



Cambridgeshire Bird Club

E-Bulletin 31 January 2016

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



Serin at Fen Drayton Lakes: photo by Garth Peacock

HEADLINES

GREEN-WINGED TEAL* Barleycraft on 3rd and 9th, Grafham Water on 3rd, Berry Fen on 24th.

FRANKLIN'S GULL* Fen Drayton Lakes at roost on 30th (only the second record for the county the last one being in 2006).

ICELAND GULL Fen Drayton Lakes a 2 c.y possibly of the race called Kumlien's Gull on several dates, then an adult on 29th, Witcham Gravel a 4 c.y. winter on 19th, a 3 c.y. on 21st, Cambridge Research Park on 23rd.

GLAUCOUS GULL *A complicated picture! Listed by site.*

Grafham Water an adult on 1st, and a 1c.y. on 18th - 19th.

Milton Tip/Cambridge Research Park a 4.c.y. (3rd winter) on several dates, a bird on 10th (no age given), a 2 c.y. (1st winter) on 21st and the same or another on 23rd, an adult on 25th.

Tanholt GP a 2 c.y. on 17th.

Witcham Gravel a 4 c.y. on 20th, then a 2 c.y. on 21st and a different 2 c.y. on 22nd, 2 x 2 c.y. on 23rd - presumed the same as the previous two records.

SERIN* Fen Drayton Lakes a female on 4th and later with a male until 16th (six previous records the last in 2010).

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.

Wildfowl

Bewick's Swan Littleport c50 on 17th in a mixed flock with Whoopers (see below), Nene Washes WeBS count 326 on 18th.

Whooper Swan Littleport 40 on 17th, Grafham Water 11 on 17th, Wicken Fen 20 flew over on 17th, Nene Washes WeBS count 980 on 18th, Crowtree 14 on 19th.

Pink-footed Goose Fen Drayton Lakes 2 briefly on 2nd, Paxton Pits one with Greylags on 2nd, Littleport 2 with swans on 17th, Cam Washes a flyover on 17th.

Greylag Goose Whittlesford GP 274 on 5th and 238 on 26th, Burwell Fen 82 on 18th, Trumpington Clay Farm 21 on 18th.

Canada Goose Clay Farm Trumpington 34 on 4th, Cam Washes Upware 205 on 7th.

Brent Goose Witcham Gravel on 1st.

Egyptian Goose Paxton Pits 2 on 1st and 4th, Fen Drayton Lakes 2 on 6th, Elton 4 on 8th.

Shelduck Burwell Fen 6 on 10th and 4 on 16th, Paxton Pits 2 on 27th.

Mandarin Sawston at a private site 31 on 4th (the county record is 53 at Ferry Meadows CP in 1975), Grafham Water 2 on 17th.

Wigeon Cam Washes Upware 115 on 7th, Fen Drayton Lakes c3,000 on 10th, Nene Washes WeBS count 18,300 on 18th, Wicken Fen (Baker's Fen) 202 on 23rd.

Gadwall Burwell Fen 22 on 10th and c80 on 20th.

Teal Wicken Fen (Baker's Fen) c80 on 2nd and 126 on 23rd, Paxton Pits c550 on 19th, 432 on 23rd, Burwell Fen 57 on 16th and c200 on 20th.

Mallard Cam Washes Upware 32 on 7th, Burwell Fen 36 on 16th, Whittlesford GP 34 on 26th.

Pintail Fen Drayton Lakes on 3rd, 3 on 3rd and 8th, 7 males on 10th and 17th, 30 on 23rd, Nene Washes WeBS count 211 on 18th.



Pintail drake at Wicken Fen: photo by Roger Cresswell

Shoveler Nene Washes WeBS count 121 on 18th, Burwell Fen 88 on 16th and c60 on 20th, Wicken Fen (Baker's Fen) 12 on 23rd.

Red-crested Pochard Paxton Pits a pair on 4th, Needingworth on 16th.

