



WBC Sightings Report 2016

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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..

3 to 9 January 2016

It was a good week for wildfowl, with three **Tundra Bean Geese** present at Churchfarm Marshes, Burgh Castle, 8 January, and **White-fronted Geese** recorded at Castle Marsh, North Cove (15), 4 January, Burgh Castle and Oulton Marshes, 6 January, **Pink-footed Geese** at Oulton Marshes (1000), 5 January and St Olaves (350), 9 January and two **Bewick's Swans** at Gillingham Marshes, 5 January.

A **Firecrest** was seen in a garden at Barnby, 7 January and a **Nuthatch** in a garden at Ditchingham, 4 January. A **Bearded Tit** was noted at Burgh Castle, 9 January and **Grey Wagtails** were recorded at Beccles Quay, 4 January and Oulton Marshes, 9 January and **Stonechats** at Castle Marsh (three), 4 January and Oulton Marshes (two), 8 January. A **Kingfisher** was seen at Beccles Marshes, 5 January.

A male **Hen Harrier** was present at Oulton Marshes, 6 January, while **Marsh Harriers** were seen at Beccles Marshes, 4 January, Ashby, 5 January and Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 9 January. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Oulton Marshes, 5

January and **Barn Owls** were reported from Oulton Marshes, 5 January and Beccles Marshes, 6 January.

Finally, 28 **Avocets** and 165 **Redshanks** were recorded at Burgh Castle Flats, 9 January, **Little Egrets** were present at Castle Marsh, 4 January and Carlton Marshes (two), 5 January and a **Mediterranean Gull** was seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 5 January.

10 to 16 January 2016

A **Jack Snipe** was seen at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 16 January, along with 20 **Common Snipe**, and a **Green Sandpiper** was present at Outney Common, Bungay on the same day.

Haddiscoe Island hosted a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a male **Hen Harrier**, a **Peregrine**, two **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl** on 16 January. Elsewhere, **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Carlton Marshes (four), Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Beccles Marshes, 13 January, **Short-eared Owls** at Oulton Marshes, 10 January and Burgh St Peter, 16 January and **Barn Owls** at Oulton Marshes (two) and Lopham Fen, 10 January, Somerleyton, 12 January and Carlton Marshes (four), Beccles Marshes (three), Castle Marsh, Herringfleet Marshes and Weybread GP, 13 January.

A **Firecrest** was again seen in a garden at Barnby, 12 January. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Worlingham Marshes, 10 January, three **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes, 13 January and two **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes, 14 January. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Castle Marsh (six), Carlton Marshes (two) and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 13 January and **Kingfishers** at Worlingham Marshes, 10 January and Weybread GP (two) and Beccles Marshes, 13 January.

A **Brent Goose** was an unusual sighting at Castle Marsh, 13 January, while a count of 230 **Greylag Geese** was made at the same site on 15 January and **Pink-footed Geese** were reported from Belton (2000) and Herringfleet Marshes (31), 13 January and St Olaves (300) and Carlton Marshes (70), 16 January. Finally, **Little Egrets** were seen at Carlton Marshes (three), Castle Marsh and Weybread GP, 13 January.

17 to 23 January 2016

The **Lesser Yellowlegs** was again present at Burgh Castle, 17 and 18 January, while a count of waders at the same site on 23 January included 23 **Avocets**, 13 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 35 **Curlews**, 50 **Redshanks** and 1000 **Lapwings**. A **Green Sandpiper** was noted at Haddiscoe Island, 17 January.

A **Ring Ouzel** was an unseasonable record at Oulton Marshes, 23 January. Elsewhere, a **Water Pipit** was seen at Carlton Marshes and a **Grey Wagtail** at Worlingham Marshes, 17 January and a **Firecrest** was again present in a garden at Barnby, 21 January. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Burgh Castle (six) and Carlton Marshes, 17 January and Burgh St Peter (two) and Lopham Fen (two), 23 January; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (five), 17 January and Burgh Castle, 19 January; **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 17 January and Lopham Fen, 23 January; **Lesser Redpolls** at Earsham, 20 January and North Cove (nine), 21 January and **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes, 20 January and Castle Marsh, North Cove (two), 21 January.

A **Merlin** was seen at Fritton Marshes, 23 January. Nearby, Haddiscoe Island hosted two **Marsh Harriers** and two **Barn Owls**, 17 January, a male **Hen Harrier**, 18 January and a **Peregrine** and a **Short-eared Owl**, 23 January. Further **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Belton, 17 January, Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 19 January, Carlton Marshes and

Somerleyton Marshes, 20 January, Beccles Marshes and North Cove (two), 21 January and Burgh Castle (three), 23 January; **Short-eared Owls** at Lopham Fen, 18 January, Oulton Marshes (two), 19 January and Fritton Marshes, 23 January and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (three), Belton Marshes (two) and Beccles Marshes, 17 January, Lopham Fen and Somerleyton Marshes, 20 January and Oulton Marshes (three), 21 January. **Goosanders** were seen at Burgh Castle (male), 17 January and Castle Marsh (redhead), 21 January, **Pink-footed Geese** at Burgh St Peter (230) and St Olaves (36), 23 January and **Little Egrets** at Haddiscoe Island (six), 17 January, North Cove, 21 January and Carlton Marshes (11) and Lopham Fen, 23 January.

24 to 30 January 2016

A **Spoonbill** flew south over Burgh Castle late afternoon on 28 January, while **Little Egrets** noted at Outney Common, Bungay (two) and Worlingham Marshes, 24 January, Oulton Marshes and Redgrave Fen, 25 January and Haddiscoe Island (three) and Fritton Lake, 30 January.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard** and a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, 24 January and a **Merlin**, eight **Marsh Harriers**, a **Short-eared Owl** and four **Barn Owls**, 30 January. Elsewhere, **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 28 January and Burgh Castle, 29 January, four **Buzzards** at Somerleyton, 30 January, a **Short-eared Owl** at Oulton Marshes, 24 January and **Barn Owls** at Oulton Marshes (two), 24 January and Bungay and Flixton GP, 30 January.

Nuthatches were reported from Dunburgh Hill and Earsham GP, 24 January, **Lesser Redpolls** from Oulton Marshes (two), 24 January and Beccles Marshes, 29 January and **Grey Wagtails** from Camps Heath, Oulton, 28 January and Worlingham Marshes (two), 30 January. Two **Bearded Tits** were noted at Burgh Castle, 29 January and **Kingfishers** were seen at Worlingham Marshes, 24 January, Oulton Marshes, 25 January and Beccles Quay, 27 January.

Wader counts at Burgh Castle Flats included 600 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 30 **Curlews**, 29 January and a **Spotted Redshank**, a **Ruff**, 52 **Avocets**, 360 **Dunlin** and 341 **Redshanks**, 30 January. Two **Woodcocks** were flushed at Worlingham Marshes, 24 January.

Two redhead **Goldeneyes** were present at Fritton Lake and 350 **Teal** at Burgh Castle, 30 January, with **Pink-footed Geese** noted at Fritton Lake (190 flew over) and St Olaves (23 flew over) on the same day.

31 January to 6 February 2016

Firecrests were seen at Rookery Park Golf Club, Carlton Colville, 31 January and in a garden at Barnby, 2 February. A **Bearded Tit** was recorded at Fritton Marshes and a **Nuthatch** at Dunburgh Hill, 31 January and three **Bramblings** at Ditchingham and a **Grey Wagtail** at Carlton Colville, 4 February. **Kingfishers** were noted at Beccles Marshes, 3 February and Carlton Marshes (two), 6 February.

Haddiscoe Island hosted a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, 31 January and a male **Hen Harrier**, a **Peregrine**, 13 **Marsh Harriers** and four **Buzzards**, 6 February. Elsewhere, a **Peregrine** was seen at Bungay, 1 February and three **Marsh Harriers** at Somerleyton Marshes, 3 February, while **Barn Owls** were recorded at Belton Marshes and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 31 January, Carlton Marshes (two) and Gillingham Marshes (two), 3 February,

Lopham Fen (three), 4 February, Beccles Marshes (two), 5 February and Earsham, 6 February.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included 12 **Dunlin**, 3 February and a **Jack Snipe** and 39 **Common Snipe**, 5 February. Two **Green Sandpipers** were present at Outney Common, Bungay, 100 **Golden Plovers** flew over Fritton Marshes and 1000 **Lapwings** and a **Woodcock** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 1 February.

Pink-footed Geese were recorded at Waveney Forest, Fritton (3000 flew north) and St Olaves (130 flew west), 31 January and Belton (2000), 1 February. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Belton Marshes (two), 31 January, Outney Common (three) and Lopham Fen, 1 February and Carlton Marshes (11), 3 February.

7 to 13 February 2016

A **Cattle Egret** was a surprise find at East End Farm, Aldeby, 11 February, remaining to the end of the week, while **Little Egrets** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (two), 9 February and Somerleyton Marshes, 12 February. Notable gulls at nearby Aldeby landfill site included a first-winter **Glaucous Gull**, 11 February, five **Caspian Gulls**, 12 February and a first-winter **Yellow-legged Gull**, 13 February.

The wintering **Lesser Yellowlegs** was seen along the River Waveney on mudflats opposite Burgh Castle on 11 February. A **Jack Snipe** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 11 February and a **Woodcock** at Somerleyton Marshes the following day.

Haddiscoe Island hosted a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a male **Hen Harrier** and 12 **Marsh Harriers**, 10 February. Elsewhere, two **Hen Harriers** (male and ringtail) were seen at Carlton Marshes, 11 February, while **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes and Lopham Fen, 9 February, Belton Marshes, 10 February, Carlton Marshes, 11 February and Oulton Marshes (two), 12 February; **Short-eared Owls** at Lopham Fen, 8 February and Carlton Marshes, 11 February and **Barn Owls** at Lopham Fen, 7 February, Blundeston and Herringfleet Marshes, 9 February, Belton Marshes (two), Beccles Marshes and Bungay, 10 February, Weybread GP, 11 February and Carlton Marshes (four), Aldeby and Oulton Marshes, 12 February.

Two **Blackcaps** were noted in Bungay, 10 February and a **Firecrest** was seen again in a garden at Barnby, 12 February. More usual winter passerines included a **Brambling** at Ditchingham and a **Lesser Redpoll** at Somerleyton, 9 February. **Stonechats** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), 7 February, Fritton Marshes (two), 10 February and Aldeby (two), 13 February; **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes (two), 9 February and Somerleyton Marshes (two), 12 February and **Grey Wagtails** at Beccles Quay, 10 February and Somerleyton Marshes (two), 12 February. Finally, **Kingfishers** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two), 7 February and Weybread GP, 11 February.

14 to 20 February 2016

The **Cattle Egret** was present at East End Farm, Aldeby until 19 February. **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), Aldeby and Lopham Fen, 14 February and Oulton Marshes, 17 February.

