



# WBC Sightings Report 2018

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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.

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## 7 to 13 January 2018

The long-staying **Great White Egret** remained at Redgrave Fen throughout the week and **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (four) and Redgrave Fen, 7 January.

A group of seven **Bewick's Swans** circled Ocean Pit, Weybread before flying off east, 10 January, while a single **Brent Goose** was present at Carlton Marshes, 12 January and 360 **Pink-footed Geese** flew over St Olaves, 13 January. Notable counts of ducks included

250 **Teal** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 9 January, 122 **Tufted Ducks** at Weybread GP, 10 January and 200 **Wigeon** at Oulton Marshes, 11 January.

A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Beccles and five **Lesser Redpolls** at Carlton Marshes, 7 January, a **Nuthatch** at Lopham Fen, 9 January and a **Water Pipit** and a **Chiffchaff** at Carlton Marshes, 11 January. **Stonechats** were recorded at Castle Marsh (two), 7 January, Carlton Marshes, 9 January and Lopham Fen (two), 12 January; **Bearded Tits** at Carlton Marshes (two), Castle Marsh (two), 7 January and Lopham Fen, 13 January; **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes and Castle Marsh, 9 January and Oulton Marshes (three), 11 January and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 8 January, Weybread GP, 10 January and Oulton Marshes, 11 January. A pre-roost count of 1500 **Starlings** was made at Lopham Fen, 7 January.

**Marsh Harriers** were noted at Castle Marsh, 7 January, Carlton Marshes (two), 9 January, Oulton Marshes, 11 January and Lopham Fen, 13 January and a **Barn Owl** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 9 January.

Waders included 20 **Snipe** at Carlton Marshes, 7 January and two **Woodcocks** and 24 **Black-tailed Godwits** at North Cove and three **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 9 January.

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## 14 to 20 January 2018

A **Waxwing** was present along Mill Road, Burgh Castle, 14 January, while more unseasonable records involved a **Blackcap** in a garden at Beccles, 16 January and a **Chiffchaff** at Carlton Marshes, 20 January. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Beccles, 14 January and a **Brambling** at St Olaves and three **Lesser Redpolls** and 35 **Siskins** at Flixton (near Lowestoft), 20 January. **Water Pipits** were noted at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 14 January and Carlton Marshes (two), 17 January; **Stonechats** at Lopham Fen (two), Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 14 January and Carlton Marshes, 17 January; **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 14 January and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 16 January and **Kingfishers** at Fritton Lake, 15 January and Carlton Marshes, 20 January.

A **Rough-legged Buzzard** was seen at Haddiscoe Island and roosted at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 19 and 20 January. Other raptors included a **Red Kite** at Haddiscoe, 19 January and a ringtail **Hen Harrier** and a **Peregrine** at Haddiscoe Island, 20 January, while **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 14 January, Herringfleet (two), 16 January and Haddiscoe Island (seven) and Carlton Marshes (three), 20 January. Four **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 18 January, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Beccles Common and Lopham Fen, 14 January and Haddiscoe Island (five), 20 January.

The long-staying **Great White Egret** was present at Redgrave Fen, 14 January, with **Little Egrets** noted at Burgh Castle (two) and Oulton Marshes, 14 January. A count of 1100 **Cormorants** was made at the roost at Fritton Lake, 15 January.

A **Goosander** was present at Fritton Lake, 15 January. A count of 260 **Teal** was made at Burgh Castle, 14 January and a count of 235 **Wigeon** at Carlton and Oulton Marshes, 18 January. A **Brent Goose** was again seen at Carlton Marshes, 14 January, while **Pink-**

**footed Geese** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (eight flew west), 16 January, Carlton/Oulton Marshes (1500 flew over), 18 January and St Olaves (200 flew south-east), 20 January.

Waders at Burgh Castle on 14 January included an **Avocet**, 12 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 50 **Curlews** and 15 **Redshanks** and combined wader counts from Carlton and Oulton Marshes on 18 January included 49 **Snipe**, 32 **Dunlin** and five **Redshanks**.

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## 21 to 27 January 2018

A group of eight **Taiga Bean Geese** was present at Haddiscoe Island, 23 January, while 70 **Pink-footed Geese** flew north over St Olaves, 21 January. Two **Bewick's Swans** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 26 January and two escaped **Black Swans** at Gillingham Marshes, 23 January. A combined count of 310 **Wigeon** was made at Carlton and Oulton Marshes, 21 January.

The **Rough-legged Buzzard** was seen at Haddiscoe Island regularly throughout the week and roosted at Waveney Forest, Fritton. Other raptors noted at Haddiscoe Island during the week included a **Peregrine** and three **Barn Owls**, 21 January and five **Buzzards** and two **Short-eared Owls**, 22 January. Elsewhere, a **Red Kite** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 22 January, **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (four), 21 January, Lopham Fen (two), 25 January, Carlton Marshes (four), 26 January and Blundeston, 27 January and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 21 January and Lopham Fen (two) and Herringfleet Marshes, 25 January.

Waders at Haddiscoe Island included two **Green Sandpipers** and a **Redshank**, 21 January and a **Curlew**, 22 January. Elsewhere, a **Woodcock** was seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 22 January and a **Woodcock** and 11 **Snipe** were noted at Roydon Fen and a flock of 140 **Golden Plovers** was present at Carlton Marshes, 26 January. A combined count of 485 **Snipe** was made at Carlton and Oulton Marshes, 21 January. **Little Egrets** were noted at Oulton Marshes (two) and Blundeston Marshes, 21 January, Haddiscoe Island (six) and Redgrave Fen, 22 January and Carlton Marshes, 26 January.

A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Beccles, 21 January and a **Nuthatch** at Lopham Fen, 26 January. **Water Pipits** were noted at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (three), 21 January and Carlton Marshes, 26 January; **Lesser Redpolls** at Carlton Marshes (two), 26 January and Lopham Fen (four), 27 January; **Stonechats** at Lopham Fen, 25 January and Carlton Marshes, 26 January; **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (four) and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 21 January and Carlton Marshes (six), 26 January; **Cetti's Warblers** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 21 January, Herringfleet Marshes and Lopham Fen, 25 January and Carlton Marshes (seven), 26 January and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 26 January and Belton Marshes, 27 January. A count of 120 **Skylarks** was made at Carlton and Oulton Marshes, 21 January.

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## 28 January to 3 February 2018

A **Glossy Ibis** was seen in flooded fields at Burgh St Peter and also in flight over neighbouring Carlton Marshes, 30 January. A **Bittern** was recorded at Lopham Fen, 28 January, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Beccles Common and Earsham GP, 28

January, Lopham Fen, 29 January, Oulton Marshes, 30 January, Carlton Marshes, 31 January and Haddiscoe Island (eight), 2 February. A **Red-throated Diver** was seen on the river at Carlton Marshes, 30 January and 2 February.

A **Rough-legged Buzzard** was present daily at Haddiscoe Island throughout the week. A male **Hen Harrier** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 28 January and a **Peregrine** at Carlton Marshes, 30 January. Other raptors included **Merlins** at Oulton Marshes, 30 January and Haddiscoe Island (two), 2 February, **Marsh Harriers** at Haddiscoe Island (three), 28 January, Carlton Marshes (two), 30 January, Lopham Fen (two), 1 February and Beccles Marshes and Burgh Castle, 3 February and **Buzzards** at Beccles Marshes (five) and Haddiscoe Island (five), 3 February. **Short-eared Owls** were noted at Haddiscoe Island (two) and Waveney Forest, Fritton, 29 January and **Barn Owls** at Lopham Fen, 28 January and Haddiscoe Island (four), Carlton Marshes, 30 January.

A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Beccles and four **Water Pipits** at Haddiscoe Island, 28 January, a **Brambling** at Beccles Common, 31 January, a **Nuthatch** at Lopham Fen, 1 February and a flock of 50 **Siskins** at North Cove SWT reserve, 3 February. **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at Earsham GP (11) and Lopham Fen (three), 28 January; **Bearded Tits** at Carlton Marshes (three), 30 January, Fritton Marshes, 1 February and Lopham Fen (four), 3 February; **Stonechats** at Haddiscoe Island (two), Lopham Fen, 28 January, Carlton Marshes (two), 30 January and Fritton Marshes, 2 February and **Cetti's Warblers** at Fritton Marshes, 28 January, Oulton Marshes, 30 January, Carlton Marshes (ten), 31 January and Lopham Fen, 3 February. A count of 1000 **Starlings** was made at Haddiscoe Island, 28 January.

**White-fronted Geese** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island (25), 28 January and Burgh St Peter Marshes (seven), 3 February and **Pink-footed Geese** at Haddiscoe Island (3000), 28 January and Burgh St Peter Marshes (2000), 3 February and a count of 310 **Wigeon** was made at Carlton and Oulton Marshes, 30 January.

Finally wader records included 5000 **Lapwings** at Haddiscoe Island, 28 January, a **Green Sandpiper** at the same site the following day and a **Woodcock** at near-by St Olaves, 2 February.

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## 4 to 10 February 2018

Three **White-fronted Geese** were present amongst a flock of 940 **Pink-footed Geese** at Haddiscoe Island, 4 February, while 200 **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Flixton Marshes (near Lowestoft), 9 February. A **Goosander** flew along the river at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 10 February and counts of 200 **Wigeon** and 100 **Teal** were made at Oulton Marshes, 7 February. Five **Whooper Swans** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 10 February and two escaped **Black Swans** at Gillingham Marshes, 6 February.

The **Rough-legged Buzzard** at Haddiscoe Island was recorded daily, while other raptors at Haddiscoe Island during the week included two **Barn Owls**, 4 February and a **Peregrine**, four **Marsh Harriers** and a **Short-eared Owl**, 5 February. Elsewhere, a **Peregrine** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 8 February, **Marsh Harriers** at Lopham Fen

(three) and Burgh Castle, 4 February and Carlton Marshes (two), 9 February and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (four) and Oulton Marshes, 7 February.

