

Ringed and tagged birds seen in the Cley 10km square 2024

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 **4ERM**.
Right leg: Metal ring no. XY5202.
The father of the bird 4ERJ.

Seen Cley Marshes 2/1(DG).
Salthouse Marshes 21/3(MH)

Found dead Salthouse Marshes 11/4(KMC,GBa) in the drain on the E side of the Iron Road.
Ringed as an adult male at Salthouse on 7/1/22.

Movements remained at Salthouse to at least 17/3/22. First seen chasing the juvenile away 15/3/22. Seen again at Salthouse 11/5/22 and then 2/10/22-3/4/23, 5/5/23 and 30/9/23-22/11/23.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **orange** ring with black code **4ERP**.
Right leg: Metal ring.
A female.

Seen Cley Marshes 31/1(DPW), 1/2(DPW), 7/2(DPW), 9/2(DPW), 12/2(DPW), 14/2(DPW), 19/2(DPW), 20/2(DPW), 22-23/2(DPW), 24/2(GSa), 26/2(DPW), 27/2(DPW), 1/3(DPW), 13/3(DPW), 14/3(DPW), 15/3(PSM), 16/3(ACa), 18/3(DPW), 21/3(DPW), probably 22/3(only metal ring visible)(DPW), probably 25/3(code not read)(DPW), 15/4(DPW), probably 22/4(code not read)(DPW), 3/5(DPW).

Ringed as a juvenile, one of a brood of six, at Selbrigg Pond south of High Kelling on 7/1/22

Movements Cley Marshes 27/1/23-28/2/23 (paired).

New information this month*.

Left leg: **orange** ring with black code **4FPO**.
Right leg: Metal ring no.W53672.

Seen Cley Marshes 10/1(DPW), 22/4(DPW), 24/4(DG), 2/5(DPW).

Ringed as a first calendar year at Selbrigg Pond south of High Kelling on 21/8/22. One of a brood of eight.

Movements Remained at Selbrigg to 8/3/23. Seen at Cley Marshes 7/6/23-5/10/23.

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

Right leg: Metal ring

Seen Cley Marshes 31/1(DPW), 24/4(DG).

Ringed as a first calendar year at Selbrigg Pond south of High Kelling on 21/8/22. One of a brood of eight. Sibling to 4FPO.

Seen Cley Marshes 10/10/23, Kelling Water Meadow 3/11/23, Kelling Quags 13/11/23 and Kelling Water Meadow 17/11/23.

New information this month*.

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

Right leg: Metal ring no. W53681.

Mate of 4FTC.

Seen Salthouse 2+3/1(DPW), 4/1(CDL), 10/1(DPW), 12/1(DPW), 19/1(DPW), 23/1(DPW), 26/1(DPW), 30+31/1(DPW), 2/2(DPW), 6/2(DPW), 13/2(DPW), 15/2(SHa), 16/2(DPW), 20/2(DPW), 23/2(DPW), 27/2(DPW), 1/3(DPW), 5/3(DPW), 6/3(DPW), 8/3(DPW), 12/3(DPW), 13/3(DPW), 15/3(DPW), 19/3(DPW), 22/3(DPW), 27/3(DPW), 29/3(DPW), 2/4(DPW), 4/4(DPW), 9/4(DPW), 12/4(DPW), 16/4(DPW), 19/4(DPW), 23/4(DPW).

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

Movements Remained at Salthouse to the end of 2023 but visited Cley Marshes 9/11/23.

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

Right leg: Metal ring no. W53682.

Mate of 4FTB.

Seen Salthouse 2+3/1(DPW), 4/1(CDL), 10/1(DPW), 12/1(DPW), 19/1(DPW), 23/1(DPW), 26/1(DPW), 30+31/1(DPW), 2/2(DPW), 6/2(DPW), 13/2(DPW), 15/2(SHa), 16/2(DPW), 20/2(DPW), 23/2(DPW), 24/2(CDL), 27/2(DPW), 1/3(DPW), 5/3(DPW), 6/3(DPW), 8/3(DPW), 12/3(DPW), 13/3(DPW), 15/3(DPW), 19/3(DPW), 22/3(DPW), 29/3(DPW).

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

Movements Remained at Salthouse to the end of 2023 but visited Cley Marshes 9/11/23.

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>

Left leg; **white ring** with black code **22T**.

Right leg: metal ring.

Sibling of following two birds.

Seen E of Glandford (Cley CP) 27+28/11/23(code read) but not since.

Ringed as a female cygnet 6/8/23 at Kálfborgarárvatn, Fljótshéiði, Iceland (65.49N 17.32W).

Movements no further sightings.

