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EDITORIAL

Spring has sprung and our summer birds are back; we look forward to finding out which species are doing well and which are continuing to decline in 2014. This year's survey of Corn Buntings will help with that species but time in farmland may also help with recording of other species such as Turtle Dove, for which all records will be keenly received. In this issue, we also have two pieces from our new BTO representative, Roger Hicks, which highlight the information on distribution change, population change and behaviour that can be gleaned from regular observation of some of our more common species around our homes. Good birding to all for the summer season...

Andy Grimsey

MARCH - APRIL 2014 BIRD NEWS

Contributors: please phone Steve Blain on 07979 606300 or email recorder@bedsbirdclub.org.uk with any news or records. Records are preferred via the online system BirdTrack, using the Excel file found on the Bird Club Website, singly using the online form (<http://tinyurl.com/2v6oweh>), or on paper.

March 2014

Whooper Swan - One was still at Radwell Lakes mid-month.

White-fronted Goose - Two were at Chimney Corner South Lake on 22nd. (AG)

Pintail - A drake was at Derek Whites Eggs GP on 13th-31st, with another near Potton on 22nd.

Greater Scaup - A female was at Chimney Corner South Lake on 8th-11th, with a drake there on 29th.

Smew - A red-head was on Stewartby Lake on 13th-14th.

Ruddy Duck - One was at Broom GP on 25th.

Great Northern Diver - One remained in the brick pits all month, moving between Stewartby Lake, Rookery North, and Chimney Corner South lakes.

Glossy Ibis - Three were reported flying over Sharnbrook on 6th (per Birdguides).

Marsh Harrier - One was around the brick pits all month.

Merlin - The male was still around Broom GP early in the month, another was seen at Sandy Smith NR on 12th.

Black-tailed Godwit - One was at Broom GP on 29th.

Kittiwake - An adult was at Stewartby Lake on 8th.

Short-eared Owl - Two were on Thurleigh Airfield on 13th.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker - Reported from The Lodge, Pegnut Wood, Flitwick Moor, Colmworth, and Ampthill.

Common Chiffchaff - Two Siberian Chiffchaffs were at Marston Sewage Works all month.

Ring Ouzel - Only three were found before the end of the month - one at Blows Downs, and two at Pegsdon Hills.

Black Redstart - One was in a Stotfold garden on 25th.

April 2014

Whooper Swan - The Radwell bird was still present on 9th.

White-fronted Goose - One flew over Broom GP on 22nd.

Brent Goose - 11 were brief visitors to Priory CP on 7th (DK)

Pintail - The drake remained at Derek Whites Eggs pit until 3rd at least.

Garganey - A pair were at Roxton Lakes on 2nd.

Long-tailed Duck - A female was found at Radwell Lakes on 26th (RIB), and lingered into May. The first Beds record since 2006.

Great Northern Diver - The brick pits bird was still present on 2nd at least.

Marsh Harrier - birds were seen at Cardington, Willington GP, Priory CP, Broom GP, and two at MVCP.

Osprey - One flew over Bedford on 3rd, and another over Cainhoe Lakes on 27th.

Curlew Sandpiper - One was at Broom GP on 17th-20th, a repeat of the unexpected spring appearance of 2013 at the same site.



Black-tailed Godwit - One at Meadow Lane GP on 2nd, and another at Broom GP on 8th.

Bar-tailed Godwit - Broom GP recorded one on 19th, two on 25th, two on 29th,

Whimbrel - One at Broom GP on 13th, one at East Hyde on 19th, one Broom on 21st, one at Priory CP on 22nd, three at Broom GP on 25th-26th, Three on Thurleigh Airfield and one at Broom GP on 27th, with another there on 28th.

Mediterranean Gull - One at Grovebury on 4th and 8th.

Little Gull - Three were at Broom GP on 3rd, one at Grovebury on 22nd.

Black Tern - Two were at Broom GP and one at Grovebury SP on 16th. Two were also at Stewartby Lake on 20th, and four at Grovebury SP on 25th, one at Stewartby Lake on 29th.

Sandwich Tern - One was at Stewartby Lake on 25th.

Arctic Tern - Birds passed through Broom GP, Wyboston Lakes, Stewartby Lake, Priory CP, Grovebury SP, Blunham Lake, with a maximum of eight on 26th at Stewartby Lake.

Turtle Dove - Birds were only seen at Tempsford, Eyeworth, Knotting, Broom GP and Octagon Farm - how much longer will this species survive in Beds? Please send in ALL records.

