

Ringed and tagged birds seen in the Cley 10km square 2026

New information this month*.

The Weybourne Atmospheric Station has a Motus Tower fitted there now. Motus is a global radio wildlife tracking system that is widely used in the US and Europe but at the moment there are only a few towers in the UK. Maps showing the details of the birds, mammals and insects fitted with radio tags that have been detected at Weybourne can be viewed at <https://motus.org/data/receiverDeploymentDetections?id=8369>

Mute Swan

The East Anglia Swan Study Group is currently fitting coded **orange** darvic leg rings to Mute Swans in our area. The rings have a black code of number 4 plus 3 letters. The scheme coordinator asks if anyone seeing birds with other codes could e-mail him directly on mike.reed2017@outlook.com and he will reply with details of the bird ASAP.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **orange** ring with black code **4FTB**.

Right leg: Metal ring no. W53681.

Mate of 4FTC.

Seen Salthouse 24/2(DPW), 3/3 (DPW)

Ringed as an adult male at Salthouse on 15/10/23.

Movements Remained at Salthouse to 23/4/24 but visited Cley Marshes 9/11/23. Then seen at Salthouse with a brood of five cygnets that reduced to four 12/5/24-5/11/24. Seen at Salthouse 13/1/25-7/11/25 the pair nested at the duck pond again and produced a brood of seven cygnets first seen on 10/5/25 that reduced to five.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **orange** ring with black code **4FTC**.

Right leg: Metal ring no. W53682.

Mate of 4FTB.

Seen Salthouse 24/2(DPW), 3/3 (DPW)

Ringed as an adult female at Salthouse on 15/10/23.

Movements Remained at Salthouse to at least 29/3/24 but visited Cley Marshes 9/11/23. Then seen at Salthouse with brood of five cygnets that reduced to four 12/5/24-5/11/24. Seen at Salthouse 13/1/25-7/11/25, the pair nested at the duck pond again and produced a brood of seven cygnets first seen on 10/5/25 that reduced to five.

Left leg: **orange** ring with black code **4GEW**.

Right leg: Metal ring no. W53693.

Parents 4FTB+4FTC.

Seen Salthouse 2/1(DPW), 13/1(DPW)

Kelling Water Meadow 26/1(GBo).

Ringed as a juvenile at Salthouse on 25/10/25(CDL).

Whooper Swan

There is a website where observers can input sightings of Whoopers fitted with *white* leg-rings and information on the bird's ringing details and subsequent movements will be given. Further details can be found at <http://waterbirdcolourmarking.org>

Pink-footed Goose

There is now a website facility where observers can input sightings of some Pinkfeet fitted with grey collars and information on the bird's ringing details and subsequent movements will be given. Further details can be found at <http://waterbirdcolourmarking.org>

It is worth noting that in the grey collar codes the letters E, G, M, O, Q, R and W are not used and the only numbers used are 3,4,6,7 and 9.

Brent Goose: dark-bellied form *bernicla*

New information this month*.

Left leg: **lime** ring with black code **3**.

Right leg: **green** ring with *white* code **D**.

Metal ring no.6181795

Seen Cley Marshes 21/2 with a juvenile (GFe).

Ringed 14/5/19 as an adult male on the island of Terschelling (Netherlands 53 22N 05 16E).

Paired with

Left leg: **lime** ring with black code **4**.

Right leg: **green** ring with *white* code **J**.