Pochard Fen Drayton Lakes 59 on 3rd, Whittlesford GP 43 on 5th and 48 on 26th, Marsh Lane GP 21 on 17th, Grafham Water 15 on 19th.

Tufted Duck Trumpington Clay Farm 6 on 4th, Whittlesford GP 32 on 5th.

Scaup Overcote Lane pit on 31st.

Goldeneye Grafham Water 120 on 17th, Fen Drayton Lakes 30+ on 28th.

Smew Ouse Fen 4 (2 males and 2 females) on 1st, Fen Drayton Lakes a redhead on 1st - 10th, Paxton Pits 2 males on 2nd, Barleycraft GP 2 on 9th, Burwell Fen a pair on 20th, Overcote Lane pit 3 on 31st.

Goosander Grafham Water 6+ on 1st - 2nd, 11 on 17th, 20 on 29th and 24 on 30th, Paxton Pits 1-2 on several dates, Maxey GP 9 (7 males and 2 females) on 17th, Fen Drayton Lakes a female on 17th, and one on 30th (no sex noted), Ferry Meadows CP a pair on 20th, Woodwalton Fen on 23rd.

Gamebirds

Grey Partridge Paxton Pits on 30th.

Cormorants

Cormorant Whittlesford GP on 5th, Cam Washes Upware on 7th, Fen Drayton Lakes 58 into roost on 6th, Wicken Fen 8 flew out at dawn on 28th.

Shag Witcham Gravel one in flight on 2nd, Mepal on 3rd.

Egrets and herons

Bittern Fen Drayton Lakes on several dates, Woodwalton Fen 2 on 17th.

Little Egret *reported from:* Burwell Fen (4), Grafham Water (2), Needingworth (6), Paxton Pits (2) and Trumpington Clay Farm (2).

Great White Egret Wicken Fen on 3rd, Yaxley Lode on 16th, 19th and 24th, Great Fen on 23rd - likely the same bird, Aldreth on 27th.

Grebes

Little Grebe Whittlesford GP 3 on 5th, Paxton Pits on 10th, Cam Washes Upware on 7th, Cam Washes Waterbeach 4 on 10th, Trumpington Clay Farm 6 on 18th.

Great Crested Grebe Whittlesford GP on 5th.

Slavonian Grebe* Fen Drayton Lakes on 17th - end of the month.



Slavonian Grebe at Fen Drayton Lakes: photo Neil Bramwell

Raptors

Red Kite Paxton Pits 2 on 10th, one on 23rd and 27th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 10th, Holme Fen 3 on 10th.

Marsh Harrier Woodwalton Fen 4 into roost on 1st, 2 on 12th, Wicken Fen 3 on 6th and 10th, 4 on 20th, Ouse Fen 5 on 9th, Nene Washes Eldernell 3 on 16th, Burwell Fen on 20th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 21st and 29th.

Hen Harrier Woodwalton Fen 2 males into roost on 1st and 12th, one on 23rd, Wicken Fen 3 on 6th, 2 males and a female on 8th, 3 males and a female on 10th, then 6 males and a female on 20th, Eldernell on 7th, and 16th, Holme Fen on 10th, Cam Washes Upware on 10th.

Buzzard *reported from:* Burwell Fen, Great Shelford, Haddenham/Aldreth Fens (2), Melbourn, Newmarket racecourse (2), Paxton Pits (5) and Wicken Fen.

Rails and crane

Water Rail *reported from:* Fen Drayton Lakes, Ouse Fen, Wicken Fen (2+) and Woodwalton Fen (6).

Coot Trumpington Clay Farm 27 on 4th, Whittlesford GP 35 on 5th, Cam Washes Upware 22 on 7th, Burwell Fen 66 on 10th and 109 on 16th.

Common Crane Eldernell 2 on 7th and 17th, 6 on 18th, Manea 10 on 30th.

Waders

Oystercatcher Paxton Pits on 31st.

Golden Plover Hauxton/M11 junction c200 on 15th, Nene Washes WeBS count 1,280 on 18th, March Farmers 1,500 on 23rd, Burwell Fen area c300 on 10th and c1,500 on 31st.