A **Grey Wagtail** was recorded at Beccles, two **Stonechats** and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Lopham Fen and four **Bearded Tits** at Haddiscoe Island, 4 February and a **Crossbill** at Waveney Forest, Fritton and four **Lesser Redpolls** at Lopham Fen, 10 February. **Kingfishers** were noted at St Olaves, 5 February and Carlton Marshes, 7 February and a count of 100 **Fieldfares** was made at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 7 February.

Waders at Haddiscoe Island included two **Redshanks**, 4 February and a **Green Sandpiper**, two **Ruffs**, 1000 **Golden Plovers** and 720 **Lapwings**, 5 February. At Carlton Marshes, seven **Redshanks** and 28 **Snipe** were noted on 9 February, with 16 **Snipe** also at Oulton Marshes, 7 February.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were present at Lopham Fen, 4 February, Haddiscoe Island (four), 5 February and Oulton Marshes, 7 February.

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## 11 to 17 February 2018

The long-staying **Rough-legged Buzzard** at Haddiscoe Island remained throughout the week. Other raptors at Haddiscoe Island included three **Short-eared Owls** and two **Barn Owls**, 15 February and a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, a **Merlin**, two **Peregrines** and three **Marsh Harriers**, 17 February. Elsewhere, a **Peregrine** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 14 February, **Marsh Harriers** at Somerleyton Marshes (three), 12 February, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 15 February, Carlton Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen (two), 17 February and **Barn Owls** at Beccles, 11 February, Lopham Fen, 13 February, Herringfleet Marshes, 15 February and Carlton Marshes, 16 February.

A group of 16 **Bewick's Swans** flew east over St Olaves, 16 February, 320 **Pink-footed Geese** flew over Somerleyton Marshes, 17 February and two escaped **Black Swans** were noted at Gillingham Marshes, 12 February. Wildfowl at Carlton Marshes included 125 **Wigeon**, 14 February and 150 **Teal** and two **Pintail**, 17 February.

A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Beccles, 11 February, a **Brambling** at St Olaves, 16 February and two **Water Pipits** and a **Chiffchaff** at Carlton Marshes, 17 February. **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at Lopham Fen (three), 11 February and St Olaves, 14 February; **Stonechats** at Carlton Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen (two), 17 February; **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (two), 11 February and Carlton Marshes (six), 17 February; **Cetti's Warblers** at Somerleyton Marshes, 12 February and Lopham Fen (two), 17 February and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 11 February. A flock of 150 **Fieldfares** was present at Carlton Marshes, 15 February.

Waders included 500 **Golden Plovers** and 500 **Lapwings** at Haddiscoe Island, 11 February, two **Woodcock** at Herringfleet Hills, 15 February, 30 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 16 February and a **Ruff**, 68 **Snipe** and two **Redshanks** at Carlton Marshes, 17 February.



Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Haddiscoe Island (six) and Lopham Fen, 11 February, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 15 February, Outney Common, Bungay (five), 16 February and Carlton Marshes, 17 February.

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## 18 to 24 February 2018

The long-staying **Rough-legged Buzzard** at Haddiscoe Island was seen regularly through the week. Other raptors at Haddiscoe Island included five **Short-eared Owls** and two **Barn Owls**, 18 February and a **Merlin** and seven **Marsh Harriers**, 24 February. Elsewhere, a **Peregrine** was seen at Burgh Castle, 18 February, **Marsh Harriers** at Burgh Castle and Carlton Marshes, 18 February and **Barn Owls** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 19 February and Carlton Marshes, 22 February.

A **Chiffchaff** was recorded at Carlton Marshes and a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles, 18 February and a **Water Pipit** at Carlton Marshes, 22 February. **Lesser Redpolls** were noted at North Cove SWT reserve (six) and Carlton Marshes, 18 February and Lopham Fen (two) and Oulton Marshes, 24 February; **Stonechats** at Oulton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 18 February; **Bearded Tits** at Carlton Marshes (three) and Fritton Marshes (three), 18 February; **Cetti's Warblers** at Oulton Marshes (three) and Fritton Marshes, 18 February and **Kingfishers** at Carlton and Oulton Marshes and Fritton Marshes, 18 February.

A count of 389 **Wigeon** was made at Carlton and Oulton Marshes, 18 February, while two **Pintail** were present at Carlton Marshes, 18 February and 190 **Teal** were recorded at the same site, 24 February. Six **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 23 February.

Waders included a **Ruff** at Carlton Marshes, 18 February and a **Redshank** at the same site 21 February. A count of 383 **Snipe** was made at Carlton and Oulton Marshes, 18 February and **Woodcock** were noted at Waveney Forest, Fritton (three), 23 February and Blundeston Marshes, Carlton Marshes, 24 February.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton and Oulton Marshes (two), Haddiscoe Island (two) and Castle Marsh, 18 February and Redgrave Fen, 19 February.

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## 25 February to 3 March 2018

A **Jack Snipe** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 1 March, while at nearby Carlton Marshes a **Ruff** and 34 **Snipe** were recorded, 26 February and two **Green Sandpipers**, 2 March. **Woodcock** were noted at Beccles and Somerleyton, 28 February, St Olaves, 1 March and Carlton Marshes and Oulton, 2 March.

The long-staying **Rough-legged Buzzard** at Haddiscoe Island was seen on 25 February, together with a **Peregrine** and a **Short-eared Owl**. Elsewhere, **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Lopham Fen, 25 February, Carlton Marshes, 26 February and Herringfleet Marshes (four), 27 February and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (four), 26 February, Somerleyton Marshes, 28 February, Herringfleet Marshes (three), Lopham Fen, Oulton Marshes and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 3 March.

Two **Stonechats** were seen at Oulton Marshes, 25 February, a **Chiffchaff** at Bungay, 1 March and five **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 3 March. **Grey Wagtails** were recorded at Beccles and Weybread Mill, 25 February; **Bramblings** at St Olaves (three) and North Cove SWT reserve, 27 February and Lopham Fen, 3 March; **Lesser Redpolls** at Oulton Marshes, 25 February, North Cove SWT reserve (three), 27 February, Lopham Fen (two), 28 February and Carlton Marshes (ten), 3 March and **Kingfishers** at Weybread GP (three) and Oulton Marshes, 25 February.

Finally, a count of 300 **Wigeon** was made at Carlton Marshes and **Little Egrets** were reported from Weybread GP (eight) and Carlton Marshes, 25 February.

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## 4 to 10 March 2018

Two **Red Kites** were seen at Ashby, 10 March and the long-staying **Rough-legged Buzzard** at Haddiscoe Island was recorded regularly through the week. Other raptor highlights included a **Peregrine** at Haddiscoe Island, 5 March, a ringtail **Hen Harrier** at Haddiscoe Island, 6 March and nine **Buzzards** at Ashby, 9 March. **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 6 March and Carlton Marshes (three), 10 March, **Short-eared Owls** at Haddiscoe Island (two), 5 March and Oulton Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 6 March and **Barn Owls** at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 4 March, Carlton Marshes, 5 March, Haddiscoe Island (three) and Oulton Marshes, 6 March and Lopham Fen, 10 March.

Geese included 81 **Brent Geese** and 129 **Greylag Geese** at Haddiscoe Island, 4 March, while ducks included two **Goosanders** at North Cove and three **Pintail** and 130 **Tufted Ducks** at Weybread GP, 4 March, six **Pintail** at Carlton Marshes, 8 March, 400 **Teal** at Carlton Marshes and 200 **Wigeon** at Oulton Marshes, 9 March and 145 **Mallard** at Diss Mere, 10 March.

A **Crossbill** was seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 10 March. Notable passerines at Carlton Marshes included a **Lesser Redpoll** and two **Stonechats**, 9 March, a **Water Pipit**, a singing **Chiffchaff**, a **Cetti's Warbler** and 60 **Siskins**, 10 March. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Beccles, two **Lesser Redpolls** at Lopham Fen and two **Kingfishers** at Weybread GP, 4 March.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Curlew**, 8 March, a **Woodcock**, 9 March and two **Dunlin**, 19 **Snipe** and two **Redshanks**, 10 March. A **Redshank** was recorded at Oulton Marshes and three **Woodcocks** at St Olaves, 9 March.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were noted at Weybread GP (seven), 4 March and Carlton Marshes, 9 March.

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## 11 to 17 March 2018

Two **Black Redstarts** were seen in a garden along Southend Road, Bungay, 15 to 17 March. **Bramblings** were recorded at Camps Heath (Oulton), Fallowfields (Oulton) and St Olaves, 14 March. A **Water Pipit** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 11 March, a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles, 12 March, a male **Blackcap** and a singing **Chiffchaff** at St Olaves

and a **Kingfisher** at Earsham GP, 14 March and two **Lesser Redpolls** at Lopham Fen, 17 March.

**Marsh Harriers** were seen at Carlton Marshes (five), 11 March and Lopham Fen (two), 17 March and ten **Buzzards** were noted at Earsham GP, 14 March. A **Short-eared Owl** was seen at St James South Elmham, 15 March, with **Barn Owls** reported from Carlton Marshes (six) and Beccles Common, 13 March.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Ruff**, 33 **Snipe** and two **Redshanks**, 11 March. Notable wildfowl included two **Pintail** and 225 **Teal** at Carlton Marshes, 11 March and two **Little Egrets** were also recorded at Carlton Marshes on the same day.

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## 18 to 24 March 2018

A **Spoonbill** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 23 and 24 March, a **Great White Egret** flew west over Lopham Fen, 21 March and two **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 24 March.

