lopham Fen and 2000 at Barsham Marshes, 13 November.

A **Red Kite** was seen at Ditchingham, 8 November, while **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Belton Marshes, Burgh Castle and Somerleyton Marshes, 8 November and Haddiscoe Island (14), 14 November. **Short-eared Owls** were present at Lopham Fen, 8 November and Haddiscoe Island (two), 14 November, with **Barn Owls** recorded at Belton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 8 November, Beccles Marshes (two), 11 November, Outney Common, 13 November and Haddiscoe Island (four), 14 November.

A flock of 670 **Pink-footed Geese** flew south-east over Somerleyton, 13 November. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Somerleyton Marshes (two), 8 November, Carlton Marshes (three), 12 November and Outney Common, 13 November.

15 to 21 November 2015

A **Woodcock** was seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 21 November, while a **Redshank** and 21 **Snipe** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 15 November.

The first **Goosanders** of the autumn were present at Fritton Lake (five), 21 November. **Pink-footed Geese** flew over Fritton (100), 15 November and Somerleyton (300), 20 November. **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), 15 November, Redgrave Fen, 17 November and Oulton Marshes, 20 November.

A count of 12 **Marsh Harriers** was made at Haddiscoe Island, 15 November, a **Short-eared Owl** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 16 November and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 15 November, Beccles Marshes, 17 November, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (two), 19 November and Oulton Marshes (two), 20 November.

A **Lesser Redpoll** and a **Cetti's Warblers** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 20 November, with a further **Cetti's Warbler** recorded at Beccles Marshes, 17 November.

22 to 28 November 2015

A **Firecrest** was present in a garden at Barnby, 22 and 24 November and a **Lesser Redpoll** in a garden at Ditchingham, 23 November. Two **Bearded Tits** were noted at Burgh Castle, 22 November, a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles Quay, 25 November and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes, 26 November and Carlton Marshes, 28 November.

A flock of 46 **Pink-footed Geese** flew south over St Olaves, 26 November, while 150 **Greylag Geese** and 250 **Mute Swans** were present at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 27 November.

Marsh Harriers were seen at Burgh Castle, 22 November and Somerleyton Marshes, 24 November and five **Buzzards** were noted at North Cove, 26 November.

A **Curlew** and ten **Redshanks** were seen at Burgh Castle, 22 November, while **Woodcock** were recorded at St Olaves (three), 22 November and Waveney Forest, Fritton the following day.

29 November to 5 December 2015

Lesser Redpolls were present at Blundeston (three), Dunburgh Hill and Somerleyton, 2 December and **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes (four), 4 December and Haddiscoe Island (four), 5 December. A **Kingfisher** was noted at Worlingham Marshes, 29 November and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Oulton Marshes and two **Stonechats** at Haddiscoe Island, 5 December.

Pink-footed Geese were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (120), 4 December and Haddiscoe Island (1000) and St Olaves (18), 5 December, **Little Egrets** at Worlingham Marshes, 29 November and Haddiscoe Island (six), 5 December and a **Woodcock** at Blundeston, 2 December.

Marsh Harriers were seen at Herringfleet Marshes (three), 4 December and Haddiscoe Island (five), 5 December and **Barn Owls** at Beccles Marshes, 4 December and Homersfield, 5 December.

6 to 12 December 2015

Five **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 9 December, with reports of **Barn Owls** received from Haddiscoe Island, 6 December, Burgh Castle, 7 December, Beccles Marshes (two) and Castle Marsh, 11 December and Bungay, 12 December. A male **Hen Harrier** was also recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 9 December, with **Marsh Harriers** noted at Haddiscoe Island (seven), 6 December, Herringfleet Marshes, 8 December and Oulton Marshes, 9 December.

Four **Bewick's Swans** flew over Castle Marsh, North Cove, 6 December, while two flew over Burnt Hill Lane, Carlton Colville, 12 December and 1200 **Pink-footed Geese** were present at Somerleyton Marshes, 12 December.

