

Cambridgeshire Bird Club



E-Bulletin 26 August 2015

(The records in this bulletin are unchecked and may be revised at a later date)



Great White Egret at Wicken Fen: photo by Roger Cresswell

HEADLINES

GREAT WHITE EGRET Ouse Fen on 2nd and 21st, Wicken Fen on 10th, 14th, 23rd.

SPOONBILL Fen Drayton Lakes 2 on 30th and one on 31st.

WRYNECK King's Dyke NR on 28th, Pymoor on 30th.

ICTERINE WARBLER* Cherry Hinton on 30th. Only 8 previous records the last in 2012.

PIED FLYCATCHER Fen Drayton Lakes on 25th – 26th, Ferry Meadows CP on 27th, Eaton Ford on 29th.

Peterborough Old Broadway cemetery on 29th – 30th. Four birds over 5 days, coinciding with passage of Redstart, Whinchat and Wheatear (see below).

Other records

All records below refer to the month at the head of the E-bulletin and where no numbers are given the record relates to single birds.

Where there is an asterisk after the name of the species this indicates that it is necessary to send a description to the County Recorder before the record will be accepted.

***A word of explanation about a 'new' site referred to here as 'Lazy Otter' this relates to flooded fields close to the Lazy Otter pub on the river near Stretham/Wicken. This site is close to but not entirely the same as the site we call Fidwell fen. The agricultural principle is the flooding of fields to kill off parasitic infestations.*

Wildfowl

Mute Swan Cambridge Hobson's Brook Trumpington Road a 2c.y. bird on 13th an unusual place to see this species.

Greylag Goose Burwell Fen c300 on 11th, 38 on 14th, 67 on 18th, Wicken Fen 151 on 14th, Block Fen GP 220 on 19th, Needingworth GP 700 on 23rd.

Canada Goose Wicken Fen 65 on 14th, Burwell Fen 70 on 14th, Needingworth GP 400 on 23rd.

Barnacle Goose Granta Park 15 on 19th, Block Fen GP 11 on 20th, Grafham Water on 23rd.

Egyptian Goose Fen Drayton Lakes 7 on 4th, 5 on 11th, Paxton Pits 4 on 8th, 2 on 14th, 6 on 28th, Lazy Otter on 12th, Block Fen 2 bred, Needingworth GP 16 on 23rd, Trumpington Clay Farm 2 on 27th.

Shelduck Burwell Fen 3 on 14th, 6 on 25th.

Mandarin Grafham Water a female on 12th and 22nd,

Wigeon Paxton Pits 2 on 1st, Ouse Washes RSPB 2 on 20th, Kingfishers Bridge 2 on 22nd, Burwell Fen 2 on 25th,

Gadwall Burwell Fen 38 on 14th, 10 on 18th, Wicken Fen 38 on 14th.

Teal Paxton Pits on 3rd, 3 on 8th, 11 on 14th, Burwell Fen 18 on 18th.

Mallard Burwell Fen c400 on 11th, 106 on 14th, 218 on 18th, Trumpington Clay Farm 40 on 14th, Wicken Fen 36 on 14th, Block Fen GP 30 on 19th.

Pintail Paxton Pits on 15th.

Garganey Burwell Fen up to 5 from 2nd, exceptionally 9 on 22nd, then 10 on 24th, Kingfishers Bridge a female on 4th and 11th, 3 birds on 15th and 2 on 16th, 22nd and 29th, Ouse Fen on 21st, Ouse Washes 5 on 22nd, Fen Drayton Lakes on 23rd.

Shoveler Burwell Fen c70 on 11th, 20 on 14th, 9 on 18th, Block Fen GP 2 on 20th.

Red-crested Pochard Paxton Pits 1-3 all month, then, exceptionally, 7 on 31st, Wicken Fen a male on 14th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 30th.

Pochard Block Fen GP 10 on 19th.

