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Welcome to the September / October 2014 Edition

RECENT BIRD REPORTS

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September – October Headlines

***GLOSSY IBIS** **Sept:** Wicken Fen/Baker's Fen (present all month). **Oct:** Wicken Fen/Baker's Fen (4th – 11th), Paxton Pits (14th), Ouse Washes/Chain Corner (16th), Earith (flyover toward the washes on 21st and again on 22nd), Ouse Fen (25th), Sutton Gault (25th), Whittlesey (30th).



Glossy Ibis by Ben Green

Headlines continued:

***LEACH'S PETREL Oct:** Grafham Water (one taken by a Herring Gull on 21st). *About 25 previous records, the last being in 2009.*

***GREAT WHITE EGRET Sept:** Berry Fen (1 – 2 for most of the month), Wicken Fen & Burwell Fen (1 – 3 all month), Barleycraft GP (18th), Nene Washes (5 on 29th – *the largest group so far recorded in the County*). **Oct:** Cam Washes (2 on 2nd and 12th), Wicken Fen (2 on 3rd – [same as Cam Washes birds?] several reports of 2 until 18th and a single until 22nd), Paxton Pits (10th, 15th), Fen Drayton Lakes (14th, 20th), Nene Washes (19th), Grafham Water (24th – 27th), Ouse Fen (2 on 25th and 28th).

SPOONBILL Sept: Ouse Washes RSPB (7 on 13th), *a new County record.*

SPOTTED CRAKE Sept: Ouse Washes (14th).

***BLACK KITE Sept:** one reported south of RAF Wittering on 20th.

DOTTEREL Sept: Ouse Fen (one with Golden Plovers on 26th – 28th).

***PECTORAL SANDPIPER Sept:** Burwell Fen (6th – 15th), Paxton Pits (8th – 14th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (1 – 2 from 12th to 19th).

***GREY PHALAROPE Oct:** Grafham Water (15th – 17th).

***LONG-TAILED SKUA Sept:** Sutton Bridge (2 juveniles on 21st). **Oct:** Paxton Pits and Grafham Water (14th – 15th) – *only the ninth and tenth records for the county; the last one was in 2013.*

***WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN Sept:** Grafham Water (20th – 21st), *24 previous records.*

***YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER Oct:** Paxton Pits (7th), Murrow (14th), Fowlmere NR (16th), Cambridge/ Mount Pleasant (24th).

***BARRED WARBLER Sept:** Dunkirk (one trapped and ringed on 22nd), *6th County record.*

***RICHARD'S PIPIT Oct:** Fordham (from 26th until the end of the month).

Other records

Wildfowl

Whooper Swan Oct: Wicken Fen (7 flyovers on 8th), Nene Washes (9 recently arrived on 12th), Colne Fen GP (4 on 12th), Prickwillow (145 on 24th), Ouse Washes (730 on 26th), Nene Washes (15 on 29th).

Pink-footed Goose Oct: Blackbush (15 flyovers on 14th), Grafham Water (juvenile on 21st), Paxton Pits (single with Greylags on 25th).

Greylag Goose Sept: Needingworth (c2000 on 14th). **Oct:** Paxton Pits (400 on 25th).

Canada Goose Sept: Sutton North Fen (438 on 28th). **Oct:** Ouse Washes (820 on 28th).

Brent Goose Sept: Grafham Water (Dark-bellied on 13th). **Oct:** Grafham Water (10 on 14th).

Egyptian Goose Sept: Colne Fen GP (36 on 11th), Berry Fen (pair + 4 young on 12th). **Oct:** Paxton Pits (max 3 on 7th), Fen Drayton Lakes (12 on 14th), Cam Washes (25th).

Wigeon Sept: Ouse Washes (6 on 3rd), Burwell Fen (467 on 25th), Wicken Fen (16 on 5th). **Oct:** Wicken Fen (150+ on 2nd), Burwell Fen (c1165 on 19th), Ouse Washes (200 on 2nd).

Gadwall Sept: Burwell Fen (660 on 14th). **Oct:** Cam Washes (143 on 23rd), Wicken Fen (102 on 22nd).

Teal Sept: Ouse Washes RSPB (500 on 3rd), Paxton Pits (c600 on 4th), Burwell Fen (max 466 on 2nd), Berry Fen (200+ on 10th). **Oct:** Grafham Water (307 on 12th), Wicken Fen (300 on 16th), Burwell Fen (max 658 on 5th).

Pintail Sept: Burwell Fen (4 on 5th), Wicken Fen (4 on 5th), Paxton Pits (5 on 8th), Cam Washes (5 on 27th). **Oct:** Cam Washes (3 on 2nd), Ouse Washes (max 5 on 31st), Paxton Pits (max 13 on 30th), Grafham Water (4 on 26th), Burwell Fen (max 14 on 16th), Wicken Fen (max 9 on 17th).

Garganey Sept: Burwell Fen (max 3 on 6th), Berry Fen (2 on several dates), Wicken Fen (2 on 12th), singles at 3 sites. **Oct:** *late dates:* Ouse Washes (2 on 2nd), Fen Drayton Lakes (15th).

Shoveler Sept: Burwell Fen (c140 on 5th), Wicken Fen (max 100 on 5th). **Oct:** Ouse Washes (45 on 2nd), Burwell Fen (max 117 on 14th), Grafham Water (112 on 12th).

Red-crested Pochard Sept: Paxton Pits (max 6 on 15th).