Ring Ouzel - One at Pegsdon on 2nd, two there on 11th, one on 14th, two on 17th-18th. Singles were at Broom GP and at Barton Hills on 18th, and Everton on 21st. Five were at Pegsdon Hills on 21st, with three there 22nd-23rd.

Common Nightingale - A good showing of birds found - 2 Brogborough Lake, 2 Stewartby Lake, 2 Coronation CLP, Willington GP, Wyboston Lakes, Tempsford, and Broom GP.

Common Redstart - Just three were seen, singles on Blows Downs, on 13th and 22nd, and another at Tetworth on 16th.

Whinchat - Singles were at The Lodge and Thurleigh Airfield on 29th.

Channel Wagtail - Males were at Broom GP On 8th and 25th, with a possible female at Maulden on 17th.

White Wagtail - Up to six were at Broom GP, and four at Meadow Lane GP, others at Willington GP and Everton.

Tree Pipit - Birds were seen at The Lodge on 13th and 14th, and at Derek Whites Eggs pit.

Observers:

AG – Andy Grimsey; DK - Dave Kramer; RIB - Richard Bashford

We thank all contributors who have submitted their records directly to the Recorder, or via Bedsbirds Email Group as well as other sources.

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A BRIEF REPORT OF THE 2014 BIRD CLUB AGM

The AGM was held at Maulden Village Hall on Tuesday 25th February, and was attended by 65 members.

Richard Bashford chaired the meeting.

The elected officers for 2014 are:

President (2014-16):	David Anderson
Hon. Chairman (2014):	Richard Bashford
Hon. Secretary:	Sheila Alliez
Hon. Research Officer:	Graham Goodall
Hon. Assistant Treasurer:	Sonnie Wing
Hon. Bulletin Editor:	Andy Grimsey
Hon. Meetings Secretary:	Don Green

County Bird Recorder:	Steve Blain
BNHS Membership Secretary:	Mary Sheridan

The elected committee members for 2014 are:

Kathy Blackmore
Matt Burgess
Stuart Elsom
Roger Hicks

The Club membership at the end of December was 307. In his summary of the accounts, the Assistant Treasurer reported that expenditure was 4% lower than in 2012, due to more members opting to receive The Hobby electronically, and fewer pages in the Bird Report. Income was slightly

down, due to no raffle at our Christmas indoor meeting. However, expenditure in the coming year is expected to be higher, due to a planned increase in the size of the Bird Report. Thanks were due to Opticron, who had generously continued their sponsorship of indoor meetings.

There had been no obvious candidate to replace Richard Bashford as Chairman, so, following advice from the BNHS (whose constitution takes precedence over that of the Bird Club) he was nominated as Chairman for a fourth year, going forward for election at the BNHS AGM.

Following the completion of business, Conor Jameson gave a presentation on the subjects of his recent books, Silent Spring revisited and Looking for the Goshawk.

Sheila Alliez
Hon. Secretary

AN APPEAL FOR HELP WITH STORAGE OF BIRD RECORDS

The Bird Club has detailed records of all reported birds in Bedfordshire from 1961 to the present day. Since 2005 all records have been computerised but earlier ones are still held on record cards, lots of them.

For many years the cards were housed in various containers and kindly stored in Bedford Museum at no cost. Since the Museum was closed 3 years ago for modernisation the cards have been in temporary accommodation. Recently we have rehoused about half from a various assortment of cardboard boxes into two neat stacks of plastic trays. The other half, the older ones, are held in the original metal cabinets.

Here's the problem, they really need to be stored in a reasonably dry place with a little background warmth in winter to prevent long term degradation. At present they are in an outside barn.

We are very reluctant to pay high charges for commercial storage and therefore appeal to any member who might be able to help.

The total floor area required is approximately:

1560mm(62") wide x 600mm(24") deep x 1450mm(57") high.

Very occasionally access may be required by members who need to refer to the records to carry out research.

Please contact me if you might be able to assist so you can view them initially.