Tufted Duck Burwell Fen 1-2 broods on 5th, 4 birds on 18th, Mepal GP 95 on 19th.

Goldeneye Fen Drayton Lakes 2 immatures on 11th, Needingworth GP on 23rd.

Goosander Paxton Pits a juvenile on 8th.

Gamebirds

Grey Partridge Orwell on 1st, Fen Drayton Lakes on 11th, Fowlmere 'families' on 19th.

Cormorants

Cormorant Wicken Fen on 14th, Burwell Fen 7 on 14th, 5 on 14th.

Shag Grafham Water on 28th, 2 on 29th – 30th.

Egrets and herons

Bittern Wicken Fen on 13th.

Little Egret *reported from:* Burwell Fen (10), Fen Drayton Lakes, Grafham Water (6), Ouse Fen, Paxton Pits (5), Trumpington Clay Farm and Wicken Fen.

Grebes

Little Grebe Paxton Pits 3 on 8th, Lazy Otter 10 - 12 from 8th - 12th, Trumpington Clay Farm 5 on 27th.

Great Crested Grebe Block Fen GP 5 on 8th, Fen Drayton Lakes 30 on 10th, Wicken Fen 2 + 2 immatures on 14th, Mepal GP 13 on 19th.

Black-necked Grebe Paxton Pits a juvenile on 1st, Ferry Meadows CP on 2nd, Lazy Otter single on 7th then 2 on 8th, single (juvenile) until 12th.

Raptors

Red Kite Paxton Pits on 1st and 8th, 2 on 15th, Wicken Fen on 4th, Fowlmere 2 on 12th, Grafham Water on 16th and 29th.

Marsh Harrier Fowlmere NR a pair reared 4 young (see below), Ouse Fen c10 on 2nd, Burwell Fen 1-3 on several dates, Buckden a flyover on 9th, Wicken Fen 4 on 11th, 3 on 14th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 15th.

Buzzard *reported from:* Babraham, Burwell Fen, Great Shelford, Nine Wells (3), and Wicken

Osprey Paxton Pits a flyover on 8th, Grafham Water from 10th – 14th, one 25th – 30th, Cam Washes a flyover on 30th.



The Marsh Harrier brood at Fowlmere NR: photo by Gary Thornton

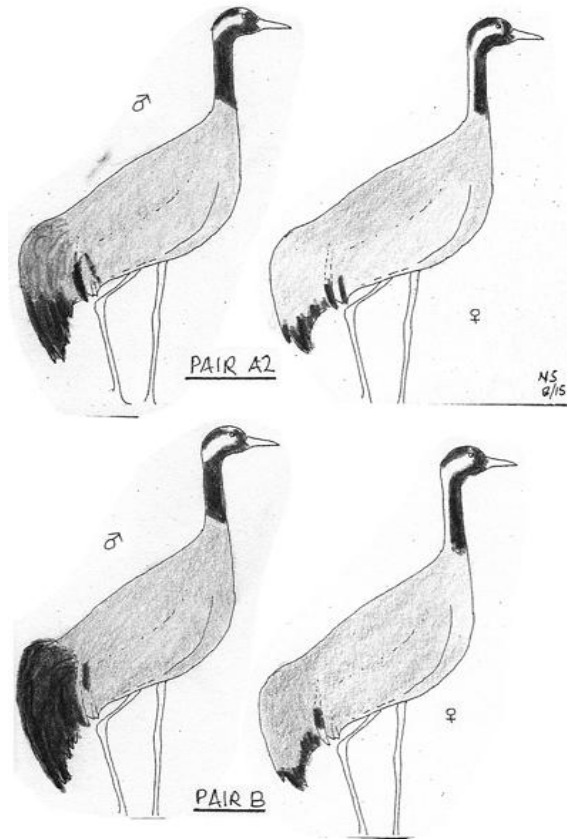
Rails and crane

Water Rail *reported from:* Burwell Fen, Lazy Otter and Wicken Fen (2),

Coot Trumpington Clay Farm 17 on 14th, Wicken Fen 20 on 14th, Burwell Fen 17 on 18th, Mepal GP 85 on 19th.