Pochard **Sept:** Tanholt GP (50 on 15th). **Oct:** Ouse Fen (26 on 19th).
Tufted Duck **Sept:** Burwell Fen (2 on 5th), Paxton Pits (1979 on 7th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (max 55 on 14th), Grafham Water (719 on 12th), Paxton Pits (c2000 on 17th).
Scaup **Oct:** Stretham Farm reservoir (female on 25th), Grafham Water (a male on 26th – 29th).
Common Scoter **Sept:** Grafham Water (3 males and a female on 20th).
Goldeneye **Sept:** Paxton Pits (2 on 25th). **Oct:** Paxton Pits (4th, and 3 on 18th), Grafham Water (8 on 12th rising to 27 on 26th).

Gamebirds to Grebes

Grey Partridge **Sept:** Haddenham (33 on 4th). **Oct:** Wicken Fen (25 on 10th), Ramsey (25 on 11th), Fowlmere (16 on 17th), Nine Wells Gt Shelford (max 67 on 31st), Tubney Fen (25 on 31st).
Quail **Sept:** Nene Washes (26th) – *the latest county date is October 31st, in 1952.*
Bittern **Sept:** Fen Drayton (14th), Wicken Fen. **Oct:** Drysides BP (2 on 20th), Stanground (2 on 20th).
Little Egret **Sept:** *reported from 6 sites, including Berry Fen (43+ on 21st), Burwell Fen (8 on 2nd), Grafham (24+ on 22nd), Wicken Fen (20 on 15th).* **Oct:** 6 sites including Fen Drayton Lakes (47 on 14th).
Grey Heron **Sept:** Ouse Washes RSPB (10 on 3rd), Fidwell Fen (8 on 3rd), Berry Fen (22 on 21st).
Little Grebe **Sept:** Bradley Fen (36 on 12th), Grafham Water (max 64 on 22nd), Paxton Pits (10 on 20th). **Oct:** Cam Washes (10 on 2nd), Bradley Fen (33 on 14th). Grafham Water (46 on 12th).
Great Crested Grebe **Sept:** Drysides BP (20 on 12th). **Oct:** Grafham Water (80 on 12th).
Black-necked Grebe **Sept:** Paxton Pits (single on 4th, 2 on 5th – 6th then a single 7th – 29th), Fen Drayton Lakes (22nd). **Oct:** Grafham Water (several dates from 12th).

Raptors, Rails and crane

Red Kite **Sept:** reported from Grafham Water, Nene Washes, Paxton Pits. **Oct:** Ouse Washes (2nd), Grafham Water (2 on 5th), Abbots Ripton (5 on 8th).
Marsh Harrier **Sept:** reported from 12 sites including Grafham Water, Haddenham, Nene Washes (max 12+ in a roost on 7th), and Ouse Washes (12). **Oct:** at Burwell Fen (4), Cam Washes, Grafham Water, Little Wilbraham Fen, Ouse Washes (6), Wicken Fen (4).
Sparrowhawk **Sept:** reported from 8 sites. **Oct:** at 6 sites including Great Shelford, and Wicken area.
Buzzard **Sept:** reported from 13 sites including Fleam Dyke (8), Nene Washes (13+ on 7th), Paxton Pits (6+), and Sugeley Wood (9). **Oct:** at 9 sites including Cambridge/Lime Kiln Hill (3 on 23rd), Grafham Water (12+ on 5th), Little Wilbraham Fen (5), Ouse Washes (max 8+), Ickleton / Duxford Grange (14).
Rough-legged Buzzard **Oct:** Stuntney (20th), Balsham (21st).
Osprey **Sept:** Grafham Water (2nd), Burwell Fen (14th). **Oct:** Ouse Washes (12th).
Water Rail **Sept & Oct:** reports from 6 sites, including Chippenham Fen and Grafham Water (3).
Corncrake **Sept:** Nene Washes (26th).
Common Crane **Sept:** Ouse Washes (2 on several dates), Nene Washes (4 on 7th, 9 on 26th and 4 flyovers on 27th), Tubney Fen (2 flyovers on 10th), Eldernell (4 on 28th). **Oct:** Nene Washes (17 by the Chill Out Café on 29th then 20 on 30th and 31st).

Waders

In these months it is difficult to know whether reports separated by a number of days are the same bird or part of a movement. Some assumptions have been made that reports refer to the same individual.

Stone Curlew **Oct:** Cambridge/Eachard Road (flyover at 3 a.m. on 17th!)
Avocet **Sept:** Burwell Fen (15th).
Golden Plover **Sept:** Berry Fen (6 on 25th), Burwell Fen (single 8th, 7 on 12th, 21 on 14th and 35 on 26th), Ouse Washes (c60 on 14th), Trumpington (154 on 20th), Haddenham (1500 + on 30th and another 25-30 at Long Drove). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (max c1000 on 30th), Ouse Fen (max 3,000+ on 28th), Ouse Washes (max 2,500 on 25th), Stretham Farm reservoir (500+ on 25th), Nene Washes (3,000 to 5,000 on 31st).
Grey Plover **Sept:** Pymoor (28th). **Oct:** Ouse Washes (a juvenile on 2nd), Burwell Fen (2 on 10th – 12th), Ouse Washes (2 on 12th and a single on 27th), Paxton Pits (15 on 14th).

Lapwing **Sept:** counts of 300+ at Paxton Pits (c500 on 1st), Burwell Fen (max 415 on 2nd), Ouse Fen (c350 on 20th), Ouse Washes (max 312 on 3rd), Haddenham (c400 on 14th and 2000+ by 26th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (max 1,000 on 18th), Ouse Washes (520 on 7th and c900 on 27th), Tubney Fen (400 flyovers on 16th), Wicken Fen (c300 on 17th).

Little Ringed Plover **Sept:** Paxton Pits (max 4 on 2nd), Burwell Fen (1 – 2 from 1st to 6th, 5 on 12th).

