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# 4A. Bird Survey Data 2022-24

## 4A. Bird Survey Data 2022-24

### 4A.1 Introduction

- 4A.1.1 This appendix presents the wintering and breeding bird survey data available to inform the preliminary assessment reported in the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report for Section 4 New Lincolnshire Connection Substation (LCS) B to Refined Weston Marsh Substation Siting Zone (Section 4) of the Project. This survey data was collected from surveys from 2022 to 2024. Data presented shows the abundance and conservation status of species recorded for wintering birds and breeding birds.
- 4A.1.2 Further details of the survey methodologies adopted are provided in **PEI Report Volume 3 Part A Appendix 4B Environmental Impact Assessment Methodologies and Scope**.

#### Wintering Birds

- 4A.1.3 The abundance data presented for wintering birds are the summed count of all observations of a species across survey visits. This approach may overestimate counts of birds, however the approach does provide a proxy for relative abundance to allow an indicative and precautionary approach to assigning importance.
- 4A.1.4 For abundance, the values presented in parentheses within the following tables represent those records of birds in flight. The 'European Site Features' column identifies whether those species are a qualifying feature, or part of the waterbird assemblage, of European designated sites, noting the consideration of the Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) for the relevant species.
- 4A.1.5 IRZs are a tool development by Natural England to make a rapid initial assessment of potential risks posed by development proposals. They define zones for each feature, outside of which adverse impacts are unlikely.
- 4A.1.6 Further avian work has been undertaken during Winter 2024/25 for wintering birds and the full survey results will be presented and assessed in the Environmental Statement (ES).

#### Breeding Birds

- 4A.1.7 It should be noted that the survey transect for breeding birds only had partial coverage of the area and thus the number of territories does not represent the total number of birds breeding or using this area in the breeding season.
- 4A.1.8 Further avian work will be required in 2025 for breeding birds and the full survey results will be presented and assessed in the ES.

Table 4A.1 Winter bird species and abundance recorded from Section 4 Survey area

Common name	Scientific name	Abundance (birds in flight)	Distribution	BoCC Status <sup>1</sup>	Schedule 1	Section 41 <sup>2</sup>	Annex I	European Site Qualifying Feature
Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	1 (1)	Recorded within a barn and flying within the centre of the section.	Green	Yes	No	No	No
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	43 (167)	Distributed in clusters throughout the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for The Wash Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar. Outside of IRZ.
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	14 (19)	Distributed in clusters throughout the section.	Green	No	No	No	No
Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	48	Recorded loafing on riverbank and roosting. Mostly located within the north.	n/a	No	No	No	No. Canada goose is not considered as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the SPA and Ramsar sites associated with the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes,

<sup>1</sup> Stanbury, A., Eaton, M., Aebischer, N., Balmer, D., Brown, A., Douse, A., Lindley, P., McCulloch, N., Noble, D., and Win I. 2021. The status of our bird populations: the fifth Birds of Conservation Concern in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man and second IUCN Red List assessment of extinction risk for Great Britain. British Birds 114: 723-747.

<sup>2</sup> Species of Principal Importance under the NERC Act 2006

Common name	Scientific name	Abundance (birds in flight)	Distribution	BoCC Status <sup>1</sup>	Schedule 1	Section 41 <sup>2</sup>	Annex I	European Site Qualifying Feature
								given the species' introduced status.
Common gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	127 (704)	Recorded in fields throughout the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for The Wash SPA and Ramsar. Outside of IRZ.
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	8 (5)	Recorded in waterbodies along the section.	Green	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	192 (118)	Distribution concentrated within the north of the site.	Amber	No	Yes	No	Yes, curlew (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for The Wash SPA and Ramsar. Outside of IRZ.
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	100	Recorded foraging within the north of the section, west of Skegness.	Red	Yes	No	No	No
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	19 (2)	Recorded in flooded fields, rivers and ponds near the central and southern section.	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, gadwall (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for The Wash SPA, Ouse Washes SPA and

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								Ramsar and the Nene Washes SPA. Outside of IRZ.
Golden plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	321 (165)	The majority of records were foraging within the south of the section.	Green	No	No	Yes	Yes, golden plover (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for The Humber Estuary SPA and Ramsar. They are a waterbird assemblage species The Wash SPA and Ramsar site.  Records are outside of IRZ, however the IRZ for this species partially overlaps the section.
Green sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	3 (1)	Recorded within the north and south, located on water and foraging.	Amber	Yes	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	2 (6)	Majority flying over rivers and waterbodies, within the south of the section.	Green	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.