Lapwing Cam Washes Upware 430 on 7th Needingworth GP 1,000 on 9th, March Farmers 3,000 on 23rd, Paxton Pits c120 on 23rd, 200 on 27th, Burwell Fen area c1,300 on 10th and c3,000 on 31st.

Black tailed Godwit Paxton Pits 9 on 1st, c70 on 12th, 2 on 23rd, Fen Drayton Lakes on 3rd, 30 on 6th, 8 on 8th, one on 10th, 180 on 17th, Nene Washes WeBS count 1,150 on 18th, Ferry Meadows CP on 20th, March Farmers 11 on 23rd.

Ruff Cam Washes Upware on 10th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 10th, Nene Washes 12 on 17th, March Farmers 14 on 23rd, Ouse Washes Earith 12 on 30th.

Dunlin Paxton Pits 6 on 4th, 2 on 17th, Needingworth 50 on 9th, Fen Drayton Lakes 4 on 17th, March Farmers 30 on 23rd, Ouse Washes Earith 40 on 30th.

Green Sandpiper Paxton Pits 1-2 on several dates.

Greenshank Nene Washes on 17th - 23rd.

Redshank Cam Washes Upware 4 on 7th, Burwell Fen on 16th, Grafham Water 14 on 17th, March Farmers 113 on 23rd, Ouse Washes Earith 30 on 30th.

Woodcock Grafham Water on 29th.

Snipe Paxton Pits single on several dates then 6 on 31st.

Skuas, Puffin, auks, terns and gulls

Kittiwake Ouse Washes 2 on 3rd, Grafham Water a flyover on 3rd.

Black-headed Gull Ouse Washes 5,000 on 19th.

Little Gull Fen Drayton Lakes one into roost on 2nd, Grafham Water 24 on 2nd, 2 on 3rd, Paxton Pits 6 on 5th, a single on 6th.

Mediterranean Gull Ferry Meadows CP an adult on 2nd, and a 3 c.y. (2nd winter) on 27th, Fen Drayton Lakes 2 c.y. on 3rd, and one (no age given) on 24th.

Common Gull Ouse Washes 3,000 on 19th.

Lesser Black-backed Gull Ouse Washes 500 on 19th.

Herring Gull Tanholt pits 300 on 17th, Grafham Water 3,000 on 29th.

Yellow-legged Gull *reported from:* Cambridge Research Park (6), Fen Drayton Lakes (4), Grafham Water (4), Milton Tip (5).

Caspian Gull *reported from:* Cambridge Research Park (3), Grafham Water (7), Fen Drayton Lakes (10), Milton Tip (c6).

Great Black-backed Gull Tanholt pits 250 on 17th.

Doves, owls and kingfisher

Stock Dove Ouse Washes Earith 75 on 30th.

Barn Owl *reported from:* Bottisham Lock, Cam Washes Waterbeach, Cam Washes Upware (2), Great Fen, Paxton Pits, Soham, Tubney Fen and Wicken Fen (2).

Tawny Owl Woodwalton Fen 3 on 23rd.

Short-eared Owl *reported from:* Burwell Fen (7), Cambridge (west of Histon Rd), Cam Washes (2), Fen Drayton Lakes (2), Great Fen (7+)/Holme Fen (8), Needingworth, Nene Washes Eldernell (5), Nene Washes (all) (10), Ouse Washes, Paxton Pits, Tubney Fen, Wicken Fen (Baker's Fen) and Wilburton.

Kingfisher *reported from:* Fen Drayton Lakes, Paxton Pits, and Wicken Fen (4).

Falcons

Merlin Great Fen on 3rd and 23rd, Milton on 5th, Great Fen 2 on 8th, Nene Washes on 17th, Wicken Fen on 20th and 27th, March Farmers a female on 23rd.