Movements Seen again on Terschelling 17/5/19. Probably present at Cley Marshes 14/12/19 and 24/1/20 but codes could not be made out, codes read there on 15/2/20 then at Salthouse Marshes 17/2/20. Seen at Terschelling 16+19/3/20, Texel (Noord-Holland, Netherlands) 2/4/20 and then at Stavstensudden (Trelleborg, Malmohus, Sweden 55 22N 13 05E) 25/11/20. Seen back again at Cley Marshes 4/12/20 then at Salthouse 8/12/20, S of Cley 17/12/20 (with a brood of one), Cley Marshes 12/1/21, 23-24/2/21 (codes could not be read on the first date). Seen again in the Netherlands at Texel 30/3/21 then at Terschelling 10/4/21 – 15/5/21. Seen 21/11/21 at Cley Marshes, S of Walsey Hills 25/11/21, Cley Marshes 21/12/21, 3+8-16/2/22, S of Cley village 24/2/22 and at Cley Marshes 9/3/22. Seen at Texel again 15/3/22-13/4/22 then Terschelling 17/4/22-14/5/22. Cley Marshes 21/12/22-12/3/23 with a brood of 5 youngsters. Seen at Texel again 19/3/23 then Terschelling 29/3/23-29/4/23, Cley Marshes 20/11/23 with a brood of 7 youngsters, then 5/12/23 when with 9 youngsters and 1+16+24/1/24 when with 8 youngsters. W of Salthouse 31/1/24 (with 8 youngsters), Blakeney Freshes (River Glaven saltmarshes) 1/2/24 and Cley Marshes 6+7/2/24+18/3/24 with 8 youngsters. Seen back in the Netherlands on Texel 27/3/24-19/4/24 then Terschelling 16/5/24. Cley Marshes 30/11/24 then back in the Netherlands on Terschelling 17/12/24. Cley Marshes again 6/2/25-5/3/25 then seen at Terschelling, at Texel and on the island of Amelund (Netherlands) 24/3/25-18/5/25.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **lime** ring with black code **4**.

Right leg: **green** ring with *white* code **J**.

Metal ring no.6184219.

Seen Cley Marshes 21/2 with a juvenile (GFe).

Ringed 14/5/19 as an adult female on the island of Terschelling (Netherlands 53 22N 05 16E).

Paired with

Left leg: **lime** ring with black code **3**.

Right leg: **green** ring with **white** code **D**.

Movements Seen again on Terschelling 17/5/19. Probably present at Cley Marshes 14/12/19 and 24/1/20 but codes could not be made out, codes read there on 15/2/20 then at Salthouse Marshes 17/2/20. Seen at Terschelling 16+19/3/20, Texel (Noord-Holland, Netherlands) 2/4/20 and then at Stavstensudden (Trelleborg, Malmohus, Sweden 55 22N 13 05E) 25/11/20. Seen back again at Cley Marshes 4/12/20 then at Salthouse 8/12/20, S of Cley 17/12/20 (with a brood of one), Cley Marshes 12/1/21 and probably again 23/2/21 but codes could not be read. Seen again in the Netherlands at Texel 30/3/21 then at Terschelling 10/4/21 – 15/5/21. Seen 21/11/21 at Cley Marshes, S of Walsey Hills 25/11/21, Cley Marshes 21/12/21, probably 3/2/22 (codes not read) and 8-16/2/22, S of Cley village 24/2/22 and at Cley Marshes 9/3/22. Seen at Texel again 15/3/22-13/4/22 then Terschelling 17/4/22-14/5/22. Cley Marshes 21/12/22-12/3/23 with a brood of 5 youngsters. Seen at Texel again 19/3/23 then Terschelling 29/3/23-18/5/23, Cley Marshes 20/11/23 with a brood of 7 youngsters, then 5/12/23 when with 9 youngsters and 1+16+24/1/24 when with 8 youngsters. W of Salthouse 31/1/24 (with 8 youngsters), Blakeney Freshes (River Glaven saltmarshes) 1/2/24. Cley Marshes 6+7/2/24+18/3/24 with 8 youngsters. Seen back in the Netherlands on Texel 27/3/24-19/4/24 then Terschelling 16/5/24. Cley Marshes 30/11/24 and 6/2/25-5/3/25 then seen at Terschelling, at Texel and on the island of Amelund (Netherlands) 22/3/25-18/5/25.

Left leg: metal ring.

Right leg: **white** ring with black code **35**.

Seen N of Langham 18/1(TWW).

Ringed in the Netherlands.

Movements.

Left leg: metal ring.

Right leg: **white** ring with black code **40**.

Seen N of Langham 18/1(TWW).

Ringed in the Netherlands.

Movements.