Don Green. Phone 01582867258 or email dongreen@redcowfarm.co.uk



Don Green

FIRST DATES FOR MIGRANTS 2014

Species	Location	Date
Sand Martin	MVCP	10-Mar-14
White Wagtail	Castle Mills GP	12-Mar-14
Wheatear	Pegsdon Hills	12-Mar-14
LRP	Broom GP	17-Mar-14
Ring Ouzel	Blows Downs	21-Mar-14
Black Redstart	Stotfold	25-Mar-14
House Martin	Priory CP	26-Mar-14
Willow Warbler	Priory CP /MVCP	29-Mar-14
Lesser Whitethroat	MVCP	30-Mar-14
Whitethroat	Grovebury SP	30-Mar-14
Cuckoo	Shefford	02-Apr-14
Garganey	Roxton Lakes	02-Apr-14
Osprey	Bedford	03-Apr-14
Swallow	Broom GP /Furzenhall Farm /Whipsnade	03-Apr-14
Common Tern	Willington/Priory CP	05-Apr-14
Sedge Warbler	Willington GP	06-Apr-14
Yellow Wagtail	Broom GP	08-Apr-14
Garden Warbler	Luton	10-Apr-14
Grasshopper Warbler	Willington GP	11-Apr-14
Redstart	Blows Downs	13-Apr-14
Reed Warbler	MVCP /Willington GP	13-Apr-14
Whimbrel	Broom GP	13-Apr-14
Nightingale	Stewartby Lake	13-Apr-14
Tree Pipit	The Lodge	13-Apr-14
Common Sandpiper	Priory CP	15-Apr-14
Hobby	MVCP	18-Apr-14
Swift	Old Warden	18-Apr-14
Arctic Tern	Broom GP /Wyboston /Priory CP	20-Apr-14
Turtle Dove	Eyeworth	22-Apr-14
Whinchat	The Lodge /Thurleigh	28-Apr-14

TRIP REPORT – DAY OUT IN THE BRECKS 23RD MARCH

Another day out with the Beds Bird Club to various sites in the Brecks for species we wouldn't ordinarily find around our local patch in Bedfordshire.

After a very early start, 13 trusty souls met at around 07.45 for breakfast at the Café/layby off the Barton Mills roundabout, with the weather bright and sunny and looking promising for the day ahead.

After the bacon sandwiches and coffee were consumed we moved out to Lynford Aboretum, where almost immediately we came across Nuthatch and Treecreeper with the shrill calls of Goldcrest and

Firecrest all around the entrance area by the car park. As we moved up the path past the feeders the noise of Crossbill overhead guided the gang to a spot halfway up the walkway where there were about 6-8 crossbills at high level in the trees. On close inspection Pete Soper spotted the much reported hybrid Two-barred Crossbill amongst them, also the recently reported pure Two-barred Crossbill, which offered great views for all of us for about 15 minutes. So the first WOW and rarity of the day nailed in less than ½ an hour. Myself and Mark then went off lurking in the undergrowth to try to nail a decent photo of a pair of very active and noisy Firecrests whilst the rest went off down to the paddock area to see if the Hawfinches were on site. We failed miserably in our mission to get a decent shot of a Firecrest as they were too quick for us and the weather also took a turn for the worst and a cold wind with persistent rain rolled into the Brecks, putting a dampener on proceedings. The group also failed on the Hawfinch front, but spirits were raised by a brief sighting of a Marsh Tit at the feeders on their way back to the car park.



We then headed off in convoy to a site where, we had been reliably informed with some inside knowledge, was a great place to see Goshawk and Wood Lark. Arriving at about 10.45 we all settled down and trained our eyes, bins and scopes on the woodland ahead in great anticipation but nothing of any note appeared for at least an hour. I amongst others was starting to get a bit fidgety and restless for a move on to another site. I believe the group had set a 15 minute deadline whilst I had wandered up the road in the hope of spotting a Woodlark, and as it was about to expire it all started happening. I think Pete Marshall noticed some crows in the distance mobbing a hawk but it was so far away it was difficult to be sure, we thought it might be a Goshawk by its flight pattern. Then about 10 minutes later straight ahead, no doubt about it, a beautiful male Goshawk accompanied by a female appeared just above the tree line at about 1500 yards. This was another WOW moment and a first for me, so I did my lifer dance out of sight to avoid any adverse comments. What beautiful birds and such great views for everyone for about 10 minutes before they disappeared into the distance. We didn't run into a Wood Lark but had good views on site of Skylark, Curlew, Red-legged Partridge, Fieldfare, Lapwing and Buzzard amongst others. But the Goshawks really stole the show, even though for me they were too far away for a decent photo opportunity.