A very early **Willow Warbler** was seen at Harleston, 19 March, while **Black Redstarts** were present at Bungay (two), 20 March and Oulton, 24 March and a **Mealy Redpoll** at Worlingham, 24 March. There was a small arrival of **Chiffchaffs** at the end of the week with individuals noted at Lopham Fen, 23 March and Carlton Marshes, Oulton Marshes, Somerleyton Marshes and Waveney Forest, Fritton the following day. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Beccles, 19 March, two **Bearded Tits** noted at Lopham Fen, 21 March and a count of 300 **Redwings** made at Carlton Marshes, 24 March. **Bramblings** were reported from Oulton, 18 March and Carlton Marshes (two), 24 March; **Lesser Redpolls** from Lopham Fen (three), 20 March and Carlton Marshes (six), 24 March; **Cetti's Warbler** from Beccles Marshes, 23 March and Carlton Marshes (seven), 24 March and **Kingfishers** from Carlton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 21 March and Beccles Marshes, 23 March.

The WeBS count of waders at Carlton and Oulton Marshes on 18 March included a **Jack Snipe**, 203 (Common) **Snipe**, a **Woodcock** and two **Dunlin**, 18 March, with a **Curlew** noted at Oulton Marshes, 24 March and further **Woodcock** at Blundeston (two), 21 March and St Olaves (two), 22 March.

**Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Burgh Castle (11), 18 March, Carlton Marshes (two), 19 March, Oulton Marshes, 20 March, Lopham Fen, 22 March and Haddiscoe Island and Somerleyton Marshes, 24 March, **Short-eared Owls** at Haddiscoe Island and St James South Elmham, 24 March and **Barn Owls** at Oulton Marshes and Worlingham Marshes, 18 March, Carlton Marshes (three), 20 March, Gillingham Marshes, 21 March and Lopham Fen, 22 March.

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## 25 to 31 March 2018

Three **Cranes** flew north over Castle Marsh, North Cove, 31 March and a **Red-throated Diver** was seen nearby on the river the previous day. An adult **Spoonbill** was present at Carlton Marshes and a **Bittern** was noted at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, 25 March,



while **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two) and Weybread GP (two), 26 March, Herringfleet Marshes, 29 March and Lopham Fen, 30 March.

Waders included a **Jack Snipe** and 25 **Snipe** at Thorpe Marshes, 25 March, while at Carlton Marshes, two **Dunlin** were noted on 25 March and ten **Redshanks** on 30 March. Notable raptor records included two **Red Kites** at Mettingham and two **Peregrines** at Haddiscoe Island, 25 March, five **Buzzards** at Ellingham, 29 March and **Marsh Harriers** at Thorpe Marshes (two), 25 March and Carlton Marshes (five) and Lopham Fen (three), 31 March. Four **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Haddiscoe Island, 25 March, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Haddiscoe Island (three), 25 March and Carlton Marshes, 30 March.

**Bramblings** were noted at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (four), 28 March and St Olaves (two), 29 March, **Lesser Redpolls** at Waveney Forest, Fritton (five), 25 March and Lopham Fen (two), 30 March and a **Kingfisher** at Carlton Marshes, 25 March.

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## 1 to 7 April 2018

The undoubted highlight of the week (and the year so far) was an **American Bittern** photographed at Carlton Marshes, 7 April. A **Great White Egret** was present at Oulton Marshes on 5 to 7 April, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 4 April and Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 5 April.

A **White Wagtail** was present at Oulton Marshes, 5 and 7 April. The first **Swallows** of the year were seen at Carlton Marshes (five) and the first singing **Blackcap** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 3 April, with the first singing **Willow Warbler** at Lopham Fen, 7 April. **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (five), 1 April and Oulton Marshes, 4 April and **Grey Wagtails** at Needham Mill (two) and Weybread Mill (two), 2 April. A **Lesser Redpoll** was noted at Lopham Fen, 7 April and two **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 5 April.

Raptor highlights included a male **Hen Harrier** at Haddiscoe Island, 1 April and a **Red Kite** at Ellingham, 6 April, with impressive counts of **Buzzards** including nine at Carlton Marshes and five at Beccles, 5 April. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 1 April, while **Barn Owls** were noted at Carlton Marshes (five) and Beccles Common, 1 April and Burgh Castle, 5 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Ruff**, 5 April and a **Little Ringed Plover** and a **Redshank**, 7 April, with three **Spotted Redshanks** at Burgh Castle, 1 April and six **Redshanks** at Oulton Marshes, 4 April.

Finally, a first-summer **Little Gull** was seen at Burgh Castle, 1 April and 150 **Wigeon** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 4 April.

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## 8 to 14 April 2018

The **American Bittern** was present throughout the week at Carlton Marshes. Two **Cranes** flew west over Carlton Marshes, 14 April, the **Great White Egret** at Oulton Marshes was present until 10 April and **Little Egrets** were noted at Outney Common, Bungay (three), 8 April and Carlton Marshes (three), 14 April.

A **Whinchat** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 13 April, with a **Blue-headed Wagtail**, a **Tree Pipit** and two **Ring Ouzels** noted at the same site the following day. The first **Sand Martin** (two, Carlton Marshes, 8 April); **Sedge Warbler** (Carlton Marshes, 8 April); **Yellow Wagtail** (three, Carlton Marshes, 9 April); **Grasshopper Warbler** (Carlton Marshes, 10 April, with another at Oulton Marshes, 14 April); **House Martin** (Carlton Marshes, 13 April); **Wheatear** (Carlton Marshes, 14 April, with another at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe on the same day); **Cuckoo** (Carlton Marshes, 14 April) and **Lesser Whitethroat** (Oulton, 14 April) of the year were all recorded during the week. A **Brambling** was noted at Worlingham and two **Grey Wagtails** at Outney Common, 8 April. **Lesser Redpolls** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 13 April and Carlton Marshes (13), 14 April, **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (five), 10 April and Oulton Marshes (two) and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 14 April and **Kingfishers** at Outney Common (two) and Carlton Marshes, 8 April and Beccles Marshes, 14 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Ruff**, 9 April, two **Jack Snipe**, two **Avocets**, a **Greenshank**, 22 **(Common) Snipe** and a **Woodcock**, 10 April, two **Whimbrel**, 12 April, 23 **Black-tailed Godwits**, four **Dunlin** and 12 **Redshanks**, 13 April and a **Little Ringed Plover**, 14 April. At nearby Oulton Marshes, 20 **Snipe** and a **Redshank** were noted on 14 April.

Notable raptors at Carlton Marshes included a male **Hen Harrier**, 12 April and a **Red Kite** and eight **Buzzards**, 14 April, while elsewhere **Red Kites** were noted at St Olaves, 10 April and Ditchingham, 13 April. **Barn Owls** were reported from Outney Common, 8 April, Carlton Marshes (three), 10 April, Lopham Fen, 13 April and Beccles Common and Oulton Marshes, 14 April.

Finally, two **Little Gulls** flew over Outney Common, 8 April.

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## 15 to 21 April 2018

The **American Bittern** was present at Carlton Marshes throughout the week. A **Great White Egret** flew north-east over Carlton Marshes, 19 April, a **Crane** flew west over Carlton Marshes, 20 April and a **Little Egret** was noted at Lopham Fen, 15 April.

An **Osprey** flew over Carlton Marshes, 19 April. The first **Hobbies** of the year were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 15 April and Oulton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 20 April. A male **Hen Harrier** flew over Carlton Marshes, 15 April and **Red Kites** were noted at Carlton and Oulton Marshes and five **Buzzards** at Belton, 18 April. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 21 April and **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three), 15 April, St James South Elmham (two), 16 April and Oulton Marshes, 21 April.

A male **Redstart** was seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 15 April, a **Blue-headed Wagtail** at Carlton Marshes, 18 April and **Ring Ouzels** at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe, 19 April and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 21 April. A **Wheatear** was present at Carlton Marshes, 15 April, five **Yellow Wagtails** at Carlton Marshes, 16 April and a **Firecrest** at Oulton Marshes, 21 April. The first **Reed Warbler** (Lopham Fen, 20 April) and **Whitethroat** (Carlton Marshes, 20 April) of the year were recorded during the week. **Grasshopper Warblers** were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 16 April, Carlton Marshes (four), 19 April and Lopham Fen, 20 April and **Cuckoos** at Carlton Marshes, 17 April, Lopham Fen, 18 April, Oulton Marshes, Redgrave Fen and Worlingham Marshes, 20 April and Castle Marsh and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 21 April. A **Bearded Tit** was noted at Aldeby, 15 April and a **Lesser Redpoll** at Lopham Fen, 16 April, while **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (eight) and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 21 April and **Kingfishers** at Worlingham Marshes, 15 April and Carlton Marshes and Redgrave Fen, 20 April.

A **Garganey** was present at Redgrave Fen, 20 and 21 April. The first **Common Tern** of year was noted at Carlton/Oulton Marshes, 15 April and two **Mediterranean Gulls** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 21 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included 40 **Snipe**, 15 April, two **Whimbrel**, 16 April, six **Ruff**, 18 April, a **Dunlin**, 20 April and eight **Avocets**, a **Little Ringed Plover**, two **Greenshanks**, four **Black-tailed Godwits**, a **Curlew** and ten **Redshanks**, 21 April, with eight **Whimbrel** noted at Castle Marsh, 21 April.

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## 22 to 28 April 2018

The **American Bittern** at Carlton Marshes was seen daily through the week. **Little Egrets** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Carlton Marshes, 25 April.