A **Bittern** was seen in flight at Castle Marsh, 6 December and three **Little Egrets** were noted at the same site on 12 December. A **Green Sandpiper** and three **Woodcock** were recorded at Fritton, 6 December and a count of 243 **Great Black-backed Gulls** was made at Burnt Hill Lane, Carlton Colville on the same day.

Two **Bearded Tits** and two **Cetti's Warblers** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 8 December and a **Kingfisher** was seen at Beccles Marshes, 11 December.

13 to 19 December 2015

Two **Bearded Tits** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 14 December, two **Chiffchaffs** at Beccles, 16 December, a **Grey Wagtail** at Flixton GP, 17 December and another **Grey Wagtail** together with a **Kingfisher** at Worlingham Marshes, 19 December.

A **Marsh Harrier** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 13 December and three **Buzzards** at Worlingham Marshes, 19 December, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes and Somerleyton, 13 December, Ditchingham, 14 December and Beccles Marshes, 15 December.

Wildfowl included 600 **Pink-footed Geese** at Oulton Marshes, 13 December, 185 **Mute Swans** and 388 **Greylag Geese** at Flixton GP, 17 December and 140 **Mute Swans** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 19 December. **Little Egrets** were present at Carlton Marshes (two), 13 December, Beccles Common, 14 December, Redgrave Fen, 17 December and Castle Marsh (three), 19 December.

Finally, waders included a count of 45 **Snipe** at Carlton Marshes and two **Redshanks** at Castle Marsh, 13 December and five **Woodcock** at Worlingham Marshes, 19 December.

20 to 26 December 2015

Waders at Burgh Castle on 20 December included a **Spotted Redshank**, eight **Avocets**, 220 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 30 **Curlews** and 60 **Common Redshanks**, while other records at the same site on the same day involved three **Little Egrets**, 180 **Teal**, five **Bearded Tits**, a **Peregrine** and a **Marsh Harrier**.

Elsewhere, another **Peregrine** was seen at Flixton GP and four **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 20 December. **Barn Owls** were reported from Beccles Marshes, 20 December and Somerleyton (two), 25 December.

27 December 2015 to 2 January 2016

The wintering **Lesser Yellowlegs** at Breydon Water put in appearances at Burgh Castle Flats on 29 and 31 December and 1 January. Other waders at Burgh Castle Flats included 216 **Common Redshanks** 30 December, two **Spotted Redshanks**, 31 December, a **Knot**, 26 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 11 **Curlews**, 1 January and 30 **Avocets** and 518 **Dunlin**, 2 January, while a **Green Sandpiper** was seen at Lopham Fen, 28 December. A **Rough-legged Buzzard** was present at Haddiscoe Island, 1 and 2 January. Other raptors included a **Peregrine** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 2 January, **Marsh Harriers** at Castle Marsh (three), 28 December, Herringfleet Marshes, 31 December, Burgh Castle (three), 1 January and St Olaves (two) and Carlton Marshes, 2 January, a **Short-eared Owl** at Haddiscoe Island, 29 December and **Barn Owls** at Barsham Marshes (two), 27 December and Lopham Fen, 28 December.

Notable passerines included a **Chiffchaff** at Barsham Marshes, 27 December, **Lesser Redpolls** at Ditchingham, 30 December and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 1 January and a **Brambling** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 1 January. **Cetti's Warbler** were noted at Barsham Marshes (two), 27 December and Herringfleet Marshes, 31 December, **Stonechats** at Carlton Marshes (two) and Castle Marsh (three), 28 December and **Bearded Tits** at Burgh Castle, 30 December, Herringfleet Marshes (four), 31 December, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 1 January and Castle Marsh (seven), 2 January.

Finally, 200 **Pink-footed Geese** flew north over St Olaves, 28 December, a **Mediterranean Gull** was seen at Burgh Castle, 1 January and **Little Egrets** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 28 December, Herringfleet Marshes, 31 December and Burgh Castle (five), 1 January.