The wintering **Lesser Yellowlegs** returned to Burgh Castle, 19 and 20 February, while waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Woodcock**, 14 February and a **Jack Snipe** and two **Redshanks**, 19 February.

A **Rough-legged Buzzard** and a **Merlin** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 14 February. Elsewhere, a **Peregrine** was noted at Oulton Marshes, 17 February, three **Buzzards** at Fritton Lake, 18 February and **Marsh Harriers** at Carlton Marshes, 15 February and Lopham Fen, 20 February. A **Short-eared Owl** was present at Carlton Marshes, 18 February, with **Barn Owls** reported from Beccles Marshes (two), 14 February and Carlton Marshes (five) and Ashby, 15 February.

Notable passerines included two **Stonechats** at Aldeby, 14 February, a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles Quay, 16 February, a **Chiffchaff** at Carlton Colville, 17 February and 30 **Siskins** at Oulton Marshes and two **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 20 February.

21 to 27 February 2016

A **Firecrest** was seen at Fritton Lake, 27 February. A **Grey Wagtail** was present at Oulton Marshes, 22 February and an impressive count of 200 **Siskins** was made at North Cove SWT reserve, 24 February. **Stonechats** were recorded at Belton Marshes (two), 21 February and Beccles Marshes, 22 February; **Bearded Tits** at Burgh Castle, 21 February, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 24 February and Fritton Marshes, 27 February; **Cetti's Warblers** at Oulton Marshes, 22 February and Herringfleet Marshes (three), 24 February and **Kingfishers** at Earsham GP (two), 23 February, Herringfleet Marshes, 24 February, Beccles Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 26 February and Burgh Castle, 27 February. A **Great White Egret** was reported at Worlingham Marshes, 21 February, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Belton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes (two), 21 February and Haddiscoe Island (three), 23 February.

A **Rough-legged Buzzard** was seen at Haddiscoe Island from 25 February to the end of the week, while other raptors recorded at this site included a male **Hen Harrier**, 21 February, a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, 25 February, six **Marsh Harriers** and two **Short-eared Owls**, 26 February and two **Peregrines**, six **Buzzards** and two **Barn Owls**, Haddiscoe Island, 27 February. **Marsh Harriers** were also noted at Burgh Castle (two), 21 February, Somerleyton Marshes (two), 22 February, Herringfleet Marshes (four), 24 February and Carlton Marshes (two) and Beccles Marshes, 26 February; **Short-eared Owls** at Oulton Marshes, 25 February and Carlton Marshes, 26 February and **Barn Owls** at Ashby, 21 February, Beccles Marshes and Wheatacre Marshes, 22 February, Fritton Lake, Herringfleet Marshes and North Cove, 24 February, Mettingham, 25 February and Belton Marshes, 27 February.

Notable wildfowl included 67 **Bewick's Swans** flying east over Burgh Castle and 170 **Wigeon** at Oulton Marshes, 22 February and 3000 **Pink-footed Geese** at Haddiscoe Island and six **Goldeneye** at Fritton Lake, 27 February.

Waders at Burgh Castle included 300 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 45 **Redshanks**, 21 February and two **Spotted Redshanks** and six **Avocets**, 27 February, with a **Woodcock** at St Olaves, also 27 February.

Finally, an adult **Mediterranean Gull** was noted at Earsham GP, 23 February.

28 February to 5 March 2016

The **Cattle Egret**, present at Aldeby earlier in the month, was relocated in fields by Cove Dam, North Cove on 29 February and remained until the end of the week and **Little Egrets** were recorded at Blundeston Marshes, 4 March and Worlingham Marshes, 5 March.

A flock of 100 **Siskins** was present at North Cove SWT reserve, 2 March, while a **Brambling** was seen at Gillingham, 28 February, a **Stonechat** at Carlton Marshes, 4 March and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes and Gillingham Marshes, 4 March and Worlingham Marshes, 5 March.

A **Peregrine** was seen at Outney Common, Bungay, 28 February. **Short-eared Owls** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 29 February and Waveney Forest, Fritton (three), 5 March and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 29 February, North Cove, 3 March and Gillingham Marshes and Gapton Marshes, Bradwell, 4 March.

Finally, a **Woodcock** seen in flight at Waveney Forest at dusk on 5 March.

6 to 12 March 2016

The **Cattle Egret** remained at North Cove throughout the week, while **Little Egrets** were seen at Carlton Marshes (four), 12 March, Earsham (three), 10 March and Burgh Castle, 11 March.

A male **Goosander** was on the river opposite Roos Hall, Beccles, 7 March.

A male **Hen Harrier**, a **Peregrine**, three **Buzzards** and three **Short-eared Owls** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 6 March. Elsewhere, **Peregrines** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 11 March and Redgrave Fen, 12 March, **Buzzards** at Beccles (four), 8 March and Earsham (three), 10 March and **Barn Owls** at North Cove and Wortham, 6 March, Beccles Marshes (two), 10 March, Carlton Marshes, 11 March and Gillingham and Oulton Marshes, 12 March.

Chiffchaffs were noted at Beccles, 7 March and Burgh Castle, 12 March; **Bearded Tits** at Fritton Marshes, 6 March, Carlton Marshes, 8 March and Lopham Fen, 12 March; **Grey Wagtails** at Beccles and Diss Mere, 12 March and **Lesser Redpolls** at North Cove (three), 11 March and Burgh Castle, 12 March. Three **Cetti's Warblers** were heard at North Cove, 6 March and a flock of 30 **Siskins** were present at Barsham Marshes, 12 March. **Kingfishers** were reported from Beccles (two), 10 March and Redgrave Fen, 12 March.

Waders at Burgh Castle included 120 **Curlews** and three **Redshanks**, 11 March and 64 **Avocets** and 462 **Black-tailed Godwits** the following day.

13 to 19 March 2016

The **Cattle Egret** showed daily at North Cove, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 13 March, North Cove, 14 March, Beccles Marshes, 17 March and Worlingham Marshes, 19 March.

Haddiscoe Island hosted a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a **Short-eared Owl** and a **Barn Owl**, 13 March and a male **Hen Harrier** and a **Peregrine**, 19 March. Raptor records from elsewhere included a male **Hen Harrier** at Carlton Marshes, 13 March; **Peregrines** at Barsham Marshes, 15 March and Bungay, 19 March; **Buzzards** at Ashby (three), 17

March and Worlingham Marshes (five), 19 March; **Short-eared Owls** at North Cove and Oulton Marshes, 17 March and **Barn Owls** at Beccles Marshes and Roydon Fen, 13 March, South Lopham (two), 14 March and Carlton Marshes, 19 March.

A flock of 30 **Siskins** was present at Roydon Fen, 14 March, a **Chiffchaff** was singing in Oulton, 15 March and two **Grey Wagtails** were seen at Worlingham Marshes, 19 March. **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at North Cove, 14 March and Somerleyton, 18 March, **Bearded Tits** at Redgrave Fen (three) and Burgh Castle, 19 March and **Kingfishers** at North Cove, 14 March, Beccles (two), 15 March and Worlingham Marshes, 19 March. Waders included four **Dunlin** at Carlton Marshes, 13 March, a **Woodcock** at Barsham Marshes, 15 March and a **Bar-tailed Godwit**, a **Knot**, 102 **Avocets**, 250 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 46 **Redshanks** at Burgh Castle, 19 March.

20 to 26 March 2016

A **Crane** circled over Carlton Marshes on the morning of 22 March before heading off west. The long-staying **Cattle Egret** was seen at North Cove throughout the week, a **Great White Egret** was present at Haddiscoe Island, 22 March and **Little Egrets** were reported from North Cove, 20 March and Carlton Marshes (two), Ditchingham and Lopham Fen, 25 March.

An immature male **Black Redstart** was seen in a garden at Frary Place, Bungay, 24 March and a **Firecrest** was noted at Burgh Castle, 25 March. The first two singing male **Blackcaps** of the year were heard at Ditchingham and a female was seen at Burgh Castle, also 25 March. **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at St Olaves, 20 March and Somerleyton (50) and Burgh Castle (three), 25 March; **Grey Wagtails** at Outney Common, Bungay, 20 March and Ditchingham (two), 25 March; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (four), 20 March, North Cove (three), 22 March and Burgh Castle, 25 March and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes (three) and North Cove (two), 20 March. A flock of 400 **Redwings** was present at Ditchingham, 24 March and 150 flew south over St Olaves, 26 March.

Raptor sightings at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a **Peregrine**, three **Buzzards** and a **Short-eared Owl**, 20 March and a male **Hen Harrier**, 26 March. A male **Hen Harrier** was also seen at North Cove on the same day, while **Red Kites** were noted over Beccles (two), 21 March and at Blundeston the following day, **Buzzards** at Ashby (three) and Bungay (three), 22 March, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (eight), 23 March and Ditchingham (six), 25 March and **Barn Owls** at Worlingham Marshes, 20 March, Carlton Marshes, 22 March and Burgh Castle, Ditchingham and Lopham Fen, 25 March. Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Woodcock** and three **Ruff**, 20 March, 13 **Dunlin**, 22 March, a **Jack Snipe**, four **Ringed Plovers** and six **Redshanks**, 23 March, a **Black-tailed Godwit**, 25 March and a **Curlew**, 26 March. At Burgh Castle, two **Spotted Redshanks** were present on 20 March and three **Woodcock**, 40 **Avocets** and 50 **Redshanks**, 25 March. Further **Woodcock** were recorded at St Olaves (three) and Ditchingham (two) on 25 March and 50 **Curlews** were counted at Haddiscoe Island, 22 March.

27 March to 2 April 2016

The first **Swallows** of the year were seen at Lopham Fen (three), 29 March, with subsequent March sightings at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe on the 30th and Beccles Marshes (three), Carlton Marshes (two) and Fritton Marshes on the 31st. A **White Wagtail** was present at Carlton Marshes, 31 March and 1 April and a **Wheatear** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 2 April. Records of **Brambling** included 13 at St Olaves, 27 March, with singles at Carlton Marshes, 29 March and Worlingham, 2 April; **Siskins** at Belton (40) and St Olaves (40), 31 March and a **Lesser Redpoll** at Carlton Marshes, 27 April. **Bearded Tits**, were noted at Lopham Fen, 27 March, Carlton Marshes (two), 29 March and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 31 March; **Cetti's Warblers** at Somerleyton Marshes, 27 March, Oulton Marshes (two), Worlingham Marshes (two) and North Cove, 30 March, Beccles Marshes and Herringfleet, 31 March and Carlton Marshes (seven), 2 April and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 27 March and Worlingham Marshes (three), 30 March. A pair of **Stonechats** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 30 March.

The **Cattle Egret** was present daily at North Cove, continuing its stay at this site into a second month. A **Great White Egret** was seen at Somerleyton Marshes, 2 April and **Little Egrets** were recorded at Burgh Castle, 27 March, Carlton Marshes (four), 29 March, Beccles Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 30 March, Herringfleet Marshes (four) and North Cove, 31 March and Lopham Fen (two), 1 April.