Common name	Scientific name	Abundance (birds in flight)	Distribution	BoCC Status <sup>1</sup>	Schedule 1	Section 41 <sup>2</sup>	Annex I	European Site Qualifying Feature
Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	224 (15)	Recorded on riverbanks, ground and foraging across the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
European herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	4 (30)	Recorded foraging and flying within fields across the section.	Red	No	Yes	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for The Wash SPA and Ramsar. Outside of IRZ.
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	24 (21)	Recorded perched on trees and poles and in flight. Clusters west of Skegness and east of Sutterton.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	147 (326)	Distribution concentrated within the north of the section.	Red	No	Yes	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Records are outside of IRZ, however the IRZ for this species partially overlaps the section.

Common name	Scientific name	Abundance (birds in flight)	Distribution	BoCC Status <sup>1</sup>	Schedule 1	Section 41 <sup>2</sup>	Annex I	European Site Qualifying Feature
Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	5 (3)	Recorded in river and drainage ditch associated with farmland within the central and south.	Green	No	No	Yes	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1	Recorded in the south along the River Welland.	Green	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	365 (145)	Recorded in river, waterbodies and drainage ditch associated with farmland across the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	(3)	Recorded within the north, all flying and hunting.	Amber	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, marsh harrier are a qualifying species for the Humber Estuary SPA. Outside of IRZ.
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	21 (24)	Recorded on or adjacent to water, mostly within the	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The

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			central area of the section.					Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Mute swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	89 (8)	Recorded in the edge of fields in ditches and waterbodies throughout the section.	Green	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	2 (2)	Recorded feeding and flying, east of Skegness and east of Boston.	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, oystercatcher (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for The Wash SPA and Ramsar. Outside of IRZ.
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	(1)	Flying and foraging within the north of the section.	Green	Yes	No	Yes	No
Pink-footed goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	1 (187)	The majority recorded within the north, east of Skegness, feeding.	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, pink-footed goose (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for The Wash SPA and Ramsar. Record within the IRZ.
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	14 (2)	Recorded foraging and flying near water, mostly present within the	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, redshank (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for the SPA and Ramsar sites associated

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			south of the section.					with the Humber Estuary and The Wash. Outside of IRZ.
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	(2)	Recorded flying along the River Welland, south of the site.	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, shelduck (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for the Humber Estuary and The Wash SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	(16)	Recorded on ground and drainage ditch. The majority recorded within the north of the section, a couple in the south.	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	(1)	Recorded flying over hedgerow, north of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	81 (104)	The majority recorded in drainage ditch, east of Skegness. Some sightings within south.	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, teal (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for the Ouse Washes Ramsar and Nene Washes SPA. Outside of IRZ.
Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	295 (456)	Limited records within the centre of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, wigeon (non-breeding) are a qualifying species for The Wash SPA,

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			Clustered within the south of the site and some in the north.					Ouse Washes Ramsar and Nene Washes SPA. Outside of IRZ.
Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	(3)	Recorded within a field the north of the section, north-east of Skegness.	Red	No	No	No	No



Table 4A.2 Breeding season species and numbers of territories recorded from Section 4 Survey Area

Common name	Scientific name	Number of territories	Distribution	BoCC Status	Schedule 1	Section 41	Annex I	European Site Qualifying Feature
Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	1	Recorded in a field, along the transect east of Skegness.	Amber	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, avocet (breeding) are a qualifying species for The Wash SPA, Ouse Washes Ramsar and Nene Washes SPA. Outside of IRZ.
Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	7	Recorded in field boundaries and barns/buildings throughout the section.	Green	Yes	No	No	No
Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1	Recorded along the River Witham, south of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	1	Recorded along Steeping River, in the centre of the section.	Amber	No	No	Yes	Yes – common tern (breeding) are a qualifying species for The Wash SPA, Ouse Washes Ramsar and Nene Washes SPA. Outside of IRZ.