Wigeon

Birds are being ringed by the Waterbird Colour-marking Group in **Project Penelope** a cooperation between wildfowlers and scientists that will run from 2021 to 2024. Birds ringed either have a **Green** ring with a white two alpha-numeric code (on left leg) and metal ring (on right leg) or a **Blue** ring with a yellow two alpha-numeric code (on left leg) and metal ring (on right leg).

note 1 : to be read from the bottom up.

note 2 : a bar is used to separate some of the letters i.e., A|A, |AA, AA|

note 3 : birds ringed in Britain & Ireland, Iceland, Denmark, Finland.

website sighting submit:

[Submit your Wigeon resightings](#)

email sighting submit:

monitoring@basc.org.uk

Red Kite

Wing-tagging of Red Kites commenced in East Anglia in 2015. Those first ringed by Phil Littler in North Norfolk were fitted with **black tags** and *white* codes (the same 2 alpha/numeric on each wing) but *white tags* with **black** codes are now being used. Phil asks if anyone seeing one of these birds could e-mail him directly on harriermanphil@gmail.com and he will reply with details of the bird ASAP.

White-tailed Eagle

Colour-ringed individuals fitted with satellite transmitters have been seen and satellite plots revealed that other birds have also visited the Square. They come from a project run by the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation in partnership with Forestry England. Detailed information on the progress and movements of these birds can be found on the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation website <https://www.roydennis.org/> and on their twitter feed <https://twitter.com/roydenniswf>

Marsh Harrier

Well over 200 Marsh Harriers have been fitted with wing-tags in North Norfolk since 2011 and individuals have been sighted in the UK from Cornwall to as far north as Aberdeen. There have also been sightings in Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Portugal and the Canaries. These birds originally had **lime** tags with a code of two letters/numbers. The tags in fact look pale green, a little darker than most lime leg rings. The first series of codes beginning A were in *white* but all subsequent wing-tags have the code in **black**. **Orange** tags with **black** codes were then used and in 2024 **Yellow** tags with **black** codes started being used. Detailed information on these birds including maps showing the movements of different individuals can be viewed on the NW Norfolk Ringing Group website <https://www.nwnrg.co.uk/> Phil Littler asks if anyone seeing one of these birds could e-mail him directly on harriermanphil@gmail.com and he will reply with details of the bird ASAP.

Left and right wings: **orange** tag with **black** code **4A**.

Metal ring no. GV17899.

Seen Blakeney Point 5/1(ES)

Ringed near Letheringsett (Norfolk) 15/6/22 as a female nestling, one of a brood of four, two males and two females. Sister to bird with **orange** tags with **black** code **4H**. The nest was located by using a drone so that the habitat was kept in pristine condition and by keeping an eye on the birds the ringers knew exactly when the time was right to ring the nestlings.

Movements Cley Marshes 9/11/22, Salthouse 17/12/22, Cley Marshes 29/12/22+30/1/23, Flitcham (Norfolk) 4/6/23, Salthouse Heath 22/10/23, Cley Marshes 22/12/23 and 3+7/1/24, Salthouse 22/1/24, near Babingley (Norfolk) 15/2/24, Stiffkey Fen 22/5/24, Cley Marshes 2/9/24 (when photographed interacting with two juveniles), 2/12/24, 13/1/25 and 8/11/25.

Left and right wings: **orange** tag with **black** code **43**.

Metal ring no. FH62089.

Seen Cley Marshes 17/1(MN)

Ringed 12/6/23 as a male nestling near Glandford. He had just one sibling, a female.

Movements Cley Marshes 4/10/23, Kelling Water Meadow 1/11/23, Cley Marshes 24/11/23+22/3/24+14/6/24, probably Blakeney Point 3/10/24, Blakeney Freshes 6/10/24, Cley Marshes 8/11/24, Blakeney Freshes 26/11/24, Cley Marshes 3/12/24 and 24+27/1/25. His sibling (code 44) has been seen at Gosforth Nature Reserve (Newcastle) and then at Wigton (Norfolk) 14/3/24.

Oystercatcher

The Icen Bird Monitoring Group are colour-ringing Oystercatchers in North Norfolk using Left tarsus: **Green ring** with white codes **C00** to **C99**

Right tarsus: **Orange** over metal rings.