Left leg; **white ring** with black code **22V**.

Right leg: metal ring.

Sister of following bird.

Seen E of Langham (Field Dalling CP) 10/1(JMc) (code read), still present 12/1(JMc)

14/1(KMC)(too distant to read code), 16/1(MG) (code read), 28+30/1(DPW)(legs not

seen), 1/2(DC)(code not read), 2/2(DPW)(legs not seen), 5/2(DPW)(code read), 6/2(DPW)(code read).

Blakeney Harbour 28/2(PLa)(group of C-R adult and two C-R youngsters seen, adult + one youngster photographed but codes could not be read).

N of Saxlingham (Field Dalling CP) 18/3(PLa)(group of C-R adult and two C-R youngsters seen, photographed but codes could not be read), 20/3(TWW,DPW)(code read), 21/3(PSM)(birds still present but rings not seen), 22/3(TWW)(code not read).

Ringed as a female cygnet 6/8/23 at Kálfborgarárvatn, Fljótshéiði, Iceland (65.49N 17.32W).
Movements E of Glandford (Cley CP) 27-28/11/23.

Left leg; metal ring.

Right leg: **white ring** with black code **22Z**.

Brother of bird above.

Seen E of Langham (Field Dalling CP) 10/1(JMc) (code read), still present 12/1(JMc), 13/1(MG) (code read), 14/1(KMC)(too distant to read code), 16/1(MG), 28+30/1(DPW)(legs not seen), 1/2(DC)(photo showing code), 2/2(DPW) (code read). 5/2(DPW)(legs not seen), 6/2(DPW)(code read).

Blakeney Harbour 28/2(PLa)(group of C-R adult and two C-R youngsters seen, adult + one youngster photographed but codes could not be read)

N of Saxlingham (Field Dalling CP) 18/3(PLa)(group of C-R adult and two C-R youngsters seen, photographed but codes could not be read), 20/3(TWW,DPW)(legs not seen), 21/3(PSM)(birds still present but rings not seen), 22/3(TWW)(code read).

Ringed as a male cygnet 6/8/23 at Kálfborgarárvatn, Fljótshéiði, Iceland (65.49N 17.32W).

Movements E of Glandford (Cley CP) 27-28/11/23.

Left leg: **yellow** ring with black code **ZTD**.

Right leg: metal ring.

Parent of the three youngsters listed above.

Seen E of Langham 10/1(JMc) (code read), still present 12/1(JMc), 13/1(MG) (code read), 14/1(KMC)(too distant to read code), 16/1(MG) (code read), 28/1(DPW)(too distant to read code), 30/1(DPW)(legs not seen), 1/2(DC)(photo showing code), 2/2(DPW) (code read), 5/2(DPW)(legs not seen), 6/2(DPW)(legs not seen).

Blakeney Harbour 28/2(PLa)(group of C-R adult and two C-R youngsters seen, adult + one youngster photographed but codes could not be read).

N of Saxlingham (Field Dalling CP) 18/3(PLa)(group of C-R adult and two C-R youngsters seen, photographed but codes could not be read), 20/3(TWW,DPW)(code read), 21/3(PSM)(birds still present but rings not seen), 22/3(TWW)(code read).

Ringed as a female cygnet 10/8/18 Brunnvatn, Fljótshéiði, Iceland (65 29N 17 24W).

Movements March Farmers (Cambs) 23/2/19, Martin Mere WWT (Lancs) 16/11/19, Kálfborgarárvatn, (Fljótshéiði, Iceland) 15/8/20. Will have been the adult seen with the three colour-ringed youngsters E of Glandford (Cley CP) 27-28/11/23 but the code on its colour-ring not read.

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.

Grey neck collar with code XAC

Metal ring no1704003.

Seen S of Cley 18/1(TWW).

Mate of Tag no1499 the bird with **Orange** ring on left leg and black code **CAB**.

Ringed as an adult at High Kelling 16/1/18.

Movements Cley Marshes 12-25/10/18(with 2 juveniles), in fields at Weybourne 21/10/18, inland of Cley 31/10/18-3/11/18, Binham 9/12/18, Weybourne 14+16/12/18, Holkham (Norfolk) 22/12/18, Docketing (Norfolk) 27/12/18, Saxlingham (Norfolk) 11/1/19, Docketing 20/11/19, Snettisham (Norfolk) 26/11/19, Heacham (Norfolk) 5/1/20, Wells (Norfolk) 6/11/20, Holkham 7/11/20, Wighton (Norfolk) 19/10/21, Bircham Newton (Norfolk) 25/11/21, Rollesby (Norfolk) 22/11/22, Weybourne 30/11/22, Frodsham Marsh (Cheshire) 27/2/23. Seen in fields south of Walsey Hills NOA 30/9/23+10/10/23.

