



# WBC Sightings Report 2017

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## 1 to 7 January 2017

76 **White-fronted Geese** were present at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 1 January and 90 flew west over Carlton Marshes, 2 January, while **Pink-footed Geese** were seen at Oulton Marshes (300 in flight) and Somerleyton Marshes (36), 2 January, Ashby (40 in flight), 4 January and Blundeston Marshes (100), 7 January.

**Water Pipits** were recorded at Oulton Marshes (two), 2 January and Carlton Marshes (two), 3 January; **Grey Wagtails** at Carlton Marshes and Worlingham Marshes, 1 January and Oulton, 5 January; **Stonechats** at Castle Marsh (two), 1 January and Carlton Marshes, 6 January; **Bearded Tits** at Carlton Marshes, 1 January, Oulton Marshes (eight), 2 January and Burgh Castle, 3 January and **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (four) and Castle Marsh, 1 January and Oulton Marshes (five), 2 January. A **Brambling** was seen at St Olaves and a **Lesser Redpoll** at Carlton Marshes, 1 January.

A **Red Kite** was seen at Ditchingham, 6 January, with **Marsh Harriers** noted at Carlton Marshes (five), 1 January and Burgh Castle (four), 4 January. Two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Oulton Marshes, 2 January and **Barn Owls** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three), 1 January and Lopham Fen, 2 January.

Waders at Burgh Castle included a **Black-tailed Godwit** and 21 **Redshanks**, 3 January and 25 **Avocets**, 4 January. Elsewhere, four **Redshanks** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 1 January and a **Woodcock** at Somerleyton Marshes, 2 January. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (seven) and Worlingham Marshes, 1 January and Burgh Castle, 3 January.

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## 8 to 14 January 2017

Three **Waxwings** were seen in Worlingham at the junction of Coney Hill and Ellough Road, 12 and 13 January, increasing to five, 14 January. **Bramblings** were noted at North Cove SWT reserve, 9 January and St Olaves (three), 14 January, **Lesser Redpolls** at North Cove SWT reserve, 9 January and St Olaves (two), 12 January and **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (eight) and Oulton Marshes, 12 January and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 13 January. A flock of 60 **Siskins** was noted at Worlingham Marshes, 8 January, with a **Stonechat** at Oulton Marshes, 8 January, a **Grey Wagtail** at North Cove, 12 January, a **Cetti's Warbler** at Oulton Marshes, 12 January and a **Kingfisher**, Beccles Quay, 11 January.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island on 10 January included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a **Peregrine**, five **Marsh Harriers** and three **Short-eared Owls**. Elsewhere, male **Hen Harriers** were seen at Worlingham Marshes, 8 January and St Olaves, 14 January, a **Red**

**Kite** flew over Barnby and North Cove, 12 January, **Peregrines** were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 8 January and Wheatacre Marshes, 11 January and **Marsh Harriers** at Wheatacre Marshes, 11 January, Herringfleet Marshes, 13 January and Carlton Marshes (six), 14 January. Two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Oulton Marshes, 8 January, with a **Barn Owl** noted at the same site on 14 January.

A **Whooper Swan** was noted at Earsham, 11 January, while three **Tundra Bean Geese** and two **White-fronted Geese** were present at Haddiscoe Marshes, 11 January, 35 **White-fronted Geese** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 8 January, 1,200 **Pink-footed Geese** at Burgh St Peter, 11 January and 100 **Wigeon** at Oulton Marshes, 8 January.

Wader records included **Woodcock** at Barsham Marshes (two) and St Olaves, 11 January, 1,000 **Lapwings** at Burgh St Peter, 11 January and **Snipe** at Carlton Marshes (12), 11 January and St Olaves (12), 14 January. Finally, a **Little Egret** was present at Oulton Marshes, 8 January.

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## 15 to 21 January 2017

Four **Waxwings** were seen at the junction of Coney Hill and Ellough Road, Worlingham until 17 January and a **Firecrest** was seen at Fisher Row, Oulton, 20 January. Three **Bramblings** were noted at St Olaves, 15 January, a **Cetti's Warbler** at Oulton Marshes and a **Water Pipit** at Carlton Marshes, 20 January and a **Chiffchaff** at Burgh Castle, 21 January. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 17 January, Oulton Marshes (20), 19 January, Fritton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 20 January and Haddiscoe Marshes (12) and Burgh Castle (two), 21 January and **Stonechats** at Carlton Marshes (two), 18 January, Oulton Marshes (two) and Beccles Marshes, 20 January and Belton Marshes, 21 January.

Seven **Goosanders** were seen on Oulton Dyke, 19 and 20 January, with six **Goosanders** on the river at North Cove, 21 January. A flock of 250 **Wigeon** was present at Oulton Marshes, 15 January and 300 **Teal** at Glebe Marsh, Burgh Castle, 21 January. Two **Tundra Bean Geese**, five **White-fronted Geese** and 1000 **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Haddiscoe Marshes, 18 January, a single **White-fronted Goose** flew north-west over Burgh Castle, 17 January and 100 **Pink-footed Geese** flew south at St Olaves, 19 January.

Haddiscoe Island hosted a **Peregrine** and two **Barn Owls**, 20 January and four **Short-eared Owls**, 21 January, while at nearby Haddiscoe Marshes a ringtail **Hen Harrier** was seen on 21 January. Elsewhere, a **Peregrine** was recorded at Oulton Marshes, 20 January, **Marsh Harriers** at Oulton Marshes and Somerleyton Marshes, 16 January, Carlton Marshes (three), 18 January and Worlingham Marshes, 21 January, two **Short-eared Owls** at Oulton Marshes, 16 January and **Barn Owls** at Somerleyton, 17 January, Beccles, 19 January, Lopham Fen (two) and Oulton Marshes, 20 January and Bungay and Worlingham Marshes, 21 January.

Waders at Burgh Castle included 15 **Curlews** and three **Redshanks**, 17 January and 40 **Avocets**, 100 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 43 **Dunlin**, 21 January. A **Green Sandpiper** and 174 **Snipe** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 15 January, with a **Redshank** at the same site on 21 January and another **Redshank** at Oulton Marshes and a **Woodcock** at

Ditchingham on the same day. An adult **Caspian Gull** was seen near Haddiscoe Church, 19 January and **Little Egrets** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 16 January, Carlton Marshes, 18 January and Haddiscoe Island (nine) and Worlingham Marshes, 21 January.

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## 22 to 28 January 2017

Six **Goosanders** were present on the river at North Cove, 22 January and five **Goosanders** on the river at Beccles, 26 January. A male **Mandarin** was noted on the river at North Cove, 26 January, 120 **Teal** were counted at Burgh Castle, 27 January and 150 **Wigeon** at Oulton Marshes, 28 January. **White-fronted Geese** were recorded at Castle Marsh, North Cove (29 flew west), 26 January and Shipmeadow (35), 28 January and a single **Pink-footed Goose** flew over Oulton, 23 January.

Haddiscoe Island hosted a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a male **Hen Harrier**, a **Peregrine** and a **Barn Owl**, 22 January, nine **Short-eared Owls**, 26 January and a ringtail **Hen Harrier** and three **Marsh Harriers**, 27 January. Elsewhere, **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 27 January and Oulton Marshes, 28 January, three **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Oulton Marshes, 28 January and **Barn Owls** were reported from Herringfleet Marshes, 22 January and Oulton Marshes, 24 January.

Three **Water Pipits** were present at Castle Marsh, 22 to 25 January. **Bramblings** were seen at Beccles (ten) and North Cove, 22 January; **Chiffchaffs** at Oulton Marshes, 24 January and Burgh Castle, 27 January; **Cetti's Warblers** at Castle Marsh (two), 22 January and Carlton Marshes (three), 27 January; **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes (nine) and Castle Marsh (three), 22 January, Oulton Marshes (two), 24 January and Carlton Marshes (two) and Haddiscoe Island (two), 27 January; **Stonechats** at Castle Marsh (four), 22 January, Oulton Marshes, 24 January and Worlingham Marshes, 28 January and **Kingfishers** at Weybread GP (two), 22 January and Carlton Marshes (two), 27 January. Waders at Burgh Castle included 40 **Redshanks**, 22 January and 50 **Curlews**, 27 January. A **Woodcock** was seen at Ditchingham, 22 January, a **Green Sandpiper** at Haddiscoe Island, 27 January and a **Redshank** at Oulton Marshes, 28 January. Finally, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Outney Common, Bungay (three), 25 January and Carlton Marshes and Fritton, 27 January.

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## 29 January to 4 February 2017

Six **Tundra Bean Geese** were present between Carlton Marshes and Barnby Marshes, 30 January and five **Brent Geese** at Haddiscoe Island, 31 January. **White-fronted Geese** were noted at Castle Marsh, North Cove (100 flew over), 29 January, Haddiscoe Island (six), 31 January and Herringfleet Marshes (12), 3 February, 120 **Pink-footed Geese** flew north at St Olaves, 29 January, 111 **Greylag Geese** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes, 3 February and 40 **Barnacle Geese** had returned to Earsham, 4 February.

At Haddiscoe Island, a **Rough-legged Buzzard** was seen regularly throughout the week and was joined by a **Hen Harrier**, 30 January and six **Short-eared Owls**, 3 February. Single **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Lopham Fen, 29 February, Oulton Marshes, 31 January, Waveney Forest, Fritton, 2 February and Herringfleet Marshes, 3 February, two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Oulton Marshes, 3 February and **Barn Owls** were

reported from Haddiscoe Marshes, 30 January, Mendham, 31 January and Oulton Marshes, 4 February.

A **Brambling** was seen at Aldeby, 29 January, two **Water Pipits** at Carlton Marshes, 30 January, a flock of 150 **Fieldfares** at Blundeston, 2 February and a **Chiffchaff** at Oulton Marshes, 4 February. **Stonechats** were recorded at Worlingham Marshes (two), 29 January, Carlton Marshes (two), 31 January and Oulton Marshes (two), 4 February; **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 29 January, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 3 February and Oulton Marshes, 4 February; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (11), 30 January, Herringfleet Marshes, 3 February and Oulton Marshes (four) and Lopham Fen, 4 February and **Kingfishers** at Herringfleet Marshes, 3 February and Oulton Marshes, 4 February.

Waders at Burgh Castle included a **Black-tailed Godwit**, a **Curlew** and a **Redshank**, 31 January and a **Spotted Redshank**, 3 February. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Fritton Marshes (two), 2 February and Blundeston Marshes and Lopham Fen, 4 February.