We then headed off to Lakenheath Hockwold Fen RSPB Reserve where Garganey had been reported earlier in the day. We thought lunch on site would be a good move for everybody along with a walk through this really impressive reserve. You never fail to see something of note at Lakenheath when you visit. Fearing that the Garganey would be at distance, myself and Mark packed ourselves off to the new hide, in the hope of running into something at close quarter for the cameras. Whilst in the hide we had good views of Bittern, a pair of mating and displaying Coot and Water Rail along with excellent flyovers of Crane, Mute Swan, Greylag/Canada Goose and Marsh Harrier, we were briefly

joined by the noisy gang on route to the top viewpoint, who reported they had seen the Garganey but, as anticipated, it was at distance. They headed off to the top viewpoint to see what else was about all hoping for a Bittern. It was at this point that the weather really took a turn for the worse and we ended up having hail, rain, sleet and a very impressive slow moving thunder and lightning show, which as you can imagine once again hampered the photography and no doubt dampened spirits for the group at the top viewpoint. When eventually we all met up at the visitor's centre, they reported they had had great views of 6 Marsh Harriers and 2 Cranes as they flew down the railway line. So although we were all very damp, the spirits were still pretty high.

The final stop off on route home was Cavenham Common in the hope of running into Wheatear and Stone Curlew. Malcolm, being one of our finest birders, immediately came across some love birds in the car park, then announced the 5-6 Wheatear in the field close to where we had parked up. Armed with some knowledge from the local dog walkers, we then walked further down the track towards the river, where we had great views of at least 4 Stone Curlews albeit at a distance of 200-250 yards so mission complete and a good day had by all.



Once again the weather turned against us and we all got another good soaking for third time of the day during the walk back to the cars, but “hey ho” who cares on the day we got three soakings, but also Two-Barred Crossbill, Crossbill, Firecrest, Marsh Tit, Goshawk, Garganey, Common Crane, Bittern, Water Rail, Marsh Harrier, Wheatear, Stone Curlew amongst an overall species count of 70 plus. The thunder, lightning, sleet and hail could dampen our clothes but not our spirit on a great day in the Brecks.

Finally from me and I am sure all the others who ventured out on the day trip, a big thank you to Pete Marshall, for all his organization, groundwork and leading on the day. This is never an easy task when you have such a motley crew to contain, so well done to him for the day.

Sean Darcy

BEDFORDSHIRE CORN BUNTING SURVEY 2014

Along with the Cambs and Herts Bird Clubs we are surveying Corn Buntings this year. The aim is to establish a population estimate for all three counties and also identify areas of high abundance.

Every county has an allocation of priority tetrads to cover to calculate the population estimates. Beds has around 30 to survey. However, we would like to survey all the tetrads which had Corn Buntings in the last Atlas too - just over 100 extra. All these can be found on the survey website after selecting Bedfordshire:

<http://cornbunting.birdsurvey.org.uk/>

The brown coloured tetrads are the priority and must be allocated first. Dark blue squares are the ones which had Corn Buntings in the previous atlas and also need to be surveyed. Any coloured green have already been allocated to surveyors.

The method is a simple one - a visit in June and another in July plotting all the singing Corn Buntings you come across. If you would like to get involved please get in touch with Graham Goodall letting him know which tetrads you would like to cover. Grahams contact details are: g.goodall052@btinternet.com or 01767 312419

Priority tetrads yet to have surveyors are:

SP95M - Carlton
SP95X - Pavenham
SP95V - White Wood
SP94Y - Kempston Wood
SP94T - Ducksworth Farm
SP93P - Hulcote
TL03N - Maulden South
TL04U - Priory CP
TL05W - Great Early Grove
TL05N - Scald End
TL06B - Knotting Green
TL15A - Danish Camp, Willington
TL15G - Great Barford
TL14V - Langford
TL23D - Brook End, Stotfold

Steve Blain

HENLOW HOUSE MARTINS 2013

In 2013 House Martins *Delichon urbica* were first noted over Henlow village on 19 April when two were seen visiting a nest that had remained intact over the winter. With cold winds keeping temperatures low for much of late April and most of May, subsequent sightings were few. House Martins were not recorded in any numbers over the village until 10 May 2013 and were not seen visiting a nest site again until 4 June 2013.

Since 2011 I have surveyed the House Martins nesting in Henlow, covering the area either side of the High Street from the Crown roundabout at the southern end of the village (Map Ref. TL176379) to the junction with Newtown in the north (Map Ref. TL176390). The survey area includes all streets off the High Street, e.g. Chestnut Farm, Park Lane, Groveside, etc, but excludes the new estates behind the Crown public house and off of Newtown. Chestnut Farm, leading to Chapel Way and Brook Close, is the first road west off the High Street when coming from the south. On most streets only the front of the house is visible, so some nests may be missed. I try to conduct the survey in the early evening when people are about, so I can explain what I am doing.