The first **Swifts** of the year (a flock of six) were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 25 April. A **Ring Ouzel** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 22 April, with a **Stonechat** at the same site, 25 April and three **Yellow Wagtails**, 28 April. **Wheatears** were noted at Carlton Marshes (six), 25 April and Blundeston (two), 26 April; **Cuckoos** at Oulton Marshes (two), 22 April and Carlton Marshes (three), 26 April; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Oulton Marshes (two), 22 April and Carlton Marshes (three) and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 25 April and **Cetti's Warblers** at Oulton Marshes (three) and Carlton Marshes, 22 April.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included three **Ruff**, 22 April, a **Jack Snipe**, 23 April, a **Little Ringed Plover**, 24 April, ten **Avocets**, a **Greenshank**, 11 **Snipe** and five **Redshanks**, 25 April, a **Green Sandpiper**, 26 April and 27 **Whimbrel**, 28 April. Elsewhere, a **Green Sandpiper** was seen at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe and four **Redshanks** at Oulton Marshes, 22 April and 19 **Whimbrel** at Castle Marsh, 25 April.

A male **Hen Harrier** flew over Carlton Marshes, 22 April and a **Red Kite** flew over the same site on 28 April. **Hobbies** were recorded at Somerleyton, 22 April, Castle Marsh, 25 April and Carlton Marshes, 27 April, with **Short-eared Owls** at Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 26 April and a **Barn Owl** noted at Carlton Marshes on the same day.

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## 29 April to 5 May 2018

The **American Bittern** was present at Carlton Marshes throughout the week and began 'singing' from 2 May onwards. A **Glossy Ibis** flew south over Breydon Water and landed in horse paddocks along Back Lane, Burgh Castle, 4 May and a **Little Egret** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 29 April.

A **Pied Flycatcher** was present along Fisher Row, Oulton, 4 May, eight **Crossbills** were seen at Fritton Lake, 4 May and **Wheatears** were noted at Barnby Marshes, 1 May and Carlton Marshes (three), 3 May. The first **Garden Warbler** of the year was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 2 May. A **Grey Wagtail** was seen at Bungay, 5 May and two **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 2 May. **Yellow Wagtails** were noted at Burgh Castle (20), 29 April and Carlton Marshes (four), 2 May; **Cuckoos** at Castle Marsh, North Cove (two), 1 May, Lopham Fen and Oulton Marshes, 2 May, Carlton Marshes (four), 4 May and Beccles Marshes (three) and St Olaves, 5 May; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Oulton Marshes (two), Carlton Marshes (four) and Lopham Fen, 2 May and Beccles Marshes, 5 May; **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen, 29 April, Oulton Marshes, 2 May, Carlton Marshes (two), 3 May and Beccles Marshes, 5 May and **Kingfishers** at Carlton Marshes, 29 April, Beccles Marshes, 4 May and Lopham Fen, 5 May.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Green Sandpiper**, a **Black-tailed Godwit** and five **Redshanks**, 29 April, a **Common Sandpiper**, 1 May, ten **Avocets**, 2 May, ten **Snipe**, 3 May, two **Greenshanks**, 4 May and five **Whimbrel**, 5 May, while at Burgh Castle Flats on 29 April waders included two **Spotted Redshanks**, three **Greenshanks**, four **Avocets** and 60 **Black-tailed Godwits**. A count of 48 **Whimbrel** was made at Castle Marsh, 3 May.

Single **Red Kites** were recorded at Wheatacre, 4 May and Carlton Marshes, 5 May, while **Hobbies** were noted at Castle Marsh (four) and Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe (two), 3 May, Oulton Marshes, 4 May and Lopham Fen (five) and Carlton Marshes (three), 5 May. An impressive 19 **Buzzards** were seen in the air together at Carlton Marshes, 5 May.

Finally, **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen, 2 May, Beccles Marshes, 4 May and Bungay, 5 May.

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## 6 to 12 May 2018

The long-staying **American Bittern** remained at Carlton Marshes throughout the week. **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 6 May and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 7 May.

A male **Garganey** was present at Carlton Marshes, 12 May and a pair of **Mandarin Ducks** at Fritton Lake, 10 May.

A **Wheatear** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 9 May and the first **Turtle Dove** (Weybread GP, 12 May) and **Spotted Flycatcher** (Weybread Mill, 12 May) of the year were reported. An adult **Grey Wagtail** was seen feeding a juvenile at Worlingham, 6 May. **Cuckoos** were noted at Lopham Fen (two), 7 May, Worlingham Marshes, 8 May, Castle Marsh, North

Cove, 10 May and Carlton Marshes (three), 12 May; **Grasshopper Warblers** at Lopham Fen, 7 May and Carlton Marshes (two), 8 May and **Cetti's Warblers** at Lopham Fen, 7 May and Carlton Marshes (three), 10 May. Also recorded at Carlton Marshes were a **Kingfisher**, 6 May, four **Yellow Wagtails**, 10 May and a **Stonechat**, 12 May.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included six **Whimbrels** and a **Redshank**, 6 May, three **Ruff** and a **Common Sandpiper**, 7 May, 28 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 8 May and nine **Avocets** and a **Dunlin**, 12 May, while at nearby Castle Marsh, North Cove, two **Whimbrels** and a **Common Sandpiper** were present on 10 May.

**Red Kites** were reported from Broome, 6 May, Belton and Harleston, 7 May and Carlton Marshes, 9 May and **Hobbies** from Lopham Fen and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 7 May, Carlton Marshes (three), 8 May and Castle Marsh (two), 10 May. A count of 12 **Buzzards** was made at Carlton Marshes, 6 May. Finally, **Barn Owls** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two) and Lopham Fen, 10 May.

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## 13 to 19 May 2018

The long-staying **American Bittern** at Carlton Marshes was last seen on 16 May. A flock of seven **Cranes** circled over St Olaves on the 19th and then continued south-east along the valley and over Carlton Marshes at 12.30pm. They subsequently flew back west over Carlton Marshes later in the afternoon. A **Little Egret** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 15 May.

An **Osprey** flew east over Carlton Marshes, 13 May and a **Peregrine** was seen at the same site the following day. **Red Kites** were reported from Lopham Fen, 13 May, Carlton Marshes, 15 and 19 May, Barnby, 17 May and North Cove, 19 May, **Hobbies** from Lopham Fen, 13 May and Carlton Marshes (three) and Ashby, 15 May and **Barn Owls** from Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 13 May.

**Cuckoos** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, 13 May and Beccles Marshes and Worlingham Marshes, 15 May and **Grasshopper Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (two) and Oulton Marshes, 13 May. Four **Yellow Wagtails** and three **Cetti's Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 15 May.

A pair of **Mandarin Ducks** was noted at Fritton Lake, 17 May and two **Mediterranean Gulls** at Carlton Marshes, 18 May.

Finally, waders at Carlton Marshes included eight **Redshanks**, 13 May and a **Black-tailed Godwit**, 15 May.

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## 20 to 26 May 2018

Single **Ospreys** flew north over Carlton Marshes on 21 and 25 May. **Red Kites** were noted at Carlton Colville, 20 May and Oulton, 21 May, **Hobbies** at Barnby, 21 May and Carlton Marshes (two), 26 May and a **Barn Owl** at Carlton Marshes, 21 May.

Two **Yellow Wagtails** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 24 May. **Grasshopper Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three) and Lopham Fen, 26 May; **Cetti's Warblers** at



North Cove Marshes, 20 May and Carlton Marshes (two), 22 May and **Cuckoos** at North Cove Marshes, 20 May, Redgrave Fen and Worlingham Marshes, 21 May, Beccles Marshes, 22 May and Carlton Marshes (three), Lopham Fen and Somerleyton, 26 May.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Black-tailed Godwit** and a **Ringed Plover**, 24 May, a **Redshank**, 25 May and a **Common Sandpiper**, 26 May, while two **Redshanks** were noted at Worlingham Marshes, 21 May.

Finally, **Little Egrets** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (two), 23 May and Carlton Marshes, 25 May.

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## 27 to 2 June 2018

A **Honey Buzzard** flew north over Bungay late morning on 30 May and an **Osprey** flew west along Oulton Dyke, 2 June. **Hobbies** were recorded at Oulton Marshes, 27 May and Redgrave Fen (three), 29 May and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 27 May, Earsham, 29 May and Lopham Fen, 30 May. An escaped **Black Kite** was seen at Beccles, 2 June.

A **Great White Egret** was present at Oulton Marshes, 27 May.

A **Wheatear** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 28 May, while at nearby Carlton Marshes two **Yellow Wagtails** were recorded on 27 May and two **Grasshopper Warblers** the following day. **Cuckoos** were noted at Lopham Fen (two) and Beccles Marshes, 27 May, Carlton Marshes, 28 May and Oulton, 31 May, **Spotted Flycatchers** at Beccles Common (two), 28 May and Ditchingham, 30 May and **Kingfishers** at Beccles Marshes and Castle Marsh, North Cove, 28 May.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Common Sandpiper**, 27 May and a **Dunlin**, 2 June.

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## 3 to 9 June 2018

A **Corncrake** was heard calling on the marshes at Bungay and Earsham, 6 to 9 June. A **Honey Buzzard** flew over Carlton Marshes, 7 June. A **Peregrine** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 3 June and a **Red Kite** at Belton, 8 June. **Hobbies** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two), 3 June, Beccles Common, 4 June and Lopham Fen (four), 6 June and **Barn Owls** from Carlton Marshes, 3 June, Oulton Marshes, 6 June and Earsham Marshes, 7 June. An escaped **Harris' Hawk** was seen at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 3 June.

Two **Spotted Flycatchers** were noted at Beccles Common, 4 June and a **Grasshopper Warbler** at Oulton Marshes, 6 June **Cuckoos** were recorded at Worlingham Marshes, 3 June, Beccles Marshes, 4 June and Lopham Fen, Carlton Marshes and Oulton Marshes, 6 June and **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (two), Oulton Marshes and Worlingham Marshes, 3 June.

**Redshanks** were seen at Carlton Marshes (five) and Oulton Marshes, 3 June. Other notable sightings at Carlton Marshes included a **Little Egret** on 3 June and two escaped **Bar-headed Geese** that flew north over the reserve on 9 June.