Ringed Plover **Sept:** Burwell Fen (max 22 on 3rd), Nene Washes (5 on 7th), Paxton Pits (max 4 on 8th), Grafham Water (max 6 on 15th). **Oct:** Ouse Washes (3 on 2nd), Burwell Fen (max 19 on 10th).

Curlew **Sept:** Grafham Water (2 on 2nd), Paxton Pits (3 on 2nd – 3rd), Burwell Fen (8th and 12th).

Black tailed Godwit **Sept:** Fidwell Fen (3rd) Burwell Fen (max 3 on 6th), Ouse Washes (max 4 on 6th), Paxton Pits (14th, 17th, 26th – 27th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (3rd), Grafham Water (several dates), Ouse Washes (3 on 15th, 9 on 25th and 6 on 31st), Paxton Pits (30th).

Bar-tailed Godwit **Sept:** Burwell Fen (25th).

Knot **Sept:** Ouse Washes (14th), Paxton Pits (2 on 24th – 25th).

Ruff **Sept:** Burwell Fen (max 36 on 2nd), Fidwell Fen (max 20 on 3rd), Berry Fen (max 5 on 8th), Ouse Washes (max 157+ on 9th), Paxton Pits (max 6 on 12th), Ouse Fen (max 7+ on 14th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (max 11 on 16th), Ouse Washes (max c250 on 15th), Ouse Fen (3 on 2nd).

Sanderling **Oct:** Grafham Water (1st).

Dunlin **Sept:** Burwell Fen (7 on 3rd), Grafham Water (7 on 28th), Paxton Pits (6 on 23rd). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (max 10 on 15th), Ouse Washes (5 on 15th), Grafham Water (3 on 4th), Paxton Pits (6 on 30th).

Little Stint **Sept:** Fidwell Fen (2nd), Ouse Washes (14th), Paxton Pits (7th – 10th and 2 on 12th), Burwell Fen (a juvenile on 3rd and 8th, 2 on 12th – 16th, singles 23rd and 26th), Grafham Water (13th, 22nd and 2 on 28th), Paxton Pits (22nd – 24th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (2 on 3rd and 1 or 2 on 10th to 19th; good evidence that these were not always the same individuals), Grafham Water (5th), Paxton Pits (9th).

Curlew Sandpiper **Sept:** Burwell Fen (2 on 1st – 3rd, singles on 5th, 8th and 12th), Ouse Washes (5 on 2nd down to a single on 3rd, 2 on 6th and 3 on 9th). **Oct:** Paxton Pits (7th).

Common Sandpiper **Sept:** Burwell Fen (1 – 2 throughout the month), Grafham Water (2), Ouse Washes, Paxton Pits (max 3 on 3rd – 9th). **Oct:** Wicken Fen (5th), Grafham Water (5th and 12th).

Green Sandpiper **Sept:** Burwell Fen (max 6 on 2nd), 1 – 3 at 9 other sites. **Oct:** Burwell Fen Paxton Pits Grafham Water had 1 – 4 on several dates), Ouse Washes (2nd), Cam Washes (2 on 12th).

Spotted Redshank **Sept:** Grafham Water (4th – 5th), Paxton Pits (8th).

Greenshank **Sept:** Berry Fen (14th), Burwell Fen (1 – 2 from 3rd – 8th), Fidwell Fen (max 2 on 3rd), Ouse Washes (5 on several dates), Paxton Pits (3rd, 2 on 5th – 6th, 3 on 9th), Grafham Water (5 on 4th and 13th), Berry Fen (10th). **Oct:** Grafham Water (a single on 2nd and 2 on 12th).

Wood Sandpiper **Sept:** Burwell Fen (15th – 26th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (2nd – 3rd), Ouse Washes (2nd).

Redshank **Sept:** Paxton Pits (23rd). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (17 on 14th), Grafham Water (4 on 29th).

Jack Snipe **Sept:** Berry Fen (16 on 10th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (3rd), Ouse Fen (3rd), Paxton Pits (14th and 30th), Wicken Fen (2 on 15th), Kings Dyke NR (6 on 28th).

Woodcock **Oct:** Farcet Fen (16th), Castor Hanglands (30th).

Snipe **Sept:** Berry Fen (max 50+ on 10th), Burwell Fen (max 69 on 28th), Cam Washes (10 on 20th), Ouse Washes (max 10+ on 3rd), Paxton Pits (max 8 on 12th), Wicken Fen (2 on 15th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (max 91 on 5th), Paxton Pits (14 on 18th), Fen Drayton Lakes (36 on 20th), Ouse Washes (5 on 21st).

Skuas, terns and gulls

***Pomarine Skua** **Sept:** flying towards Cambs from Sutton Bridge, Lincs (3 on 24th).

***Arctic Skua** **Sept:** towards Cambs from Sutton Bridge, (3 pale-phase and 2 dark-phase on 21st).

***Great Skua** **Sept:** flying towards Cambs from Sutton Bridge (11 on 21st). **Oct:** Foul Anchor (11 coming inland on 13th), Grafham Water (2 on 14th).

Common Tern **Sept:** a late bird at Cam Washes (20th).

Arctic Tern **Oct:** Grafham Water (12th and 15th – 16th, a first winter on 21st and 22nd).