Common name	Scientific name	Number of territories	Distribution	BoCC Status	Schedule 1	Section 41	Annex I	European Site Qualifying Feature
Corn bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	8	Recorded predominantly clustered in fields near Spalding Road, in the south of the section. There are a couple of records in the centre.	Red	No	Yes	No	No
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	7	Majority concentrated in fields east of Skegness and some recorded near Boston.	Red	No	No	No	No
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	21	Recorded in drains e.g. south Forty Foot Drain and watercourses along the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	10	Recorded in drains e.g. south Forty Foot Drain, watercourses and fields. Majority recorded east of Boston.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	12	Recorded along field boundaries and in fields, throughout the section.	Red	No	No	No	No
Grey partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	16	Recorded within the south of the section, concentrated in fields near Wigtoft.	Red	No	Yes	No	No

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Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	5	Recorded in watercourses along the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
House martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	2	Recorded in buildings in the centre of the section.	Red	No	No	No	No
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	33	Recorded in clusters, along the section, predominately west of Boston.	Red	No	Yes	No	No
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	2	Recorded within trees in the north of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	9	Records concentrated in fields, west of Skegness in the north of the section. One record near Boston.	Red	No	Yes	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	17	Records scattered within the north, mostly clustered along drains	Red	No	Yes	No	No

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			e.g. South Forty Foot Drain.					
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	34	Recorded in watercourses and trains in clusters along the transects throughout the section.	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, mallard (breeding) are a qualifying species for the Ouse Washes SPA. Outside of IRZ.
Marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	4	Recorded in pond areas within the south of the section.	Amber	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, marsh harrier are a qualifying species for the Humber Estuary SPA. Outside of IRZ.
Meadow pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	10	Majority of records recorded along the River Welland, south of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Mistle thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1	Recorded in a field adjacent to New Hammon Beck watercourse.	Red	No	No	No	No
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	25	Recorded along the section, majority in the South Forty Foot Drain and other watercourses.	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.

Common name	Scientific name	Number of territories	Distribution	BoCC Status	Schedule 1	Section 41	Annex I	European Site Qualifying Feature
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	5	Recorded throughout the transect, two records in the River Welland, south of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	4	Recorded in adjacent fields with waterbodies, southwest of Skegness.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	79	Recorded in field boundaries and adjacent to waterbodies in clusters of the transects, along the section.	Amber	No	Yes	No	No
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	88	Recorded in fields, in three locations of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Sedge warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	49	Recorded along drains, field boundaries and in fields. Records in clusters along the extent of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	3	Recorded in waterbodies, within the north of the section and southwest of Boston.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	1	Recorded in field with waterbodies, southwest of Skegness.	Amber	No	No	No	Yes, shoveler (breeding) are a



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								qualifying species for the Ouse Washes SPA. Outside of IRZ.
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	210	Recorded in fields throughout the section.	Red	No	Yes	No	No
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1	Recorded in field with waterbodies, southwest of Skegness.	Amber	No	No	No	No, however listed as a component of the waterbird assemblage for the Humber Estuary, The Wash and Ouse Washes SPA and Ramsar sites. Outside of IRZ.
Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	10	Recorded in field boundaries in the centre of the section.	Amber	No	Yes	No	No
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	8	Recorded in fields, mostly within the centre and north, one record in the south of the section.	Red	No	Yes	No	No
Stock dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	10	Recorded in fields throughout the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	1	Recorded in building, adjacent to main road in the centre of the site.	Red	No	No	No	No

Common name	Scientific name	Number of territories	Distribution	BoCC Status	Schedule 1	Section 41	Annex I	European Site Qualifying Feature
Tawny owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	1	Recorded in field boundary, adjacent to Westhouses.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	1	Recorded in hedgerow, south of the section.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Tree sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	1	Recorded in field boundary, adjacent to Westhouses.	Red	No	Yes	No	No
Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	40	Recorded in fields and field boundaries along the section.	Green	No	No	No	No
Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	1	Recorded in field with waterbodies, southwest of Skegness.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Willow warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	1	Recorded in South Forty Foot Drain.	Amber	No	No	No	No
Yellow wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	15	Recorded in fields throughout the section, majority in the north.	Red	No	Yes	No	No
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	22	Recorded in fields throughout the section, concentrated within the north.	Red	No	Yes	No	No

Table 4A.3 Importance of species observed from surveys within Section 4 Survey Area.

Common name	Scientific name	Numbers of breeding territories	Winter abundance (birds in flight)	County Status	Importance
Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	1	0	Fairly local breeding species. Fairly common coastal breeder, colonising inland localities in the past few years. Fairly common passage migrant, scarce in winter.	County
Barn owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	7	(1)	Very widespread breeding species	Local
Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	0	43 (167)	Fairly local breeding species. Very common resident, passage migrant and winter visitor.	Less than local
Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	0	14 (19)	Very widespread breeding species. Passage migrant and winter visitor.	Less than local
Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	0	48	Very widespread breeding species. Feral species.	Less than local
Common gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	0	127 (704)	Very common passage migrant and winter species.	Local
Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1	0	Former breeding species (last bred in 1979). Fairly common autumn passage migrant, scarce in spring, and also as a regular but very scarce winter visitor.	Regional
Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	1	0	Fairly widespread breeding species. Fairly common summer visitor and common passage migrant. Most breeding colonies are now inland.	Local