Sightings can be reported on <https://iceni.shinyapps.io/sightings/>

Black-tailed Godwit: nominate form *limosa*

In 2015 the RSPB decided to restart colour-ringing chicks and also adults as the UK population was not increasing as had been hoped for. The new scheme again has four tibia rings but the lower right scheme identifier is now a **lime** ring with a **black E** engraved on it. Anyone seeing one of these birds is asked to report the sighting to

Jennifer.Smart@rspb.org.uk

and she will reply with details of the bird ASAP.

Unfortunately the 2015 breeding season was a poor one. Some adults were successfully ringed but only four chicks were and it is feared that none of these chicks survived.

From 2017 birds were “head-started” by RSPB/WWT. Eggs were taken from the nests of Black-tailed Godwits at Nene Washes (Cambs) then hatched at Welney with the resulting youngsters being released. These released birds all had a dark **Green** ring as the upper right tibia ring in 2017 and a total of 26 were released at Welney. In 2018 the upper right ring for the “head-started” birds was **White** and a total of 38 birds were released, 23 at Welney and 15 at Nene Washes. In 2019 the upper right ring for the “head-started” birds was **Black** and a total of 48 birds were released. No birds were head-started in 2020 due to the coronavirus lockdown. In 2021 the upper right ring for the “head-started” birds was **Yellow** and a total of 43 birds were released. In 2022, the final year of the project, the upper right ring for the “head-started” birds was **Blue** and 51 more fledglings were released making the total for the project 206. All birds that have been ringed in recent years have been fitted with a PIT tag attached to the tarsus (usually the left) that does not have the metal ring. This “helps to tie a few extra adult identities to nests for some birds which are difficult to observe walking on to nests”.

Youngsters and adults ringed in the wild in recent years have been fitted with a **white flag** on the left tibia with a two-character **black** code and with a **lime** ring with a **black E** engraved on it on the right tibia.

Mediterranean Gull

Birds have been ringed this year in Norfolk and fitted with a **yellow** darvic on left leg with 4 numbers starting 21**

and sightings can be reported via <https://iceni.shinyapps.io/sightings/> where you will get their full details.

Black-tailed Godwit: form *islandica*

New information this month*.

Left leg: **orange** on tibia.

Right leg: **green** over **orange** on tibia, **white** on tarsus

Seen Cley Marshes 3/3 (DPW)

Ringed 1/9/19 as an adult at Snettisham (the Wash).

Movements: Freiston Shore (Lincs) 16/11/19 and Cley Marshes 6+8/2/20, 6+9/3/20 and 2-3/7/20, Frampton Marsh (Lincs) 13/9/20, Cley Marshes 26/2/21, Stiffkey (Norfolk) 1+8+22/3/21, Cley Marshes 31/3/21, Little Marlow (Bucks) 27/6/21, Stiffkey 25-26/7/21, Snettisham 13/8/21, Frampton Marsh 21/8/21, Cley Marshes 18-25/11/21, 3/1/22, 15-31/8/22, 13-21/10/22 and 7-11/11/22, Blakeney Harbour 9+27/1/23, Cley Marshes 20/2/23, Blakeney Harbour 8/3/23, Cley Marshes 10-20/4/23, 3/7/23, 26/1/24 and probably 6/2/24, Stiffkey 10/2/24, Cley Marshes 26/2/24, Stiffkey 3/3/24, Cley Marshes 8/3/24, possibly 22/3/24, 7-19/4/24 then 22-23/7/24, Frampton Marsh 9/8/24, Cley Marshes 28/1/25 and 11-24/3/25 +31/3/25.

Black-headed Gull

The Icen Bird Monitoring Group are colour-ringing Black-headed Gulls in North Norfolk using **Red** rings and **white** codes **2C00** to **2C99** and **2H00** to **2H99**. One was ringed at Salthouse Duck Pond on 26/10/23. Sightings can be reported on <https://iceni.shinyapps.io/sightings/>

New information this month*.

Left leg: **Red ring** with **white** code **2C31**

Right leg: metal ring no.EA88120.

Seen Salthouse 3/3 (DPW)

Ringed 26/10/23 at Salthouse as an adult.