Black-headed Gull **Oct:** Heydon (105 on 12th), Ickleton (160 on 12th), Great Shelford (c180 on a recently ploughed field), Ouse Washes ('thousands' into roost on 31st).
Kittwake **Oct:** Foul Anchor (173 coming inland on 13th).
Little Gull **Oct:** Foul Anchor (74 coming inland on 13th).
Mediterranean Gull **Sept:** Paxton Pits (juvenile on 5th), Grafham Water (22nd). **Oct:** Paxton Pits (4th), Grafham Water (an adult and a first-winter on 29th).
Common Gull **Oct:** Abbots Ripton (13 on 8th), Heydon (3 on 12th).
Lesser Black-backed Gull **Sept:** Swaffham Bulbeck (460 on 29th). Heydon (750 on 12th). **Oct:** Duxford Grange (1363 on sugar beet field, 26th).
Herring Gull **Sept:** Grafham Water (250+ on 15th). **Oct:** Bradley Fen (56 on 14th).
Yellow-legged Gull **Sept:** Grafham Water (25+ on 12th). **Oct:** at 5 sites including Grafham Water (12 on 11th, and a possible example of the "Azorean gull" *L.m. atlantis* adult in the roost on 29th).
Caspian Gull **Sept:** Milton Tip (6th), Paxton Pits (5 on 12th). **Oct:** Grafham (11th), Heydon (1 cy on 12th).

Doves, owls, kingfisher and woodpeckers

Woodpigeon **Oct:** Blackbush (1170+ on 14th).
Turtle Dove **Sept:** Paxton Pits (7th) and latest at Grafham Water (22nd).
Barn Owl **Sept:** Reported from 4 sites. **Oct:** reported from Eltisley (*where 16 young were reported to have been raised this summer according to a report in Cambridge News*), and 14 other sites.
Little Owl **Sept:** Burwell Fen (15th), Wicken Fen (15th), Coton (2 on 23rd). **Oct:** Ely (2 on 11th).
Tawny Owl **Sept:** reported from 7 sites. **Oct:** 3 reports.
Short-eared Owl **Sept:** Nene Washes (2 on 26th). **Oct:** Ouse Fen (several dates from 12th), Burwell Fen (2 – 3 on 27th and a single on 30th).
Swift **Sept:** Ouse Washes (2 on 6th), Paxton Pits (7th), Bretton (13th).
Kingfisher **Sept:** reported from 7 sites including Ouse Washes (4+), and Paxton Pits (4). **Oct:** reported from Little Wilbraham Fen, Paxton Pits (2) and Wicken Fen.
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker **Oct:** Grafham Water (27th).

Falcons and parrots, corvids

Kestrel **Sept:** Burwell Fen (10+ on 26th), Haddenham (5), Ouse Washes (c10). **Oct:** Ouse Washes (10+ on 2nd and 10 on 7th), Burwell Fen (c10 on 3rd and 7 on 18th).
Merlin **Sept:** Burwell Fen (2nd and 6th, *the first records of the 'winter'*), Fen Drayton Lakes (18th), Landbeach (21st), Prior's Fen (28th). **Oct:** Duxford Grange (12th), Nine Wells Gt Shelford (24th), Woodwalton Fen (25th – 26th), Fen Drayton Lakes (28th), Burwell Fen (30th).
Hobby **Sept:** reported from 20 sites including Bar Hill GC (5 on 16th) and Burwell Fen (4). **Oct:** *late dates:* Cambridge/Milton Road (6th), Etton Pits (11th).
Peregrine **Sept:** reported from 7 sites, all wetlands. **Oct:** Burwell Fen (3rd, 10th), Paxton Pits (7th, 16th), Woodwalton Fen (3 on 14th), Ouse Washes (15th), Cambridge/Museum of Technology (16th), Wicken Fen (17th), Paxton Pits (25th), Little Wilbraham Fen (26th), Ouse Fen (28th), Wicken Fen (2 on 30th).
***Ring-necked Parakeet** **Sept:** Ramsey St Mary (10th). **Oct:** Ouse Washes (5 on 2nd and 15th).
***Raven** **Sept:** Peterborough/Lynch Wood (3 flyovers on 4th), Southoe (2 flyovers on 5th), Southey Wood (20th), Ferry Meadows CP (2 flyovers on 25th). **Oct:** Ferry Meadows CP (flyover on 30th).

Tits, Larks, Hirundines, and Warblers

Bearded Tit **Sept:** reported from Wicken Fen (max 13 on 10th), Ouse Fen. **Oct:** Burwell Fen (max 30 on 5th), Fen Drayton Lakes (5 on 20th), Ouse Fen and Wicken Fen (max 10).
Skylark **Oct:** Fowlmere (90 on 12th), Blackbush (185+ on 14th).
Swallow **Sept:** Ouse Washes (500 on 6th), Wicken Fen (c4000 to roost on 21st). **Oct:** Paxton Pits (4 on 6th), Chittering (birds heading south on 6th), Fen Drayton Lakes (9th), Witcham Gravel (100+ on 11th), Paxton Pits (3 on 11th), Fen Drayton Lakes (3 on 20th).

House Martin **Oct:** *late dates:* Chittering (birds heading south on 6th), March (2 on 7th), Fen Drayton Lakes (8 on 9th), Witcham Gravel (20+ on 11th).

Cetti's Warbler **Sept:** reported from Cow Lane GP, Paxton Pits (3), Needingworth (2), Nene Washes (3), Paxton Pits and Wicken Fen (14). **Oct:** Fen Drayton Lakes (max 5+ on 14th), Grafham Water, Paxton Pits, Soham and Wicken Fen (5).

Long-tailed Tit **Sept:** Wicken Fen (17 on 10th). **Oct:** 30+ at Wicken (5th) and Bedford Purlieu (4th).

Chiffchaff **Oct:** Paxton Pits (7th and 2 on 18th), Fen Drayton Lakes (11th), Woodwalton Fen (3 on 14th).

Willow Warbler **Sept:** Barton (23rd). **Oct:** *late dates:* Paxton Pits (4th), Comberton (5th).