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## 5 to 11 February 2017

Three **Waxwings** were seen in a club member's garden at Worlingham, 6 February, while nearby in Beccles, 12 **Waxwings** were seen along Banham Road, 9 and 10 February. A **Stonechat** was present at Oulton Marshes, 5 February, a **Grey Wagtail** at Worlingham, 6 February and three **Bramblings** at St Olaves, 9 February. **Bearded Tits** were noted at Oulton Marshes (12), 5 February, Burgh Castle, 8 February and Fritton Marshes, 11 February and **Kingfishers** at Oulton Marshes and Weybread GP, 5 February.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a male and a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, a **Peregrine**, 12 **Short-eared Owls** and two **Barn Owls**, 5 February and eight **Marsh Harriers**, 9 February. Elsewhere, single **Peregrines** were seen at Flixton GP, 5 February and Oulton Marshes, 10 February and **Marsh Harriers** at Oulton Marshes, 6 February and Lopham Fen (two), 11 February. Three **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Oulton Marshes, 5 February and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes and Mettingham Marshes, 5 February.

Three **White-fronted Geese** were present at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 11 February, while **Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Waveney Forest, Fritton (50 flew over), 5 February and Haddiscoe Island (30), 9 February.

A second-winter **Mediterranean Gull** was seen at Burgh Castle, 8 February. Waders at Carlton Marshes included eight **Redshanks**, 5 February and a **Jack Snipe** and 45 **Snipe**, 10 February, with a **Green Sandpiper** and two **Black-tailed Godwits** recorded at Flixton GP, 5 February. **Little Egrets** were noted at Haddiscoe Island (four), Flixton (near Bungay), Mendham Marshes and Mettingham Marshes, 5 February.

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## 12 to 18 February 2017

A flock of 21 **Waxwings** was seen off Beccles Road, Bungay, 16 and 17 February. A **Black Redstart** was recorded along Top Road, Ilketshall St Lawrence, 16 February, a **Grey Wagtail** at Herringfleet Marshes, 17 February and four **Crossbills** at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 18 February. **Bramblings** were noted at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (eight), 12 February, Worlingham (two), 13 February and St Olaves (two), 18 February; **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes and Worlingham, 14 February and Carlton Marshes (three), 15 February; **Bearded Tits** at Haddiscoe Marshes (five), 12 February, Lopham Fen, 13 February and Herringfleet Marshes (four) and Oulton Marshes, 17 February; **Cetti's Warblers** at Redgrave Fen, 14 February, Carlton Marshes (two), 16 February and Herringfleet Marshes, 17 February and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 13 February and Redgrave Fen, 14 February.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, 15 February, three **Marsh Harriers** and three **Short-eared Owls**, 16 February, a male and a ringtail **Hen Harrier** and a **Peregrine**, 17 February and three **Barn Owls**, 18 February. Elsewhere, **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Carlton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 16 February and Herringfleet Marshes, 17 February, five **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Oulton Marshes, 17 February and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 12 February and Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, 17 February.

A first-winter **Glaucous Gull** was seen along the river at Burgh Castle, 18 February. A **Whooper Swan** and 170 **Tufted Ducks** were noted at Earsham, 15 February and four **White-fronted Geese** and 1000 **Pink-footed Geese** at Haddiscoe Island, 16 February.

Three **Redshanks** were present at Carlton Marshes, 12 February and a **Green Sandpiper** and 700 **Lapwings** at Earsham, 15 February. **Woodcock** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 15 February and Waveney Forest (two), 18 February. Finally, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Burgh St Peter and Lopham Fen, 13 February, Beccles Marshes, 16 February, Haddiscoe Island (two) and Herringfleet Marshes, 17 February and Carlton Marshes (three), 18 February.

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## 19 to 25 February 2017

Sightings of **Waxwings** included 25 at Oulton, 20 February and 21 at Bungay, 24 February. A flock of 28 **Lesser Redpolls** was seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton and a **Grey Wagtail** at Oulton Marshes, 19 February, two **Bramblings** at St Olaves, 20 February and a **Crossbill** at Waveney Forest, 24 February. **Stonechats** were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 19 February and Carlton Marshes (two), 21 February; **Bearded Tits** at Fritton Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, 19 February and St Olaves (two), 20 February and **Cetti's Warblers** at Oulton Marshes, 19 February and St Olaves, 20 February. Two **Kingfishers** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 19 February.

A **Rough-legged Buzzard** was regularly reported from Haddiscoe Island throughout the week. Other raptors seen at this site included a **Merlin**, male and ringtail **Hen Harriers**, six **Short-eared Owls** and two **Barn Owls**, 19 February, a **Red Kite** and a **Peregrine** and 11 **Marsh Harriers** and five **Buzzards**, 20 February. Elsewhere, single **Red Kites** were seen at Ditchingham, 20 February and St Olaves, 21 February, **Marsh Harriers** at St

Olaves (two), 20 February, Carlton Marshes, 21 February and Belton Marshes, 24 February, **Short-eared Owls** at Oulton Marshes (three), 19 February and Belton Marshes, 24 February and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 19 February.

Early morning easterly movements of **Bewick's Swans** included 160 over Burgh Castle, 19 February, 34 over Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe and 26 over Carlton Marshes, 21 February and 22 over Oulton Marshes, 24 February. 30 **White-fronted Geese** and 1800 **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 20 February.

Records of waders included a **Spotted Redshank** at Burgh Castle, 19 February, a **Green Sandpiper** at St Olaves and 80 **Curlews** at Haddiscoe Island, 20 February and six **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 22 February. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Oulton Marshes, 19 February, Haddiscoe Island (eight) and St Olaves, 20 February and Carlton Marshes (two), 22 February.

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## 26 February to 4 March 2017

A **Crane** flew north over Roydon Road, Diss mid afternoon on 26th February and a **Great White Egret** flew over Oulton Marshes, 4 March. **Little Egrets** were noted at Oulton Marshes (two), Haddiscoe Island, Harleston Marshes and Lopham Fen, 26 February and Carlton Marshes (two) and Outney Common, Bungay the following day.

A **Rough-legged Buzzard** and five **Short-eared Owls** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 28 February. A **Red Kite** flew over Oulton, 27 February, two **Peregrines** flew north at St Olaves, 2 March and **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (five), 26 February, Carlton Marshes, 2 March and Lopham Fen (two), 4 March. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Oulton Marshes, 3 March, while **Barn Owls** were seen at Carlton Marshes (four) and Oulton Marshes, 2 March.

A **Water Pipit** was seen at Carlton Marshes, five **Bramblings** at Ellough and two **Nuthatches** at Outney Common, Bungay, 27 February. **Grey Wagtails** were noted at Worlingham, 26 February, Barnby, 1 March and Camps Heath, Oulton, 2 March; **Stonechats** at Haddiscoe Island (four) and Oulton Marshes, 26 February and Carlton Marshes (four), 4 March; **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 26 February and **Cetti's Warblers** at Oulton Marshes, 26 February and Carlton Marshes, 2 March. A flock of 100 **Fieldfares** was present at Worlingham Marshes, 26 February and 930 **Redwings** flew low south-east over Carlton Marshes, 27 February.

Waders included a **Common Sandpiper** at Oulton Marshes, 26 February, **Green Sandpipers** at Harleston Marshes, 26 February and Worlingham, 27 February and 360 **Golden Plovers** at Ellough Airfield, 27 February, while at Carlton Marshes a **Woodcock** was noted on 2 March and a **Redshank** on 4 March.

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## 5 to 11 March 2017

Six **Crossbills** were seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton and a female **Ring-necked Parakeet** by Oulton Community Centre, 11 March. Counts of **Waxwings** included 22 at Bungay, 6 March, seven at Worlingham, 8 March and 16 at Beccles, 11 March. There was

a notable arrival of **Chiffchaffs** on 11 March, with records received from Belton, Blundeston Marshes, Lopham Fen and Roydon Fen. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 5 March and a **Bearded Tit** at the same site on 11 March. **Bramblings** were recorded at St Olaves (three), 7 March and Burgh Castle, 11 March; **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes, 7 March and Carlton Marshes (two), 9 March; **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes (three), 7 March, Carlton Marshes (five), 10 March, Oulton Marshes (five) and Worlingham Marshes, 11 March and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Quay, 6 March, Carlton Marshes (two), 10 March and Oulton Marshes, 11 March.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, two **Marsh Harriers**, three **Short-eared Owls** and two **Barn Owls**, 7 March. Elsewhere, **Red Kites** were noted at Ellingham, 10 March and Beccles, 11 March, **Marsh Harriers** at Carlton Marshes (two), 9 March and Lopham Fen (two), 11 March, while six **Buzzards** were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 10 March and five at Lopham Fen, 11 March. Further **Short-eared Owls** were reported from Oulton Marshes (four), 7 March and Carlton Marshes (two), 11 March, with **Barn Owls** from Oulton Marshes, 5 March, Carlton Marshes (two) and Herringfleet Marshes, 7 March and Lopham Fen, 11 March.

Waders at Burgh Castle included a **Spotted Redshank**, 7 March and 27 **Avocets**, 227 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 100 **Redshanks** and two **Curlews**, 11 March, while at Carlton Marshes a **Dunlin** was present on 5 March and a **Redshank** the following day. Two **Woodcock** were noted at St Olaves and 20 **Snipe** at Herringfleet Marshes, 7 March and 500 **Golden Plovers** at Ellough, 8 March. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Beccles Marshes, 7 March, Carlton Marshes (two), 9 March and Haddiscoe Island (three) and Herringfleet Marshes, 11 March.

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## 12 to 18 March 2017

A **Raven** drifted north over Carlton Marshes mid-morning on 16 March.

A **Red-throated Diver** was found at Carlton Marshes on 16 March with fishing net entangled round its legs. The following day it was captured and the netting removed and the diver was still present on 18 March. A **Bittern** was noted at Haddiscoe Island and **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (five) and Belton Marshes (three), 12 March.