Common Crane Ouse Washes up to 8 present all month, Burwell Fen/Kingfishers Bridge 3 (presumed the same birds) on 16th.

We are interested in sightings of these family groups. Counts of accompanying young and any observations on feeding behaviour are of particular value to understanding their post-breeding movements and survival. We also welcome sightings of any other Crane pairs with young, which may tell us about any other East Anglian Crane pairs and their success. Pairs should remain with young until mid-Feb 2016. Ideally field notes on plumages of any Crane pairs should be sent to cbcrecorder@gmail.com - photos may also be of use.



Sketches of the two Lakenheath crane pairs currently visiting Cambridgeshire.

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Pair A2 produced 2 fledglings, pair B produced 1 fledgling in 2015.

Distinctive features of the adults illustrated are: Male A2 Dark grey/brown bustle with black tips
 Female A2 Paler forewing than male but same upper breast grey as male

Male B large, jet-black bustle, broad neck band, noticeably larger than female
 Female B Paler upper breast than male, narrower neck band and overall paler than male.

Waders

August was a remarkably good month for wader watchers especially on Burwell Fen where the water levels were near perfect and attracted exceptional numbers of a variety of species. I have done my best to summarise these where possible.

Avocet Kingfishers Bridge on 6th.

Oystercatcher Paxton Pits on 8th then 3 on 12th and a single on 22nd, Burwell Fen on 11th, Grafham Water on 25th.

Golden Plover Lazy Otter 10 on 8th, and 31 flyovers on 15th, Nene Washes 33 on 14th, Paxton Pits a flyover on 16th, Kingfishers Bridge 60+ flyovers on 16th, Burwell Fen 30 flyovers on 18th, 6 on 27th.

Grey Plover Paxton Pits on 7th – first of the autumn also on 8th, Burwell Fen a flyover on 8th.

Lapwing Wardy Hill 300 on 2nd, Burwell Fen c60 on 5th, 125 on 12th, 200 on 25th, Kingfishers Bridge 250+ on 6th, 500+ on 16th, Lazy Otter 100+ on 6th and 120+ on 8th, 70 on 11th, Fen Drayton Lakes 65 on 11th, Nene Washes 500 on 14th, Paxton Pits 300 on 16th, Block Fen GP 300+ on 19th, and 220 on 31st, Great Fen Rhymes Reedbed 50+ on 30th.

Little Ringed Plover Paxton Pits 1-4 from 3rd, Fen Drayton Lakes 2 on 4th one on 10th, Lazy Otter on 9th, Burwell Fen 4+ on 24th, one on 27th and 3 on 29th, Kingfishers Bridge on 29th.

Ringed Plover Burwell Fen 1-7 from 2nd, then 14 on 22nd, c30 on 24th - 27th, then 40 on 29th, Paxton Pits on 8th, 3 on 22nd and one on 24th, Lazy Otter on 8th, Grafham Water on 25th.

Whimbrel Ouse Washes on 6th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 14th, Paxton Pits flyover on 14th, Lazy Otter a flyover on 16th, Burwell Fen 4 flyovers on 28th.

Curlew Lazy Otter on 15th, Burwell Fen 2 on 16th, 7 on 19th, and a single on 22nd, Paxton Pits 5 flyovers on 31st.

Black-tailed Godwit Paxton Pits 4 on 1st, Lazy Otter on 6th and 2 on 12th, Burwell Fen 10 through on 8th, 14 on 11th, 2 on 16th, 5 on 23rd and 8 on 24th, Grafham Water 2 on 13th, 17 on 31st, Kingfishers Bridge 3 on 15th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 30th – 31st.