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## 10 to 16 June 2018

The **Corncrake** was again heard calling at Earsham Marshes, 10 June. An immature **Glossy Ibis** landed briefly at Carlton Marshes, 10 June before flying off east.

A **Spotted Flycatcher** was recorded at Beccles Common, 10 June and two **Yellow Wagtails** and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 16 June. **Cuckoos** were noted at Oulton Marshes, 15 June and Gillingham Marshes, 16 June and **Grasshopper Warblers** at Oulton Marshes, 15 June and Carlton Marshes, 16 June.

A **Peregrine** was seen at Flixton (near Bungay), 16 June. **Red Kites** were noted at Carlton Marshes and North Cove, 15 June and Flixton (near Bungay), 16 June; **Hobbies** at Somerleyton, 11 June, Beccles Common, 13 June and Carlton Marshes (two) and Flixton (near Bungay), 16 June and **Barn Owls** at Beccles Marshes, Earsham, 10 June, Carlton Marshes, 11 June and Oulton Marshes, 15 June.

**Redshanks** were recorded at Oulton Marshes (five) and Carlton Marshes, 16 June. Finally, an unseasonable **Brent Goose** was present at Carlton Marshes, 16 June.

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## 17 to 23 June 2018

The wader highlight of the week was a **Wood Sandpiper** at Carlton Marshes on 19 June. Other waders at Carlton Marshes included five **Black-tailed Godwits**, a **Curlew** and a **Redshank**, 17 June, a **Green Sandpiper**, 21 June and a **Snipe**, 22 June, with two **Redshanks** also noted at Oulton Marshes, 21 June.

The **Corncrake** was again heard calling at Earsham Marshes, 17 June and the **Brent Goose** was again present at Carlton Marshes on the same day. Two **Little Egrets** were noted at Redgrave Fen, 18 June.

A **Turtle Dove** was heard at St James South Elmham, 18 June and **Spotted Flycatchers** were recorded at St James South Elmham (three pairs) and Beccles Common, 17 June. An adult **Yellow Wagtail** was seen feeding young at Carlton Marshes, 22 June and two pairs of **Grey Wagtails** both accompanied by young were seen at Worlingham, 23 June. **Cuckoos** were noted at Beccles Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 17 June, Lopham Fen, 18 June and Oulton Marshes, 21 June and **Grasshopper Warblers** at Lopham Fen, 18 June and Carlton Marshes, 23 June.

**Red Kites** were seen at Carlton Colville, Geldeston and Gillingham, 17 June, **Hobbies** at Diss Mere, 17 June and Lopham Fen (two), 18 June and a **Barn Owl** at Carlton Marshes, 20 June.

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## 24 June to 30 June 2018

A **Spoonbill** circled above Carlton Marshes, 25 June.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Curlew** and a **Dunlin**, 29 June and a **Wood Sandpiper**, a **Greenshank**, three **Green Sandpipers**, 50 **Black-tailed Godwits** and two **Little Ringed Plovers**, 30 June.

A **Red Kite** was seen at Beccles Marshes, 26 June and a **Hobby** at Carlton Marshes, 29 June, with **Barn Owls** reported from Beccles Marshes, 24 June and Carlton Marshes, 25 June.

Single **Cuckoos** were recorded at Lopham Fen, 26 June and Carlton Marshes, 29 June and five **Yellow Wagtails**, including four juveniles, were noted at Carlton Marshes, 30 June.

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## 1 to 7 July 2018

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Greenshank**, 50 **Black-tailed Godwits**, two **Little Ringed Plovers**, a **Common Sandpiper** and a **Curlew**, 1 July, three **Wood Sandpipers** and a **(Common) Redshank**, 2 July, a **Spotted Redshank** and a **Green Sandpiper**, 3 July, two **Ruff**, 5 July and two **Snipe**, 7 July.

Notable passerines at Carlton Marshes included four juvenile **Stonechats**, 1 July, two juvenile **Yellow Wagtails**, 2 July and a singing male **Grasshopper Warbler**, 3 July, while elsewhere two **Spotted Flycatchers** were noted at St James South Elmham, 5 July. **Red Kites** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 2 July and Beccles (three), 5 July, with a **Peregrine** seen at Carlton Marshes, 5 July, a **Hobby** at Somerleyton, 7 July and three **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 4 July.

Finally, four **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 6 July.

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## 8 to 14 July 2018

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Little Ringed Plover**, 9 July, two **Greenshanks**, 11 July and six **Ruff**, 11 **Black-tailed Godwits** and three **Snipe**, 12 July, while elsewhere a **Black-tailed Godwit** was present at Oulton Marshes and a **Common Sandpiper** at Blundeston Marshes, 14 July.

A large flock of gulls, including 10 **Mediterranean Gulls**, was feeding on flying ants over Oulton on 14 July. **Little Egrets** were recorded at Lopham Fen (two), 11 July and Carlton Marshes (six), 12 July.

A **Yellow Wagtail** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 9 July and two pairs of **Spotted Flycatchers** at St James South Elmham, 13 July.

A **Red Kite** was seen at Worlingham, 8 July, while single **Hobbies** were noted at Beccles Common, 10 July and Ashby, 12 July.

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## 15 to 21 July 2018

A **Cattle Egret** was present at Outney Common, Bungay, 17 July and a **Spoonbill** flew north over Carlton Marshes on 15 July. **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (three), 15 July, Redgrave Fen (two), 18 July and Worlingham Marshes, 19 July and **Mediterranean Gulls** at Carlton Marshes (16), 15 July and Beccles (four), 16 July.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included a **Greenshank**, 15 July, four **Ruff**, 17 **Black-tailed Godwits** and eight **Snipe**, 19 July, a **Little Ringed Plover** and four **Green Sandpipers**, 20 July and a **Whimbrel** and a **Common Sandpiper**, 21 July. Elsewhere, four **Common Sandpipers** were noted at Worlingham Marshes, 19 July and three **Green Sandpipers** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 20 July.

Two pairs of **Spotted Flycatchers** both with young were seen at St James South Elmham during the week and a further **Spotted Flycatcher** was recorded at Flixton (near Bungay), 21 July. A **Grasshopper Warbler**, two **Yellow Wagtails** and two **Stonechats** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 15 July and **Kingfishers** were reported from Redgrave Fen, 18 July and Worlingham Marshes, 19 July.

A **Peregrine** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 15 July. **Hobbies** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), 15 July and North Cove and Somerleyton, 21 July and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 15 July, Worlingham Marshes, 18 July and Flixton (near Bungay) and North Cove, 21 July.

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## 22 to 28 July 2018

Waders at Carlton Marshes included an adult **Curlew Sandpiper**, a **Golden Plover**, a **Dunlin** and a **(Common) Redshank**, 22 July, five **Ruff** and a **Green Sandpiper**, 23 July, 14 **Snipe**, 25 July and a **Spotted Redshank**, a **Greenshank**, a **Little Ringed Plover** and ten **Black-tailed Godwits**, 28 July. Four **Green Sandpipers** were present at Redgrave Fen, 27 July.

**Grasshopper Warblers** were recorded at Carlton Marshes and Lopham Fen, 22 July. A **Spotted Flycatcher** was seen at Mendham, 22 July, a **Kingfisher** at Lopham Fen, 26 July and a **Grey Wagtail** at Ditchingham Hall, 26 July.

Single **Red Kites** were noted at Beccles and Haddiscoe, 24 July.

Four **Mediterranean Gulls** were recorded at Burgh Castle, 25 July. Finally, **Little Egrets** were reported from Lopham Fen (two) and Carlton Marshes, 22 July and Redgrave Fen (ten), 27 July.

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## 29 July to 4 August 2018

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Black-tailed Godwits**, five **Ruff**, a **Little Ringed Plover** and two **Dunlins**, 29 July and a **Green Sandpiper**, 4 August, with six **Green Sandpipers** also present at Redgrave Fen, 2 August.

Single **Hobbies** were noted at Beccles and Lopham Fen, 1 August and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes, 30 July and Lopham Fen, 3 August.

A **Siskin** flew south at Carlton Marshes, 1 August. A **Spotted Flycatcher** was noted at St James South Elmham, 3 August, a **Bearded Tit** at Lopham Fen, 1 August and a **Kingfisher** at Lopham Fen, 2 August.

**Little Egrets** were recorded at Weybread, 31 July and Redgrave Fen, 2 August. Finally, ten **Mediterranean Gulls** were feeding on insects over Oulton, 2 August.

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## 5 to 11 August 2018

Three **Wheatears** were present at Carlton Marshes, 10 August.

Two **Wood Sandpipers** and six **Green Sandpipers** were recorded on marshes at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 11 August, with three **Green Sandpipers** also noted at Carlton Marshes, 8 August.

A **Hobby** was noted at Beccles, 11 August and a **Barn Owl** at Carlton Marshes, 5 August.

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## 12 to 18 August 2018

An adult **Cattle Egret** was present at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 15 August, later flying east over Carlton Marshes during the evening. A **Great White Egret** briefly landed on Carlton Marshes, 18 August, before flying off west, while **Little Egrets** were recorded at Redgrave Fen (two) and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 12 August and Carlton Marshes, 15 August. A **Crane** flew over Lopham Fen during the evening of 12 August.

A **Spotted Flycatcher** was noted at Beccles Common, 14 August and a **Wheatear** was present at Carlton Marshes the following day.

**Green Sandpipers** were recorded at Flixton near Bungay (10) and Redgrave Fen, 12 August and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (four) and Carlton Marshes, 16 August, while five **Black-tailed Godwits** were present at Carlton Marshes, 15 August.

**Hobbies** were seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 12 August, Herringfleet (two), 15 August and Blundeston, 18 August and a **Barn Owl** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 13 August.

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## 19 to 25 August 2018

An adult **Cattle Egret** was present at Burgh Castle Marshes from 20 August through to the end of the week and another adult **Cattle Egret** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 23 August. A **Little Egret** was recorded at Oulton Marshes, 19 August.