Blackcap **Sept:** Wicken Fen (45 caught and ringed on 9th). **Oct:** Paxton Pits (11th), Wicken Fen (30th).

Garden Warbler **Sept:** *late dates:* Over (6th), Middle Fen / Mare Fen (14th).

Lesser Whitethroat **Sept:** *late dates:* Paxton Pits (27th), Bradley Fen (28th).

Sedge Warbler **Sept:** *late dates:* Paxton Pits (2 on 8th), Burwell Fen (9th), Tubney Fen (10th).

Reed Warbler **Oct:** *late dates:* Wicken Fen (1st), Kings Dyke NR (14th).

Waxwing, Thrushes and Chats

Waxwing **Oct:** Burwell Fen (26th).

Starling **Sept:** Diddington (c300 on 2nd), Fen Drayton Lakes (c6000 on 30th). **Oct:** Fen Drayton Lakes (roost of up to 8,000 around the 11th), Tubney Fen (roost of 20,000 on 15th).

Ring Ouzel **Oct:** Nene Washes/Ring's End (14th), Melbourn (15th), Farcet Fen (16th), Cambridge/Huntingdon Road (20th), Mepal (22nd).

Blackbird **Oct:** several reports of movements on 7th, Farcet Fen (32 on 16th).

Fieldfare **Sept:** first arrival, Stretham (flyover on 26th). **Oct:** Haddenham (a few on 11th), Burwell Fen (5 on 16th), Farcet Fen (5 on 16th), Tubney Fen (4 on 16th), Wicken Fen (45 on 16th), Ferry Meadows CP (150 on 30th), Wicken Fen (c600 on 31st).

Song Thrush **Oct:** reports of movements on 7th and 13th, 26 flyovers counted over Cambridge on 15th.

Redwing **Oct:** Soham (12 on 10th), a widespread movement recorded on 13th (Cambridge 2000 over) and on the 14th (Blackbush 1730+, Duxford 150+, Farcet Fen 845, Grafham Water 600, Witcham 'several hundred'). In the following days several reports of flocks of 100+.

Mistle Thrush **Sept:** Paxton Pits (3 on 27th). **Oct:** Witcham (small parties up to 40 birds on 7th).

Spotted Flycatcher **Sept:** at Grafham Water, Over and Wicken Fen, and latest, Fowlmere NR (28th).

Redstart **Sept:** Witcham (male on 1st), Over (6th), Bare Fen (6th), Murrow (6th), Fen Drayton Lakes (9th), Tubney Fen (19th). **Oct:** Eldernell (28th).

For Chats, a comment similar to that for waders applies. Putting them in date order shows some patterns: Stonechats a clear arrival/passage from 25th, Wheatear in two or three periods in that month.

Whinchat **Sept:** Grafham Water (2nd), Burwell Fen (2nd), Paxton Pits (5th – 6th), Over (2 on 6th), Ferry Meadows CP (7th), Nene Washes (4 on 7th), Crane Hill (2 on 9th), Burwell Fen (3 on 9th, 2 on 10th, a single on 12th and 6 on 14th), Berry Fen (3 on 10th), Paxton Pits (13th), Cambourne (2 on 14th), Fowlmere (16th), Ouse Washes RSPB (4 on 16th), Sugeley Wood (4 on 16th), Barleycraft GP (3 on 18th), Berry Fen (3 on 18th and a single on 19th), Yelling (23rd), Soham (23rd), Burwell Fen (24th – 26th), Grafham Water (28th), Ouse Washes (2 on 28th), Witcham Gravel (28th). **Oct:** Burwell Fen (2nd), Ouse Washes (2nd).

Stonechat **Sept:** Burwell Fen (singles on several dates, max 3 on 26th), Ouse Fen (14th), Paxton Pits (2 on 25th and 27th), Nene Washes (6 on 27th), Grafham Water (27th and 28th), Ouse Washes (2 on 28th), Witcham Gravel (6 on 28th). **Oct:** Ouse Washes (6 on 2nd, 2 on 7th, 4 on 25th, single on 31st), Burwell Fen (1 – 2 on several dates), Ouse Fen (2 on 3rd and a surprising 25 on 12th *but doesn't beat the 48 on the Nene Washes in December 2007*), Paxton Pits (1 – 2 on several dates), Nene Washes (12 on 12th), Eynesbury (2 on 12th), Wicken Fen (max 4 on 15th), Cam Washes (25th), Grafham Water (28th), Ferry Meadows CP (30th).

Wheatear **Sept:** Grafham Water (2nd), Paxton Pits (3rd), Ouse Washes (6th), Nene Washes (3 on 7th), Tubney Fen (10th), Paxton Pits (1 or 2 on 11th – 14th), Burwell Fen (singles 12th – 16th), Colne Fen GP

(18th), Nene Washes (27th), Grafham Water (2 on 27th), Prior's Fen (28th) . **Oct:** Burwell Fen (15th), Paxton Pits (18th and 20th), Nene Washes (19th).

Sparrows, wagtails and pipits

Tree Sparrow **Sept:** Ouse Washes RSPB (4 on 28th). **Oct:** Witcham (flyover on 17th), Needingworth (8 on 28th), Wicken Fen (2 ringed on 29th).

Yellow Wagtail **Sept:** Fowlmere/Manor Farm (100+ on 1st), Paxton Pits (c20 on 3rd), Grafham Water (20+ on 2nd), Nene Washes (80 on 7th). **Oct:** Sutton North Fen (5th).

Grey Wagtail **Sept:** reported from 7 wetland sites. **Oct:** reported from 6 sites including Cambridge (2 flyovers on 15th), and Wisbech (2).