The female **Ring-necked Parakeet** at Oulton, first reported last week, was seen again on 12, 17 and 18 March. Sightings of **Waxwings** continued, with 20 at Worlingham and seven at Beccles (seven), 17 March. A **Mealy Redpoll** and a **Brambling** were recorded at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 15 March and two **Water Pipits** were present at Carlton Marshes, 18 March. 500 **Redwings** flew west over Beccles, 14 March. **Stonechats** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 12 March, Lopham Fen (two), 13 March and Oulton Marshes (three), 18 March; **Cetti's Warblers** at Belton Marshes (two), 12 March, Lopham Fen (three), 13 March, Carlton Marshes (11), 15 March and Oulton Marshes (two), 18 March and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 12 March and Worlingham Marshes, 16 March.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a male **Hen Harrier** and 20 **Marsh Harriers**, 12 March. Elsewhere, two **Red Kites** flew over Carlton Marshes, 16

March, with three over the same site, 18 March, a **Peregrine** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 15 March, **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Carlton Marshes (three), Belton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 12 March and Oulton Marshes, 18 March and six **Buzzards** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 18 March. **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Carlton Marshes (two) and Belton Marshes (two), 12 March and Oulton Marshes (three), 18 March and **Barn Owls** at Belton Marshes (two), Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 12 March.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included 60 **Snipe**, 12 March, a **Dunlin** and two **Woodcock**, 15 March and four **Redshanks**, 18 March. Elsewhere, a **Woodcock** was noted at St Olaves, 13 March and 21 **Snipe** at Oulton Marshes, 18 March.

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## 19 to 25 March 2017

A pair of **Garganey** was present at Carlton Marshes, 21 March, with the male staying to the end of the week. Also at Carlton Marshes, the **Red-throated Diver** from last week was seen on 19 March, but was sadly found dead the following day.

A **Crane** was reported at Haddiscoe Island, 23 March, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Outney Common, Bungay, 19 March, St James South Elmham, 20 March and Carlton Marshes (four), 25 March.

The female **Ring-necked Parakeet** was seen at Oulton on 19 and 22 March. The first **Sand Martin** of the year was recorded at Outney Common, 19 March, with a **White Wagtail** and three **Water Pipits** at Carlton Marshes, 19 March and a singing male **Blackcap** at Oulton Marshes, 22 March. 24 **Waxwings** were noted at Worlingham, 20 March and six **Crossbills** at Ashby, 21 March. **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at Outney Common (nine), 19 March and Worlingham Marshes (four), 22 March, with a flock of 100 **Siskins** also present at Worlingham Marshes on the same day. A **Stonechat** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 19 March, a **Bearded Tit**, at Lopham Fen, 25 March, **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (five) and Oulton Marshes, 22 March and Lopham Fen, 25 March and **Kingfishers** at Outney Common (two) and Earsham (two), 19 March and Carlton Marshes, 22 March.

Raptors included **Red Kites** at Bungay (three), 19 March and Ditchingham (two), 20 March, a **Peregrine** at Carlton Marshes, 24 March and **Marsh Harriers** at Haddiscoe Island (seven), 19 March, Lopham Fen (two), 20 March and Carlton Marshes (three), 25 March, with five **Buzzards** at Carlton Marshes on the same day. **Short-eared Owls** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 23 March, Oulton Marshes, 24 March and Carlton Marshes (two), 25 March and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes and Earsham, 21 March.

Waders at Burgh Castle included a **Spotted Redshank**, 200 **Avocets**, 100 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 100 **Redshanks** and two **Curlews**, 19 March, while at Carlton Marshes, a **Black-tailed Godwit** and four **Redshanks** were present on 19 March and two **Knot**, a **Ruff** and a **Dunlin**, 22 March. A **Redshank** was noted at Beccles Marshes, 21 March.



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## 26 to 1 April 2017

The year's first **Sedge Warbler** (Haddiscoe Island, 31 March), **Swallow** (two at Beccles and two at Worlingham, 1 April) and **Willow Warbler** (three at Carlton Marshes, two at Oulton Marshes and one at Beccles Common, 1 April) were all recorded during the week. A flock of 30 **Waxwings** was present along Garden Lane, Worlingham, 1 April and Carlton Marshes hosted a **White Wagtail**, 26 March and four **Water Pipits**, 1 April. **Grey Wagtails** were noted at Worlingham Marshes, 26 March and Barsham Marshes, 27 March; **Bramblings** at Waveney Forest, Fritton (six) and Carlton Marshes, 28 March and St Olaves, 29 March; **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes, 26 March and Carlton Marshes (three), 28 March; **Bearded Tits** at Haddiscoe Island, 31 March and Lopham Fen, 1 April; **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen (two) and Oulton Marshes, 26 March, Herringfleet Marshes (three), 30 March and Carlton Marshes (16), 1 April. A **Kingfisher** was recorded at Earsham, 29 March and a flock of 100 **Linnets** at Barnby Marshes on 1 April was noteworthy.

The male **Garganey** at Carlton Marshes from last week stayed until 30 March and a male **Mandarin** was seen at the same site on 1 April. The flock of **Barnacle Geese** at the former Otter Trust centre at Earsham had increased to 300 on 29 March.

A **Peregrine** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 26 March and a male **Hen Harrier** at Worlingham Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 1 April. **Red Kites** were noted at St Olaves, 29 March and Carlton Marshes (two) and Diss, 1 April, **Marsh Harriers** at Lopham Fen (three), 26 March, Carlton Marshes (four), 28 March and Herringfleet Marshes, 30 March, while five **Buzzards** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 28 March. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 28 March, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Oulton Marshes (two) and Lopham Fen, 26 March and Carlton Marshes (three), 30 March.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Little Ringed Plover**, two **Black-tailed Godwits** and a **Dunlin**, 27 March, a **Ruff**, a **Green Sandpiper** and five **Redshanks**, 30 March and an **Avocet**, 1 April. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Lopham Fen, 27 March and Carlton Marshes (two) and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 30 March.

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## 2 to 8 April 2017

A **Raven** flew north-west over Carlton Marshes early afternoon on 7 April. The first **Grasshopper Warbler** (4 April) and **Yellow Wagtail** (6 April) of the year were also recorded at Carlton Marshes during the week and other notable passerines at this SWT reserve included 19 **Cetti's Warblers**, 2 April, a **Brambling**, 3 April, four **Stonechats**, 6 April and a **White Wagtail** and seven **Water Pipits**, 8 April. Elsewhere, a flock of 21 **Waxwings** was seen along Garden Lane, Worlingham, 2 and 3 April and nearby at Worlingham Marshes a **Grey Wagtail** was noted on 2 April. A **Stonechat** was recorded at Oulton Marshes, 4 April, **Bearded Tits** at Burgh St Peter (two) and Lopham Fen, 2 April and **Cetti's Warblers** at Somerleyton Marshes (two), 2 April, Oulton Marshes (six), 4 April, Beccles Marshes, 6 April and Burgh St Peter and Lopham Fen, 8 April.

An **Osprey** flew north over Broome, 3 April. **Red Kites** were seen at Lopham Fen, 2 April, Carlton Marshes and Diss, 4 April and Beccles Common, 6 April and **Peregrines** at

Castle Marsh, North Cove, 2 April and Carlton Marshes, 4 April, while seven **Buzzards** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 2 April, with seven also recorded at Redenhall, 4 April. **Short-eared Owls** were reported at Carlton Marshes (three), 2 April and Burgh Castle, 7 April, with a **Barn Owl** also seen at Carlton Marshes, 2 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included an **Avocet**, a **Ruff** and four **Redshanks**, 2 April and a **Jack Snipe**, a **Black-tailed Godwit** and three **Dunlin**, 8 April. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Redenhall, 4 April and Carlton Marshes (five), 6 April.

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## 9 to 15 April 2017

Two **Cranes** circled over Carlton Marshes late morning on 10 April before heading off west. **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 11 April, Weybread GP (two), 12 April and Ditchingham, 14 April.

A male **Redstart** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 10 April. In addition, the first **Whitethroat** (Beccles Marshes, 11 April), **Reed Warbler** (Carlton Marshes, 12 April), **House Martin** (two at Weybread GP and one at Oulton, 12 April) and **Wheatear** (Ditchingham, 14 April) of the year were recorded during the week. Two **Wheatears** were also present at Carlton Marshes, 15 April, with further sightings from this site including four **Water Pipits**, 10 April, two **Yellow Wagtails** and two **Stonechats**, 12 April, 13 **Cetti's Warblers**, 13 April and a **Grasshopper Warbler**, 15 April. **Cetti's Warblers** were also reported from Herringfleet Marshes, 10 April, and Burgh Castle, 14 April and **Kingfishers** from Weybread GP (two), 12 April and Ditchingham, 14 April. Two **Grey Wagtails** were seen at Ditchingham, 14 April and 40 **Yellow Wagtails** roosted at Burgh Castle, 15 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Greenshank**, a **Black-tailed Godwit**, three **Ruffs** and two **Little Ringed Plovers**, 10 April, three **Whimbrels** and three **Redshanks**, 11 April, a **Jack Snipe**, 12 April and a **Green Sandpiper**, 13 April. Elsewhere, 30 **Snipe** were counted at Oulton Marshes, 10 April and two **Whimbrels** at Beccles Marshes, a **Spotted Redshank** and 40 **Redshanks** at Burgh Castle and two **Redshanks** at Earsham GP, 14 April. The first **Common Tern** of the year was seen at Weybread GP, 12 April.

**Red Kites** were seen at Carlton Marshes (two) and Haddiscoe (two), 10 April and Ditchingham (two), 14 April, a **Peregrine** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 10 April and five **Buzzards** were noted at Ditchingham, 14 April. **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Oulton Marshes, 10 April and Carlton Marshes (two), 13 April and **Barn Owls** were reported from Lopham Fen, 9 April, Oulton Marshes, 10 April, Carlton Marshes (two), 12 April and Ditchingham, 14 April.

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## 16 to 22 April 2017

A male **Black-winged Stilt** was present at Carlton Marshes, 20 April. Other waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Greenshank**, 17 April, a **Whimbrel**, 18 April, seven **Black-tailed Godwits** and five **Redshanks**, 19 April, a **Ruff** and two **Green Sandpipers**, 20 April and ten **Snipe**, 22 April. Elsewhere, 11 **Ruff** and 38 **Black-tailed Godwits** were present at Aldeby shooting lakes and a **Dunlin** at Weybread GP, 16 April, eight **Whimbrel**

at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 21 April and single **Redshanks** at Beccles Marshes, 18 April and Herringfleet Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 19 April.