A **Whinchat** was seen at Carlton Marshes and two **Spotted Flycatchers** at Beccles, 25 August, while a **Nuthatch** was noted at Lopham Fen, 21 August.



A **Ringed Plover** was present at Earsham GP, 19 August, two **Black-tailed Godwits** at Carlton Marshes, 23 August and a **Greenshank** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 25 August, while **Green Sandpipers** were reported from Carlton Marshes (two) and Earsham GP, 19 August and Lopham Fen, 20 August.

Finally, a **Barn Owl** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 19 August.

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## 26 August to 1 September 2018

The adult **Cattle Egret** at Burgh Castle was present all week and another adult **Cattle Egret** was present at Carlton Marshes, 31 August and 1 September. **Little Egrets** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), 27 August, Herringfleet Marshes, 29 August, Redgrave Fen, 30 August and Burgh Castle (five), 1 September.

Passerines at Burgh Castle included 60 **Yellow Wagtails** and 37 **Pied Wagtails** going to roost and a **Bearded Tit**, 27 August. **Spotted Flycatchers** were seen at Beccles Common and Weybread GP, 28 August and three **Whinchats** and a **Grey Wagtail** at Carlton Marshes, 31 August. A **Kingfisher** was reported from Weybread GP, 28 August. Waders at Burgh Castle included 40 **Avocets**, a **Common Sandpiper** and 70 **Curlews**, 27 August and seven **Black-tailed Godwits** and three **Redshanks**, 1 September. Two **Green Sandpipers** were present at Redgrave Fen, 30 August and a **Common Sandpiper** and three **Greenshanks** at Carlton Marshes the following day.

A **Hobby** was seen at Herringfleet, 29 August, while **Barn Owls** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 26 August, Burgh Castle (three), 27 August and Withersdale Street, 28 August.

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## 2 to 8 September 2018

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Burgh Castle was present to 4 September and the regular adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was present from 2 to 4 September and again on 7 September. A **Little Egret** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 2 September.

A **Pied Flycatcher** was seen at Carlton Colville, 6 September, while at Carlton Marshes six **Whinchats** were recorded on 2 September and four late **Swifts** on 5 September. A **Kingfisher** was reported from Worlingham Marshes, 3 September.

Notable waders included a **Black-tailed Godwit** and two **Common Sandpipers** at Carlton Marshes, 3 September and a **Whimbrel**, two **Common Sandpipers** and 165 **Curlews** at Burgh Castle, 5 September.

Single **Hobbies** were seen at Carlton Marshes and Worlingham, 2 September and Fritton Lake, 4 September and a **Marsh Harrier** at Carlton Marshes, 3 September.

Finally, a **Pintail** and 110 **Teal** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 5 September.

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## 9 to 15 September 2018

The adult **Cattle Egret** was back at Burgh Castle on 14 and 15 September and the regular adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was also back on 14 and 15 September.

**Little Egrets** were recorded at Redgrave Fen (two) and Carlton Marshes, 9 September and Lopham Fen, 14 September.

A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 15 September. A **Marsh Harrier** was noted at Redgrave Fen, 10 September, a **Red Kite** at North Cove, 11 September and **Hobbies** at Lopham Fen (three), Castle Marsh at North Cove and Worlingham, 9 September.

Migrant passerines included a count of 200 **Meadow Pipits** that flew over Carlton Marshes, 12 September and 11 **Whinchats** at the same site on 15 September. Late summer visitors included a **Sand Martin** and a **Willow Warbler** at Redgrave Fen, 10 September and a **Whitethroat** at Beccles Common, 14 September.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Spotted Redshanks**, 9 September, a **Ruff**, a **Black-tailed Godwit** and two **Green Sandpipers**, 12 September.

Finally, four **Pintails** were present at Redgrave Fen, 10 September.

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## 16 to 22 September 2018

The regular adult **Cattle Egrets** at Burgh Castle and Carlton Marshes were present throughout the week, while two **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 22 September.

A late **Whinchat** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 16 September. Two **Nuthatches** were recorded at Ditchingham, 17 September and **Grey Wagtails** at Worlingham (two) and Beccles and a **Kingfisher** at Carlton Marshes, 22 September.

Two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 22 September, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 18 September and Mendham, 21 September. **Hobbies** were noted at Lopham Fen and Worlingham Marshes, 16 September and **Marsh Harriers** at Burgh Castle (two) and Carlton Marshes (two), 22 September.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included two **Green Sandpipers** and 20 **Snipe**, 18 September, three **Ruff**, 19 September and two **Black-tailed Godwits** and a **Green Sandpiper**, 22 September.

Finally, a juvenile **Mediterranean Gull** was seen at Burgh Castle Flats, 22 September.

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## 23 to 29 September 2018

The regular **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was present throughout the week, while 13 **Little Egrets** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 29 September.

Raptors recorded at Haddiscoe Island on 29 September included a **Merlin**, a **Peregrine**, 16 **Marsh Harriers**, six **Buzzards**, a **Short-eared Owl** and three **Barn Owls**. Elsewhere, **Hobbies** were recorded at Herringfleet (two), 26 September and Somerleyton, 29 September, **Marsh Harriers** at Burgh Castle, 25 September, Carlton Marshes, 27

September, Herringfleet Marshes, 28 September and Castle Marsh, North Cove and Somerleyton, 29 September and five **Buzzards** were seen at Diss, 29 September. A **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 26 September and two **Barn Owls** were noted at the same site on 23 September.

Passerines recorded at Haddiscoe Island on 29 September included a **Lapland Bunting**, a **Wheatear**, a **Yellow Wagtail**, a **White Wagtail**, a **Water Pipit**, three **Rock Pipits**, a **Brambling**, 67 **Bearded Tits**, 183 **Reed Buntings**, 169 **Skylarks**, four **Reed Warblers**, two **Cetti's Warblers** and nine **Stonechats**. A late **Reed Warbler** was also noted at Carlton Marshes on 29 September, along with four **Cetti's Warblers** and five **Stonechats**. A **Stonechat** and seven **Bearded Tits** were seen at Castle Marsh and two **Grey Wagtails** at Worlingham, 29 September. **Kingfishers** were reported from Herringfleet Marshes, 28 September and Haddiscoe Island, 29 September.

Waders recorded at Haddiscoe Island on 29 September included a **Greenshank**, two **Ruff**, eight **Black-tailed Godwits**, two **Green Sandpipers**, a **Common Sandpiper**, 200 **Curlews**, 22 **Snipe**, a **Dunlin** and nine **Redshanks**, while waders at Carlton Marshes included three **Ruff** and two **Black-tailed Godwits**, 23 September and a **Dunlin**, 29 September. Two **Bar-tailed Godwits** were present at Burgh Castle Flats, 25 September.

Finally, a count of 195 **Teal** was made at Haddiscoe Island, 29 September.

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## 30 September to 6 October 2018

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was noted on 3 and 5 October, while **Little Egrets** were recorded at Burgh Castle (four), 2 October and Carlton Marshes, 5 October. A **Bittern** was seen at Lopham Fen, 5 October.

The first **Pink-footed Geese** of the autumn were seen at Burgh Castle, 2 October (a flock of 100 flew south-west).

The first **Fieldfares** (three at Carlton Marshes) and **Redwings** (43 at Carlton Marshes and two at Oulton) of the autumn were recorded on 3 October, while late **Swallows** were seen at Burgh Castle (two), 2 October and Carlton Marshes, 5 October. A **Cetti's Warbler** was heard at Carlton Marshes on 5 October and **Kingfishers** were noted at Carlton Marshes on 3 October and Weybread GP on 6 October.

Waders recorded at Burgh Castle on 2 October included four **Avocets**, a **Bar-tailed Godwit**, 200 **Black-tailed Godwits** and 50 **Curlews**, while at Carlton Marshes, two **Dunlin** were present on 3 October and three **Ruff** on 5 October.

**Marsh Harriers** were noted at Lopham Fen, 30 September and Carlton Marshes, 5 October and a **Short-eared Owl** and two **Barn Owls** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 3 October.

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## 7 to 13 October 2018

There was a major arrival of **Yellow-browed Warblers** along the east coast of England on 7 October, including two at Burgh Castle. A **Ring Ouzel** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 12 October, while **Bramblings** were recorded at Weybread GP, 7 October, Oulton Marshes (six), 10 October, Blundeston (four), 11 October and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 12 October. A **Cetti's Warbler** was heard at Oulton Marshes, 10 October, **Stonechats** were seen at Carlton Marshes (two), 7 October, Oulton Marshes, 10 October and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (two), 11 October and **Kingfishers** at Weybread GP (three), 7 October and Earsham (three), 8 October.

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was seen regularly throughout the week, while two **Little Egrets** were present at Herringfleet Marshes, 13 October. A **Bittern** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 11 October.

A **Jack Snipe** was recorded at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 11 October, while waders at Carlton Marshes included 15 **Snipe**, 8 October and three **Dunlin**, 12 October.

A late **Hobby** was seen at Oulton Marshes, 10 October, a **Marsh Harrier** was noted at Carlton Marshes, 12 October and **Barn Owls** were reported from Ellingham, 7 October and Carlton Marshes, 11 October.

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## 14 to 20 October 2018

A **Yellow-browed Warbler** was recorded at Fallowfields, Oulton, 14 October, while single **Bramblings** were seen at Beccles, 14 October and Carlton Marshes, 19 October. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Oulton, a **Cetti's Warbler** at Worlingham Marshes and three **Stonechats** at Carlton Marshes, 14 October, with **Bearded Tits** reported from Lopham Fen (two), 16 October, Carlton Marshes (two), 19 October and Oulton Marshes (two), 20 October. A count of 54 **Pied Wagtails** was made at Lopham Fen, 16 October.