Raptor highlights included a **Hen Harrier** and two **Short-eared Owls**, 31 March, and a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, 2 April, all at Haddiscoe Island. A **Merlin** and a **Peregrine** were seen going to roost at Waveney Forest, Fritton and a **Peregrine** was noted at Somerleyton Marshes, 27 March. **Red Kites** were recorded over Beccles and Mettingham, 1 April. Sightings of **Buzzards** included four at Beccles Marshes, 31 March and six at Earsham GP, 2 April, with **Barn Owls** reported from Worlingham Marshes (two), 28 March, Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 30 March, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 31 March and Beccles Marshes (three), 1 April.

Carlton Marshes hosted four **Dunlin**, 27 March, a **Ruff**, 1 April and a **Little Ringed Plover** and seven **Redshanks**, 2 April. 250 **Avocets** and 700 **Black-tailed Godwits** were counted at Burgh Castle Flats, 27 March, a **Woodcock** was flushed at Worlingham Marshes, 28 March and a **Dunlin** and two **Redshanks** were present at Beccles Marshes, with a further three **Redshanks** at Herringfleet Marshes, 31 March. Finally, two **Mediterranean Gulls** flew north over Carlton Marshes on 2 April.

3 to 9 April 2016

A **Lesser Yellowlegs** was found at Carlton Marshes, 3 April. Other waders at this site included four **Redshanks**, 3 April, two **Avocets**, 5 April and a **Jack Snipe**, 9 April. Burgh Castle hosted two **Spotted Redshanks**, 93 **Avocets**, 350 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 93 **Curlews** and 100 **Redshanks**, 3 April, while a count of 60 **Curlews** was made at Haddiscoe Island, 9 April.

The long-staying **Cattle Egret** at North Cove was last reported on 5 April. A **Crane** was seen in flight at Fritton, 7 April. **Little Egrets** were noted at Burgh Castle (five), 5 April and Carlton Marshes (seven) and North Cove, 7 April.

A **Firecrest** was seen at Somerleyton, 7 April. Summer migrants included the first **Willow Warbler** (three at Carlton Marshes, 3 April); **Sedge Warbler** (Beccles Marshes, 5 April); **Whitethroat** (Carlton Marshes, 7 April); **Grasshopper Warbler** (Carlton Marshes, 8 April); **Yellow Wagtail** (Carlton Marshes, 8 April) and **Sand Martin** (11 at Carlton Marshes, 9

April), while lingering winter visitors included a **Lesser Redpoll** at Aldeby, 3 April, a **Lesser Redpoll** and 50 **Siskins** at St Olaves, 4 April and 18 **Bramblings** at the same site and a **Fieldfare** at Carlton Marshes, 8 April. Two **White Wagtails**, 30 **Yellow Wagtails** and 40 **Pied Wagtails** roosted at Glebe Marsh, Burgh Castle, 9 April. **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Somerleyton Marshes, 6 April and Carlton Marshes (seven), 7 April. Notable raptor records included a **Rough-legged Buzzard** at Haddiscoe Island, 4 April, **Peregrines** at Carlton Marshes, 7 April and Haddiscoe Island, 9 April and nine **Buzzards** at Belton, 8 April. A **Short-eared Owl** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 3 April, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Aldeby, 3 April, Beccles Marshes, 4 April, Carlton Marshes (two), 7 April, Worlingham Marshes, 8 April and Haddiscoe Island, 9 April. Finally, a male **Reeve's Pheasant** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 7 April.

10 to 16 April 2016

Three **Cranes** flew high north over Herringfleet Marshes on 12 April. **Little Egrets** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes, 12 April and Carlton Marshes (eight), 13 April and the first **Common Terns** of the year were seen at Earsham GP (seven), 16 April.

The first **Cuckoo** (Barsham), **Nightingale** (Barsham) and **House Martins** (four at Earsham GP and two at Carlton Marshes) were also all recorded on 16 April. Lingering winter visitors included 20 **Bramblings** and 30 **Siskins** at St Olaves, 15 April, and a single **Brambling** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe the following day. A **Bearded Tit** was recorded at Belton Marshes, 11 April and a **Grasshopper Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 14 April. **Cetti's Warblers** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 12 April, Carlton Marshes (seven), 13 April and Burgh St Peter (two) and Worlingham Marshes, 16 April and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Quay, 12 April and Carlton Marshes, 13 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included five **Redshanks**, 11 April, four **Ruffs** and a **Green Sandpiper**, 12 April and nine **Black-tailed Godwits** and a **Dunlin**, 16 April. Elsewhere, a **Green Sandpiper** was present at Redgrave Fen, 11 April, ten **Black-tailed Godwits** at Aldeby shooting lakes, 12 April and **Redshanks** at Belton Marshes, 11 April and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 12 April.

The long-staying **Rough-legged Buzzard** was still present at Haddiscoe Island on 16 April, while **Peregrines** were recorded at Earsham GP and Haddiscoe Island on the same day and ten **Buzzards** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 13 April. **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Carlton Marshes and Haddiscoe Island, 10 April, with **Barn Owls** reported from Carlton Marshes (three), 10 April, Beccles Marshes, 12 April and Burgh St Peter and Fritton, 16 April.

17 to 23 April 2016

A male **Garganey** was present at Carlton Marshes, 22 April. Five **Cranes**, in groups of three and two, flew over the same site the following evening. A **Great White Egret** was seen at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 20 April, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Burgh Castle (four) and Oulton Marshes, 17 April and Carlton Marshes (five), 18 April.

Male **Blue-headed Wagtails** were seen at Carlton Marshes on 19 and 23 April, with two **White Wagtails**, 18 April and six **Yellow Wagtails**, 23 April also recorded at the same site and further **Yellow Wagtails** at Castle Marsh, 19 April and Burgh Castle (198 roosted), 21 April. A **Wheatear** was present at Carlton Marshes, 22 April. The first **Swift** (three at Oulton Marshes, 22 April) and **Reed Warbler** (Lopham Fen, 23 April) of the year were

noted. A **Nightingale** was heard at Outney Common, Bungay and six **Bramblings** remained at St Olaves, 19 April and a **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Bungay, 20 April. **Cuckoos** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 17 April, Carlton Marshes, 18 April, Castle Marsh, 19 April and Oulton Marshes (three), 20 April; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (six), Oulton Marshes (three), Castle Marsh, (two), 20 April; **Cetti's Warblers** at Oulton Marshes (three), Burgh St Peter and Lopham Fen, 17 April, Beccles Marshes (four) and Herringfleet Marshes, 19 April and Carlton Marshes (seven) and Castle Marsh (three), 20 April; **Bearded Tits** at Burgh Castle, 18 April and Castle Marsh, 19 April; **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes, 18 April and Castle Marsh, 23 April and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes (two), 17 April and Beccles Quay and Redgrave Fen, 20 April.

The first **Hobby** of the spring was seen at Beccles Marshes, 20 April. Three **Buzzards** were noted at Redgrave Fen, 17 April. **Short-eared Owls** were reported from Haddiscoe Island (two) and Carlton Marshes, 17 April and Castle Marsh, 23 April and **Barn Owls** from Carlton Marshes, Haddiscoe Island and Oulton Marshes, 17 April, Burgh Castle, 18 April, Castle Marsh (two), 19 April and Beccles Marshes, 21 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included five **Black-tailed Godwits** and two **Redshanks**, 18 April, an **Avocet**, 19 April, three **Bar-tailed Godwits**, two **Ruff** and two **Dunlin**, 20 April, a **Spotted Redshank**, four **Greenshanks** and three **Little Ringed Plovers**, 22 April. Aldeby shooting lakes hosted 30 **Whimbrel**, a **Spotted Redshank** and 11 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 21 April, four **Greenshanks**, 22 April and two **Avocets**, 23 April, with 45 **Whimbrel** at Beccles Marshes, 21 April. 30 **Avocets** were present at Burgh Castle Flats, 18 April and two **Green Sandpipers** at Castle Marsh, 20 April, while further **Redshanks** were seen at Beccles Marshes (two), 19 April and Castle Marsh (two), 20 April.

24 to 30 April 2016

A male **Wood Warbler** was singing at Carlton Marshes on the morning of 28 April. Carlton Marshes also hosted two male **Blue-headed Wagtails**, 27 April and two **White Wagtails**, a **Grey Wagtail** and two **Wheatears**, 30 April. A **Redstart** was seen at Barsham Marshes, 25 April and two **Nightingales** were recorded at Outney Common, Bungay, 27 April. The first **Turtle Dove** (Weybread, 29 April) and **Garden Warbler** (singles at Beccles and Belton, 30 April) of the year arrived during the week. **Yellow Wagtails** were noted at Burgh Castle (100 roosted), 24 April, Barsham Marshes, 25 April and Carlton Marshes (five), 30 April, **Cuckoos** at Carlton Marshes, 27 April and Gillingham Marshes and Lopham Fen, 30 April and **Grasshopper Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes, 25 April and Carlton Marshes (eight), 30 April. A **Stonechat** was present at Castle Marsh, North Cove and a **Bearded Tit** at Herringfleet Marshes, 25 April and four **Lesser Redpolls** at Beccles Marshes, 30 April. **Cetti's Warblers** were reported from Herringfleet Marshes (three), 25 April and Carlton Marshes (five), Oulton Marshes (three) and Somerleyton (three), 30 April and **Kingfishers** from Carlton Marshes, 24 April, Redgrave Fen, 26 April and Outney Common, 27 April.

Cranes flew over Belton Marshes, Blundeston Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes (three), 24 April. **Little Egrets** were reported from Castle Marsh, 24 April, Herringfleet Marshes, 25 April, Outney Common (two), 27 April, Carlton Marshes (two), 28 April and Fritton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 29 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Spotted Redshanks**, three **Little Ringed Plovers** and a **Dunlin**, 24 April, 17 **Whimbrel**, 27 April, two **Greenshanks**, 29 April and a **Wood Sandpiper**, a **Black-tailed Godwit** and two **Redshanks**, 30 April, while Aldeby shooting lakes hosted three **Black-tailed Godwits**, 24 April and a **Spotted Redshank**,

six **Greenshanks** and two **Redshanks**, 25 April. Further **Whimbrel** were recorded at Burgh Castle (15), 24 April, Castle Marsh (11), 27 April, Worlingham Marshes (eight), 29 April and Beccles Marshes (40), 30 April, with a **Green Sandpiper** and a **Redshank** at Worlingham Marshes, 24 April.

Peregrines were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 24 April, Burgh Castle, 27 April and Carlton Marshes, 30 April, **Short-eared Owls** at Belton Marshes, 24 April and Haddiscoe Island (three) and Carlton Marshes, 27 April and **Barn Owls** at Worlingham Marshes, 24 April, Carlton Marshes (two), 27 April and Beccles Marshes, 30 April.