An immature **White-tailed Eagle** flew south over Fritton Marshes during the afternoon of 22 April. Other notable raptors included a ringtail **Hen Harrier** at Carlton Marshes, 20 April, **Red Kites** at Beccles, 17 April and Fritton Marshes (two), 22 April, **Peregrines** at Worlingham, 18 April and Oulton Marshes, 21 April and six **Buzzards** at Carlton Marshes, 20 April. An escaped **Harris' Hawk** was seen at North Cove SWT reserve, 21 April. Two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 18 April and **Barn Owls** were reported from Weybread GP, 16 April, Carlton Marshes, 17 April and Lopham Fen, 18 April.

Passerine highlights included a male **Ring Ouzel** at Herringfleet, 19 April and a **Wryneck** at Carlton Marshes, 22 April. The first **Cuckoo** (Carlton Marshes, 20 April, with two at Carlton Marshes and one at Oulton Marshes, 21 April and one at Lopham Fen, 22 April), **Swift** (Carlton Marshes, 21 April) and **Lesser Whitethroat** (Carlton Marshes, 22 April) of the year were all recorded during the week. Eight **Waxwings** were seen at Bungay, 22 April. **Wheatears** were present at Carlton Marshes (two), 20 April and Castle Marsh, 21 April, two **White Wagtails** and two **Yellow Wagtails** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 20 April and two **Grey Wagtails** at Shotford Bridge, Weybread, 16 April. **Grasshopper Warblers** were noted at Oulton Marshes (two), 16 April and Carlton Marshes (three), 20 April; **Cetti's Warblers** at Castle Marsh and Weybread GP, 16 April, Lopham Fen (two), 18 April, Carlton Marshes (17), Oulton Marshes (four), Aldeby, 19 April and Herringfleet Marshes (three) and Wheatacre Marshes, 21 April; **Stonechats** at Carlton Marshes, 19 April and Oulton Marshes (two), 21 April and **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (two), 18 April and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 19 April.

A **White Stork** circled above the former Otter Trust centre at Earsham on 17 April before flying off north and a **Spoonbill** flew west over Castle Marsh and a **Great White Egret** flew over Herringfleet Marshes, 21 April. **Little Egrets** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes (three), 19 April and Carlton Marshes (two), 20 April and a male **Garganey** was present at Carlton Marshes, 22 April.

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## 23 to 29 April 2017

A male **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** was seen and heard drumming at St James South Elmham, 27 to 29 April. Passerine highlights at Carlton Marshes included a male **Blue-headed Wagtail**, a **White Wagtail** and a **Bearded Tit**, 23 April, two **Cuckoos**, 24 April, two **Stonechats**, 26 April, five **Grasshopper Warblers**, 28 April and a **Whinchat**, four **Wheatears**, three **Yellow Wagtails** and ten **Cetti's Warblers**, 29 April. The first **Nightingale** (Broome, 28 April) and **Garden Warbler** (again Broome, 28 April) of the year were recorded. Elsewhere, **Wheatears** were noted at Ashby (three), 23 April and Castle Marsh, North Cove (six), 25 April; **Cuckoos** at Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 23 April; Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 28 April and Castle Marsh, 29 April; **Yellow Wagtails** at Castle Marsh, 25 April and Burgh Castle, 27 April; three **Grasshopper Warblers** at Oulton Marshes, 23 April; **Cetti's Warblers** at Oulton Marshes (six), Worlingham Marshes (five)

and Somerleyton, 23 April and Lopham Fen, 24 April and **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 24 April and Castle Marsh, 25 April.

Two **Cranes** flew south over Carlton Marshes early afternoon on 23 April. **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two), 23 April, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 25 April and Earsham and Haddiscoe Island, 27 April, while two male **Garganeys** were present at Carlton Marshes, 28 April.

The first **Hobby** of the year was seen at Worlingham, 28 April. A **Red Kite** was noted at Ditchingham, 23 April and a **Peregrine** at Carlton Marshes, 29 April, while the escaped **Harris's Hawk** from last week flew over Carlton Marshes on 25 April. Two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 23 April and **Barn Owls** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 23 April and Outney Common, Bungay 25 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included 21 **Black-tailed Godwits**, a **Greenshank**, two **Ruff** and a **Dunlin**, 23 April, two **Redshanks**, 25 April, 53 **Whimbrel** and a **Little Ringed Plover**, 27 April and two **Green Sandpipers**, 28 April. Further records of **Whimbrel** included one at Oulton, 28 April and 20 at Castle Marsh the following day. Two **Common Sandpipers** were present at Flixton GP, 23 April, a **Spotted Redshank** and 39 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Burgh Castle, four **Curlews** and two **Redshanks** at Earsham and a **Redshank** at Haddiscoe Island, 27 April and a **Jack Snipe** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 29 April.

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## 30 April to 6 May 2017

There was an impressive movement of terns on 30 April, with seven **Black Terns** and a **Little Tern** recorded at Weybread GP, while at Carlton Marshes, two **Little Terns** were seen and 35 **Arctic Terns** flew south-east early afternoon.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Wood Sandpipers**, a **Turnstone**, two **Greenshanks** and four **Ringed Plovers**, 29 April, three **Bar-tailed Godwits**, two **Little Ringed Plovers**, a **Common Sandpiper**, six **Dunlin** and three **Redshanks**, 1 May, a **Spotted Redshank** and two **Black-tailed Godwits**, 2 May and an **Avocet**, 6 May. Two **Bar-tailed Godwits**, three **Grey Plovers**, five **Ringed Plovers** and a **Whimbrel** were seen at Flixton GP, a **Bar-tailed Godwit** and a **Greenshank** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, ten **Whimbrels** at Worlingham Marshes and three **Common Sandpipers** at Weybread GP, 30 April, 20 **Whimbrels** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 2 May and an **Avocet** and a **Redshank** at Earsham GP, 3 May. A **Redshank** was noted at Oulton Marshes, 30 April, with a **Common Sandpiper** at the same site on 5 May.

Single **Ospreys** were seen at Earsham, 30 April and Carlton Marshes, 5 May, **Hobbies** at Burgh Castle, 30 April, Carlton Marshes, 1 May and Lopham Fen (five) and Herringfleet, 5 May and a **Peregrine** at Carlton Marshes, 5 May. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 2 May, while **Barn Owls** were reported from St James South Elmham, 30 April, Carlton Marshes, 3 May, North Cove, 5 May and Homersfield, 6 May.

Notable passerines recorded at Carlton Marshes included a male **Blue-headed Wagtail** (with a female present on 2 May), three **Cuckoos** and a **Cetti's Warbler**, 30 April, seven

**Grasshopper Warblers**, 1 May, a **Stonechat**, 2 May, two **White Wagtails** and four **Yellow Wagtails**, 3 May and two **Ring Ouzels**, 4 May. Nearby at Oulton Marshes passerines recorded on 30 April included a **Yellow Wagtail**, a **Grasshopper Warbler**, three **Cuckoos**, a **Stonechat** and a **Cetti's Warbler**. Two **Yellow Wagtails** were present at Flixton GP, 30 April, two **Wheatears** at Haddiscoe Island, 1 May and two late **Fieldfares** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 4 May. **Cuckoos** were noted at Lopham Fen and Redgrave Fen, 30 April, Flixton GP, 1 May, North Cove, 2 May, St James South Elmham, 4 May and Weybread GP, 6 May, **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (two) and Redgrave Fen, 30 April and **Kingfishers** at Weybread GP, 30 April and Beccles, 1 May.

Finally, Carlton Marshes also hosted two **Garganeys**, 30 April and three **Little Egrets**, 5 May.

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## 7 to 13 May 2017

A male and a female **Red-footed Falcon** flew over Carlton Marshes late morning on 10 May. Other raptor highlights included a male **Hen Harrier** which flew east over Worlingham Marshes, 7 May, **Red Kites** at Carlton Marshes, 10 May and Belton, 13 May, **Hobbies** at Redgrave and Lopham Fen (six) and Outney Common, Bungay, 7 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 10 May, North Cove, 11 May and Oulton Marshes and St Olaves, 13 May and **Peregrines** at Carlton Marshes, 8 May and North Cove, 11 May. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 13 May and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, 13 May.

A **Temminck's Stint** was present at Carlton Marshes, 9 and 10 May. Other waders at Carlton Marshes included nine **Whimbrels**, a **Grey Plover**, a **Turnstone**, a **Green Sandpiper** and a **Redshank**, 7 May, two **Common Sandpipers**, 8 May, a **Spotted Redshank**, 9 May, 17 **Black-tailed Godwits**, a **Curlew** and a **Dunlin**, 10 May, seven **Ringed Plovers** and two **Greenshanks**, 11 May, a **Little Ringed Plover**, 12 May and two **Avocets**, 13 May. Elsewhere, a **Ringed Plover** and a **Common Sandpiper** were present at Redgrave Fen, 7 May, four **Greenshanks** and two **Redshanks** at Burgh Castle and a **Redshank** at Beccles Marshes, 9 May, a **Whimbrel** at North Cove, 11 May and a **Common Sandpiper** at Oulton Marshes, 13 May.

**Cranes** were noted flying over Redgrave and Lopham Fen (three), 7 May and Carlton Marshes (three), 10 May, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 7 May, Herringfleet Marshes, 8 May and Beccles Marshes, 9 May.

The first **Spotted Flycatcher** of the year was present at Carlton Marshes, 13 May. A **Whinchat** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 7 May and a male **Blue-headed Wagtail** at the same site on 13 May. **Yellow Wagtails** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three), 7 May and Oulton Marshes, 11 May, with two **Grey Wagtails** at Weybread Mill, 13 May. **Cuckoos** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 8 May, Carlton Marshes (two) and St Olaves, 12 May and Oulton Marshes, 13 May, **Grasshopper Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (five), 9 May and Oulton Marshes, 13 May and **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes and Worlingham Marshes, 7 May, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 8 May, North Cove, 11 May and Oulton Marshes and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 13 May. Two **Bearded Tits** were seen at Oulton Marshes, 13 May.

Finally, a male **Garganey** was present at Carlton Marshes and a **White-fronted Goose** at Burgh Castle, 9 May.