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was seen regularly throughout the week and three **Little Egrets** were noted at Lopham Fen, 16 October.

A **Knot** and a **Green Sandpiper** were present at Redgrave Fen, 16 October and a count of 31 **Snipe** was made at Carlton Marshes, 19 October.

Two **Marsh Harriers** were seen at Lopham Fen, 16 October and counts of five **Buzzards** were made at Lopham Fen and Somerleyton, 19 October. A **Short-eared Owl** and a **Barn Owl** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 20 October.

A flock of 33 **Pink-footed Geese** flew north over Carlton Marshes, 14 October. Finally, a late first-winter **Common Tern** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 14 October.

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## 21 to 27 October 2018

**Jack Snipe** were seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (five), 21 October and Lopham Fen, 27 October, while a count of 22 (Common) **Snipe** was made at Carlton Marshes, 25 October and 16 **Black-tailed Godwits** were present at Herringfleet Marshes, 23 October.

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes remained throughout the week, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Lopham Fen, 21 October, Herringfleet Marshes, 23 October and Carlton Marshes (three), 25 October.

A **Brambling** was seen at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 24 October and a **Water Pipit** at Carlton Marshes, 25 October. A **Kingfisher** was noted at Redgrave Fen and five **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen, 21 October, two **Stonechats** at Herringfleet Marshes, 23 October and three **Cetti's Warbler** at Carlton Marshes, 25 October. A flock of 250 **Fieldfares** flew west over Lopham Fen, 25 October.

Counts of **Pink-footed Geese** included 600 at Somerleyton, 24 October, 250 at Ashby, 25 October and 900 at Blundeston, 27 October.

Two **Marsh Harriers** were seen at Beccles Marshes, 27 October and a **Short-eared Owl** and a **Barn Owl** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 22 October.

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## 28 October to 3 November 2018

A **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a **Merlin** and seven **Marsh Harriers** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 3 November and a male **Hen Harrier** flew south-east over Worlingham Marshes, 28 October. **Marsh Harriers** were reported from Carlton Marshes, 31 October, Oulton Marshes, 2 November and Beccles Marshes, 3 November, **Short-eared Owls** from Oulton, 28 October and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 2 November and a **Barn Owl** from Herringfleet Marshes, 2 November.

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes remained all week, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Lopham Fen, 28 October and Haddiscoe Island (three) and Oulton, 3 November and a **Bittern** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 3 November.

A fly-over **Hawfinch**, a **Lapland Bunting**, four **Water Pipits**, six **Rock Pipits**, four **Stonechats**, 51 **Bearded Tits** and two **Kingfishers** were reported from Haddiscoe Island on 3 November. Elsewhere, a **Grey Wagtail** was recorded at Beccles, 30 October, two **Crossbills** at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 31 October and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Oulton Marshes, 2 November. Counts of 40 **Pied Wagtails** at Lopham Fen and 80 **Siskins** and 100 **Goldfinches** at Worlingham Marshes were made on 3 November.

Counts of waders at Haddiscoe Island on 3 November included 606 **Lapwings**, 160 **Golden Plovers**, a **Ruff**, 101 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 55 **Curlews**, 11 **Snipe** and 18 **Redshanks**.



Finally, counts of 350 **Pink-footed Geese** and 479 **Teal** were made at Haddiscoe Island on 3 November.

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## 4 to 10 November 2018

A **Merlin** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 9 November and two **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 6 November.

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was present throughout the week and a **Little Egret** was seen at Herringfleet Marshes, 9 November.

Two **Water Pipits** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 5 November. A **Lesser Redpoll** was noted at Beccles Common and a **Kingfisher** at Beccles Marshes, 4 November and a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles Common and a **Cetti's Warbler** at Redgrave Fen, 10 November. **Stonechats** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes, 9 November and Carlton Marshes (two), 10 November and a count of 50 **Pied Wagtails** was made at Redgrave Fen, 10 November.

A flock of **Pink-footed Geese** flew north over St Olaves on 5 November and a count of 25 **Snipe** was made at Carlton Marshes on the same day.

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## 11 to 17 November 2018

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, 11 November, a **Merlin**, 15 November and ten **Marsh Harriers**, three **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl**, 17 November. Elsewhere, a **Marsh Harrier** was reported from Castle Marsh, North Cove, 12 November and **Barn Owls** from Lopham Fen, 11 November and Carlton Marshes, 12 November.

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was seen regularly through the week, with sightings of presumably the same bird at nearby North Cove on 11 and 12 November, while single **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 11 November and Herringfleet Marshes, 15 November.

A **Slavonian Grebe** was seen on Breydon Water off Burgh Castle on 14 November, while counts of **Pink-footed Geese** included 200 at Haddiscoe Island, 11 November and 200 at Herringfleet Marshes, 15 November.

A **Water Pipit** was seen at Carlton Marshes and two **Bearded Tits** at Haddiscoe Island, 11 November. **Grey Wagtails** were recorded at Beccles Common and Worlingham, 11 November, **Chiffchaffs** at Barnby Marshes and Carlton Marshes, 16 November and **Kingfishers** at Herringfleet Marshes, 15 November and Carlton Marshes, 17 November. Counts of 100 **Linnets** at Haddiscoe Island and 100 **Pied Wagtails** at Lopham Fen were made on 11 November.

Waders at Carlton Marshes included 41 **Snipe**, 11 November, two **Redshanks**, 16 November and five **Dunlin**, 17 November, while 400 **Golden Plovers** and three **Curlews** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 11 November and a single **Redshank** at Castle Marsh, 12 November.

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## 18 to 24 November 2018

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was present throughout the week and was joined by two additional birds on 24 November. A **Great White Egret** was seen at Burgh Castle, 23 November and three **Little Egrets** were noted at the same site on 18 November. A **Bittern** was recorded at Fritton Marshes, 23 November.

Two **Rough-legged Buzzards** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 23 November. Other raptors recorded at Haddiscoe Island during the week included a **Merlin**, three **Marsh Harriers**, four **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl**, 21 November and a **Peregrine**, 24 November. A male **Hen Harrier** was seen at Burgh Castle, 18 November and a ringtail at Carlton Marshes, 24 November, while single **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Carlton Marshes, 18 November and Somerleyton Marshes, 19 November.

Last week's **Slavonian Grebe** was seen again at Breydon Water off Burgh Castle from 22 November onwards.

A **Jack Snipe** was recorded at Carlton Marshes, 19 November, with two **Woodcock**, a **Dunlin** and two **Redshanks** present at the same site on 23 November. Waders at Haddiscoe Island on 18 November included 250 **Golden Plovers**, 17 **Curlews** and 40 **Dunlin**, with 20 **Black-tailed Godwits**, 40 **Curlews** and 10 **Redshanks** recorded at Burgh Castle on the same day. Two **Black-tailed Godwits** were noted at Herringfleet Marshes, 21 November and a count of 2000 **Lapwings** was made at Oulton Marshes, 23 November.

A flock of 35 **White-fronted Geese** was present at Burgh Castle Marshes, 24 November, while **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Wheatacre Marshes (1100), 19 November and Herringfleet Marshes (170), 21 November. A single **Goosander** was seen on the river at Fritton, 23 November.

Three **Crossbills** were seen at Waveney Forest, Fritton and a **Water Pipit**, Carlton Marshes, 23 November. A **Bearded Tit** was noted at Haddiscoe Island, 18 November and a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles Common, 21 November, while **Chiffchaffs** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (two), 19 November and Waveney Forest, 23 November.

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## 25 November to 1 December 2018

A **Penduline Tit** was seen near Toft Monks Mill on Haddiscoe Island, 25 November. Other notable passerines at Haddiscoe Island on 25 November included a **Grey Wagtail**, two **Water Pipits**, ten **Bearded Tits** and two **Stonechats**, while nearby at Thorpe Marshes, Haddiscoe a **Lapland Bunting** and a **Water Pipit** were recorded on the same day. At Waveney Forest, Fritton, eight **Crossbills** were seen on 26 November and a flock of 30

**Siskins** the following day. A **Grey Wagtail** was noted at Worlingham, 25 November and a **Water Pipit** and a **Chiffchaff** at Carlton Marshes and ten **Bearded Tits** and a **Chiffchaff** at Burgh Castle, 1 December.

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was present all week and was joined by a second individual on 30 November. A **Great White Egret**, a **Little Egret** and a **Bittern** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 25 November, while a **Little Egret** was also noted at Carlton Marshes on the same day.

Raptors recorded at Haddiscoe Island included a **Merlin**, two **Peregrines**, a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, 12 **Marsh Harriers**, six **Buzzards** and a **Barn Owl**, 25 November and two **Rough-legged Buzzards** and nine **Short-eared Owls**, 30 November. A **Marsh Harrier** was also noted at Carlton Marshes, 25 November.

The **Slavonian Grebe** was seen again on Breydon Water off Burgh Castle on 25 November and five redhead **Goosanders** were present on the river at North Cove, 27 November. **White-fronted Geese** were recorded at Carlton Marshes (25 flew over), 25 November and Burgh Castle Marshes (15), 1 December and counts of **Pink-footed Geese** included 1000 at Haddiscoe Marshes and 700 at Oulton Marshes, 25 November.

Waders at Haddiscoe Island on 25 November included 1620 **Lapwings**, seven **Ruff**, a **Black-tailed Godwit**, 56 **Curlews**, 11 **Snipe** and four **Redshanks**. Elsewhere, six **Ruff** were present at Oulton Marshes, 27 November and 106 **Avocets** at Burgh Castle and two **Dunlin** at Carlton Marshes, 1 December. Finally, single **Woodcock** were reported from Worlingham, 25 November, Waveney Forest, 26 November and North Cove, 28 November.