Turnstone Paxton Pits on 3rd and 14th- 19th, Grafham Water on 12th, then 3 on 16th and 2 on 23rd,

Ruff Fen Drayton Lakes 1-2 from 1st - 11th then 5 on 23rd, Burwell Fen 1-20 all month, maximum c25 on 24th and 27th, Ouse Washes 20+ on 6th, 40+ on 20th, 35+ on 22nd, Lazy Otter 22 on 6th, 10 on 9th, 8 on 8th down to 2 by 10th, 4 on 11th and 15th, Kingfishers Bridge 8 – 12 from 11th - 29th, Grafham Water on 16th and 28th – 29th.

Sanderling Paxton Pits on 1st and 19th.

Dunlin reported from: Burwell Fen (maximum 13 on 29th), Grafham Water (2 on several dates maximum 38 on 31st), Paxton Pits (maximum 6 on 24th), Lazy Otter (maximum 5 on 6th), Fen Drayton Lakes (maximum 3 on 10th) and Kingfishers Bridge (maximum 2 on 15th).

Little Stint Burwell Fen on 16th, and another on 24th, another or the same 28th – 29th.

Curlew Sandpiper Ouse Fen on 21st.

Common Sandpiper reported from: Burwell Fen (maximum 5 on 24th), Chain Corner (maximum 4+ on 22nd), Fen Drayton Lakes (maximum 5 on 4th and 29th), Grafham Water (maximum 3 on 16th and 21st), Kingfishers Bridge (maximum 8 on 15th), Lazy Otter on 6th and 12th, Ouse Fen, Ouse Washes (maximum one on 6th), Paxton Pits (maximum 5 on 9th and 24th), Trumpington Clay Farm.

Green Sandpiper reported from: Burwell Fen (maximum 15+ on 28th), Fen Drayton Lakes (maximum 4 on 10th), Grafham Water (maximum 6 on 1st and 18th), Great Fen Rhymes Reedbed (3+), Kingfishers Bridge (maximum 14 on 4th), Lazy Otter (maximum 3 on 11th), Ouse Fen, Ouse Washes (maximum 12 on 20th), Paxton Pits (maximum 3 on 13th), Wicken Fen.

Spotted Redshank Burwell Fen 2 on 12th, singles on 16th, 22nd and 25th – 29th, Ouse Washes RSPB on 20th.

Greenshank Burwell Fen 1-6 on several dates from 2nd maximum 9 on 6th and 11th, Lazy Otter 1-2 from 6th - 15th, Grafham Water on 12th, Paxton Pits a flyover on 12th, a single on 19th, 3 on 23rd and a single on 24th, Wicken Fen 2 on 14th, Ouse Washes RSPB 10+ on 20th and 5 on 22nd, Chain Corner 7 on 22nd, Fen Drayton Lakes 2 flyovers on 23rd, Great Fen Rhymes Reedbed 2+ on 30th.

Wood Sandpiper Lazy Otter on 6th and 2 on 14th – 16th, Paxton Pits on 12th – 14th, Burwell Fen 2 on 16th a single on 19th then 2 on 22nd, 3 on 23rd, 6+ on 24th, 5 on 25th, 10+ on 27th, 14 on 28th and c15 on 29th, Ouse Washes RSPB 3 on 20th, Needingworth GP on 23rd, Kingfishers Bridge on 29th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 29th – 30th.

Redshank Lazy Otter on 6th, Paxton Pits on 8th, Burwell Fen 2 on 8th, Grafham Water on 25th and 31st.

Snipe Grafham Water on 1st, Ouse Fen on 2nd, Burwell Fen on 2nd, 12+ on 16th, single on 19th and c20 from 24th, Lazy Otter 7 on 6th a single on 11th, Fen Drayton Lakes 4 on 10th, a single on 11th and 10 on 23rd, Paxton Pits 4 on 12th, Great Fen Rhymes Reedbed 6 on 30th.



