

## Birds Trip Report for Eagle-Eye England Birds and Gardens April 23<sup>rd</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

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### Trip list - Birds

- Greylag Goose *Anser anser*  
Fairly common in small numbers, pairs or flocks, seen on nine dates.
- Brant (Dark-bellied Brent Goose) *Branta bernicla*  
Several small groups totalling about 150 at Cley and Titchwell, Norfolk on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*  
Fairly common in small numbers or flocks, seen on seven dates.
- Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*  
Very common, pairs or small groups seen on nine dates.
- Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*  
Fairly common in pairs or small numbers, seen on six dates.
- Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*  
At least 6 on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, about 15 on the reserve at Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup> and several pairs or small groups at Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup>, at Cley and Titchwell on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Salthouse on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Gadwall *Anas strepera*  
Fairly common in pairs or small numbers, seen on five dates at Dungeness, Stodmarsh, Hever Castle, Abberton Reservoir, Minsmere, Hickling Broad, Cley and Titchwell.
- Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*  
At least 5 pairs on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 at Abberton Reservoir on 27<sup>th</sup> and 2 at Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*  
Fairly common in small numbers or flocks, seen every day.
- Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*  
Very common or numerous at Dungeness and Stodmarsh on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, smaller numbers, mostly pairs at Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup>, Hickling Broad May 1<sup>st</sup> and Cley and Titchwell on 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Garganey *Anas querquedula*  
A very flighty and elusive male at Minsmere on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Teal *Anas crecca*  
Fairly common in pairs or small numbers, seen on five dates at Dungeness, Stodmarsh, Abberton Reservoir, Minsmere, Hickling Broad, Cley and Titchwell.
- Common Pochard *Aythya ferina*  
A single at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and pairs at Hyde Hall on 27<sup>th</sup>, and Cley and Titchwell May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*  
Fairly common in small numbers or flocks, seen on nine dates.
- Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa*

A pair along the road to Fingringhoe Wick on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 2 Dunwich Heath the following day, also seen at Cley and Choseley near Titchwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Gray Partridge *Perdix perdix*

A pair at the edge of a large field at Choseley near Titchwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

Very common in small numbers, seen on eight dates.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Singles or pairs (heard or seen) at Hyde Hall on April 27<sup>th</sup>, Minsmere 29<sup>th</sup>, Cley May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Black-necked/Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

One in full breeding plumage on the Dungeness RSPB reserve on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

Fairly common, mostly in pairs, seen at Dungeness, Stodmarsh, Abberton Reservoir, Minsmere, Hickling Broad and Cley.

Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*

About 10 over the cliffs and on the sea at Hunstanton lighthouse on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*

At least five flying offshore from Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Very common, seen on six dates.

Great Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

A single in flight over the reeds and then landing in the open briefly at Minsmere on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Fairly common seen on 8 dates at Dungeness, Stodmarsh, Hever Castle, Abberton Reservoir, Minsmere, Hickling Broad, Cley and Titchwell.

Great White Egret *Casmerodius albus*

Two, one seen very briefly, in flight at Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

A single at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 at Fingringhoe Wick on 27<sup>th</sup>, 3 at Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup> and fairly common at Hickling Broad May 1<sup>st</sup> and Cley, Titchwell and Salthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Eurasian Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

Pairs at Dungeness April 25<sup>th</sup>, Stodmarsh 26<sup>th</sup>, Minsmere 29<sup>th</sup>, Hickling Broad May 1<sup>st</sup> and Cley and Titchwell 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

A single briefly in flight at Stodmarsh on April 26<sup>th</sup>, Easr Ruston Gardens 30<sup>th</sup> and over the main road at Brandon on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

Fairly common, mostly single birds or pairs, seen on seven dates.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*

Single birds heard calling from reeds at Minsmere on April 29<sup>th</sup> and Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Eurasian Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Fairly common in small numbers at Dungeness, Stodmarsh, Hever Castle, Beth Chatto's garden, Abberton Reservoir, Minsmere, Hickling Broad and Cley and Titchwell.

- Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*  
Fairly common in small numbers at Dungeness, Stodmarsh, Hever Castle, Abberton Reservoir, Minsmere, Hickling Broad and Cley and Titchwell.
- Common Crane *Grus grus*  
Three, including a pair, in flight at Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Stone Curlew *Burhinus oedicnemus*  
One seen poorly in strong heat haze at Cavenham Heath on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*  
Fairly common or numerous at Minsmere April 29<sup>th</sup>, Hickling Broad May 1<sup>st</sup> and Cley and Titchwell 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Eurasian Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*  
Fairly common in pairs or small numbers at Dungeness, Minsmere, Hickling Broad and Cley and Titchwell.
- Gray/Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*  
About 6 on the mud at Fingringhoe Wick on April 27<sup>th</sup> and a single at Titchwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Eurasian Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*  
Fairly common in pairs or small numbers at Dungeness, Stodmarsh, Abberton Reservoir, Fingringhoe Wick, Minsmere, Hickling Broad and Cley.
- Eurasian Dotterel *Charadrius morinellus*  
Up to 11 seen distantly in bare farm fields at Choseley, near Titchwell, on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*  
One heard calling at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, a single seen at Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup> and a party of 6 from the East Bank at Cley on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*  
A pair from the East Bank at Cley on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*  
A single on mud at the edge of the River Thames at Kew on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Redshank *Tringa totanus*  
Fairly common in pairs at Dungeness, Fingringhoe Wick, Minsmere, Hickling Broad, Cley and Titchwell.
- Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*  
A flock of 10 on the RSPB reserve at Dungeness on 25<sup>th</sup>, at least 2 at Fingringhoe Wick on 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 Hickling Broad May 1<sup>st</sup> and a single at Cley on 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- European Curlew *Numenius arquata*  
A single at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup> and another in fields at Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*  
About 20 including some in fine summer plumage at Minsmere on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*  
A small flock of 6 seen from the road on the Blyth Estuary near Minsmere on the evening of April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*  
5 at Minsmere on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 12 on rocks along Sheringham sea-front on May 1<sup>st</sup> and about 15 at Titchwell on 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*  
Two males coming into full summer plumage from the East Bank at Cley on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sanderling *Calidris alba*

- 4 along the tideline at Titchwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Little Stint *Calidris minuta*  
A single in non-breeding plumage at Titchwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Dunlin *Calidris alpina*  
Small numbers at Fingringhoe Wick on April 27<sup>th</sup>, Blyth Estuary 28<sup>th</sup>, Minsmere 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 at Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup> and about 15 at Cley on 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*  
A single at Minsmere on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*  
Fairly common, breeding flocks at Dungeness, Minsmere, Cley and Titchwell, seen every day.
- Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus*  
2 adults flew overhead at Dungeness on the morning of April 25<sup>th</sup> and an adult in full breeding plumage and a sub-adult at Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Common / Mew Gull *Larus canus*  
Up to 20 on the RSPB reserve and feeding over the sea from Dungeness power station on 25<sup>th</sup> and a single non-breeding bird at Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Herring Gull /European Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*  
Common, seen every day, including in and around Heathrow.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*  
Fairly common pairs or small groups seen along the River Thames at Kew on April 24<sup>th</sup>, Dungeness on 25<sup>th</sup>, Abberton Reservoir and Fingringhoe Wick on 27<sup>th</sup>, Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup> and Titchwell on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*  
Fairly common in small numbers at Dungeness, Fingringhoe Wick and Minsmere.
- Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*  
Fairly common in small numbers at Dungeness, Abberton Reservoir, Minsmere, Hickling Broad and at Cley.
- Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*  
At least 50 feeding over the lagoons and flying past the outflow from Dungeness power station on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*  
2-3 flew east past the tip of Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, a flock of about 50 at Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup> and 2 over the Eat Bank at Cley on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*  
Common, seen every day.
- Stock Dove *Columba oenas*  
A pair at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup> and about 4 in fields at Choseley near Titchwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Common Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus*  
Common, seen every day.
- Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*  
Common, seen almost every day.
- Cuckoo/ Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*  
A single seen several times in flight at the Dungeness RSPB reserve on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Common Swift *Apus apus*