Pied Wagtail **Sept:** Colne Fen GP (40+ on 14th), Addenbrooke's Hospital (roost of 390 on 22nd). **Oct:** Farcet Fen (85+ on 14th). **'White Wagtail'** Colne Fen GP (7 on 14th Sept), Farcet Fen (2 on 14th Oct).

Tree Pipit **Sept:** Southoe (flyover on 5th), Croydon (22nd).

Meadow Pipit **Sept:** Fowlmere (221 on 16th), Sugeley Wood (c 20 flyovers on 16th), Grafham Water (40+ on 27th). *317 ringed at Burwell Fen in Sept.* **Oct:** Blackbush (210+ on 14th), Tubney Fen (30 on 16th).

Rock Pipit **Sept:** Ouse Fen (14th), Grafham Water (20th – 22nd), Paxton Pits (22nd and 29th). **Oct:** Paxton Pits (1 – 2 from 3rd to 20th), Grafham Water (2 – 3 on 12th and 15th).

Water Pipit **Oct:** Ouse Washes (15th), Paxton Pits (18th and 27th), Sutton Gault (25th).

Finches and buntings

Brambling **Oct:** Grafham Water (2 on 14th), Witcham Gravel (6 on 14th), Woodwalton Fen (3 on 14th), reports from Cambridge (6 flyovers on 15th), Grafham Water (15th), Farcet Fen (16th) all suggest an inward movement; Wicken Fen (25th), Beechwoods LNR (3+ on 27th), Newmarket (9+ on 27th).

Greenfinch **Sept:** Wicken Fen (50 juveniles ringed on 27th).

Goldfinch **Sept:** Burwell Fen (270 on 23rd), Peterborough (80 on 27th). **Oct:** Ouse Fen (140 on 2nd), Tubney Fen (45 on 16th), Holme Fen (91 on 17th).

Siskin **Sept:** Monk's Wood (c25 on 19th). **Oct:** Grafham Water (5th and 2 on 14th), Paxton Pits (flyover on 10th), Fen Drayton Lakes (4 on 20th), Castor Hanglands (9 on 16th).

Linnet **Sept:** Hinxton (300 on 24th), Fowlmere (300 on 25th). **Oct:** The Giddings (c130 on 26th).

Lesser Redpoll **Oct:** Wicken Fen (a 'control' caught on 29th), Ferry Meadows CP (15 on 30th).

Hawfinch **Oct:** Grafham Water (15th).

Snow Bunting* **Oct:** Fordham (29th – 31st), *now an almost annual visitor but in very small numbers.*

Reed Bunting **Oct:** Needingworth (100 on 28th).

Corn Bunting **Oct:** Fowlmere (57 on 17th).

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Editor's note

In this edition I had intended to include some reports of our autumn conference on Woodland Birds and Habitats, but shortage of space means that these will appear next time; meanwhile, thank you to

those who have sent me contributions. The same space restrictions mean that there has been more editing of the Recent Reports this time, with some species and sightings omitted. If you want a fuller or more timely picture then do subscribe to the monthly e-bulletin (just send your email address to cbcbulletin@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk). Our apologies are due if you have done this and are not yet receiving the e-bulletin. If this is the case please re-send your request. *Chris Brown*

Birds and bird conservation in north-west Germany

It's now been a year and a half since I moved back from Cambridge where I had spent 16 happy years, the last three of them as Chairman of the Club. I now work in the environmental agency of the federal state of North Rhine Westphalia (NRW) as head of bird conservation, which gives me ample opportunity to learn more about the birds and bird conservation in north-west Germany. NRW is ten times larger than Cambridgeshire and is dominated by large forests in the southern hills, the urban conglomerations around Cologne, Essen and Dortmund (the industrial 'Ruhr area' where I live), and the lowlands along the rivers Rhine, Ruhr and Weser.

NRW does not have a coastline, so many bird species that I used to see in Cambs, Norfolk and Suffolk, such as waders and seabirds, have become rarities for me. Even the daily view of gulls that I enjoyed in Cambridge has become a distant past. Short-toed Treecreeper and Black Redstart, missing or rare in England, are very common over here and occasionally I manage to watch Black Woodpecker and even Black Stork or Eagle Owl.

The bird community most strongly in decline is that of farmland birds, so not very different from the UK. Corn Bunting is close to extinction in NRW and the populations of Grey Partridge, Montagu's Harrier and Turtle Dove are small these days; 2014 is my first year in a long time without a sighting of Turtle Dove. As in Cambs, Skylarks are still relatively common but numbers are substantially down from what they were. Numbers of Lapwing have halved over the past five years. In the lowlands, former grassland has been turned into 'forests' of maize on a huge scale, often grown for biogas, with devastating effects on biodiversity.

Wet grasslands used to be a feature of the lowlands along the rivers but are now confined to a network of intensely managed reserves. Here, small numbers of Black-tailed Godwit, Redshank and Snipe hold on as breeding birds, whilst of the wader community only Curlew has not declined over the past decades, or only marginally if at all. The whole of NRW now has fewer Snipe than Cambs, and the species has completely abandoned the wet upland meadows which it once inhabited. These upland habitats now hold nearly all the breeding Whinchats of NRW, which have ceased to nest in the lowlands. Another species of both upland and lowland meadows is the Meadow Pipit which has also become a rare breeding bird over the past years.

As in most parts of lowland continental Europe, inland staging sites for waders have become rare. There are only a handful of such sites left in NRW, mainly along the rivers Rhine and Weser and at the well-known Münster sewage farm. This constitutes a major problem for inland-migrating waders. On the other hand, here Great White Egret is what Little Egret is for East Anglia – a now very common visitor, although it is not yet breeding. On November 1st this year we counted 105 Great Whites at roost sites at fish farms not far from my home.