1 to 7 May 2016

A **Whinchat** was present at Carlton Marshes, 6 May. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Worlingham Marshes, 1 May, six **Lesser Redpolls** at North Cove, 2 May and a **Stonechat** at Oulton Marshes, 6 May. **Yellow Wagtails** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three), 2 May and Oulton Marshes (two), 6 May; **Cuckoos** at Lopham Fen, 1 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 3 May, Gillingham Marshes, 4 May, Burgh Castle and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 6 May and Oulton Marshes, 7 May; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (six) and Oulton Marshes (three), 6 May; **Cetti's Warblers** at Worlingham Marshes (two), 2 May, Beccles Marshes (five) and Oulton Marshes (five), 3 May, Carlton Marshes (eight) and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 5 May and Somerleyton, 6 May; **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 1 May and Herringfleet Marshes (six) and Carlton Marshes, 5 May and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 2 May and Beccles Marshes, 6 May.

Two **Cranes** flew south-east over Carlton Marshes during the evening of 5 May. A **Great White Egret** flew west along the valley over Carlton Marshes on 4 May, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Flixton (near Bungay), 1 May, Redgrave Fen, 4 May, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 5 May and Carlton Marshes (eight), 7 May.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Common Sandpiper**, 2 May, three **Wood Sandpipers**, 3 May, two **Whimbrel**, 4 May, five **Grey Plovers** and a **Greenshank**, 5 May, two **Avocets**, 12 **Ruff**, four **Little Ringed Plovers**, ten **Ringed Plovers** and eight **Dunlin**, 6 May and five **Redshanks**, 7 May, while Aldeby shooting lakes hosted six **Greenshanks**, seven **Black-tailed Godwits** and a **Redshank**, 2 May. Further **Whimbrel** were present at Worlingham Marshes (five), 1 May, Beccles Marshes (40) and North Cove (seven), 3 May and Gillingham Marshes, 4 May and a **Redshank** was seen at Beccles Marshes, 3 May. **Hobbies** were recorded at Castle Marsh (two), 6 May and Lopham Fen (two) and Carlton Marshes, 7 May, with three **Buzzards** also noted at Castle Marsh, 6 May. Two **Short-eared Owls** were present at Beccles Marshes, 3 to 7 May, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Castle Marsh, 2 May, Gillingham Marshes, 4 May, Beccles Marshes, 5 May and Carlton Marshes (three), 6 May.

8 to 14 May 2016

A **Tree Pipit** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 12 May, with a **Whinchat** present at the same site the following day. A **Blue-headed Wagtail** and a **Yellow Wagtail** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 8 May, with three **Yellow Wagtails** at Carlton Marshes, 10 May. The first **Spotted Flycatcher** of the spring was recorded at Lopham Fen, 12 May. A **Grasshopper Warbler** was heard at Carlton Marshes, 13 May and **Cetti's Warblers** at Worlingham Marshes, 10 May and Lopham Fen, 12 May. **Cuckoos** were reported from Carlton Marshes (four) and Beccles Marshes, 8 May, Redgrave Fen, 9 May, Fritton and Worlingham Marshes, 10 May, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 11 May, Aldeby shooting lakes

(two) and Castle Marsh, North Cove (two), 12 May and Somerleyton, 13 May and a **Kingfisher** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 13 May.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Wood Sandpiper**, two **Grey Plovers**, a **Ruff**, an **Avocet**, six **Dunlin** and a **Redshank**, 8 May, a **Little Stint** and two **Common Sandpipers**, 10 May, 25 **Ringed Plovers** and four **Whimbrel**, 11 May, a **Green Sandpiper**, 12 May and two **Greenshanks**, 13 May. A **Greenshank**, three **Whimbrel** and a **Redshank** were present at Castle Marsh and two **Green Sandpipers** and two **Common Sandpipers** at nearby Aldeby shooting lakes 12 May. Further **Common Sandpipers** were noted at Redgrave Fen, 11 May and Belton Marshes, 13 May. Two **Spoonbills** were present at Carlton Marshes, 11 May, while **Little Egrets** were seen at Carlton Marshes (three), 11 May and Belton Marshes, 14 May. **Mandarins** were recorded at Fritton Lake (three including two males) and Carlton Marshes (a male), 9 May. **Hobbies** were reported from Fritton Lake, 9 May, Carlton Marshes, 11 May, Lopham Fen (five) and Castle Marsh (three), 12 May and Belton, 14 May. A **Short-eared Owl** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 14 May and two **Barn Owls** at Beccles Marshes, 12 May.

15 to 21 May 2016

The wader highlight of the week was the presence of three **Wood Sandpipers** at Carlton Marshes on 16 May. Other waders at this site included two **Little Ringed Plovers** and a **Greenshank**, 15 May, a **Green Sandpiper**, 16 May, a **Ringed Plover** and three **Redshanks**, 17 May and a **Dunlin**, 20 May. A **Common Sandpiper** and a **Redshank** were noted at nearby Oulton Marshes, 17 May.

A male **Garganey** was present at Worlingham Marshes, 16 May. **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (four), 15 May, Castle Marsh, North Cove (two), 17 May and Herringfleet Marshes (three), 21 May.

Red Kites were seen at Carlton Marshes (two), 15 May and Beccles and Oulton Marshes the following day and **Hobbies** at Lopham Fen, 15 May, Castle Marsh, 17 May, Worlingham Marshes (two), 19 May and Carlton Marshes, 20 May. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 15 May and **Barn Owls** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 15 May, Carlton Marshes (two), Earsham and Oulton Marshes, 17 May and Ditchingham, 19 May.

A **Blue-headed Wagtail** was present at Carlton Marshes, 16 May, with three **Yellow Wagtails** at the same site the following day and two **Grey Wagtails** at Ditchingham, 19 May. A **Lesser Redpoll**, two **Grasshopper Warblers** and two **Kingfishers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 15 May and three **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes, 21 May. Finally, **Cuckoos** were noted at Lopham Fen and Fritton, 15 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 16 May and Oulton Marshes (three), Castle Marsh and Aldeby, 17 May, Ditchingham and Worlingham Marshes, 19 May and Herringfleet Marshes, 21 May and **Cetti's Warblers** at Somerleyton (three), 15 May, Castle Marsh (two), 17 May, Worlingham Marshes, 19 May, Carlton Marshes, 20 May and Herringfleet Marshes (three), 21 May.

22 to 28 May 2016

Red Kites were seen at Castle Marsh, North Cove and Ellingham, 23 May and a **Peregrine** at Flixton GP, 28 May. **Hobbies** were recorded at Castle Marsh (two) and Belton Wood, 22 May and Oulton Marshes and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 27 May. Four **Buzzards** were seen at Castle Marsh, 22 May, with four also seen at Carlton Marshes, 28

May. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 22 May, while **Barn Owls** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 22 May and Carlton Marshes, 23 May.

A **Turtle Dove** was seen at Homersfield, 27 May, while **Cuckoos** were recorded at Belton Marshes, Burgh Castle, Castle Marsh and St Olaves, 22 May, Harleston, 25 May, Carlton Marshes (three), 26 May and Oulton Marshes (three), 27 May. Single **Yellow Wagtails** were seen at Oulton Marshes, 27 May and Carlton Marshes, 28 May and two **Grey Wagtails** at Flixton (near Bungay), 28 May. **Stonechats** were present at Carlton Marshes, 23 May and Oulton Marshes, 24 May. Three **Grasshopper Warblers** were reeling at Carlton Marshes, 22 May and **Cetti's Warbler** were heard at Castle Marsh (two) and Burgh Castle, 22 May, Beccles Marshes (four) and Oulton Marshes (three), 24 May and Carlton Marshes (three) and Somerleyton Marshes, 27 May.

A **Whimbrel**, six **Avocets** and six **Redshanks** were present at Burgh Castle Flats, 22 May, while waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Little Ringed Plover**, 22 May, three **Redshanks**, 23 May, a **Common Sandpiper**, 24 May and two **Ringed Plovers**, 28 May. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two), 23 May and Oulton Marshes, 24 May.

29 May to 4 June 2016

A **Temminck's Stint** was found at Carlton Marshes on 29 May, the first one ever seen in the Valley. Other waders present at this site during the week included a **Ringed Plover**, also 29 May, three **Greenshanks**, 2 June, four **Redshanks**, 3 June and two **Little Ringed Plovers**, 4 June.

A **Nightingale** was heard at Outney Common, Bungay and a **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at Beccles Marshes, 4 June. Two **Yellow Wagtails** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 29 May and a **Grey Wagtail** at Weybread Watermill the following day. Four **Bearded Tits** were seen at Herringfleet Marshes, 2 June, while **Cuckoos** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 29 May, Weybread GP, 30 May, Herringfleet Marshes, 2 June, Carlton Marshes (three), 3 June and Oulton Marshes, 4 June and **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (two), 29 May, Somerleyton, 3 June and Oulton Marshes (three), 4 June.

Hobbies were present at Lopham Fen, 29 May, Waveney Forest, Fritton, 30 May, Carlton Marshes, 3 May and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (four), 4 June, with four **Buzzards** noted at Carlton Marshes, 4 June and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (three), 29 May and Beccles Marshes (two), 4 June.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two), 29 May, Haddiscoe Island (two), 30 May, Herringfleet Marshes, 2 June and Oulton Marshes (two), 4 June.

5 to 11 June 2016

A male **Blue-winged Teal** was present at Carlton Marshes on 6 and 7 June, the first record of this North American duck for the valley. Carlton Marshes also hosted five **Little Egrets**, 7 June and two **Spoonbills**, 11 June, with two **Little Egrets** at Redgrave Fen, 5 June.

There was a marked northerly passage of **Red Kites** over the lower valley on 8 June, with records from Belton (11), Oulton Marshes (six), Somerleyton (five), Carlton Marshes (three) and Burgh Castle, and one flew south over Weybread GP the following day. **Hobbies** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 5 June, Carlton Marshes and St James South Elmham, 6 June and Burgh Castle, 9 June and five **Buzzards** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 7 June.

Records of **Barn Owls** came from Somerleyton, 6 June, Beccles Marshes, 7 June, Burgh Castle and Haddiscoe Island, 9 June and Carlton Marshes (three), 11 June.

Turtle Doves were seen at Worlingham, 5 June and St James South Elmham, 7 June, with two **Spotted Flycatchers** at Weybread Mill, 9 June and a **Stonechat** at Carlton Marshes, 11 June. **Grey Wagtails** were noted at Carlton Marshes and Worlingham, 6 June and Weybread Mill (two), 9 June and **Yellow Wagtails** at Carlton Marshes (two), 7 June and Burgh Castle, 9 June. **Cuckoos** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen, 5 June; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (three), 7 June and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 9 June; **Cetti's Warbler** at Beccles Marshes (three), 7 June and Carlton Marshes (four), 11 June and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes (two), 7 June, Weybread GP, 9 June and Ellingham and Geldeston, 11 June.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Greenshanks**, 5 June, two **Little Ringed Plovers**, a **Green Sandpiper** and a **Curlew**, 6 June, a **Snipe**, 7 June and six **Redshanks**, 11 June and a **Curlew** was present at Burgh Castle Flats, 9 June.