Peregrine Cambridge 2 on 1st and 19th, Wicken Fen singles on several dates and 2 on 8th, Cam Washes Upware on 7th, Nene Washes Eldernell on 16th, March Farmers an adult male on 23rd, Paxton Pits an immature on 23rd, Great Shelford a flyover, likely male, on 27th, Willingham on 30th.

Corvids

Jackdaw Wicken Fen (Baker's Fen) c60 on 2nd and c70 on 23rd.

Rook Wicken Fen (Baker's Fen) c40 on 2nd and c30 on 23rd.

Raven Bainton on 17th, Burwell Fen on 22nd.

Crests, tits and larks

Firecrest Brampton Mill from 3rd - 6th.

Marsh Tit *reported from:* Chippenham Fen and Paxton Pits.

Bearded Tit Ouse Fen on 9th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 10th, Woodwalton Fen on 23rd.

Warblers

Cetti's Warbler *reported from:* Fen Drayton Lakes (2), Nene Washes, Ouse Fen (2) and Woodwalton Fen.

Chiffchaff Milton CP 4 on 13th with a possible bird of the subspecies "Siberian Chiffchaff", another possible "Siberian Chiffchaff" at Over on 28th, Wicken Fen one caught and ringed on 16th, Fen Drayton Lakes on 29th, Overcote Lane pit 9 on 31st.

Blackcap Cottenham a male on 4th, Ramsey a male and a female on 10th, Soham a female on 17th, Cambridge a female on 19th.

Starling and thrushes

Starling Wicken Fen roost of c10,000 - 12,000 on several dates, Fen Drayton Lakes a roost (see photo below) but no numbers given.



Starling murmuration at Fen Drayton Lakes: photo by James Hanlon

Ring Ouzel Lode the female reported in December was still around at the beginning of the month in a private garden.

Fieldfare counts 100+: Haddenham/Aldreth Fen 120 on 2nd, Woodwalton Fen 100 on 17th, Melbourn 400+ on 23rd and c800 on 31st.

Song Thrush on the Nene Washes WeBS count 6 on 18th - an unusual record for that site.

Starts and chats

Stonechat Haddenham/Aldreth Fen 3 on 2nd, Great Fen 3 on 8th, Fen Drayton Lakes a female on 15th and 17th, Wicken Fen on 16th, Grafham Water 2 on 17th.

Sparrows, wagtails and pipits

Tree Sparrow Ouse Washes 12 on 3rd, 2 on 23rd, Great Fen 6+ on 3rd, Farcet Fen 31 on 19th, Wicken Fen on 27th.

Grey Wagtail *reported from:* Bait's Bite Lock, Needingworth and Paxton Pits.

Pied Wagtail Granta Park roost of 23.

Water Pipit Barleycraft GP on 9th.

Finches and buntings

Brambling Ouse Washes 2 on 3rd, Cambridge on 22nd and 29th.

Siskin Paxton Pits 12 on 1st, 21 on 23rd, Fen Drayton Lakes 15 on 19th and 29th, Chippenham Fen 11 caught and ringed on 19th.

Linnet Haddenham/Aldreth Fen 90+ on 2nd.

Lesser Redpoll Paxton Pits 8 on 2nd, 10 on 30th, Soham 35+ on 6th, Cambridge up to 7 on a garden feeder in late January.

Reed Bunting Granta Park a roost of 63 on 13th, Burwell Fen c30 on 16th.

Corn Bunting Manea 50+ on 3rd, Great Fen 16 on 3rd, 61 on 23rd, Ouse Fen 8 on 9th.