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## 2 to 8 December 2018

The long-staying adult **Cattle Egret** at Carlton Marshes was still present and was joined by three others regularly through the week. A **Great White Egret** was seen at Haddiscoe Island, 2 December, while **Little Egrets** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three), Worlingham (two) and Haddiscoe Island, 2 December, Oulton Marshes, 3 December and Herringfleet Marshes (two) and Beccles Common, 8 December.

Raptors recorded at Haddiscoe Island included a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a **Merlin** and three **Marsh Harriers**, 2 December and seven **Short-eared Owls**, 4 December. **Marsh Harriers** were also noted at Castle Marsh, North Cove (two), 2 December and Carlton Marshes (eight), 8 December, a **Short-eared Owl** was hunting at Carlton Marshes, 4 December and **Barn Owls** were recorded at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe and Worlingham Marshes, 2 December and Carlton Marshes (three), 7 December.

Six **Goosanders** were present at Carlton Marshes, 2 December, while **Pink-footed Geese** were noted at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (200), 2 December, Castle Marsh (seven), 3 December and Somerleyton Marshes (120), 8 December.

Notable waders included a **Black-tailed Godwit**, a **Redshank** and 32 **Curlews** at Haddiscoe Island, single **Curlews** at Carlton Marshes and Castle Marshes and a **Woodcock** at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 2 December.

Further records from Carlton Marshes included a **Water Pipit**, 2 December, a **Cetti's Warbler**, 4 December, a **Chiffchaff** and a **Kingfisher**, 6 December and a **Stonechat**, 8 December, with another **Chiffchaff** seen at Beccles Common, 6 December.

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## 9 to 15 December 2018

Four **Cattle Egrets** flew into roost at Carlton Marshes at dusk on 9 December. Two **Cattle Egrets** were also noted at Carlton Marshes from 10 to 12 December and one on 13 December, with one at nearby Castle Marsh, North Cove on 14 December. **Great White Egrets** were seen at Haddiscoe Island, 9 December and Carlton Marshes, 11 December and **Little Egrets** at Homersfield, 9 December, Beccles Common and Herringfleet Marshes, 10 December and Carlton Marshes (three), Worlingham (two), 15 December.

Two first-winter **Rough-legged Buzzards**, a **Peregrine**, ten **Marsh Harriers**, eight **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island, 9 December. A **Red Kite** flew over Carlton Marshes, 9 December and **Marsh Harriers** were noted at Redgrave Fen and Oulton Marshes, 9 December, Herringfleet Marshes, 10 December, Carlton Marshes (four), 12 December and Burgh Castle (two), 15 December. Two **Short-eared Owls** were hunting at Carlton Marshes, 10 December, while **Barn Owls** were reported from Carlton Marshes (three) and Oulton Marshes, 9 December and Herringfleet Marshes, 10 December.

Four **Goosanders** were seen on the river at Worlingham, 12 December and four also flew west along Oulton Dyke, 15 December, while **Pink-footed Geese** were recorded at Haddiscoe Island (385), 9 December and Oulton (40), 10 December.

Waders at Haddiscoe Island on 9 December included 1230 **Lapwings**, 120 **Golden Plovers**, 144 **Curlews**, a **Spotted Redshank** and a (Common) **Redshank**, while elsewhere a **Curlew** and 11 **Black-tailed Godwits** were seen at Herringfleet Marshes, 10 December and a (Common) **Redshank** at Burgh Castle, 15 December. A combined count of 136 **Snipe** was made at Carlton and Oulton Marshes, 9 December, while **Woodcock** were noted at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (two) and Oulton Marshes, 9 December and Lopham Fen, 12 December.

A **Cetti's Warbler** was noted at Lopham Fen and two **Water Pipits** at Haddiscoe Island, 9 December and a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles Common, 11 December. **Stonechats** were recorded at Carlton Marshes, 9 December and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (two), 10 December, **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (two), 9 December and Herringfleet Marshes (two), 10 December and **Kingfishers** at Homersfield, 9 December and Herringfleet Marshes, 10 December.

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## 16 to 22 December 2018

A **Cattle Egret** was seen at Carlton Marshes from 20 to 22 December, while **Little Egrets** were noted at Carlton Marshes (two), 17 December, Oulton Marshes, 21 December and Haddiscoe Island, 22 December.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included four **Short-eared Owls**, 16 December, a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, 17 December and a **Rough-legged Buzzard**, a **Peregrine** and a **Barn Owl**, 22 December. Elsewhere, a **Red Kite** was seen at Ellingham, 16 December and a **Peregrine** at Carlton Marshes, 17 December. **Marsh Harriers** were noted at St Olaves (seven), 16 December and Carlton Marshes (three), 17 December, while two **Short-eared Owls** and a **Barn Owl** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 16 December, with a further **Barn Owl** reported from Beccles Marshes, 22 December.

Six **Goosanders** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 18 December and 800 **Pink-footed Geese** at Haddiscoe Island, 22 December.

A **Chiffchaff** and three **Water Pipits** were seen at Carlton Marshes, 16 December and three **Grey Wagtails** at Beccles, 17 December. **Stonechats** were recorded at Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe (two), 16 December and Carlton Marshes, 17 December. A count of 1000 **Lapwings** was made at Carlton Marshes on 21 December and 51 **Curlews** were noted at Haddiscoe Island, 22 December. **Woodcock** were reported from Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, 16 December and Lopham Fen, 22 December.

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## 23 to 29 December 2018

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included two **Rough-legged Buzzards**, 23 December, five **Short-eared Owls**, 27 December, two **Marsh Harriers**, 28 December and a ringtail **Hen Harrier** and a male **Merlin**, 29 December. Elsewhere, a **Peregrine** was seen at Castle Marsh, North Cove, 27 December and **Marsh Harriers** were reported from Lopham Fen, 24 December, Herringfleet Marshes (two), 25 December, Oulton Marshes, 28 December and Carlton Marshes (four), 29 December; **Short-eared Owls** from Blundeston Marshes, 24 December and Burgh Castle, 27 December and **Barn Owls** from Withersdale Street, 24 December, Carlton Marshes, 25 December and North Cove, 26 December.

Three **Cattle Egrets** roosted at Carlton Marshes on the evening of 28 December. Two **Great White Egrets** flew north over Herringfleet Marshes late afternoon on 25 December, while **Little Egrets** were recorded at Herringfleet Marshes (two), 25 December, Carlton Marshes (six) and Oulton Marshes (two), 28 December and Weybread GP, 29 December.

A **Goosander** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 25 December. A **White-fronted Goose** flew north over Carlton Marshes on 24 December, 38 **Pink-footed Geese** were present at Oulton Marshes, 28 December and an escaped **Red-breasted Goose** was noted at Lopham Fen, 29 December.

A **Water Pipit** was present at Carlton Marshes, 24 December. A **Nuthatch** was recorded at Flixton (near Bungay), 24 December, a **Grey Wagtail** at Beccles Common and two **Bearded Tits** at Herringfleet Marshes, 25 December and 45 **Siskins** and eight **Lesser Redpolls** at Waveney Forest, Fritton, 28 December. **Chiffchaffs** were reported from

Carlton Marshes, 25 December and Oulton Marshes, 26 December, **Cetti's Warbler** from Lopham Fen, 24 December and Oulton Marshes (two), 28 December and **Stonechats** from Oulton Marshes, 26 December and Carlton Marshes, 28 December. Finally, waders included a **Woodcock** at Oulton Marshes, 24 December, 24 **Black-tailed Godwits** at Burgh Castle, 25 December and a **Dunlin** at Carlton Marshes, 26 December.

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### 30 December 2018 to 5 January 2019

Two **Waxwings** were seen at the junction of Beccles Road and Hollow Grove Way in Carlton Colville on 4 and 5 January. Other notable passerines included two **Water Pipits** at Carlton Marshes, 31 December, a **Brambling** at St Olaves, 3 January and a **Stonechat** at Carlton Marshes, 5 January. **Grey Wagtails** were noted at Beccles, 30 December and Bungay, 3 January, **Cetti's Warblers** at Carlton Marshes (three), 31 December and Lopham Fen and North Cove, 1 January and **Bearded Tits** at Lopham Fen (two) and Burgh Castle, 1 January.

One **Cattle Egret** was seen at Carlton Marshes throughout the week, with three recorded on 31 December and 1 January. **Little Egrets** were seen at Carlton Marshes (eight), 1 January and Haddiscoe Island, 3 January.

Raptors at Haddiscoe Island included a **Merlin**, ten **Marsh Harriers** and four **Short-eared Owls**, 30 December, a ringtail **Hen Harrier**, 1 January, a **Barn Owl**, 3 January and a **Peregrine**, 4 January. Elsewhere, a ringtail **Hen Harrier** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 2 January, while **Peregrines** were noted at Burgh Castle and Carlton Marshes, 5 January, **Marsh Harriers** at Carlton Marshes (five), and North Cove, 1 January and **Barn Owls** at Carlton Marshes (two), Lopham Fen, and North Cove, 1 January.

Four **Goosanders** flew east along Oulton Dyke, 30 December and probably the same four flew south-west over Carlton Marshes, 5 January. A single **White-fronted Goose** was present at Burgh Castle Marshes, 5 January, while counts of **Pink-footed Geese** included 250 at North Cove, 1 January, 500 at Haddiscoe Island, 3 January, 4500 at Blundeston Marshes and 35 at Carlton Marshes, 5 January.

Waders seen at Haddiscoe Island included a **Woodcock**, 30 December and 500 **Golden Plovers** and a **Curlew**, 3 January. Elsewhere, a **Dunlin** was present at Carlton Marshes, 30 December, four **Avocets** at Burgh Castle Flats and a **Woodcock** at Lopham Fen, 1 January and a **Green Sandpiper** on a pool beside Beccles southern relief road, 2 January.

Finally, a **Mediterranean Gull** was seen at Carlton Marshes, 1 January.