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## 14 to 20 May 2017

A **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 15 May and a **Grasshopper Warbler** was heard at the same site on 17 May. **Yellow Wagtails** were recorded at Oulton Marshes (two), 14 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 15 May and Burgh Castle, 16 May; **Cuckoos** at Lopham Fen (three), 14 May, Carlton Marshes (four), 19 May and Herringfleet Marshes (two), Geldeston Marshes and St Olaves, 20 May; **Bearded Tits** at Burgh Castle, 19 May and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 20 May and **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 14 May, Carlton Marshes (four) and Burgh Castle, 19 May and Herringfleet Marshes (three) and Geldeston Marshes, 20 May. Two **Stonechats** were noted at Carlton Marshes and a **Kingfisher** at Somerleyton Marshes, 20 May.

**Hobbies** were seen at Redgrave Fen (five), 15 May and Carlton Marshes (three), 20 May. A **Peregrine** was roosting on St Mary's Church tower, Bungay, 16 May and two **Red Kites** flew over Beccles, 18 May. **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three) and Burgh Castle, 19 May and Redenhall, 20 May.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Whimbrels**, 15 May, a **Wood Sandpiper**, a **Greenshank** and a **Little Ringed Plover**, 16 May, an **Avocet** and six **Redshanks**, 19 May and 26 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 20 May, while at Burgh Castle, seven **Whimbrels**, seven **Avocets** and two **Greenshanks** were present on 15 May and a **Curlew** on 20 May.

A **White Stork**, presumably of captive origin, flew over Redenhall on 16 May. Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Lopham Fen, 14 May, Carlton Marshes, 16 May and Burgh Castle (five) and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 20 May.

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## 21 to 27 May 2017

A **Ring Ouzel** was seen at Lopham Fen, 24 May. **Turtle Doves** were recorded at Thorpe Abbots and Weybread GP, 24 May and **Spotted Flycatchers** at Beccles Common (two), 22 May and Worlingham Sewage Works, 27 May. Two **Yellow Wagtails** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 21 May and **Grey Wagtails** at Somerleyton Hall (two), 21 May and Weybread Mill (two), 24 May. **Cuckoos** were noted at St Olaves, 21 May and Carlton Marshes (four), Lopham Fen (three) and Oulton Marshes, 24 May; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Lopham Fen, 24 May and Carlton Marshes (two), 26 May; **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen (two), Blundeston Marshes, Burgh Castle and Somerleyton Marshes, 21 May, Oulton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 24 May and Worlingham Marshes, 26 May and **Bearded Tits** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 22 May, Oulton Marshes (two), 24 May and Lopham Fen (two), 25 May. A pair of **Stonechats** was feeding young at Carlton Marshes, 22 May and a second pair has bred at Oulton Marshes this spring.

A **Spoonbill** was present at Carlton Marshes, 27 May and a **Little Egret**, was noted at the same site on 25 May.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included seven **Ringed Plovers**, 22 May, a **Wood Sandpiper** and 35 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 25 May and a **Dunlin**, 27 May, while two **Avocets** were seen at Burgh Castle, 21 May.

**Hobbies** were recorded at Somerleyton (two), Carlton Marshes, Redenhall and St Olaves, 21 May, Beccles, 22 May, Lopham Fen (two), 24 May and Oulton Marshes (two), 26 May. A **Red Kite** and five **Buzzards** flew over Carlton Marshes, 21 May, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 24 May and Lopham Fen (two), 25 May.

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## 28 to 3 June 2017

A first-summer **Night Heron** was seen in flight at Carlton Marshes during the evening of 31 May, with a **Cattle Egret** briefly present on the scrape at the same site on the previous day and two **Spoonbills** present there on 3 June, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 28 May and Carlton Marshes (two), 30 May. A pair of **Garganey** was also present at Carlton Marshes on 30 May.

A **Turtle Dove** was seen at Wortham, 30 May and a pair of **Spotted Flycatchers** at Brockdish, 2 June. Eight **Yellow Wagtails** were recorded at Burgh Castle, 1 June and two **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 2 June. **Cuckoos** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 28 May, St Olaves, 1 June and Carlton Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen (three), 2 June and **Cetti's Warbler** at Oulton Marshes, 28 May, 12 were singing along the river between Beccles and Burgh St Peter, 29 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 1 June and Lopham Fen, 2 June.

Single **Red Kites** flew over Beccles Common, 30 May and Thorpe Abbots, 2 June and a **Hobby** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 1 June. **Barn Owls** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 28 May and Carlton Marshes, 1 June.

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## 4 to 10 June 2017

**Spotted Flycatchers** were seen at Worlingham Marshes, 8 June and Beccles Common (two), 10 June. A **Yellow Wagtail** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 4 June and a **Grey Wagtail** at Worlingham Marshes, 8 June. **Cuckoos** were noted at Carlton Marshes (four), Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 4 June; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Oulton Marshes, 4 June and Carlton Marshes, 9 June; **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes (two), Lopham Fen (two) and Oulton Marshes, 4 June, Carlton Marshes (five), 9 June and Somerleyton Marshes, 10 June and **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (two) and Herringfleet Marshes, 4 June.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included 25 **Black-tailed Godwits** and five **Redshanks**, 4 June and a **Green Sandpiper**, 10 June, while two **Avocets** and a **Redshank** were present at nearby Oulton Marshes, 4 June. A **Little Egret** was noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 4 June.

**Hobbies** were recorded at Lopham Fen (two), Carlton Marshes and St Olaves, 4 June and Worlingham Marshes, 8 June, **Red Kites** flew over Beccles, 4 June and Billingford, 10

June and **Barn Owls** were noted at Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 4 June and Carlton Marshes (three), 9 June.

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## 11 to 17 June 2017

**Hobbies** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 12 June, Oulton Marshes, 14 June and Lopham Fen (two), 15 June. **Red Kites** were recorded at Beccles and Oulton Marshes/Carlton Marshes/Barnby, 14 June and Geldeston and Somerleyton, 17 June and a **Peregrine** was perched on St Mary's Church tower, Bungay, 13 June. **Barn Owls** were noted at Carlton Marshes (three), 12 June, Gillingham Marshes, 15 June, Oulton Marshes, 16 June and St James South Elmham, 17 June.

A **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** and three **Spotted Flycatchers** were seen at St James South Elmham, 15 June. Two **Yellow Wagtails** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 12 June and three **Bearded Tits** and a **Kingfisher** at Lopham Fen, 15 June. **Cuckoos** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), 12 June and Lopham Fen, 15 June and **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (two), 12 June and Herringfleet Marshes, 17 June.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included three **Redshanks**, 12 June and a **Spotted Redshank**, 11 **Black-tailed Godwits** and two **Green Sandpipers**, 15 June. Finally, two **Little Egrets** were present at Redgrave Fen, 14 June.

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## 18 to 24 June 2017

A **Turtle Dove** was seen at St James South Elmham, 21 June, a **Spotted Flycatcher** at Beccles Common, 24 June and two **Yellow Wagtails** at Carlton Marshes, 18 June. **Cuckoos** were noted at Lopham Fen, 21 June, Carlton Marshes (three), 22 June and North Cove, 24 June, **Grasshopper Warblers** at Oulton Marshes (two), 18 June and Carlton Marshes (two), 21 June and **Cetti's Warblers** at Oulton Marshes, 18 June and Carlton Marshes (three), 20 June.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Curlew** and four **Redshanks**, 20 June and two **Spotted Redshanks** and 11 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 22 June. A **Redshank** was noted at Oulton Marshes, 18 June and a **Green Sandpiper** at Flixton GP, 24 June. A **Bittern** flew high east over Peto's Marsh, Carlton Colville, 20 June and three **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 19 June.

**Hobbies** were seen at Oulton Marshes, 21 June, Carlton Marshes and Waveney Forest, Fritton, 23 June and Bressingham, 24 June, **Red Kites** at Carlton Marshes, 22 June and Beccles and Waveney Forest, 23 June and Herringfleet Marshes, 24 June and a **Peregrine** at Flixton GP, 24 June. **Barn Owls** were reported from Oulton Marshes (three), Belton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 18 June and Carlton Marshes (two), 20 June.

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## 25 June to 1 July 2017

A male **Red-backed Shrike** was present at Burgh Castle Marshes, 25 and 26 June. Two **Turtle Doves** were seen at Weybread GP and a **Grey Wagtail** at nearby Weybread Mill, 25 June and two **Cetti's Warblers** at Burgh Castle, 26 June. **Spotted Flycatchers** were



recorded at Weybread Mill (two), 25 June and Beccles Common, 28 June, **Cuckoos** at Carlton Marshes (two), 25 June and Oulton Marshes, 26 June and **Kingfishers** at Weybread Mill, 25 June and Earsham, 28 June.

A **Red Kite** and a **Hobby** were seen at Earsham, 28 June, while five **Hobbies** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 26 June. **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two), 29 June and Flixton (near Bungay), 1 July.

Notable waders included two **Curlews** at Burgh Castle, 26 June, two **Green Sandpipers** at Earsham, 28 June and four **Black-tailed Godwits** and a **Curlew** at Carlton Marshes, 29 June. Finally, **Little Egrets** were seen at Weybread, 25 June, Redgrave Fen, 26 June, Earsham (five), 28 June and Carlton Marshes (three), 29 June.

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## 2 to 8 July 2017

A **Spoonbill** flew high north-east over Castle Marsh, North Cove, 5 July and three **Little Egrets** were present at Carlton Marshes, 8 July.

A **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at Beccles, 2 July and a pair was feeding three young in a club member's garden at St James South Elmham, 5 July. A **Grasshopper Warbler** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 2 July, two **Cuckoos** at Carlton Marshes, 3 July, a **Kingfisher** at Oulton Marshes, 4 July and two unseasonable **Siskins** at Ditchingham and two **Bearded Tits** at Carlton Marshes, 8 July. **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 3 July and Oulton Marshes, 4 July and **Stonechats** at Lopham Fen (adult and two juveniles) and Oulton Marshes, 4 July.

**Hobbies** were seen at Belton and Carlton Marshes, 2 July, **Red Kites** at Billingford, 2 July and Ellingham, 3 July and **Barn Owls** at Lopham Fen and St James South Elmham, 4 July and Carlton Marshes (three), 6 July.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Black-tailed Godwits** and two **Redshanks**, 3 July, three **Green Sandpipers**, 5 July and a **Ruff**, 6 July.

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## 9 to 15 July 2017

Single **Hobbies** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 9 July, Worlingham Marshes, 10 July, Beccles Marshes, 11 July, Somerleyton Marshes, 14 July and Flixton GP and Redgrave Fen, 15 July. **Barn Owls** were noted at Carlton Marshes and Wortwell, 9 July, Worlingham Marshes, 10 July and Mettingham (three) and Outney Common, Bungay, 15 July.