Movements: Remained at Salthouse to 9/11/23 then seen there again 13/2/24-12/4/24, 23/7/24-7/3/25 and 21/10/25

Sandwich Tern

The Icen Bird Monitoring Group are colour-ringing Sandwich Terns in North Norfolk using **Green** rings and 3 letter/number **white** codes starting **K**** on the left leg. Sightings can be reported on <https://iceni.shinyapps.io/sightings/> where you will get their full details.

Redwing

Tagged bird recorded at the Weybourne Motus Tower

New information this month*.

Radio Tag no Norway_passerine#411:7.1M.99184

Deployed 14/10/25 on the island of Store Faeder c60 km S of Oslo, Norway (59.07N 10.52E).

Dates at Weybourne 14/11/25 then 10/1/26*.

Movements Recorded at Lindesnes, Norway (57.99N 07.05E) on 13/11/25 before flying across the North Sea to Weybourne where it was recorded 12 hours later the following day.

Yellow-browed Warbler

The NOA have fitted some of the **Yellow-Browed Warblers** caught at Walsey Hills with colour-rings – a **purple** (Violet) ring above another colour-ring on the left leg and a **white** ring above the metal ring on the right leg. The NOA warden Shannon Clifford asks that if anyone sees one of these birds then please send her a message on whatsapp.

Observers

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Andy McGuinness	AMcG
Ashley Saunders	AS
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Andy Thompson	AT
Ajay Tegala	ATa
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Bob Cobbold	BC
Ben Clark	BCl
Brian Egan	BE
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Brenda Jarvis	BJ
Brian Shaw	BS
Colin Blaxill	CB
Carl Brooker	CaB
Chris Booth	ChB
Carl Chapman	CCh
Chris Cook	CC
Chris & Denise Lamsdell	CDL
Christine Flint	CF
Chris Gooddie	CG
Chris Gething	CGe
Chris Mason	CMa
Chris Mills	CMi
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Callum Peel	CP
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Chris Wheeler	CW
Clair Williamson	CWi
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Dawn Balmer	DB
David Bratt	DBra
David Bryant	DBry
Dave Curtis	DC
Dave Davies	DD
Dave Fell	DF
David Gaze	DGa
David Gilroy	DGi
David Griffiths	DG
David Higgins	DH
Duncan Halpin	DHa
David Horsley	DHo
Dave and Jacque Bridges	DJB
David Lake	DLa
Dave Leech	DLe
David Low	DLo
Drew Lyness	DLy
David North	DN
Derek Parslow	DP
David Pelling	DPe
David & Pat Wileman	DPW
David Wood	DW
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Ed Mackrill	EMa
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Guy Bailey	GBo
Garry Elton	GE
Gordon Follows	GF
Graham Fellows	GFe
Glyn Herrieven	GH
Graeme Hewson	GHe
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Ian Haynes	IH
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John Bennett	JBe
John Dobson	JD
John Furse	JF
John Fairey	JFa
James Ford	JFo
Jeff Grey	JG
John Geeson	JGe
Jenny Gill	JGi
Jason Moss	JM
James McCallum	JMc
John Miller	JMi
J Morris	JMo
Josh McCallum-Stewart	JMS
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John Rae	JRa
John Spooner	JS
John Swallow	JSw
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Mike Harcup	MH
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Roger Hughes	RHu
Rob Lee	RL
Roger & Liz Akroyd	RLA
Rob Lucking	RLu
Richard Millington	RM
Richard Porter	RP
Richard Price	RPr
Robert Smith	RS
Robert Taylor	RT
Simon Aspinall	SA
Steve Beal	SB
Steve Chapman	SC
Shannon Clifford	SCl
Steve Gantlett	SG
Steve Harris	SH
Steve Hale	SHa
Steve Hack	SHack
Simon Harrup	SHar
Shirley Lord	SL
Stuart Rapson	SR
Sabine Schmitt	SS
Steve Stansfield	SSt

Stella Woodman	SW	
Steve Wakeham	SWa	
Trevor Davies	TD	
Tony Duckett	TDu	
Tom Green	TG	
Tim Hayward	TH	
Tony Moverley	TM	
Tony Prater	TP	
Tony Smith	TS	
Tim Vaughan	TV	
Tom Whiley	TWW	
Trevor Williams	TW	
Visitor Centre (reported to)	VC	
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