Wood Sandpiper at Burwell Fen: photo by Neil Bramwell

Terns and gulls

Black Tern Lazy Otter an adult on 6th, Grafham Water on 10th, 2 juveniles on 16th, 6 on 19th, 5 on 20th, 22 on 21st, 15+ and a further 3 on 22nd, 10 on 23rd – 24th, 2 on 25th, one on 26th, 5 on 27th, 3 on 28th, 5 on 29th – 30th. Paxton Pits 3 on 23rd and one on 24th, Fen Drayton Lakes 2 on 29th – 30th.

Sandwich Tern Grafham Water 3 and then 2 more on 23rd, 2 on 27th, one on 29th, Ferry Meadows CP on 28th.

Common Tern *reported from:* Burwell Fen, Fen Drayton Lakes (maximum 24 on 18th), Lazy Otter and Needingworth GP.

Arctic Tern Grafham Water a juvenile on 27th and 29th then 2 (possibly 6) on 31st, Fen Drayton Lakes on 29th.

Kittwake Fen Drayton Lakes on 14th.

Black-headed Gull Swaffham Bulbeck c2,200 on fields being ploughed on 1st.

Mediterranean Gull Fen Drayton Lakes a juvenile on 1st, Grafham Water an adult on 6th and a juvenile on 18th – 23rd, Paxton Pits on 8th, Lazy Otter on 9th and 10th.

Lesser Black-backed Gull Swaffham Bulbeck c320 on fields being ploughed on 1st, Grafham Water 2,500 + on 9th, Fowlmere c1,500 on 19th, Mepal Fen 18 on 27th, Block Fen GP 60+ on 31st.

Herring Gull Burwell Fen on 18th.

Yellow-legged Gull Paxton Pits c20 on 1st, Grafham Water 40+ on 6th, 5+ on 16th - 18th, Paxton Pits 22+ at pre-roost gathering on 9th, 36 on 13th, 18 on 14th, 6 on 16th, 45 on 22nd, Fowlmere 6 on 19th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 30th.

Caspian Gull Paxton Pits 1-2 on several dates, Grafham Water 6 on 9th.

Doves, cuckoo, owls kingfisher

Turtle Dove *reported from:* Mepal and Witcham.

Cuckoo Ouse Washes on 6th, Burwell Fen a juvenile on 6th and the same or another on 11th.

Barn Owl *reported from:* Burwell Fen (2), Wicken Fen.

Tawny Owl *reported from:* Grafham Water, Pampisford, Wicken Fen.

Long-eared Owl/Short-eared Owl Burwell Fen on 16th – not identified as to species.

Swift *late dates and high counts:* Fen Drayton 40 on 3rd, 30+ on 15th, from 20th reported at Lolworth 20th, Hemingford Grey 22nd, Block Fen GP, Fen Drayton village and Lakes, Grafham Water 23rd – 24th, Burwell fen on 27th, Needingworth GP c34 on 23rd, Landbeach c30 on 23rd, Paxton Pits c50 on 24th, Burwell Fen 3 on 25th, Paxton Pits on 28th, Burwell Fen 4 on 29th, Block Fen GP 3 on 31st, Paxton Pits 15 on 31st.

Kingfisher *reported from:* Burwell Fen (2), Lazy Otter, Mepal, Ouse Washes (3), Paxton Pits (2) and Wicken Fen (2).

Falcons and parrots

Kestrel Burwell Fen 4 on 5th, Wicken Fen 3 on 14th.

Merlin Nene Washes on the 14th (the earliest of the autumn was on July 28th at Little Wilbraham Fen, not mentioned in previous bulletin) (Sept 2nd in 2014), Oxloade a male on 31st.

Hobby Paxton Pits 1 – 2 on several dates, Burwell Fen 1-2 on several dates, Mepal on 8th, Wicken Fen on 10th and 14th, Kingfishers Bridge on 15th – 16th, Lazy Otter on 15th, Grafham Water 1-2 on several dates from 16th, Monks Wood a 'family' on 27th, Ferry Meadows CP on 29th, Ailsworth on 31st.