12 to 18 June 2016

Carlton Marshes hosted six **Spoonbills** on 12 June, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Earsham (two) and Shotford Bridge, Weybread, 12 June, Herringfleet Marshes, 14 June and Carlton Marshes (three) and Fritton Marshes (two), 17 June.

Turtle Doves were recorded at Flixton (near Bungay, two), 12 June and Worlingham, 16 June and **Spotted Flycatchers** at St James South Elmham and Weybread churchyard, 12 June. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Worlingham and two **Yellow Wagtails** at Carlton Marshes, 12 June and a **Stonechat** at Oulton Marshes, 16 June. **Cuckoos** were noted at Carlton Marshes (four), 13 June and Oulton Marshes, 16 June; **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes (seven), 14 June and Fritton Marshes, 17 June; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (three) and Oulton Marshes, 16 June and **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes, 12 June and Beccles Marshes (three), 16 June.

A **Red Kite** was seen at Beccles, 12 and 16 June, while notable counts of **Buzzards** included four at Earsham GP, 12 June and three at Beccles Marshes, 16 June. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 14 June and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three), 12 June and Beccles Marshes (two), 16 June.

Single **Green Sandpipers** were present at Earsham GP and Flixton GP, 12 June and five **Spotted Redshanks**, a **Little Ringed Plover** and two **Redshanks** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 16 June.

19 to 25 June 2016

A **Great White Egret** was present at Carlton Marshes, 19 June, together with three **Little Egrets**, while a further **Little Egret** was recorded at Burgh Castle, 24 June.

Raptor highlights included a **Red Kite** at Somerleyton, 19 June, **Hobbies** at Beccles Marshes, 19 June, Lopham Fen, 20 June and Carlton Marshes, 21 June and a **Peregrine** was back on the tower of St Mary's Church, Bungay, 22 June. **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 19 June and Worlingham Marshes, 21 June.

Carlton Marshes hosted a **Greenshank**, a **Green Sandpiper** and three **Redshanks** on 24 June.

Also recorded at Carlton Marshes were a **Cuckoo** and a **Cetti's Warbler**, 19 June and a **Yellow Wagtail**, 21 June, with a further **Cuckoo** at Lopham Fen, 20 June.

26 June to 2 July 2016

An **Osprey** was seen at Weybread GP, 28 June. **Hobbies** were noted at Carlton Marshes and North Cove SWT reserve, 27 June and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (three), 26 June, Weybread GP, 28 June and Barsham Marshes (three), 2 July.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Greenshank**, 26 June, a **Redshank**, 27 June and a **Wood Sandpiper**, 2 July, with a **Curlew** present at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 27 June. **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 27 June, Beccles Marshes, 28 June and Lopham Fen and Weybread GP, 2 July.

Cuckoos were recorded at Lopham Fen, 26 June and Carlton Marshes, 27 June and two **Spotted Flycatchers** and two **Grey Wagtails** were seen at Weybread, 28 June. **Cetti's Warblers** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 27 June, Beccles Marshes (two), 28 July and Somerleyton, 2 July and a **Grasshopper Warbler** was heard at Carlton Marshes, 30 June. A **Bearded Tit** was noted at Lopham Fen, 2 July and **Kingfishers** were seen at Beccles Marshes, 27 June and Lopham Fen (two), 2 July.

3 to 9 July 2016

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Wood Sandpiper**, two **Avocets** and a **Redshank**, 3 July and a **Curlew** flew over on 7 July. Single **Green Sandpipers** were present at Earsham GP and Flixton GP, 3 July and Redgrave Fen, 5 July and a **Whimbrel** flew over Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 4 July. **Little Egrets** were noted at Redgrave Fen (two), 5 July and Carlton Marshes (four), 7 July.

Notable raptors included a **Peregrine** at Carlton Marshes, 7 July, **Hobbies** at Carlton Marshes, 3 July and Beccles Marshes, 7 July and two **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 3 July.

A **Cuckoo** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 3 July, with a **Yellow Wagtail** and a singing **Grasshopper Warbler** noted at the same site, 7 July and a **Bearded Tit** at Lopham Fen, 9 July. **Cetti's Warblers** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two), 3 July, Beccles Marshes, 7 July and Burgh Castle, 9 July and **Kingfishers** from Redgrave Fen, 5 July, Carlton Marshes, 7 July and Lopham Fen, 9 July.

10 to 16 July 2016

Three **Spotted Flycatchers** were observed feeding in a garden at St James South Elmham, 11 July. A juvenile **Cuckoo** and a singing **Grasshopper Warbler** were present at Carlton Marshes, 13 July. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (ten) and Carlton Marshes, 12 July, with single **Cetti's Warblers** also noted at the same two sites on the same day.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Redshank**, 12 July and a **Greenshank**, 13 July and a **Whimbrel** and 22 **Black-tailed Godwits** were noted at Burgh Castle, 16 July. **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three), 13 July and Haddiscoe Island (six), 16 July.

Finally, two **Barn Owls** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 14 July.

17 to 23 July 2016

Waders at Burgh Castle included 55 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 24 **Curlews** and four **Redshanks**, 17 July and a **Spotted Redshank**, a **Whimbrel** and 16 **Avocets**, 22 July,

while Carlton Marshes hosted a **Snipe** and a **Redshank**, 17 July and a **Black-tailed Godwit**, 21 July. **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 17 July and Burgh Castle (15), 22 July.

A **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at Ditchingham, 18 July and two **Yellow Wagtails** at Carlton Marshes, 21 July. Singing **Grasshopper Warblers** were heard at Carlton Marshes, 17 July and Oulton Marshes (two), 19 July and a **Kingfisher** was noted at Weybread Mill, 21 July.

A **Hobby** was seen at Worlingham Marshes, 20 July, with **Barn Owls** reported from Carlton Marshes (three), 17 July, Ditchingham (three), 19 July, Burgh Castle, 22 July and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 23 July.

24 to 30 July 2016

Single **Hobbies** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 29 July and Lopham Fen the following day. Three **Buzzards** were noted at St Olaves, 28 July, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 26 July and Lopham Fen (two), 30 July.

Carlton Marshes hosted three **Black-tailed Godwits**, 29 July and a **Wood Sandpiper**, a **Green Sandpiper**, six **Snipe** and a **Redshank**, 30 July, with a further **Snipe** seen at Lopham Fen, 26 July. **Little Egrets** were present at Lopham Fen (two), 24 July and Carlton Marshes (14), 29 July.

A **Bearded Tit** was noted at Lopham Fen, 24 July and **Kingfishers** were seen at Carlton Marshes and Redgrave Fen, 25 July and Worlingham Marshes, 26 July.

Finally, a **White-fronted Goose** with a damaged wing was present at Burgh Castle, 26 July.

31 July to 6 August 2016

A **Corn Bunting** was a surprise sighting at Carlton Marshes early morning on 31 July, with a juvenile **Cuckoo**, 5 August and a **Grasshopper Warbler**, 6 August also noted at the same site. Two **Spotted Flycatchers** were seen in a garden at Ditchingham, 4 August and 20 **Yellow Wagtails** roosted at Burgh Castle, 2 August. Two **Grey Wagtails** and a **Kingfisher** were noted at Worlingham Marshes, 31 July and eight **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes, 1 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Wood Sandpiper** and a **Greenshank**, 31 July and nine **Black-tailed Godwits**, three **Green Sandpipers**, a **Curlew**, 15 **Snipe** and three **Redshanks**, 3 August, while at Burgh Castle, 18 **Avocets** and 10 **Curlews** were present on 5 August and a **Whimbrel** was noted the following day. A **Green Sandpiper** was seen at Lopham Fen, 5 August, with a further **Green Sandpiper**, plus a **Common Sandpiper**, at Oulton Marshes, 6 August.

A **Red Kite** was recorded at Ditchingham, 5 August, while single **Hobbies** were noted at Carlton Marshes and Herringfleet Marshes, 31 July and Burgh Castle and Wicker Well, Somerleyton, 2 August and three **Buzzards** at Belton Marshes, 31 July. **Barn Owls** were reported from Lopham Fen (two), Carlton Marshes and Worlingham Marshes, 31 July, Herringfleet Hills, 1 August and Burgh Castle and Oulton Marshes, 6 August.

Little Egrets were present at Herringfleet Marshes, 1 August, Burgh Castle (37), 2 August and Carlton Marshes (three), 3 August and an impressive 52 **Mediterranean Gulls** rested at Burgh Castle Flats, 6 August.

7 to 13 August 2016

An early **Wheatear** was seen at Oulton, 7 August. Sightings from Ditchingham included a **Spotted Flycatcher**, 7 August and a **Grey Wagtail** the following day. A group of nine **Yellow Wagtails** was feeding on a pea stubble field at St James South Elmham, 10 August. A **Cetti's Warbler** was noted at Beccles Marshes, 9 August and a Bearded Tit at Redgrave Fen, 13 August, while **Kingfishers** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 7 August and Redgrave Fen, 13 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Little Ringed Plovers**, 8 August, three **Dunlin** and three **Redshanks**, 10 August, two **Black-tailed Godwits** and three **Green Sandpipers**, 11 August and a **Whimbrel** and three **Greenshanks**, 13 August, while a further **Greenshank** was present at Earsham GP, 7 August. **Little Egrets** were noted at Earsham GP, 7 August and Carlton Marshes (four), 13 August.

Finally, two **Hobbies** and a **Barn Owl** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 12 August.

14 to 20 August 2016

An **Osprey** flew over Herringfleet Marshes, 18 August and three **Red Kites** were seen over Ditchingham, 15 August. **Hobbies** were reported from Herringfleet, 15 August, Beccles Marshes (two), 16 August, Ditchingham, 17 August and Harleston, 20 August. Sightings of **Buzzards** included three at Herringfleet, 15 August and three at Carlton Marshes, 20 August and a **Barn Owl** was noted at Shipmeadow, 15 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Greenshanks** and three **Dunlin**, 15 August, a **Spotted Redshank** and a **Ringed Plover**, 17 August, three **Green Sandpipers**, 18 August, two **Ruffs** and a **Common Sandpiper**, 19 August and six **Black-tailed Godwits**, 20 August. A **Greenshank**, 17 **Avocets**, eight **Whimbrels**, ten **Curlews** and 25 **Redshanks** were present at Burgh Castle Flats, 14 August. **Little Egrets** were noted at Burgh Castle (six), 14 August and Carlton Marshes (five), 18 August.