Unlike in Cambs, there is no lack of woodland birds, with for example, Wood Warbler, Marsh and Crested Tit, Tree Pipit and Black Woodpecker often to be seen or heard. There is a suite of specialist woodland birds in the hilly forests, including Black Stork, Red Kite, Tengmalm's Owl, Pygmy Owl and Nutcracker, with even a handful of Hazel Hen still hanging on at a small number of sites (but extremely

hard to see). With the return of more "natural" forestry, allowing trees to grow old and replacing non-native spruce trees with beech and oak, the forests became wilder and more species-rich. But in recent years, with rising prices for wood, in the predominantly privately-owned forests old trees are being removed on a large scale, and it remains to be seen what this will do to the forest avifauna.

It is fascinating to see how the urban avifauna is changing. Nowadays, there are Peregrines and even Eagle Owls nesting at tall industrial buildings. From older buildings one can hear Black Redstarts singing. Feral and Wood Pigeons are very common but Collared Doves have retreated from larger towns and are now only common in villages in rural areas. Swifts continue to fly screaming around the houses but House Martins are mostly not tolerated by people, and have become a rare breeding species in the urban conglomerate of the Ruhr area. A similarly negative trend is obvious in Serin which used to breed in most towns and villages except for the northwest of NRW; but I have not seen a single bird in the Ruhr area since I moved here.

While writing this, I have just seen some 730 Cranes migrating over the house, the air being filled with their calls. This is a regular sight in spring and autumn and the species has also become a breeding bird in NRW, with 8 pairs this year. Bird watching remains fascinating and offers aspects different from those which I thoroughly enjoyed during my years in Cambridgeshire.

Peter Herkenrath

Anything for a Lark

One of our more peregrinatory members, Ivor Biggalist, has recently been on a round the world quest to distant lands, with the aim of adding more birds to his already large total. Here he recounts his exploits.

Every morning, birdwatching has to be forgotten as I set off to my job as a firewood gatherer in my van, gazing at the traffic, listening to the music on the radio, seeing cyclists dressed in tight lycra nearly collide with me as they dart erratically between the vehicles, forever looking at the clock, not knowing if I'll be on time. When spring comes I tend to get restless. I decided to come to my senses, give it all up for a year, you can't rush birdwatching, sell my parrot, let the house, get rid of the cat, birds should come first, and travel the world, over land, over sea and by air. The plan I conceived was simple. Over dinner that night I thought of mates I already knew might join me, those who would want birds for their lists. I considered Fran, Colin and Ruby; they're all quite slim and could easily fit in the Transit. Ella was also a possibility. They all love birdwatching but on second thoughts they were now too old and decrepit for such a venture. So I tried an eagle-eyed friend, the author of "Optics for Birdwatchers", Willie Seymour, a man daring enough to try anything. He agreed immediately: "Why should I slave at work to boost rich men's bonuses in a life of toil? Birds should come first." Good old Will, eternally enthusiastic, my sort of man, a kindred spirit, never ailing, firm and resolute, not a limp kind of fellow! Next I rang Phoebe. She sounded annoyed when I rang, as she was in the bathroom preparing to dye her neat hair bright red. "Startling colour!" I thought, "but she could do with improvement, always looks a trifle mangy." She's quite a coquette, a teaser in her way, but a nice chick, a deep thinker too. Very petite, a mini veteran of many a foreign trip. She will sometimes cock her eye at me flirtatiously and get quite frisky, larking about all the time. After a little more chat she, being quite gullible and foolish, agreed without demur, realising it would be an adventure. She's a true pet, relishing a challenge. I also tried Ros, Ella and my friend Rod Horner, one of the best birdwatchers I know, but none of them could come. I also sent a swift letter to Merle but she thought it a loony idea and regrettably declined. She sounded as though she had a cold, squawking at me when she phoned. I had a damned good try to persuade her. She said she would love to go away birdwatching for a few weeks but what sort of man goes off for a year? With some gall I told her she was a timid mouse. Birdwatchers should be hard headed and forward looking, letting nothing stand in their way. Her disapproval was a sham actually. She is really quite friendly, sometimes we would chat for hours.

Undaunted, I then tried my cousin Bill. I orated my plan at length: "It'll be exciting for you as you've never been abroad, Bill." "Strike a light mate!" he exclaimed, being an Aussie, "Of course, really pleased to be asked." I

sometimes find it difficult to understand him. I don't know if it's his accent or the ale the man drinks every night. I'd guessed he would come; a pal is a chap who will always support you. I told him we wouldn't spend much time in Europe, no point in spending the summer lingering there for a few species. "We'll head for Africa, then to Iran. I anticipate seeing a few good ones there. We could go along the shore of the Caspian, turn south and make for south-east Asia for the giant ibis, hop over to Australia and New Zealand, across the Pacific to Hawaii, then on to Canada. Warblers are one of my favourites and they have plenty there. We must also go to Nicaragua, neither of us has been, then on to South America, including the Amazon. Bill agreed to meet for a drink. "See you in the bar. Bet you could do with a pint." "A double whisky'll be better" he said when we met. "There's one thing I'm worried about - the inoculations. At the prospect of having a jab I run a mile!" He had a white face at the mere thought. "Has Margery gone mad at the idea?" I asked, knowing her to be a fiery redhead who will sometimes scream erratically. Once when I met him I was aghast: "Your nose is bent Bill, and you've got a black eye!" "Well, she didn't think it exactly a good idea, but she didn't climb the wall. Creep around for a while, keep out of her way and she calms down. She's a good woman really, quite happy to spend all her time in the kitchen with her Cajun cooking." I agreed; sometimes I was invited to her nice lunches - much better than my usual bachelor fare, a dry sandwich turned up at the corners. Everything goes in her steamer: duck, apricot in garlic, even a green lettuce. If you gulp it in a mouthful you get a red throat and her curried banana quite raises your temperature. She'll butcher birds and animals for the pot, oodles of water, cock a leekie, all very quickly. "She keeps her utensils sharp;" Bill said, "you should see her slicing a kebab, axe in hand. She can open a tin can a minute and makes so many fairy cakes that the bun tin gets quite burnt out and is now rendered useless. "I've got a brilliant idea. I'll buy her a new sapphire and emerald necklace, maybe even some topaz earrings." He did just that. She was delighted and agreed to our scheme.