Up to 10 over the Dungeness RSPB reserve on April 25<sup>th</sup>, a single at Stodmarsh the following day, 2 over Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup> and a single at Cley on 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Great Spotted Woodpecker                      *Dendrocopos major*  
1 heard calling at Stodmarsh on April 26<sup>th</sup>, another heard at Green Island Gardens on 28<sup>th</sup> and a female seen well at Bressingham Gardens on 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Green Woodpecker                      *Picus viridis*  
A single seen well but briefly at Great Dixter on the evening of April 24<sup>th</sup> and birds heard calling at Stodmarsh on 26<sup>th</sup>, Hyde Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> and at Beth Chatto's Garden on 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Kestrel                                      *Falco tinnunculus*  
Singles or pairs at Kew Gardens, Stodmarsh, Abberton Reservoir, Fingringhoe Wick, Minsmere, Hickling Broad, Cley and Titchwell.
- Rose-ringed Parakeet                              *Psittacula krameri*  
Fairly common in and around Kew Gardens on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Jay    *Garrulus glandarius*  
1-2 in Kew Gardens on 24<sup>th</sup>, Stodmarsh on 26<sup>th</sup>, Fingringhoe Wick 27<sup>th</sup> and Bressingham Gardens on 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Magpie                                      *Pica pica*  
Fairly common, seen every day.
- Eurasian Jackdaw                                      *Corvus monedula*  
Common, seen every day.
- Rook    *Corvus frugilegus*  
Common, seen on 9 dates.
- Carrion Crow    *Corvus corone*  
Common, seen every day.
- Bearded Reedling                                      *Panurus biarmicus*  
About 3 in reeds by the footpath across Stodmarsh on April 26<sup>th</sup> and a single seen briefly in flight at Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Skylark    *Alauda arvensis*  
1-2 heard singing at Dungeness on 25<sup>th</sup>, at least 4 at Abberton Reservoir on 27<sup>th</sup> and fairly numerous at Cley, Titchwell and around Choseley on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Woodlark    *Lullula arborea*  
One heard briefly at Westleton Heath on the morning of April 30<sup>th</sup> and a pair seen well on the ground at Cavenham Heath on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Sand Martin / Bank Swallow                      *Riparia riparia*  
A few with other hirundines at Dungeness, Stodmarsh, Minsmere and Cley.
- Barn Swallow    *Hirundo rustica*  
Fairly common in small numbers, mostly pairs or groups of 3-4, seen on 8 dates.
- Common House Martin                              *Delichon urbicum*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen at Dungeness on 25<sup>th</sup>, Stodmarsh 26<sup>th</sup> and Cley on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Marsh Tit    *Poecile palustris*  
A single seen coming to food at the bridge at Lynford Arboretum on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Coal Tit    *Periparus ater*  
A single at Great Dixter on April 24<sup>th</sup> and up to 3 coming to food at the bridge at Lynford Arboretum on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Great Tit *Parus major*  
Common, seen every day.
- Eurasian Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*  
Common, seen every day.
- Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*  
Singles, pairs or small parties at Great Dixter, Stodmarsh, Hyde Hall, Fingringhoe Wick, Bressingham Gardens and Hickling Broad.
- Eurasian Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*  
Fairly common seen or heard calling on six dates including one from the garden at Great Dixter on 24<sup>th</sup>, single Stodmarsh 26<sup>th</sup>, Bressingham Gardens 30<sup>th</sup> and one heard calling at Lynford Arboretum on Masy 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Eurasian Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*  
At least one in woodland at Stodmarsh on 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Eurasian Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*  
Very common, seen every day.
- Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*  
Singles or pairs seen or heard in Kew Gardens, Hyde Hall, Beth Chatto's Garden and Bressingham Gardens.
- Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti*  
Fairly common but mostly heard or seen briefly at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Stodmarsh on 26<sup>th</sup>, Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup>, Hickling Broad May 1<sup>st</sup> Cley and Titchwell 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*  
Singles seen or heard singing at Minsmere on April 29<sup>th</sup>, Hickling Broad (2) on May 1<sup>st</sup> and Lynford Arboretum 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard on 9 dates.
- Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*  
A few singing at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Stodmarsh on 26<sup>th</sup>, Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup> and at Cley and Titchwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Eurasian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*  
Small numbers seen or heard singing in the reeds at Dungeness on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Stodmarsh on 26<sup>th</sup>, Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup>, Hickling Broad May 1<sup>st</sup> and Cley on 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard on 9 dates.
- Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*  
One seen and heard singing at Dungeness RSPB reserve on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 2 in bushes at Dunwich Cliffs on 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Common Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard on 5 dates.
- Eurasian Robin *Erithacus rubecula*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard almost every day.
- Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*  
At least 3 heard and one seen briefly several times at Fingringhoe Wick on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- European Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*  
Single males or pairs on Dunwich Heath on April 28<sup>th</sup>, Dunwich Cliffs 29<sup>th</sup> and 3-4 Westleton Heath on 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Single males at Dungeness on 25<sup>th</sup>, Minsmere on 29<sup>th</sup> and a female at Cavenham Heath on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*  
Very common, seen every day.
- Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*  
Single male near Stubbs Mill, Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen or heard on 6 dates and a nest with several well-grown young at Great Dixter on the afternoon of April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*  
Single at Stodmarsh on April 26<sup>th</sup>, Dunwuch Heath on 28<sup>th</sup>, Westleton Heath 30<sup>th</sup>, a pair at Hickling Broad on May 1<sup>st</sup> and at least one at Cley and Choseley on 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*  
Very common, seen on 8 dates.
- Duncock / Hedge Sparrow *Prunella modularis*  
Very common, seen every day.
- Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava feldegg*  
A single of the race feldegg, known as Black-headed Wagtail (a rare visitor to the UK from SE Europe) at Titchwell on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*  
A single female fly-catching over the small river at Burnham Norton Mill on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Pied / White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*  
Pied Wagtail: Fairly common in small numbers, seen on 8 dates. White Wagtail: a single from the East Bank at Cley on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*  
A single on Dunwich Cliffs on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 2 from the East Bank at Cley on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*  
A single at Westleton Heath on the morning of April 30<sup>th</sup> and 2 at Morston Harbour on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*  
1-2 seen at Dungeness RSPB reserve on 25<sup>th</sup>, Stodmarsh on 26<sup>th</sup>, Hickling Broad May 1<sup>st</sup> and at Cley and Titchwell 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Common Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*  
Fairly common in pairs or small numbers, seen every day.
- European Greenfinch *Chloris chloris*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen on 7 dates.
- Eurasian Siskin *Carduelis spinus*  
A single heard calling by the River Thames at Kew on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- European Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*  
Fairly common in small flocks, seen on 8 dates.
- Eurasian Linnet *Carduelis cannabina*  
Fairly common in pairs or small flocks, seen on 7 dates.
- House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*  
Fairly common in small numbers, seen every day.
- Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*  
Up to 3 on feeders at the entrance to Dungeness RSPB reserve on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Mammals**

Rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Dungeness, Fingringhoe Wick, Dunwich Heath, Westleton Heath, Minsmere, Cavenham Heath
Brown Hare	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Minsmere, Westleton Heath, Cavenham Heath
Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	Minsmere
Chinese Water Deer	<i>Hydropotes inermis</i>	Hickling Broad

## **Insects – Butterflies**

Peacock	<i>Aglais io</i>	
Small Tortoiseshell	<i>Aglais urticae</i>	
Brimstone	<i>Gonepteryx rhamni</i>	
Large White	<i>Pieris brassicae</i>	
Orange-tip	<i>Anthocharis cardamines</i>	