Spotted Flycatchers were seen at Carlton Marshes and Ditchingham, 14 August, six **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes, 15 August and three **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes, 18 August.

21 to 27 August 2016

Two **Whinchats** were present at Carlton Marshes, 22 August and a **Wheatear** was seen at the same site the following day. A **Yellow Wagtail** was recorded at Burgh Castle, 24 August and **Spotted Flycatchers** were noted at Weybread (two), 26 August and Lopham Fen (four), 27 August. **Kingfishers** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 23 August and Weybread GP, 25 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Wood Sandpiper**, 15 **Black-tailed Godwits**, three **Greenshanks** and two **Common Sandpipers**, 21 August, six **Green Sandpipers** and two **Dunlin**, 23 August and eight **Ruffs**, 32 **Snipe** and three **Oystercatchers**, 26 August. Elsewhere, two **Common Sandpipers** and a **Green Sandpiper** were present at Earsham GP, 21 August, a **Common Sandpiper** at Beccles Marshes, 23 August and two **Greenshanks** and a **Ruff** at Burgh Castle and four **Green Sandpipers** at Redgrave Fen, 24 August. **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (six), 21 August and Oulton Marshes, 27 August.

Hobbies were seen at Harleston, 21 August, Beccles Marshes, 23 August, Carlton Marshes, 26 August and Lopham Fen, 27 August and four **Buzzards** flew over Beccles, 23 August.

28 August to 3 September 2016

A **Great White Egret** was present briefly at Carlton Marshes early morning on 1 September, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (four) and Lopham Fen (two), 29 August.

Wheatears were present at Oulton, 1 September and Carlton Marshes the following day. Two **Spotted Flycatchers** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 1 September and a late **Swift** was seen at Broome, 3 September. **Yellow Wagtails** were noted at St James South Elmham (eight), 28 August and Carlton Marshes, 30 August and a **Grey Wagtail** at Worlingham Marshes, 2 September. Two **Bearded Tits** were seen at Lopham Fen, 29 August, a **Cetti's Warbler** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 3 September and **Kingfishers** were reported from Bungay and Lopham Fen, 29 August and Burgh Castle, 31 August. Waders at Carlton Marshes included five **Greenshanks**, a **Green Sandpiper**, a **Little Ringed Plover** and two **Dunlin**, 29 August, a **Little Stint**, 30 August and six **Ruffs**, eight **Black-tailed Godwits** and two **Ringed Plovers**, 2 September. Elsewhere, a **Curlew** flew over Lopham Fen, 29 August, a **Greenshank** and four **Green Sandpipers** were present at St James South Elmham, 28 August, with the first **Golden Plovers** noted back in the village on 1 September and two **Green Sandpipers** and 14 **Snipe** were seen at Earsham GP, 3 September.

Notable raptor sightings at Carlton Marshes included two **Hobbies** and three **Buzzards**, 29 August, seven **Barn Owls**, 31 August and a **Marsh Harrier**, 3 September. Elsewhere, a **Red Kite** was seen at Ditchingham, 1 September and further **Hobbies** were recorded at St Olaves (two), 29 August, Worlingham Marshes, 2 September and Somerleyton (two), 3 September.

4 to 10 September 2016

Two **Wrynecks** were seen along Breydon south wall at Burgh Castle, 5 September. A **Whinchat** was also present in the same area on the same day, with further **Whinchats** recorded at Beccles Marshes, 8 September and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (12) the following day. Four **Wheatears** were also present at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 9 September. Two **Bearded Tits** and a **Cetti's Warbler** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 9 September, with another **Cetti's Warbler** recorded at Beccles Marshes, 6 September. Waders at Carlton Marshes included five **Ruffs**, three **Greenshanks** and three **Ringed Plovers**, 4 September, a **Wood Sandpiper**, a **Common Sandpiper**, a **Dunlin** and 12 **Snipe**, 7 September and two **Green Sandpipers**, 9 September. Four **Green Sandpipers** and 13 **Snipe** were present at Earsham GP, 8 September. Two **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 6 September.

Hobbies were seen at Worlingham Marshes, 4 September, St Olaves, 9 September and Carlton Marshes, 10 September, a **Marsh Harrier** was present at Carlton Marshes, 6 September and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen, 4 September.

11 to 17 September 2016

A **Bittern** was seen in flight at Lopham Fen, 17 September and three **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 11 September.

Passerines recorded at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe included four **Whinchats**, 11 September and a **Yellow Wagtail**, two **Wheatears**, a **Lesser Whitethroat** and a **Cetti's Warbler**, 14 September. Two late **Sand Martins** were seen at Redgrave Fen, 15 September and four **Wheatears** were present at Carlton Marshes, 17 September. A **Cetti's Warbler** and a **Kingfisher** were noted at Beccles Marshes, 15 September and four **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 17 September.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Wood Sandpiper**, four **Ruffs**, three **Ringed Plovers**, 11 September, four **Greenshanks** and 13 **Snipe**, 13 September and a **Curlew** and two **Dunlin**, 17 September. Elsewhere, two **Green Sandpipers** were present at Redgrave Fen, 12 September and two **Greenshanks** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 14 September.

Hobbies were reported from St Olaves, 11 September, Carlton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 12 September, Redgrave Fen, 14 September and Worlingham Marshes (three), 15 September, with **Marsh Harriers** noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 11 September and Beccles Marshes, 15 September and a **Barn Owl** at Carlton Marshes, 14 September.

18 to 24 September 2016

A **Red-throated Diver** was a surprise sighting at Burgh Castle, 20 September and a **Mandarin Duck** was present at Flixton GP, 21 September.

A **Wheatear** was seen at Flixton GP, 21 September. Late-staying summer visitors included a **Reed Warbler** at Redgrave Fen, 19 September, a **Sedge Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 20 September and a **Swift** at Fritton Marshes, 21 September. **Bearded Tits** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 22 September and Lopham Fen (15), 23 September, **Cetti's Warblers** at North Cove SWT reserve and Worlingham Marshes, 20 September and Carlton Marshes, 22 September and **Kingfishers** at Oulton Marshes (two) and Earsham GP, 18 September, Worlingham Marshes, 20 September, Lopham Fen, 23 September and Carlton Marshes (two), 24 September.

A **Bittern** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 20 September, with **Little Egrets** reported from Earsham, 18 September, Belton Marshes (two), 21 September and Carlton Marshes (two), 22 September.

Waders at Burgh Castle included three **Bar-tailed Godwits**, 18 September and three **Avocets**, two **Greenshanks**, four **Black-tailed Godwits**, 28 **Curlews** and four **Dunlin**, 20 September, while Carlton Marshes hosted a **Green Sandpiper** and a **Redshank**, 20 September and a **Ruff**, 22 September. Two **Common Sandpipers** were present at Flixton GP, 21 September.

Hobbies were seen at North Cove SWT reserve, 19 September, Worlingham Marshes, 20 September and Belton Marshes (four) and Carlton Marshes, 21 September, with **Peregrines** at Lopham Fen, 18 September and Bungay, 19 September and **Marsh Harriers** at St Olaves, 18 September, Worlingham Marshes (two), 20 September and Haddiscoe Island (six), 21 September. **Barn Owls** were reported from Burgh Castle and Carlton Marshes, 18 September, Worlingham Marshes, 20 September and Belton Marshes, 21 September.

25 September to 1 October 2016

Two late **Reed Warblers** were seen at Burgh Castle, 1 October, while **Whinchats** were present at Carlton Marshes (two), 28 September and by Haddiscoe Bridge (two), 30 September, two **Yellow Wagtails** at Haddiscoe Island, 30 September and a **White Wagtail** at Carlton Marshes, 1 October. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at North Cove, 30 September. **Bearded Tits** were reported from Burgh Castle (two), Carlton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 1 October, **Cetti's Warblers** from Belton Marshes, 26 September and Burgh Castle and Lopham Fen, 1 October and **Kingfishers** from Carlton Marshes and Worlingham Marshes, 25 September, Belton Marshes, 26 September and Burgh Castle, 1 October. An impressive count of 100 **Pied Wagtails** was made at Lopham Fen, 1 October. **Hobbies** were seen at Belton Marshes (two), 25 September, St Olaves (two), 28 September and Carlton Marshes, 1 October, with a **Peregrine** present at Flixton GP, 29 September and **Marsh Harriers** at Belton Marshes, 25 September, Carlton Marshes (three), 28 September, Haddiscoe Island, 30 September and Burgh Castle (three) and Lopham Fen, 1 October. **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three) and Burgh Castle, 1 October.

Waders at Burgh Castle included 18 **Avocets**, six **Bar-tailed Godwits**, four **Ringed Plovers**, 36 **Curlews**, 150 **Dunlin**, 50 **Redshanks**, 27 September, 325 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 30 September and two **Grey Plovers**, 1 October. Elsewhere, Carlton Marshes hosted 72 **Snipe**, 26 September and a **Black-tailed Godwit** and two **Ruffs**, 1 October, a **Common Sandpiper** was seen at Belton Marshes, 26 September and four **Ringed Plovers**, a **Common Sandpiper**, two **Green Sandpipers** and two **Dunlin** were present at Flixton GP, 29 September.

The **Mandarin Duck** was seen again at Flixton GP, 29 September and two **Pink-footed Geese** flew west at Burgh Castle, 30 September. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (five), 26 September, Burgh Castle (12), 27 September and Belton Marshes (two), 29 September.

2 to 8 October 2016

A **Yellow-browed Warbler** was present in a garden at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 3 October and another was found dead in Oulton, 8 October. A **Ring Ouzel** was seen along Marsh Lane, Worlingham, 2 October, with two present at this site, 6 October and another was seen at Oulton, 8 October. A **Brambling** was reported from Ditchingham, 6 October and the first **Redwings** of the autumn were recorded on 2 October, with singles at Beccles, Lopham Fen and Wortham Ling. A **Stonechat** was present at Herringfleet Marshes, 3 October and nearby a **Grey Wagtail** and 40 **Siskins** were seen at St Olaves, 6 October. **Bearded Tits** were noted at St Olaves (16), Herringfleet Marshes (four) and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 3 October and Lopham Fen, 4 October, a **Cetti's Warbler** was also seen at Castle Marsh, 3 October and a **Kingfisher** at St Olaves, 6 October. The count of **Pied Wagtails** at Lopham Fen had increased to 129, 4 October.

A particularly unusual record concerned a juvenile **Arctic Skua** that flew high over Oulton, 3 October and 17 **Pink-footed Geese** flew south at St Olaves, 2 October.

Marsh Harriers were noted at Castle Marsh, 3 October and Carlton Marshes (three), 7 October and a group of seven **Buzzards** flew over Bungay, 3 October.

Finally, three **Dunlin** and two **Little Egrets** were present at Carlton Marshes, 7 October.