Waders at Flixton GP included a **Ringed Plover**, two **Common Sandpipers** and eight **Green Sandpipers**, 9 July, while three **Redshanks** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 10 July and a **Whimbrel** flew over Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 12 July. **Little Egrets** were present at Carlton Marshes (two), 9 July and Redgrave Fen the following day.

**Spotted Flycatchers** were recorded at Beccles Common (two), 13 July and Mettingham (two), 15 July. A juvenile **Cuckoo** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 12 July, **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes (six), 14 July and Carlton Marshes, 15 July and a **Kingfisher** at Redgrave Fen, 15 July.

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## 16 to 22 July 2017

**Yellow Wagtails** were recorded at Burgh Castle (ten) and Carlton Marshes and two nesting pairs of **Spotted Flycatchers** at Beccles, 20 July. A juvenile **Cuckoo** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 22 July, with a **Grasshopper Warbler** and a **Kingfisher** noted at the same site on 18 July.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a juvenile **Little Ringed Plover**, 16 July, a **Greenshank**, three **Black-tailed Godwits** and six **Green Sandpipers**, 20 July, two **Wood Sandpipers**, 21 July and three **Common Sandpipers**, two **Curlews**, two **Dunlins** and four **Redshanks**, Carlton Marshes, 22 July. Elsewhere, five **Green Sandpipers** were present at Earsham GP, 17 July and calling **Whimbrels** flew over Bungay, 18 July and Oulton, 22 July.

**Hobbies** were reported from St James South Elmham, 17 July, Carlton Marshes (two), 20 July, Somerleyton, 21 July and Diss (two), 22 July, with three **Barn Owls** noted at Carlton Marshes, 20 July.

Finally, three **Little Egrets** were present at Carlton Marshes, 18 July.

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## 23 to 29 July 2017

Waders at Carlton Marshes included four **Wood Sandpipers**, ten **Black-tailed Godwits** and a **Redshank**, 23 July, a **Greenshank**, a juvenile **Little Ringed Plover**, three **Green Sandpipers** and three **Common Sandpipers**, 24 July and a **Ruff** and four **Dunlin**, 25 July. A **Black-tailed Godwit** and three **Green Sandpipers** were present at Earsham GP, 24 July and three **Green Sandpipers** at nearby Flixton GP, 28 July.

A **Peregrine** was roosting on St Mary's Church, Bungay, 23 July and a **Hobby** was seen at Oulton Marshes and three **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 28 July.

A pair of **Spotted Flycatchers** was recorded at Beccles Common, 23 July.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 23 July and Redgrave Fen, 27 July.

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## 30 July to 5 August 2017

Waders at Carlton Marshes included three **Green Sandpipers**, 30 July, seven **Black-tailed Godwits**, a **Common Sandpiper** and two **Dunlin**, 2 August and an adult **Little Ringed Plover**, 3 August. Elsewhere, four **Green Sandpipers** and two **Common Sandpipers** were present at Flixton GP, a **Green Sandpiper** and a **Redshank** at Earsham GP and a **Curlew** at Fritton Marshes, 4 August.

A **Spotted Flycatcher** was noted at Ditchingham, 31 July, a **Cuckoo** at Beccles Common, 2 August and a **Grasshopper Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 5 August. **Stonechats** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (four), 31 July and Fritton Marshes (two), 4 August and **Kingfishers** at Redgrave Fen, 4 August and Carlton Marshes, 5 August.

**Hobbies** were seen at Lopham Fen, 31 July and Waveney Forest, Fritton, 4 August and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 30 July and Lopham Fen, 31 July.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were present at Carlton Marshes (three), 30 July and Redgrave Fen, 4 August.

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### 6 to 12 August 2017

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Greenshank**, three **Black-tailed Godwits**, two **Green Sandpipers**, a **Common Sandpiper**, a juvenile **Little Ringed Plover**, two **Dunlin** and three **Redshanks**, 6 August, while two **Black-tailed Godwits**, six **Green Sandpipers** and a **Common Sandpiper** were present at Earsham GP, 11 August.

A **Peregrine** was seen at Belton, 6 August and a **Red Kite** at Ellingham, 11 August, while **Barn Owls** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 8 August, Carlton Marshes, 10 August.

A **Grasshopper Warbler** was recorded at Carlton Marshes and a **Kingfisher** at St Olaves, 6 August and two **Cetti's Warblers** at Burgh Castle, 12 August.

Finally, a **Little Egret** was present at Carlton Marshes, 6 August.

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### 13 to 19 August 2017

Single **Hobbies** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 16 August and Worlingham, 19 August, while two **Barn Owls** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 13 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included three **Redshanks**, 13 August, a **Little Ringed Plover**, 14 August, three **Greenshanks** and seven **Black-tailed Godwits**, 16 August and two **Ruffs**, five **Green Sandpipers** and three **Dunlin**, 17 August. Elsewhere, two **Green Sandpipers** were present at Earsham GP and one **Common Sandpiper** at Redgrave Fen, 15 August.

A juvenile **Cuckoo** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 15 August.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two) and Redgrave Fen, 15 August.

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### 20 to 27 August 2017

A **Whinchat** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 24 August, while other noteworthy sightings at Carlton Marshes included a **Yellow Wagtail**, 23 August and a **Cetti's Warbler** and two **Kingfishers**, 25 August. **Kingfishers** were also noted at Ellingham Mill, 20 August, Beccles Marshes (three), 22 August and Redgrave Fen, 23 August.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Greenshank**, five **Black-tailed Godwits** and five **Green Sandpipers**, 23 August and three **Common Sandpipers**, 24 August. Elsewhere, **Green Sandpipers** were present at Flixton GP (eight) and Earsham GP, 21 August and

Lopham Fen, 26 August and a **Common Sandpiper** was seen at Redgrave Fen, 23 August.

Single **Hobbies** were recorded Carlton Marshes, 25 August and Lopham Fen the following day.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 20 August and Redgrave Fen, 23 August.

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## 27 August to 2 September 2017

A **Tree Pipit** was an unusual record for Carlton Marshes, 2 September. Carlton Marshes also hosted a **Yellow Wagtail**, 30 August and seven **Whinchats** and a Wheatear, 31 August. **Kingfishers** were recorded at Weybread GP, 28 August, Carlton Marshes, 31 August and Beccles Marshes (three), 2 September.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Common Sandpiper**, 27 August, two **Green Sandpipers**, 29 August, a **Ringed Plover**, 30 August, four **Ruffs**, two **Greenshanks** and two **Dunlin**, 31 August and 15 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 15 **Snipe**, 1 September. **Green Sandpipers** were also present at Earsham GP (five) and Lopham Fen, 27 August.

Raptor sightings included two **Hobbies** and a **Marsh Harrier** at Carlton Marshes and a **Peregrine** at Worlingham, 2 September, with a **Marsh Harrier** also seen at Beccles Marshes, 1 September. **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 27 August and Beccles Marshes, 1 September.

Finally, two **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 31 August.

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## 3 to 9 September 2017

**Whinchats** were present at Carlton Marshes (four), 3 September and Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe (three), 6 September, with single **Stonechats** noted at Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 3 September. Three **Grey Wagtails** were seen at Worlingham sewage works, 3 September and **Kingfishers** were reported from North Cove (two), 5 September and Carlton Marshes, 6 September.

A **Garganey** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 3 September.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Common Sandpiper**, 3 September and a **Wood Sandpiper**, seven **Ruffs**, 12 **Black-tailed Godwits**, two **Dunlin** and two **Redshanks**, 5 September. A **Greenshank** was present at Oulton Marshes, 3 September and a flock of 100 **Golden Plovers** was seen along Marsh Lane, Worlingham, 6 September.

Raptors included **Hobbies** at Carlton Marshes (two), 3 September, Oulton Marshes, 4 September, St Olaves (two), 5 September and Somerleyton, 9 September, **Peregrines** at Oulton, 6 September and Somerleyton, 9 September and **Marsh Harriers** at Carlton Marshes (four), 3 September and Oulton Marshes, 4 September. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 8 September, with a **Barn Owl** noted at the same site the following day.

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## 10 to 16 September 2017

A juvenile **Honey Buzzard** was seen at Carlton and Oulton Marshes early morning on 12 September. Also at Carlton Marshes, a **Hobby** was noted on 10 September, three **Marsh Harriers** on 12 September and a **Barn Owl** on 13 September. Single **Hobbies** were also seen at Beccles and Herringfleet, 14 September.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a juvenile **Curlew Sandpiper**, a **Black-tailed Godwit**, 14 **Snipe**, 15 September and a **Ringed Plover** and eight **Dunlin**, 16 September. Elsewhere, a **Greenshank** and a **Green Sandpiper** were present at Redgrave Fen, 11 September and a **Green Sandpiper** at Oulton Marshes, 14 September.

A **Wheatear** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 12 September. Late-staying summer visitors included a **Whitethroat** at Worlingham, 10 September, a **Swift** at Carlton Marshes, 12 September, a **Lesser Whitethroat** and a **Sedge Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 15 September and a **Willow Warbler**, also at Carlton Marshes, 16 September. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Diss Mere, 16 September and **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (two), 14 September, Carlton Marshes (12), 15 September and Lopham Fen (two), 16 September and **Cetti's Warblers** at Herringfleet Marshes, 14 September, Somerleyton Marshes, 15 September and Lopham Fen (two) and Redgrave Fen, 16 September. A **Kingfisher** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 15 September.

**Bitterns** were seen at Oulton Marshes, 12 September and Carlton Marshes, 16 September, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Herringfleet Marshes, 14 September and Carlton Marshes (two) and Redgrave Fen, 16 September.

A group of six **Pink-footed Geese** flew over Carlton Marshes, 16 September.

Finally, the corpse of a freshly dead **Manx Shearwater** was found on a road at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 14 September.

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## 17 to 23 September 2017

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a juvenile **Curlew Sandpiper**, a **Black-tailed Godwit** and nine **Dunlin**, 17 September, seven **Ringed Plovers**, 21 September and four **Ruffs**, 22 September. Elsewhere, five **Curlews** were noted at Burgh Castle, 23 September.

**Hobbies** were present at Carlton Marshes, 19 September and St Olaves, 21 September and two **Marsh Harriers** at Carlton Marshes, 17 September. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 18 September, with a **Barn Owl** noted at the same site on 21 September.