It was settled. We bought new clothes and a tent of waterproof canvas. Back at Bill's we showed her our new tropical gear, Bill even wearing his tinted glasses. "How smart!" intoned Marge. "I've got some tough trousers and strong boots in case I tread on a sharp thorn," Bill said "or have to scramble through scratchy lianas. "Yes, you may have to negotiate great awkward obstacles: lakes of bubbling tar, rocks as big as houses, jungle cats with long claws, all kinds of hazards. You'll encounter heat and be prepare for wet weather. Take your waterproofing wax, Bill, and an umbrella. Birdwatchers don't always bother. If the rain pours down in a torrent, duck under cover!"

Our trip was a huge success and some of the scenery was magnificent, from snow-capped mountains to rolling grassland and dusty plains. Wanderer as I am, I have experienced many fine sights but few as awe-inspiring as Machu Picchu where I stood alone and proud on the heights, imagining I was an Inca. How lucky we were to be in such a place! Somewhere along the trail, Bill lost his hat. I think a gust of wind blew it over a cliff. Chatting together we didn't even notice. Once we thought we caught a glimpse of a huia, but it disappeared in a flash, gone, never to return. "O-ooh!" cried Phoebe, as her anguished sob rent the air. "That would have been a lifer! A really sad dip! Perhaps I'll never see one."

In Australia we were helped by Bill's friend Jacky. Winter was now upon us however and a chill started to make the nights quite cold. What a great holiday! In addition to all the birds we had seen plenty of animals, particularly leopard - a lot easily seen from our vehicle, various types of mongoose, a rare topi having a drink from a waterhole, even a two hundred strong herd of muntjac - a marvellous sight! To see which of us had seen the most, we called our final log. Runner up was Phoebe, so we gave her a small coronet of flowers, second or not. Will and Bill had a dispute about their totals, but I called a truce: "Don't let's be petty, chaps", I said, "that's a minor point". Bill and I had a joint win, spotting the most birds. "You missed an avocet Bill" she said, "otherwise you would have won!" Last was poor Will, his old lungs out of puff, birdwatching was now too much for him as bad luck has it, yet he enjoyed the trip. At once stage on a very steep climb I thought he was going to die and I'd have to chuck Will's widow a few quid when we returned to calm her down. I'd have been the chief mourner. He'd better not come next year when we may set ourselves an even sterner test!

Very interesting Ivor, but just how many birds did you see or hear? Perhaps our readers may like to guess and you can tell us in the next bulletin (Ed).

FROM THE TREASURER

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Roger Swain, Treasurer

Burwell Fen - a note from the National Trust

There are repairs to Reach Lode Bridge taking place in December. They will take five days in total to complete during which the bridge will be **closed to all users**. This will affect bird watchers parking using the small car park then crossing the Bridge to Burwell Fen. The alternative is to park north of Burwell Fen at Harrisons Drove car park and cross Burwell Lode to get to Burwell Fen.

The closure is to allow us to do important maintenance work to ensure the safety of all bridge users. The five days will be between the **4th and 18th of December**. We need a few days either side to allow flexibility for our contractor and some contingency. If nearer the time you require the exact five days please give us a call. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Lois Baker, Community Ranger, Wicken Fen, 01353 720274

Forthcoming meetings

Friday 12th December, St Johns Hall, Cambridge. 7.30 for 8pm

Christmas Social - Come and enjoy mince pies and mulled wine in good company while listening to inspiring short talks by club members. Please contact [Vicki Harley](#) if you would like to give a short presentation.

Friday 9th January 2015, St Johns Hall, Cambridge. 7.30 for 8pm

Stray Feathers and Tall Tales – behind the scenes at the BBRC by *Adam Rowlands, chairman of British Birds Rarity Committee.*

Adam has been involved with the committee for the last 15 years and will provide an entertaining look at the history of rare bird recording and what makes the committee (and birders) tick. He will be looking back over the last 50 years of the BBRC and glancing forward to see what the future may hold for rare bird identification and recording in Britain.

13th February, St Johns Hall, Cambridge. 7.30 for 8pm

Tales of the Unexpected - new insights from tracking our Afro-Palaeartic migrants by *Chris Hewson.*

Populations of many Afro-Palaeartic migrants are currently in steep decline. Chris Hewson is a Senior Research Ecologist at the British Trust for Ornithology; he will talk about the BTO's tracking programme and will describe how its results are beginning to help us understand why these birds might be declining.

New members: We welcome the following new members – Joy Dingley of Cottenham, Catherine Durance & Simon Lee of Cambridge and James Woolfenden of London.

Membership Secretary

Bruce Martin is to retire as Membership Secretary at next spring's AGM so the club will be looking for someone to fill this vital role. Please contact the Chairman if you are interested. The main tasks are:

- Deal with enquires re membership whether by phone, email or in person.
- Enrol new members, sending them a members' pack.
- Keep the membership database up to date.
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Full lists of your records should continue to be submitted monthly to **Louise Bacon** the County Recorder, preferably using the [spreadsheet](#) available on the Records section of the website, **by the 5th of the following month.**

GOOD BIRDING!