Peregrine Ouse Fen on 2nd, Burwell Fen on 4th, Impington 2 on 12th, Fowlmere on 12th, Earith on 12th, Cambridge on 13th and 17th, Paxton Pits on 15th,

Corvids

Jackdaw Wicken Fen 48 on 14th, Great Shelford flock of 100+ over on 14th Ouse Washes Mepal 200 with Rooks on 17th.

Raven Ferry Meadows CP on 21st.

Tits

Coal Tit Monks Wood (25+ maximum count).

Marsh Tit *reported from:* Grafham Water, Monks Wood (29 ringed/handled) and Paxton Pits.

Bearded Tit *reported from:* Burwell Fen (4), Kingfishers Bridge and Wicken Fen.

Hirundines, and warblers

Sand Martin Burwell Fen c500 on 27th, Fen Drayton Lakes 'hundreds' on 31st.

Swallow Wicken Fen/Priory Farm c120 on 14th, Chittering an 'all white' bird on 23rd.



Swallow at Willingham: photo by Colin Brown

House Martin Upware c100 on 6th.

Swallow/House Martin Block Fen 200+ mixed flock on 23rd.

Cetti's Warbler *reported from:* Cambridge/Storey's Way, Fen Drayton Lakes, Paxton Pits, Wicken Fen,

Reed Warbler an indication of largely unseen passage/dispersal is revealed in the 212 birds ringed at Wicken Fen during August (see below).

Blackcap as with the Reed Warbler a total of 96 new birds at Wicken Fen indicates the level of passage/dispersal.

Nuthatch thrushes and Spotted Flycatcher

Nuthatch Six Mile Bottom on 12th.

Mistle Thrush Mepal 14 on 23rd.

Spotted Flycatcher Six Mile Bottom a pair on 12th, Granta Park 2 pairs plus young on 19th, Grafham Water on 19th, Paxton Pits on 22nd, Witcham 2 on 26th, Mepal 3 on 27th, Ferry Meadows CP 4-5 on 28th – 29th, Fen Drayton Lakes 6 on 29th, Cambridge Lovell Road on 30th, Woodwalton Fen on 30th, Pymoor on 31st.

Starts and chats

Redstart Ferry Meadows CP a female on 25th and another or the same to the end of the month, Mepal a male on 27th, Cambourne on 28th, Eldernell 3 on 30th, Ailsworth on 31st.

Whinchat Paxton Pits 2 juveniles on 28th, Cambourne 2 on 29th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 30th, Pymoor on 30th, Ailsworth 2 on 31st.

Stonechat Wicken Fen 3 at least one juvenile on 16th, Burwell Fen 2 on 19th then up to 4 for the rest of the month.

Wheatear Burwell Fen on 26th – 27th.

Wagtails and pipits

House Sparrow Coveney 80+ on 16th, Wardy Hill 25 on 16th, Mepal 35 on 25th.

Yellow Wagtail *counts of 15+:* Lazy Otter 40+ on 9th, Stapleford Recreation Ground 18 on 10th, Nene Washes 100+ on 14th, Diddington c30 on 24th, Burwell Fen c30 on 19th, Grafham Water c30 on 29th.

Grey Wagtail Grafham Water on 26th.

Tree Pipit Eynesbury a flyover on 22nd, Fen Drayton Lakes 3 flyovers on 29th, Cambridge Lovell Road a flyover on 29th.

Finches and buntings

Goldfinch Wicken Fen c100 flock being pursued by a Sparrowhawk on 14th and c200 on 18th.

Siskin Ferry Meadows CP 4 on 29th, Hemingford Grey on 29th.

Crossbill Ditton Park Wood a flyover on 1st.

Exotica

Black Swan Paxton Pits during the month.

Ross's Goose Still in the area Burwell Fen/Wicken Fen/Upware associating with Greylags.