Female Reed Bunting at Wicken Fen: photo by Roger Cresswell

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***Identification hints - Caspian and Yellow-legged Gull
(text and photo by James Hanlon)***



'With the legs invisible this species pair on the water can be a bit challenging - particularly at range in fading light (typical conditions when checking a gravel pit or reservoir roost!). I've noticed that Caspian tends to appear longer-bodied on the water and this is obvious here. The head and bill profile are obviously different - Caspian's sloping forehead and long bill making it look like it's been pulled by its bill! It is darker-eyed than the YLG and this holds true for the majority of birds. The eye-ring is another good feature - obvious and red on the YLG but less obvious on the Caspian - due in part because its head is turned slightly but also because it is orange. Another obvious feature visible here is 'P10' - the underside of the longest primary is mainly white in Caspian (broad black bar separates off the white tip) but mainly black in YLG, with a white mirror near the tip. The mantle shade is almost identical here but averages slightly paler on Caspian (both overlap broadly with Scandinavian herring gull). The narrow, incomplete dark band on the bill of the Caspian is another clue but isn't diagnostic. It is present to a degree on most adults in winter but only on sub-adult yellow-legged, adults of which also tend to have more brightly coloured (and shorter, stubbier-looking) bills. Beware herring gulls in late winter when they have clean white heads due to

losing their streaks - dark-eyed Scandinavian birds are rare but a potential pitfall. The primary pattern is similar to that of Caspian and they are best separated on overall structure.' JH

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for January 2016

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 13 different days in January. The month's ringing total was 134; a further 226 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 360. The totals and the breakdown are very similar to those of January 2015. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Great spot Woodpecker	1, 1	Great Tit	11, 32
Wren	0, 3	Treecreeper	0, 1
Dunnock	2, 5	Jay	0, 1
Robin	0, 15	Starling	1, 0
Blackbird	8, 10	House Sparrow	14, 12
Redwing	4, 0	Chaffinch	16, 11
Chiffchaff	1, 0	Greenfinch	16, 3
Goldcrest	0, 2	Goldfinch	6, 0
Long-tailed Tit	2, 11	Bullfinch	3, 1
Coal Tit	0, 2	Reed Bunting	16, 17
Blue Tit	33, 99		

Old birds retrapped during the month were:

Great Tit TH47238 at 6 years 8 months,

Robin X077999 at 6 years 5 months,

Blue Tit X876406 at 5 years 8 months,

Chaffinch L094112 at 5 years 4 months,

Dunnock L504728 at 4 years 9 months and

House Sparrow TK77864 at 4 years 4 months.

Club notices (papers for the AGM).

The 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at St. John's Church Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge at 7.45 pm on Friday 11 March 2016

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Annual Report of Council for 2015
5. Financial Statements *The Financial Statements are available in advance of the meeting on the Club website, or on application to treasurer@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk*
6. Election of President and Vice-Presidents Council's nominations are: President: Robin Cox. Vice-Presidents: James Cadbury, John Clark, Graham Easy, Colin Kirtland, Rita Lingard, Bruce Martin
7. Election of Council Council's nominations are: Chairman: Vince Lea; Secretary: Michael Holdsworth; Treasurer: Roger Swain; County Recorder: Louise Bacon; Annual Report Editor: Vince Lea; Bulletin Editors: Peter Bircham and Chris Brown; Meetings Secretary: Vicki Harley; Website Officer: Chris Quy; Membership Secretary: Clive Sinclair; Research Officer: Rob Pople; other Council members: Ali Cooper, Mike Foley.
8. Election of Auditor Council proposes the re-election of Kevin Harris as Auditor.
9. Bob Scott Prize
10. Photograph of the Year award
11. Any other business *Members wishing to raise matters under AOB should notify chairman@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk at least two days before the meeting.*

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE BIRD CLUB

Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held at 8.00 pm on Friday 13 March 2015 at St. John's Church Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge

The President, Robin Cox, was in the Chair. 44 members attended.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Michael Holdsworth, Andrew Tongue, Doug Radford, Mike Foley, Ann Scott and Barbara York.
2. **The Minutes of the 2014 AGM** were approved and signed.
3. There were no **Matters Arising**.
4. The Chairman, Vince Lea, presented the **Annual Report of Council** in which he reviewed the past year's activities and thanked the Officers and Council of the Club, together with Committee members; the Bulletin and Annual Report contributors and writers, with especial thanks to Ali Cooper; and other volunteers and helpers for their commitment of time, energy and skills to the Club during the last year. The full text of Vince's report will be made available on the Club's website.
5. The Treasurer, Roger Swain, presented the **Financial Statements**. Due to an oversight, no paper copies of the accounts were available on the day, hence RS had to present the Statements with nothing for the attendees to refer to. A few changes had been made to the way we account, including a switch from an accruals basis to receipts and payments, which is easier to understand and meets the new Charity Commission regulations for small charities. **Standing orders continue to be an issue, with a significant proportion of members, 130, not having changed to the new rates brought in at the beginning of 2014, despite having had 15 months to do so.** Additionally, the HMRC have not yet refunded our Gift Aid for 2014, around £1000. Our outgoings were £34 more than our actual income for 2014, without this Gift Aid refund. The Accounts could not be adopted as they were only available online and not in print form on the day. They will be re-presented for adoption at an EGM which will be held immediately before the May indoor meeting.
6. **President and Vice-Presidents.** Council's nominations below were proposed by Louise Bacon, seconded by Vicki Harley and elected *nem.con*. *President*: Robin Cox. *Vice-Presidents*: James Cadbury, John Clark, Graham Easy, Colin Kirtland, Rita Lingard, Bruce Martin
7. **Election of Council.** Council's nominations below were proposed by Stuart Lingard, seconded by David Heath and elected *nem. con*. *Officers*: Chairman: Vince Lea; Secretary: Michael Holdsworth; Treasurer: Roger Swain; County Recorder: Louise Bacon. *Councillors*: (Vince Lea, Annual Report Editor); Peter Bircham and Chris Brown (Bulletin Editors); Vicki Harley (Meetings Secretary); Chris Quy (Website); Clive Sinclair (Membership Secretary); Andrew Tongue (Research Officer); Ali Cooper, Mike Foley.
8. Kevin Harris was appointed as **Auditor**. Proposed by Stuart Lingard, seconded by Vicki Harley and carried *nem.con*.
9. The **Bob Scott Prize for Ornithological Research in Cambridgeshire** was not awarded this year as there were no entries.
10. The **Bird Photograph of the Year** was awarded to Garth Peacock for his photograph of Black-necked Grebes.

11. **Any other business** There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 8.40 pm.

Next indoor meeting

Friday 11th March, St Johns Hall, Cambridge

Annual General Meeting followed by ‘Bird conservation in Nepal’ by Carol Inskipp

Carol’s talk will briefly introduce us to the high diversity of Nepal’s birds (878 species) and their main habitats; conservation measures including protected areas, community forests , initiatives to improve livelihoods of local people living near protected areas; the Nepal national bird Red Data Book and Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas of Nepal ,and the contribution that visitors can make to conservation of Nepal’s birds. She will also talk about the impact of the 2015 earthquakes on Nepal’s people and environment.

Carol Inskipp has visited Nepal many times and has written several books on Nepal’s birds and bird conservation. She is currently co-authoring the *Nepal Bird Red Data Book* and *Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas of Nepal*.

At this meeting you will be invited to make a donation to a small charity that Carol is supporting: ‘Go School Initiative’ which is funding materials for temporary schools in one of the areas the worst hit by the 2015 earthquakes.

From *British Birds* magazine - New monthly newsletter

Many members of the CBC will already be subscribers to *British Birds* or may have taken up trial offers available recently. Whether you subscribe or not, however, you may like to receive their free e-newsletter every month. This offers a flavour of what has been published recently and what is in the pipeline in areas such as book of the month, news and comment, the rarities section and further special offers.

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From Graham Appleton:

We are trying to provide feedback to people who have reported colour-ringed black-tailed godwits, not just when they see the birds but also when papers get published. Blogs are one way to do this so we have set up *WaderTales* to turn science into readable articles.

The latest blog 'Godwits and Godwiteers' talks about the movements of BTG around East Anglia - with a special mention for the Fens, of course. It is already the most widely-read *WaderTales* blog but we are looking for ways to promote it. Check it out.

<https://wadertales.wordpress.com/2016/02/01/godwits-and-godwiteers/>

Very applicable to our club considering our emblem - Ed.