9 to 15 October 2016

It was a bumper week for passerines – particular highlights included a **Shore Lark** at Carlton Marshes and a **Yellow-browed Warbler** along Somerleyton Road, Oulton, 11 October, a **Great Grey Shrike** at Lopham Fen, 9 October, a **Redstart** at Oulton Marshes, 13 October and **Ring Ouzels** at Broome, 9 October and Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 13 October. **Whinchats** were present at Oulton Marshes, 13 October and Carlton Marshes, 15 October, three **Wheatears** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 11 October and two **House Martins** at Worlingham, 15 October. The first **Fieldfares** of the autumn were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 11 October, with 60 **Siskins** present at St Olaves and three **Cetti's Warblers** heard at Carlton Marshes on the same day. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (ten) and Lopham Fen, 11 October and Castle Marsh, North Cove (10), 15 October; **Grey Wagtails** at St Olaves, 11 October and North Cove, 14 October; **Stonechats** at Lopham Fen (two), 9 October and Castle Marsh (four) and Carlton Marshes, 15 October and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 9 October and Oulton Marshes, 12 October.

A **Great White Egret** was seen in flight at St Olaves, 15 October, while **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (four), 9 October and Oulton Marshes, 13 October. Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Dunlin**, 11 October and a **Black-tailed Godwit** and 58 **Snipe**, 15 October, while two **Jack Snipe** and 31 **Snipe** were recorded at Castle Marsh, 15 October. **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at St Olaves (70 flew north), 9 October and Haddiscoe Island (120), 10 October.

Marsh Harriers were noted at Carlton Marshes (three), 11 October and Oulton Marshes, 12 October and sightings of **Buzzards** included four at Carlton Marshes, 9 October and five at Oulton Marshes, 15 October. A **Short-eared Owl** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 12 October and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 9 October and Worlingham Marshes, 15 October.

16 to 22 October 2016

Two late **Wheatears** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 17 October, with a **Swallow** and four **Cetti's Warblers** noted at the same site, 22 October and seven **Crossbills** were observed in flight at St Olaves, 18 October, with 70 **Siskins** present in the same village, 20 October. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Redgrave Fen (two), 16 October and Carlton Marshes (11), 22 October, **Stonechats** at Fritton Marshes, 16 October and Carlton Marshes (three), 21 October, **Grey Wagtails** at Worlingham Marshes (four) and St Olaves, 17 October and **Kingfishers** at Worlingham Marshes, 21 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 22 October. The pre-roost gathering of **Starlings** at Haddiscoe Island had increased to 10,000, 19 October.

The first **Woodcock** of the autumn were seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton (two), 16 October, while nearby on Haddiscoe Island two **Curlews** were recorded, 16 October and 100 **Golden Plovers** and 500 **Lapwings**, 20 October. A **Green Sandpiper**, a **Dunlin** and 12 **Snipe** were present at Carlton Marshes, 22 October.

A flock of 150 **Pink-footed Geese** flew over Carlton Marshes, 22 October and **Little Egrets** were present at Haddiscoe Island, 20 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 22 October.

Marsh Harriers were reported from Haddiscoe Island (three), 16 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 17 October and **Barn Owls** from Haddiscoe Island, 20 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 22 October.

23 to 29 October 2016

The valley joined in the influx of **Waxwings** along the east coast with sightings at Hollow Lane, Carlton Colville, 25 October, Sands Lane, Oulton, 28 October and Rectory Road, Carlton Colville (four), 29 October. A **Brambling** was seen at Ashby and a **Grey Wagtail** and 40 **Siskins** at St Olaves, 28 October. **Stonechats** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 23 October and Herringfleet Marshes (three), 26 October and **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes (two), 26 October and Carlton Marshes (20), 29 October. A **Cetti's Warbler** was noted at Herringfleet Marshes and a **Kingfisher** at Carlton Marshes, 26 October.

Marsh Harriers were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three) and Herringfleet Marshes (three), 26 October, **Short-eared Owls** at Carlton Marshes (three), 26 October and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 29 October and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 23 October and Beccles Marshes the following day.

A count of 30 **Snipe** was made at Carlton Marshes, 26 October and 200 **Pink-footed Geese** flew north over St Olaves, 28 October.

30 October to 5 November 2016

Waxwings remained along Rectory Road, Carlton Colville throughout the week, with two present, 30 October to 2 November, nine, 3 November, four, 4 November and five, 5 November. Two **Bramblings** were seen at St Olaves, 1 November and a **Grey Wagtail** at Outney Common, Bungay the following day. **Stonechats** were noted at Broome and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 30 October, **Bearded Tits** at Carlton Marshes (three) and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 30 October and **Cetti's Warblers** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 30 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 3 November. **Kingfishers** were reported from Beccles Quay, 30 October and Carlton Marshes, 1 November.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included two **Marsh Harriers**, three **Buzzards**, a **Short-eared Owl** and two **Barn Owls**, 30 October and a male **Hen Harrier**, 5 November. Two **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 3 November, with a **Short-eared Owl** and a **Barn Owl** seen at the same site, 30 October.

A **Green Sandpiper** was seen at Outney Common, 2 November and a **Woodcock** at Carlton Marshes the following day. A flock of 14 **Pink-footed Geese** flew north at St Olaves, 1 November and three **Little Egrets** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 3 November.

6 to 12 November 2016

Seven **Waxwings** were seen along Rectory Road, Carlton Colville, 6 November and a further 12 along Broom Gardens, Belton, 8 November. Two late **Swallows** were also noted at Rectory Road, Carlton Colville, 6 November, a **Water Pipit** and two **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 8 November and a **Grey Wagtail** at Redenhall, 11 November. **Stonechats** were reported from Lopham Fen (two) and Fritton Marshes, 11 November, **Bearded Tits** from Fritton Marshes, 6 November, Carlton Marshes (two), 8 November and Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes (20), 11 November and **Kingfishers** from Fritton Marshes, 6 November and Carlton Marshes and Redgrave Fen, 11 November. The pre-roost gathering of **Starlings** at Lopham Fen numbered 50,000 on 11 November.

A **Great White Egret** was present at Haddiscoe Island, 10 and 11 November, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen, 8 November and Fritton Marshes, 11 November.

A male **Hen Harrier** was seen at Fritton Marshes, 11 November. **Marsh Harriers** were reported from Haddiscoe Island (16), 6 November, Carlton Marshes (two) and Lopham Fen, 8 November and Oulton Marshes, 11 November and notable sightings of **Buzzards** included three at Haddiscoe Island, 6 November and three at Carlton Marshes, 8 November. **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 8 November and Haddiscoe Island (two), 11 November and **Barn Owls** at Waveney Forest, Fritton (two), 6 November, Carlton Marshes, 8 November and Lopham Fen (two), 11 November. Six **Bewick's Swans** flew west over Waveney Forest, 6 November and **Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island (2,000) and Blundeston (1,100 flew west), 11 November.

Two **Jack Snipe** were seen at Barsham Marshes, 8 November, with one at Carlton Marshes on the same day together with 23 **Snipe** and a **Dunlin**. A flock of 70 **Curlews** was present at Haddiscoe Island, 6 November and single **Woodcock** were recorded at St Olaves, 10 November and Waveney Forest the following day.

13 to 19 November 2016

Three **Cattle Egrets** were present at Burgh Castle on marshes north of Back Lane, 13 to 16 November, with one still there on 17 November. A **Great White Egret** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 13 November and **Little Egrets** were noted at Haddiscoe Island (five) and Carlton Marshes (four), 13 November.

A **Black Redstart** was seen on the tower of St Peter's Church, Carlton Colville, 13 November, with four **Water Pipits** at nearby Carlton Marshes on the same day and one at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 16 November. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Oulton, 14 November, a **Brambling** at Aldeby, 18 November and a **Chiffchaff** at Burgh Castle, 19 November. **Stonechats** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two) and Haddiscoe Island, 13 November, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 15 November and Lopham Fen (two), 16 November; **Bearded Tits** at Haddiscoe Island (three) and Carlton Marshes (two), 13 November and Burgh Castle (four) and Lopham Fen, 19 November; **Cetti's Warblers** at Haddiscoe Island, 13 November, Carlton Marshes (three), 14 November and Herringfleet Marshes (four), 15 November and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes, 13 November, Lopham Fen, 15 November and Carlton Marshes, 17 November. A count of 100 **Skylarks** was made at Carlton Marshes, 13 November and pre-roost gatherings of **Starlings** included 45,000 at Lopham Fen, 13 November and 4,000 at Herringfleet Marshes, 15 November.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, 13 and 19 November, a **Peregrine**, 16 November, a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, 17 and 19 November, two **Marsh Harriers**, 13 November, three **Buzzards**, 19 November, five **Short-eared Owls**, 13 November and two **Barn Owls**, 19 November. Elsewhere, **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), 13 November, Herringfleet Marshes, 15 November and Burgh Castle, 19 November, **Short-eared Owls** at Carlton Marshes (three) and Haddiscoe Marshes (four, in addition to those at Haddiscoe Island), 13 November and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (two), 13 November and Herringfleet Marshes, 15 November.

Nine **Bewick's Swans** were present at Carlton Marshes, 18 November and **Pink-footed Geese** were reported from Haddiscoe Island (100) and Carlton Marshes (six flew over), 13 November and Herringfleet Marshes (600 flew over), 15 November.

The wader highlight was a **Jack Snipe** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 16 November. 200 **Golden Plover** were present at Haddiscoe Island, 13 November, with 1,000 **Lapwings** at

the same site, 16 November, 52 **Curlew** at Burgh Castle, 19 November and **Snipe** at Carlton Marshes (20), 13 November and Lopham Fen (15), 14 November. Finally, a count of 300 **Great Black-backed Gulls** was made at Burnt Hill, Carlton Colville, 17 November.

20 to 26 November 2016

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a **Hen Harrier**, five **Marsh Harriers**, five **Buzzards**, three **Short-eared Owls** and three **Barn Owls**, 23 November and two **Peregrines**, 25 November. Elsewhere, **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Burgh Castle (three), 24 November and Oulton Marshes, 25 November, four **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 26 November and **Barn Owls** were reported from Barnby, 25 November and Carlton Marshes, 26 November.

A **Spoonbill** was seen in flight at Haddiscoe Island, 24 November and a **Bittern** at Oulton Marshes, 25 November, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Haddiscoe Island (15), Carlton Marshes, 23 November, Burgh Castle (46 roosted), Castle Marsh, North Cove and Oulton Marshes, 25 November and Mendham Marshes, 26 November.

A **Waxwing** was seen along Mill Lane, Barnby, 24 November, a **Chiffchaff** at Carlton Marshes, 25 November and a **Blackcap** at Somerleyton and a **Grey Wagtail** at Oulton, 26 November. **Stonechats** were recorded at Fritton Marshes (three), 23 November, Carlton Marshes (four) and Burgh Castle, 25 November and Mendham Marshes (two), 26 November; **Bearded Tits** at Haddiscoe Island, 23 November and Carlton Marshes (four), 25 November; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, 25 November and **Kingfishers** at Haddiscoe Island, 23 November and Weybread GP, 26 November.