Common name	Scientific name	Numbers of breeding territories	Winter abundance (birds in flight)	County Status	Importance
Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	0	8 (5)	Very local breeding species. Common winter visitor, mainly coastal but increasing number inland and in summer.	Local
Corn bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	8	0	Fairly widespread breeding species. Fairly common but somewhat localised and declining resident.	Local
Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	7	0	Fairly widespread breeding species. Declining summer visitor.	Local
Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	0	192 (118)	Fairly local breeding species. Common passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	21	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	0	100	Very common passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	10	19 (2)	Fairly widespread breeding species. Fairly common though localised breeding species and winter visitor.	Local
Golden plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	0	321 (165)	Very common passage migrant and winter visitor, occasional in summer.	International
Green sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	0	3 (1)	Fairly common autumn passage migrant, scarce in spring and also as a regular winter visitor.	Local
Greenfinch	<i>Chloris chloris</i>	12	0	Very widespread breeding species. Declining resident, passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local

Common name	Scientific name	Numbers of breeding territories	Winter abundance (birds in flight)	County Status	Importance
Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	0	2 (6)	Fairly local breeding species. Partial migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Grey partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>	16	0	Very widespread breeding species. Declining resident.	Local
Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	5	224 (15)	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
European herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	0	4 (30)	Fairly local breeding species. Common passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local
House martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	2	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	33	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	2	24 (21)	Fairly local breeding species. Passage migrant.	Local
Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	9	147 (326)	Very widespread breeding species. Declining breeding species, and very common passage migrant and winter visitor.	International (non-breeding)
Linnet	<i>Linaria cannabina</i>	17	0	Very widespread breeding species. Passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	0	5 (3)	Fairly local breeding species.	Local
Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	0	1	Fairly widespread breeding species. Partial migrant and winter visitor.	Less than local
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	34	365 (145)	Very widespread breeding species.	Local



Common name	Scientific name	Numbers of breeding territories	Winter abundance (birds in flight)	County Status	Importance
				Passage migrant and winter visitor.	
Marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	4	(3)	Fairly widespread breeding species. Fairly common passage migrant and scarce summer visitor, increasing in winter.	County
Meadow pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	10	0	Very widespread breeding species. Common / very common resident, passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Mistle thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1	0	Very widespread breeding species. Common resident and partial migrant.	Local
Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	25	21 (24)	Very widespread breeding species. Partial migrant.	Local
Mute swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	0	89 (8)	Very widespread breeding species. Partial migrant.	Less than local
Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	5	2 (2)	Fairly widespread breeding species, however few records from inland breeding locations (although numbers increasing). Very common coastal passage migrant / winter visitor and fairly common resident.	County
Peregrine	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	0	(1)	Fairly localised breeding species. Scarce but widespread resident, passage migrant and winter visitor.	Less than local
Pink-footed goose	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	0	1 (187)	Irregular breeding species.	International

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				A very common winter visitor mainly to the Humber and The Wash, but also coastal and inland movements.	
Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	4	14 (2)	Fairly localised breeding species. Common passage migrant and winter visitor and fairly common breeding species of coastal marshes. Scarce / very scarce inland.	County
Reed bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	79	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	88	0	Very widespread breeding species. Passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Sedge warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	49	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	3	(2)	Fairly widespread breeding species. Common resident, partial migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	1	0	Fairly local breeding species. Fairly common winter visitor and passage migrant.	Local
Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	210	0	Very widespread breeding species. Passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1	(16)	Very local breeding species. Fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local

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Song thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	10	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	0	-1	Very widespread breeding species. Passage migrant.	Local
Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	8	0	Very widespread breeding species. Very common resident, passage migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Stock dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	10	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	1	0	Very widespread breeding species. Passage migrant.	Local
Tawny owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	1	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	1	81 (104)	Very local breeding species. Common migrant and winter visitor.	Local
Tree sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	1	0	Very widespread breeding species. Common though localised resident and partial migrant.	Local
Whitethroat	<i>Curruca communis</i>	40	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	1	295 (456)	Irregular breeding species. Common or very common winter visitor and passage migrant.	Local
Willow warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	1	0	Very widespread breeding species. Passage migrant.	Local

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Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	0	-3	Fairly localised breeding species. Passage migrant and common winter visitor.	Local
Yellow wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	15	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	22	0	Very widespread breeding species.	Local

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