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WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for August 2015

There was mist-netting activity at the Fen on 10 different days in August. The month's ringing total was 636 – with 85 retraps: a total of 721. Individual species totals were (ringed, followed by retraps):

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| Kingfisher | 1, 0 | Sedge Warbler | 48, 0 |
| Great spotted Woodpecker | 2, 0 | Reed Warbler | 212, 20 |
| Blue Tit | 12, 9 | Tree Creeper | 1, 0 |
| Great Tit | 8, 3 | Wren | 43, 9 |
| Bearded Tit | 5, 0 | Blackbird | 23, 3 |
| Sand Martin | 12, 0 | Song Thrush | 1, 2 |
| Swallow | 23, 1 | Spotted Flycatcher | 1, 0 |
| Cetti's Warbler | 8, 4 | Robin | 28, 6 |
| Long-tailed Tit | 10, 6 | Redstart | 1, 0 |
| Chiffchaff | 32, 4 | Dunnock | 3, 4 |
| Willow Warbler | 3, 0 | Greenfinch | 7, 0 |
| Blackcap | 93, 6 | Goldfinch | 3, 0 |
| Garden Warbler | 7, 0 | Linnet | 3, 0 |
| Lesser Whitethroat | 14, 0 | Bullfinch | 9, 6 |
| Whitethroat | 23, 0 | Jay | 0, 1 |
| | | Reed Bunting | 0, 1 |

Very Few Headlines

Summer of 2015 seems to have been rather a poor one for headline species. In 2014 June, July and August yielded 11, 9 and 4 respectively, compared with 4, 4, and 5 in 2015. Hoping for a bit more excitement in the autumn.

Next indoor meetings:

Ornithology to Ethno-ornithology – a life journey *by* Andy Gosler

Friday 11th September, Cottenham Village College

Why are we ornithologists? Because we are fascinated by birds, yes, but why are humans so captivated by the ecology, evolution and behaviour of another vertebrate group that a UK Government Chief Scientist should complain that a disproportionate amount was spent on bird research to the detriment of other taxa? Whatever the answer to this, the fact that humans everywhere are enthralled by birds should point the way to how we might engage, re-engage or differently-engage people in all countries with nature, and so focus resources most effectively for its conservation. Ethno-ornithology is the study of human relationships and associations with birds, be they benign or harmful for the birds themselves. This talk expands on these issues and describes how the speaker's own lifelong engagement with birds led to an interest in the very issue of human interest in birds itself.

Friday 9th October, Cottenham Village College

'The Lady of the Reeds' – the rediscovery of pioneering bird photographer Emma Turner *by* James Parry

James is a writer and editor of books on art, history and wildlife and is researching the life and work of Emma Turner, the pioneering bird photographer. Turner developed her craft in the Norfolk Broads, where in 1911 she helped rediscover the bittern as a British breeding bird and took the earliest known images of species such as water rail and bearded tit at the nest. She became one of Britain's leading women ornithologists and was a vice-president of the Cambridge Bird Club. After decades of obscurity following her death in 1940, the recent discovery of some of her diaries and an archive containing original Turner images and correspondence has shed new light on her remarkable achievements.

Garden Birds Survey

To everyone that is taking part in the Cambridgeshire Bird Club Summer Garden Bird Survey 2015, thank you for doing this. The survey is coming to the end and I look forward to receiving the results forms in the weeks of October from 4th October onwards until the end of the month.

I hope that everyone that wished to take part was able to. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

A report of the results of the Cambridgeshire Bird Club Winter Garden Bird Survey 2014-15 will be in the Cambridgeshire Bird Report 2014 available in December.

The Cambridgeshire Bird Club Winter Garden Bird Survey 2015-16 will begin on 4th October 2015. I hope that everyone that wishes to will be able to take part in this. Please see the Cambridgeshire Bird Club website for details.

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Next E-bulletin due out on October 10th. Any contributions to reach me by the 5th of October please.