A flock of 1,700 **Pink-footed Geese** flew west at St Olaves, 24 November and four **White-fronted Geese** and 1,000 **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Haddiscoe Island the following day.

Waders included a **Green Sandpiper** at Waveney Forest, Fritton and a **Redshank** at Carlton Marshes, 23 November, five **Black-tailed Godwits**, 35 **Redshanks** and four **Curlews** at Burgh Castle, 24 November and 500 **Golden Plover** at Haddiscoe Island and two **Woodcock** at Burgh Castle, 25 November.

27 November to 3 December 2016

A **Water Pipit** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 30 November, a **Grey Wagtail** at Oulton, 29 November and a **Chiffchaff** at Carlton Marshes, 2 December. **Bramblings** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 1 December and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 3 December; **Bearded Tits** at Haddiscoe Island (four), 29 November, Oulton Marshes (16), 29 November and Carlton Marshes (ten), 2 December; **Stonechats** at Haddiscoe Island (three), 29 November, Oulton Marshes (six), 29 November and Carlton Marshes (two), 2 December; **Cetti's Warblers** at Haddiscoe Island (two) and Oulton Marshes (two), 29 November and Carlton Marshes (seven), 2 December and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 1 December and Beccles (two), 3 December.

Four **Tundra Bean Geese** flew over Carlton Marshes, 1 December and 1,500 **Pink-footed Geese** were counted at Haddiscoe Island, 29 November.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, two **Peregrines** and nine **Marsh Harriers**, 27 November, a **Merlin**, four **Short-eared Owls** and three **Barn Owls**, 29 November and four **Buzzards**, 3 December, while sightings at Carlton Marshes included three **Buzzards** and two **Short-eared Owls**, 29 November, two **Marsh Harriers**,

1 December and a **Barn Owl**, 2 December. A male **Hen Harrier** was seen at Worlingham Marshes, 27 November and a **Marsh Harrier** at Oulton Marshes, 29 November. Waders at Haddiscoe Island included a **Ruff** and 1,000 **Golden Plovers**, 27 November and a **Green Sandpiper**, a **Curlew** and a **Redshank**, 29 November, while at Carlton Marshes a count of 102 **Snipe** was made on 29 November and six **Redshank** were present on 3 December. Finally, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Oulton Marshes (two), 29 November, Carlton Marshes (two), 2 December and Haddiscoe Island (ten), 3 December.

4 to 10 December 2016

A flock of 16 **White-fronted Geese** was present at Belton Marshes, 8 December, while **Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island (1,000), 4 December and Herringfleet Marshes (100 flew north), 5 December.

A single **Waxwing** was seen along Hollow Grove Way, Carlton Colville, 7 December, a **Blackcap** in a garden at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 4 December, a **Water Pipit** at Carlton Marshes, 6 December and a **Grey Wagtail** at Oulton, 9 December. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Belton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 4 December, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 5 December and Carlton Marshes (30), 6 December; **Stonechats** at Belton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 4 December and Carlton Marshes, 5 December; **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes, 5 December and Carlton Marshes (four), 6 December and **Kingfishers** at Belton Marshes, 4 December and Burgh Castle, 5 December.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Hen Harrier**, a **Peregrine**, 12 **Marsh Harriers** and eight **Buzzards**, 4 December and three **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl**, 5 December. Elsewhere, three **Buzzards** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 5 December, **Marsh Harriers** were reported from Burgh Castle and Oulton Marshes, 5 December, Carlton Marshes (two), 6 December and Lopham Fen (two), 10 December; **Short-eared Owls** from Waveney Forest, Fritton (five), 4 December, Burgh Castle, 5 December, Carlton Marshes, 6 December and **Barn Owls** from Carlton Marshes, 4 December and Burgh Castle, 5 December.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Redshanks**, 5 December and a **Jack Snipe**, 6 December, while a **Ruff**, 43 **Black-tailed Godwits**, a **Curlew**, 18 **Snipe** and eight **Dunlin** were noted at Belton Marshes and 11 **Woodcocks** at Waveney Forest, 4 December. Finally, **Little Egrets** were present at Belton Marshes (four), 4 December, Oulton Marshes, 5 December and Carlton Marshes (three), 6 December.

11 to 17 December 2016

Two **Water Pipits** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 15 December. **Chiffchaffs** were recorded at Flixton GP, 11 December, Carlton Marshes (three), 15 December and Oulton Marshes (two), 17 December; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (four), 15 December and Oulton Marshes (five), 17 December; **Bearded Tits** at Oulton Marshes (four) and Burgh Castle (three), 11 December and Carlton Marshes (seven), 13 December; **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes (three) and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 11 December and Carlton Marshes (four), 15 December; and **Kingfishers** at Haddiscoe Island, 11 December and Carlton Marshes, 13 December.

A flock of 80 **White-fronted Geese** was present at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 15 December, 100 **Pink-footed Geese** flew over Carlton Marshes, 17 December, while at Burgh Castle, 100 **Greylag Geese** and 500 **Teal** were noted, 11 December and 2,500

Pink-footed Geese, 17 December. Amongst an amazing array of wildfowl, many of captive origin, at Flixton GP on 11 December were 260 **Coots**, 960 **Greylag Geese**, 165 **Mute Swans**, 1,500 **Mallard**, 240 **Wigeon**, 120 **Tufted Duck**, 100 **Pintail**, 62 **Pochard**, eight **Red-crested Pochard**, four **Canvasback**, two **Chiloe Wigeon**, two **Ferruginous Duck**, two **New Zealand Scaup**, two **Pacific Black Duck** and a **Falcated Duck**.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included three **Peregrines**, six **Marsh Harriers**, three **Buzzards**, ten **Short-eared Owls** and two **Barn Owls**, 11 December, while at Carlton Marshes, two **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl** were reported, 11 December and a **Marsh Harrier**, 15 December. Elsewhere, a **Red Kite** was seen at Beccles and a **Peregrine** at Burgh Castle, with **Marsh Harriers** noted at Burgh Castle (five) and Oulton Marshes, 11 December.

Waders at Burgh Castle included 21 **Curlews** and ten **Redshanks**, 11 December and four **Black-tailed Godwits**, two **Dunlin** and 1,300 **Lapwings**, 17 December. Two **Ruff** were present at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, two **Green Sandpipers** at Flixton GP and four **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 11 December and 11 **Snipe** at Oulton Marshes, 17 December. Finally, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Oulton Marshes (two), 11 December and Carlton Marshes (two), 15 December.

18 to 24 December 2016

19 **Tundra Bean Geese**, 13 **White-fronted Geese** and 300 **Pink-footed Geese** were feeding on fields along Border Lane, Ashby, 24 December. A **Tundra Bean Goose** also flew over Carlton Marshes, 22 December, while **White-fronted Geese** were also noted at Castle Marsh, North Cove (80) and Carlton Marshes, 18 December and Haddiscoe Island (six), 21 December and **Pink-footed Geese** at Oulton (140 flew south-west), 19 December, Belton (500 flew north), 20 December and Carlton Marshes (50 flew west), 22 December.

Five **Water Pipits** were present at Carlton Marshes, 18 December and a **Mealy Redpoll** and 40 **Siskins** were seen at Wicker Well, Somerleyton, 24 December. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Oulton, 18 December and two **Bearded Tits** at Oulton Marshes, 22 December. **Stonechats** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (four) and Lopham Fen, 18 December, Beccles Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 20 December and Broome (two), 23 December; **Lesser Redpolls** at Belton Marshes (20), 18 December and Blundeston (two) and Somerleyton, 22 December; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (seven) and Oulton Marshes, 22 December and **Kingfishers** at Redgrave Fen, 18 December and Carlton Marshes (two), 22 December. A pre-roost gathering of 60,000 **Starlings** was observed at Lopham Fen, 18 December.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Peregrine**, five **Marsh Harriers**, seven **Short-eared Owls** and two **Barn Owls**, 18 December. A **Merlin** was seen at Belton Marshes, 18 December and a **Red Kite** at Ditchingham, 24 December. **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 18 December and Oulton Marshes, 20 December, with three **Buzzards** at Blundeston Marshes and also three **Buzzards** at South Lopham, 22 December. **Short-eared Owls** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 18 December and Oulton Marshes (two), 22 December and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 18 December and Oulton Marshes (two), 22 December.

Waders at Burgh Castle Flats on 21 December included 132 **Avocets**, 160 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 150 **Dunlin**. Elsewhere, a **Green Sandpiper** and a **Redshank** were seen at Carlton Marshes and a **Woodcock** at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 18 December, two **Redshanks** at Beccles Marshes, 20 December and a **Green Sandpiper** at Haddiscoe

Island, 22 December. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (nine), 18 December and Oulton Marshes, 20 December.

25 to 31 December 2016

Four **Tundra Bean Geese**, two **White-fronted Geese** and 500 **Pink-footed Geese** were feeding on fields along Border Lane, Ashby, 25 December, while at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 98 **White-fronted Geese** were present, 27 December, 108 **Greylag Geese**, 29 December and 150 **Mute Swans**, 31 December. Other notable wildfowl included a **Whooper Swan** at Outney Common, Bungay, 26 December and 160 **Wigeon** at Oulton Marshes, 29 December, while records of **Pink-footed Geese** included 600 in flight over St Olaves, 26 December and 400 in flight over Herringfleet Marshes, 29 December. Three **Waxwings** were present along Beccles Road, Bungay, 30 December. A **Snow Bunting** was seen at Haddiscoe Island and 12 **Lesser Redpolls** at Outney Common, 27 December and two Kingfishers at Beccles Quay, 28 December. **Stonechats** were recorded at Castle Marsh (five), Carlton Marshes (two) and Haddiscoe Island (two), 27 December and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 29 December; **Bearded Tits** at Oulton Marshes (30), Haddiscoe Island (eight), Castle Marsh (four) and Carlton Marshes (two), 27 December and Herringfleet Marshes (four), 29 December and **Cetti's Warblers** at Castle Marsh, 27 December and Oulton Marshes, 29 December. Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included three **Marsh Harriers** and a **Barn Owl**, 26 December and two **Peregrines** and five **Short-eared Owls**, 27 December. **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Carlton Marshes (seven), 27 December and Castle Marsh (three) and Oulton Marshes, 29 December and three **Buzzards** were seen at Castle Marsh, 31 December. **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Carlton Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes (three), 27 December and **Barn Owls** at Castle Marsh, 27 December, Herringfleet Marshes and Lopham Fen, 29 December and Oulton Marshes, 30 December. A **Green Sandpiper** and two **Curlews** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 27 December and a **Redshank** at Oulton Marshes, 30 December. A **Bittern** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 30 December, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Haddiscoe Island (nine), Carlton Marshes (two) and Castle Marsh (two), 27 December.