In the past I have tried to conduct the survey in early July, but did not manage to fit it in until 17 July this year, although given the lateness of the season this probably had little impact on the results. I recorded 25 complete nests, nine of which contained young House Martins and at least three of which had already raised two broods and were possibly already on their third. One nest, in Chapel Way had been taken over by House Sparrows *Passer domesticus*. These numbers are comparable with previous years.

Year	Count Date	Intact Nests	Young in Nest	Used by House Sparrows
2011	10/07/2011	24	10	2
2012	10/07/2012	23	6	2
2013	17/07/2013	25	9	1

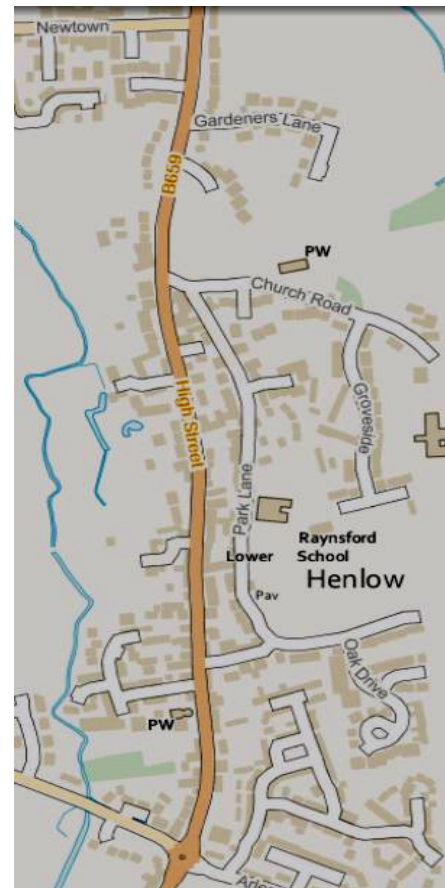
In previous years there have been two colonies of House Martins in the village, one centred on Chestnut Farm, Chapel Way and Brook Close and the other on Groveside. This year there were only four intact nests in the Chestnut Farm colony, compared with 10 in 2012, one of which had been usurped by House Sparrows, and none of which appeared to have been used by House Martins. No House Martins were noted overhead while the Chestnut Farm area was being surveyed. There is no obvious reason for the collapse of this colony, although one house which held two nests in 2012 had been repainted over the winter and had no nests this year. By contrast, the number of nests in the Groveside colony had increased from 11 to 19 nests (on 7 houses in 2012 and 14 houses in 2013). Only two occupied nests, both on a house in Oak Drive were recorded away from Groveside. Broken nests and 'shadows' of previous nests were recorded in both the Chestnut Farm and Groveside colonies as well as various other house along the High Street. Since we moved to Henlow in 2003, I have no records of House Martins nesting on any house on the High Street, suggesting these broken nests and shadows must be at least 10-years old.

On six houses there are lines of mud marks, approximately where the bottom of the nest would have been if completed. In some cases the line can stretch across the front of the house. I had previously noticed similar marks when carrying out a House Martin survey in Codicote, Hertfordshire. I assume these are from failed House Martin nest building attempts, possibly by inexperienced birds.

Although several houses could boast more than one intact nest, none were built in contact with another. Only two broken nests, on a house on Church Road, were built in this way.

All intact nests that were built under the eaves were against a white soffit, i.e. the inside roof of the nest was white. The majority of soffits on houses in Henlow are probably white, but no intact nests and very few old nests, i.e. broken nests or 'shadows' were against dark soffits.

All intact nests, except one, were neat cups built under the eaves. The exception was on a house in Oak Drive where only one pair has nested successfully for the past few years but two pairs had previously nested. This year two pairs again nested. One pair occupied (reoccupied?) last year's nest and the second pair rebuilt the derelict old nest. The new nest comprised a sloping mud pellet wall behind which a normal cup nest with entrance hole at the top had been constructed. There is no obvious reason why this pair of House Martins would have gone to all this extra work. This nest is built above a window and the homeowners also have a cat which has taken to sitting at the closed window and watching the House Martins fly to and from the nest, occasionally raising a paw in a frustrated effort to catch one of the birds.