A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Worlingham and three late **Reed Warblers** and a **Stonechat** at Carlton Marshes, 17 September. **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (seven), 17 September and Burgh Castle (two), 23 September and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 17 September, Redgrave Fen, 23 September.

Finally, a **Little Egret** was present at Carlton Marshes, 17 September.

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## 24 to 30 September 2017

The star waders were three **Little Stints** at Carlton Marshes, 30 September, while other waders present at this site included seven **Ringed Plovers**, two **Dunlin** and 12 **Snipe**, 24 September and 20 **Ruffs**, three **Black-tailed Godwits**, two **Green Sandpipers** and 21 **Snipe**, 30 September. A **Green Sandpiper** was noted at Redgrave Fen, 25 September.

Passerine highlights included a **Yellow-browed Warbler** at Burgh Castle, 30 September and a **Tree Pipit**, two **Whinchats** and two **Lesser Redpolls** at Carlton Marshes, 30 September. Two **Stonechats** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 25 September, while **Bearded Tits** were noted at Lopham Fen (four), 25 September and Carlton Marshes (five), 30 September, **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen (two) and Redgrave Fen, 25 September and Carlton Marshes (eight), 30 September and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes, 25 September and Carlton Marshes (two), 30 September.

Raptors included three **Hobbies** at Carlton Marshes, 27 September and **Marsh Harriers** at Fritton Marshes, 24 September, Lopham Fen, 25 September and Carlton Marshes (two), 30 September. A **Barn Owl** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 28 September.

A **Bittern** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 30 September, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Fritton Marshes (two), 24 September and Carlton Marshes (two), 25 September.

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## 1 to 7 October 2017

Two **Little Stints** remained at Carlton Marshes, 1 October, while other waders at this site included three **Ruffs**, three **Ringed Plovers**, three **Black-tailed Godwits** and two **Dunlin**, 14 **Snipe**, 1 October and a **Grey Plover** flew over on 5 October. Elsewhere, four **Curlews** were noted at Belton Marshes, 1 October and 20 **Avocets**, 70 **Curlews**, a **Black-tailed Godwit**, 11 **Ringed Plovers** and 20 **Dunlin** at Burgh Castle, 3 October.

A **Richard's Pipit** was reported at Belton Marshes, 1 October. A **Yellow-browed Warbler**, a **Firecrest** and two **Willow Warblers** were seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton and a **Rock Pipit** at Belton Marshes, 1 October and a **Tree Pipit** flew south over Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, 3 October. **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at Thorpe Marshes, 3 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 6 October; **Bearded Tits** at Belton Marshes (49), 1 October, Thorpe Marshes, 3 October and Carlton Marshes (four) and Herringfleet Marshes, 6 October; **Cetti's Warblers** at Belton Marshes (two), 1 October, Carlton Marshes (four), 2 October, Thorpe Marshes (two), 3 October and Oulton Marshes, 5 October; **Stonechats** at Thorpe Marshes, 3 October, Oulton Marshes (two), 5 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 7 October and **Kingfishers** at Belton Marshes (two), 1 October and Carlton Marshes, 6 October.

A **Great White Egret** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 2 October, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Belton Marshes (nine) and Fritton Marshes, 1 October, Burgh Castle (two), 3 October, Oulton Marshes, 5 October and Carlton Marshes (two), 6 October.

Raptors included a **Red Kite** at Fritton Marshes, 1 October, **Peregrines** at Belton Marshes, 1 October and Burgh Castle, 3 October and a **Merlin** at Thorpe Marshes, 3 October. **Hobbies** were recorded at Waveney Forest (four) and St Olaves, 1 October and **Marsh Harriers** at Belton Marshes (nine), Fritton Marshes (three), St Olaves, 1 October,

Thorpe Marshes (six), Burgh Castle, 3 October and Carlton Marshes (three), 7 October. A **Short-eared Owl** was seen at Thorpe Marshes, 3 October and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two) and Haddiscoe Marshes, 1 October.

Finally, a flock of 60 **Pink-footed Geese** flew south at St Olaves, 7 October.

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## 8 to 14 October 2017

**Yellow-browed Warblers** were seen at Burgh Castle, 10 October and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 14 October. There was a significant arrival of **Redwings** on 8 October, with 150 over Carlton Marshes, 37 west at Worlingham, 18 at St Olaves and 12 west at Beccles Common. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Redgrave Fen, 9 October and four late **Swallows** at Fritton, five **Stonechats** at Carlton Marshes and a **Kingfisher** at Belton Marshes, 13 October. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (15), 8 October and Belton Marshes (ten), 13 October.

**Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Blundeston (60 flew west) and Carlton Marshes (nine flew over), 8 October and Somerleyton Marshes (300 flew west), 12 October. Waders included 28 **Snipe** at Carlton Marshes, 8 October, three **Green Sandpipers** at St James South Elmham, 12 October and two **Woodcock**, two **Curlews** and 19 **Snipe** at Belton Marshes, 13 October.

**Marsh Harriers** were noted at Belton Marshes (12), 13 October and Carlton Marshes (five), 14 October, with a **Barn Owl** reported from St James South Elmham, 12 October.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were present at Redgrave Fen, 9 October and Belton Marshes (12), 13 October.

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## 15 to 21 October 2017

The first **Hawfinches** from a major national influx reached the valley on 15 October, with one noted over Haddiscoe Island and it, or another, flew south over nearby Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe. Further notable passerines recorded at Haddiscoe Island on 15 October included two **Lapland Buntings**, a **Wheatear**, a **Reed Warbler**, four **Water Pipits**, six **Rock Pipits**, 197 **Bearded Tits** and eight **Stonechats**. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Oulton and two **Water Pipits** at Carlton Marshes, 15 October, a **Brambling** at St Olaves, 19 October and a late **House Martin** at Carlton Marshes, 21 October. **Stonechats** were noted at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe (two), 15 October and Carlton Marshes (four), 21 October; **Bearded Tits** at Burgh Castle, 19 October and Carlton Marshes (five), 21 October; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes, 15 October and Herringfleet Marshes (five), 17 October and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 15 October.

A **Jack Snipe**, a **Little Stint**, two **Greenshanks** and three **Green Sandpipers** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 15 October.

Raptors included a **Hen Harrier** and two **Peregrines** at Haddiscoe Island, 15 October, with a further **Peregrine** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 20 October, while **Marsh Harriers**

were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 17 October, Somerleyton Marshes, 19 October and Carlton Marshes (three), 21 October. Two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 15 October.

Finally, a **Little Egret** was present at Carlton Marshes, 21 October.

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## 22 to 28 October 2017

A **Great Grey Shrike** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 27 October. At nearby Carlton Marshes, the first **Fieldfare** of the autumn was recorded on 23 October, along with 40 **Bearded Tits**, and a **Ring Ouzel**, two **Water Pipits** and five **Stonechats**, 25 October and a **Brambling** and ten **Cetti's Warblers**, 26 October. Elsewhere, a **Brambling** and seven **Lesser Redpolls** were noted at Lopham Fen, 24 October, a **Grey Wagtail** at Diss Mere, 23 October, **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen (three) and Redgrave Fen (two), 24 October and Oulton Marshes (five), 26 October, **Stonechats** at Lopham Fen, 24 October and Oulton Marshes (two), 26 October, **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (two) and Redgrave Fen (two), 24 October and a **Kingfisher** at Redgrave Fen, 24 October.

The first **Whooper Swans** of the autumn were recorded at Beccles (five flew west), 23 October and St Olaves (six flew north), 24 October and 50 **Pink-footed Geese** flew west at Earsham, 25 October. A flock of 300 **Golden Plovers** was present off Ellough Road, Worlingham, 23 October and four **Black-tailed Godwits** at Carlton Marshes, 27 October. **Bitterns** were seen at North Cove, 22 October and Oulton Marshes, 26 October and two **Little Egrets** were present at Redgrave Fen, 24 October.

A **Peregrine** was seen at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 23 October, two **Marsh Harriers** at Carlton Marshes, 25 October and three **Short-eared Owls** at Oulton Marshes, 26 October.

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## 29 October to 4 November 2017

Notable passerines recorded at Carlton Marshes included five **Water Pipits** and 11 **Cetti's Warblers**, 30 October, 18 **Bearded Tits**, 31 October and eight **Lesser Redpolls** and five **Stonechats**, 1 November. Elsewhere, a **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Ellingham Mill, 29 October, two **Cetti's Warblers** at Haddiscoe Island, 1 November, 30 **Siskins** at Blundeston, 2 November, **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes (two), 31 October, Haddiscoe Island, 1 November and Lopham Fen (two), 3 November and **Bearded Tits** at Haddiscoe Island (12) and Burgh Castle (two), 1 November. **Kingfishers** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 1 November and Carlton Marshes the following day.

A **Great White Egret** was present at Carlton Marshes, 1 November and a **Bittern** at Oulton Marshes, 3 November, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Burgh Castle (three) and Haddiscoe Island (two), 1 November and Carlton Marshes (two) and Lopham Fen (two), 3 November.

**Hen Harriers** were seen at Carlton Marshes (male), 30 October, Fritton Marshes (ringtail), 31 October and Haddiscoe Island, 1 November and **Marsh Harriers** at Carlton Marshes (three), Haddiscoe Island (two) and Burgh Castle, 1 November.



Waders included a **Woodcock** at Carlton Marshes, 31 October, 15 **Black-tailed Godwits**, two **Curlews**, ten **Redshanks** and 20 **Dunlin** at Burgh Castle and two **Curlews** at Haddiscoe Island, 1 November and 28 **Snipe** and a **Redshank** at Carlton Marshes, 3 November.

Finally, **Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three), 29 October, Ashby (500) and Blundeston (60), 30 October.

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## 5 to 11 November 2017

Single **Bramblings** were seen at Redgrave Fen, 6 November and Ditchingham, 9 November, a **Lesser Redpoll** at North Cove SWT reserve, 10 November and three **Water Pipits** at Carlton Marshes, 11 November. **Stonechats** were recorded at Fritton Marshes, 5 November, Castle Marsh, North Cove, 6 November and Carlton Marshes (four), 11 November; **Cetti's Warbler** at Lopham Fen, 5 November, Castle Marsh (two) and Redgrave Fen, 6 November, Herringfleet Marshes, 10 November and Oulton Marshes (six), 11 November; **Bearded Tits** at Fritton Marshes (two), 5 November, Lopham Fen (five) and Castle Marsh (two), 6 November and Carlton Marshes (six), 11 November and **Kingfishers** at Lopham Fen, 5 November and Burgh Castle (two), 11 November. Also of note was a pre-roost count of 100 **Pied Wagtails** at Lopham Fen, 5 November.