Roger K. Hicks

BEDFORDSHIRE ROOKERIES UPDATE 2014

With many trees now in leaf (possibly a week or two earlier than last year) Rookeries are becoming more difficult to locate and definitely more difficult to count. So far this year 161 rookeries have been located for a total of 4586 nests (compared with 134 rookeries with 3744 nests in 2013). The location of the rookeries can be found on a google map at <http://tinyurl.com/BedsRookeries2014> where the green markers are rookeries active in 2014 and the red markers are rookeries from previous years where no activity has been noted this year. There are still 3 rookeries that were counted last year that have not been visited this year (shown with yellow markers and listed below) and the south-west of the county is still poorly covered.

The rookeries located in 2013 but not counted so far this year are:

SP92D SP908262 Linslade: Bluebell Wood

SP94X SP999447 Wooton Park Farm

TL05R TL077521 Renhold: Salph End

TL02J TL030286 Toddington motorway service station (not counted in 2013 and no reports from this year)

On a recent local news TV program a rookery was seen in the background behind a Woburn Wildlife Park Ranger. Does anyone have any details for this rookery?

So far this year 32 'new' rookeries have been located where 'new' mostly means not visited last year, although some rookeries would appear to be new builds. During fieldwork for the recently published national atlas, Rooks were confirmed breeding in 179 tetrads. This year's survey has so far recorded rookeries in 107 tetrads (compared with 98 tetrads last year). Even excluding those tetrads which only include a small portion of Bedfordshire, there must still be at least another 37 rookeries as yet unmapped (assuming only one rookery per tetrad). Conversely, this year rookeries have been recorded in 12 tetrads where breeding was noted as probable or confirmed during the last atlas.

Nearly 70% of nest trees have been identified (although I still find identifying trees is trickier than I expected). 17 species of trees have been noted this year, although not including elm which held a few nests last year. Ash is by far the most commonly used tree holding over 35% of nests; over 10% of nests have been built in oak but only small numbers in the remaining 15 species.

For comparison with past (and future) surveys a rookery is defined as any nest or group of nests more than 100m from the next nearest nest or group of nests.

If you can supply rookery details for any of the above rookeries or those elsewhere in the count, please email me your rookery counts and I will add them to the map. All rookery data will be gratefully received. For each rookery I am collecting: Rookery Name, ordnance survey grid reference, count date, nest count and, if possible, species of tree with number of nests per tree species.

Read more about Bedfordshire Rookeries here:

<http://www.bedsbirdclub.org.uk/researchprojects/rookerysurvey.php>

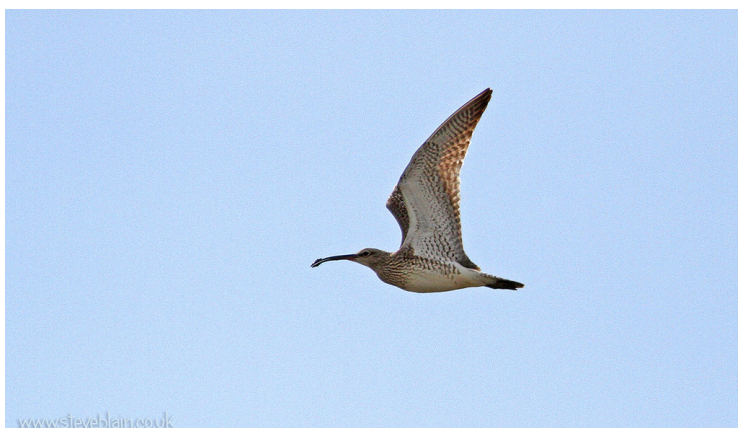
Roger Hicks

WADER GALLERY

Two highlights from a relatively poor spring passage of waders this year



Bar-tailed Godwit



Whimbrel

NON-BIRD RELATED SIGHTINGS THIS SUMMER

Please remember while you are out birding this summer, or while in the countryside lamenting the apparent lack of birds that accompanies the quiet activity of nesting and rearing young through June to August, that there are other county recorders desperate to collect records on other taxa which abound in our county through these hotter summer months. For most of us, dragonfly, damselfly, butterflies and moths are the most recorded but there are other groups of species where the level of data is very low.

On line recording forms for many species groups are available at <http://www.bnhs.co.uk>

Also listed there are the recorder details and plenty of other links. If you are not a full member of BNHS, I would invite you to take the opportunity to get involved.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Hobby is your Bird Club magazine, please feel free to share any articles, comment or observations of birds and bird related items with me for potential sharing through the The Hobby in future months. Email to editor@bedsbirdclub.org.uk or to the address on the top of the bulletin.

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Sean Darcy: Stone Curlew, Treecreeper

Steve Blain: Curlew Sandpiper, Whimbrel, Bar-tailed Godwit



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