Raptor highlights included a **Peregrine** at Castle Marsh, 6 November, a ringtail **Hen Harrier** at Haddiscoe Island, 8 November and a **Red Kite** at Lopham Fen, 11 November. **Marsh Harriers** were reported from Lopham Fen (three), 5 November, Castle Marsh (two), 6 November, Haddiscoe Island (two), 8 November and Burgh Castle and Oulton Marshes, 11 November and **Barn Owls** from Lopham Fen, 5 November, Haddiscoe Island, 8 November and Burgh Castle and Oulton Marshes, 11 November.

**Bitterns** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 8 November and Oulton Marshes, 11 November and **Little Egrets** at Castle Marsh, 6 November (two), Lopham Fen, 9 November and Burgh Castle, 11 November.

**Woodcock** were noted at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 5 November, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 6 November and Burgh Castle, 11 November and a flock of 300 **Golden Plovers** was present by Ellough Road, Worlingham and a **Redshank** at Castle Marsh, 6 November.

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## 12 to 18 November 2017

A **Hawfinch** was seen in a garden at Beccles, 17 November, while a female **Ring-necked Parakeet** fed in gardens along Hall Road, Oulton, 14 and 15 November. A **Lesser Redpoll** was noted at North Cove SWT reserve, 12 November and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 16 November. **Stonechats** were recorded at Lopham Fen (two), 12 November, Carlton Marshes, 15 November and Oulton Marshes, 17 November, **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 15 November and Carlton Marshes, 16 November and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Quay (two), 12 November and Carlton Marshes, 16 November.

**Pink-footed Geese** were seen at Oulton Marshes (1000), 16 November and Somerleyton Marshes (60) and St Olaves (50), 18 November, **Little Egrets** at Carlton Marshes (three), 16 November and Blundeston Marshes, 18 November and a single **Black-tailed Godwit** was present at Carlton Marshes, 15 November.

**Marsh Harriers** were reported from Lopham Fen (two) and Carlton Marshes, 15 November and Haddiscoe Island (three), 17 November and **Barn Owls** from Haddiscoe Island (two) and Carlton Marshes, 17 November.

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## 19 to 25 November 2017

A ringtail **Hen Harrier** and a **Peregrine** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 19 November and a **Marsh Harrier** at Oulton Marshes, 25 November.

Two **Lesser Redpolls** were noted at Lopham Fen and a **Grey Wagtail** and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Redgrave Fen, 19 November. **Stonechats** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 19 November and Oulton Marshes (two), 25 November, **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 19 November and Carlton Marshes, 23 November and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Quay and Redgrave Fen, 19 November.

An impressive count of 265 **Snipe** was made at Carlton Marshes and a single **Ruff** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 19 November.

**Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (800), 19 November and Somerleyton Marshes (350), 21 November.

Finally, a **Little Egret** was seen at Lopham Fen, 19 November.

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## 26 November to 2 December 2017

A **Long-eared Owl** was roosting in St James South Elmham churchyard on 1 December and a **Barn Owl** was noted at Burgh Castle, 2 December. **Marsh Harriers** were reported from Burgh Castle (three), 29 November and Lopham Fen (two), 2 December.

A **Great White Egret** was present at Redgrave Fen, 2 December, while **Little Egrets** were seen at Burgh Castle, 29 November and Lopham Fen, 2 December.

Notable waders included a **Jack Snipe** at Roydon Fen, 28 November and two **Avocets**, 19 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 50 **Redshanks** and two **Dunlin** at Burgh Castle, 29 November.

The female **Ring-necked Parakeet** was seen again at Oulton, 28 November and three **Stonechats** and three **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 2 December. **Bearded Tits** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes (two), 26 November, Burgh Castle (two), 29 November and Lopham Fen (ten), 2 December and a **Kingfisher** at Herringfleet Marshes, 26 November.

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## 3 to 9 December 2017

A **Jack Snipe** and a **Woodcock** were seen at Roydon Fen, 6 December, with further **Woodcock** present at Oulton Marshes, 4 December and Fritton Marshes, 9 December and four **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 9 December.

A **Long-eared Owl** was again roosting in St James South Elmham churchyard on 3 December and **Barn Owls** were reported from Beccles Common and Oulton Marshes, 4 December, Somerleyton Marshes, 7 December and Carlton Marshes, 9 December. A **Peregrine** was seen at Fritton Marshes, 9 December and **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Somerleyton Marshes (two), 7 December, Lopham Fen (two), 8 December and Carlton Marshes (two), 9 December.

The female **Ring-necked Parakeet** was seen again at Oulton, 9 December. A **Water Pipit** was present at Carlton Marshes, a **Grey Wagtail** at Worlingham Marshes and 30 **Siskins** at Somerleyton, 9 December. Single **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at Redgrave Fen, 3 December and Somerleyton Marshes, 7 December and **Bearded Tits** at Oulton Marshes, 4 December and Carlton Marshes (four) and Fritton Marshes, 9 December. A **Cetti's Warbler** was noted at Oulton Marshes, 4 December and a **Kingfisher** at Worlingham Marshes, 9 December.

The **Great White Egret** first seen at Redgrave Fen last week was still present on 8 December, while **Little Egrets** were present at Worlingham Marshes (four) and Somerleyton, 9 December.

Finally, **Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Wheatacre Marshes (30), 7 December and Somerleyton (300), 9 December.

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## 10 to 16 December 2017

A **Merlin** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 15 December, three **Marsh Harriers** at Carlton Marshes, 14 December and a **Barn Owl** at Beccles Common, 16 December.

A male **Blackcap** was present in a garden along Ellough Road, Beccles, 12 December and a **Water Pipit** and a **Lesser Redpoll** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 14 December. **Stonechats** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, four **Bearded Tits** at Carlton Marshes and a **Kingfisher** at Oulton Marshes, 14 December.

A **Green Sandpiper** and five **Redshanks** were present at Carlton Marshes, 14 December and a **Little Egret** was noted at the same site on 11 December.

Finally, **Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Somerleyton Marshes (800 flew south), 13 December and St Olaves (70 flew south), 16 December.

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## 17 to 23 December 2017

Three **Water Pipits** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 23 December. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Beccles and two **Stonechats** at Carlton Marshes, 17 December. **Bearded Tits** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (four) and Lopham Fen, 19 December and Carlton Marshes (20), 21 December, **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen (two) and Herringfleet Marshes, 19 December and **Kingfishers** at Oulton Marshes, 18 December and Carlton Marshes, 20 December. A pre-roost count of 130 **Pied Wagtails** was made at Lopham Fen, 19 December.

A **Merlin** was seen at Belton Marshes, 22 December, **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 18 December, Lopham Fen, 19 December and Carlton Marshes (four), 22 December and a **Barn Owl** was noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 19 December.

Single **Woodcock** were seen at St Olaves, 18 December, Oulton Marshes, 19 December and Belton Marshes, 22 December, while at Carlton Marshes, a **Green Sandpiper** and three **Redshanks** were present on 20 December and 29 **Snipe** on 22 December.

**Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes (120), 19 December and Blundeston Marshes (1500), 22 December. Finally, two **Little Egrets** were present at Carlton Marshes, 17 December.

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## 24 to 30 December 2017

A **Hoopoe** was reported flying south over the river at Harleston, 30 December. Three **Water Pipits** and two **Stonechats** were noted at Carlton Marshes, a **Chiffchaff** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe and a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles, 24 December, a **Bearded Tit** at Lopham Fen, 25 December and a **Brambling** at St Olaves, 28 December. **Lesser Redpolls** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 24 December and St Olaves, 27 December. A pre-roost count of 4500 **Starlings** was made at Lopham Fen, 30 December.

A **Spotted Redshank** was seen at Burgh Castle, 24 December, while waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Green Sandpiper**, 24 December and a **Redshank**, 29 December.

**Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island (six), 28 December, Carlton Marshes, 29 December and Lopham Fen, 30 December and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 30 December.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 24 December and Lopham Fen, 25 December.

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## 31 December 2017 to 6 January 2018

Two **Whooper Swans** were present at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 1 January and a **Bewick's Swan** and 121 **Mute Swans** were seen at the same site on 6 January. Fly-over **Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Somerleyton (200), 1 January and Carlton Marshes (60), 3 January, with notable counts of 400 **Greylag Geese** and 200 **Wigeon** at Carlton/ Castle Marshes, 1 January and 120 **Teal** at Carlton Marshes, 2 January.

The regular **Great White Egret** was seen at Redgrave Fen from 31 December to 2 January at least, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two) and Lopham Fen, 1 January and Castle Marsh (two), 2 January.

A **Merlin** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 2 January and a **Peregrine** at nearby Oulton Marshes, 3 January, with **Marsh Harriers** reported from Lopham Fen (two), 1 January, Castle Marsh (two), 2 January and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (15) and Carlton Marshes (four), 3 January. **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Oulton Marshes (four) and Carlton Marshes, 5 January and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (four) and Lopham Fen, 1 January and Haddiscoe Island, 5 January.

Three **Water Pipits** were recorded at Carlton Marshes and three **Lesser Redpolls** at North Cove SWT reserve, 1 January. **Grey Wagtails** were noted at Beccles, 31 December and North Cove, 1 January; **Stonechats** at Lopham Fen, 1 January and Castle Marsh (four), Oulton Marshes (three) and Carlton Marshes (two), 6 January; **Bearded Tits** at Carlton Marshes (two), 1 January and Castle Marsh (two), 2 January; **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen, 31 December, Carlton Marshes, 2 January and Oulton Marshes (six), 6 January and **Kingfishers** at Lopham Fen, 31 December and Carlton Marshes (two), 1 January. A pre-roost count of 4250 **Starlings** was made at Lopham Fen, 1 January and a flock of 150 **Fieldfares** was noted at Oulton Marshes, 6 January.

Waders included a **Green Sandpiper** at Carlton Marshes and 3000 **Lapwings** at Oulton Marshes, 1 January, a **Redshank** and 20 **Snipe** at Carlton Marshes, 2 January and three **Woodcock** at Barsham Marshes, 3 January.