Grey neck collar with code XJF

Seen Cley Marshes 28/1(GFe), 31/1(GFe).

Ringed as a juvenile male at Martin Mere (Lancs) 1/12/23.

Movements First sightings after ringing.

Barnacle Goose

New information this month*.

White neck collar with **black** code **D02**

Seen Cley Marshes 9/4(SC)

Ringed as a bird in at least its second calendar year at Scorton (N Yorks) 9/7/22.

Initially fitted with **White** neck collar and **black** code **B58**. Recaptured at Scorton 8/7/23 and the collar changed.

Movements Saltholme RSPB (Cleveland) 2/9/22, Cowpen Bewley (Cleveland) 11/9/22, Saltholme 17/9/22-30/11/22, Cowpen Bewley 26/12/22, Saltholme 2+3/1/23, Cowpen Bewley 12/1/23, Saltholme 16/1/23-2/2/23, Scorton 18/3/23-8/7/23, Saltholme 21/8/23-7/1/24, Obersee (Kiblegg, Ravensburg, Germany 47.80N 1.05E) 26/1/24+12/2/24, Cley Marshes 9/4/24.

Dark-bellied Brent Goose

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

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

Metal ring no.6181795

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**.

Metal ring no.6184219.

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

Seen Cley Marshes 1/1(TWW) with 8 youngsters, 16/1(DPW) with 8 youngsters, 24/1(JFa), 6/2(DPW)(legs of female not seen), 6/2(GFe), 7/2(DPW) with 8 youngsters, 18/3(TWW).

E of Walsey Hills 31/1(DPW) with 8 youngsters.

Blakeney Freshes (River Glaven saltmarshes) 1/2(DPW).

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 at Polder Hee (Freisland, Netherlands) 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 and then 5/12/23 when with 9 youngsters. Seen back in the Netherlands on Texel 27+30/3/24.

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

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and he will reply with details of the bird ASAP.

White-tailed Eagle

Five colour-ringed individuals fitted with satellite transmitters have been seen and satellite plots revealed that another bird has also visited the Square. They come from a project run by the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation in partnership with Forestry England. Nestlings are collected under licence, issued by Scottish Natural Heritage, from nests in Scotland and are translocated to the Isle of Wight in late June. They are then held in a quiet, confidential, location for approximately four-eight weeks before being released. Food (mainly fish) is provided close to the release site during the autumn and winter before the young eagles become independent. The Natural England licence permits the release of up to 60 juvenile eagles on the Isle of Wight over a five-year period from 2019. The first six juveniles were translocated to the Isle of Wight in late June 2019 and all were successfully released in August. A further seven youngsters were translocated and released in 2020 and 12 in 2021. 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>

An individual that was rescued in the Netherlands and colour-ringed has also been seen.

Left leg: **black** ring with white code **WN** above **88**.

Right leg: **Orange** metal ring.

Seen S of Glandford 2/3(SG)(photo showing code).

Wiveton 3/3(AJ,GSa(photo showing code),MG).

Cley Marshes 4/3.

Ringed as a first calendar year bird in the Netherlands in 2023. It had spent 6 weeks in care in August and September after a wind turbine accident.

Movements Wintered in N Suffolk. Seen and photographed at Langham Airfield 12+13/3/24(GSa,TWW).

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 are now 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

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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 Cley Marshes 3/1 (DPW), 7/1(DG).

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, Fritcham (Norfolk) 4/6/23, Salthouse Heath 22/10/23 and Cley Marshes 22/12/23.

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

Metal ring no. FH62089.

Seen: Cley Marshes roost 22/3(TWW)(photo)

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. His sibling (code 44) has been seen at Gosforth Nature Reserve (Newcastle) and then at Wigton (Norfolk) 14/3/24.

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

Seen Salthouse Marshes 22/3 (MH)

Oystercatcher

The Iceni 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/>

Avocet

New information this month*.

Left tibia: **blue flag** with *white* code **AE** over **yellow** ring, metal ring no EM57724 on tarsus. Code often looks like AF on left hand side of flag.

Right leg: **yellow** ring on tibia.

Seen: Cley Marshes 14/2(photo), 19/2(code read)(DPW), 21/2(code read)(DPW), 23/2(code read)(DPW), 26/2(code read)(DPW,TW), 27/2(code read)(DPW), 28/2(DG photo showing code), 4/3(code read)(TW), 15/3(code read)(DPW), 15/3(code read)(PSM), 18/3(code read)(DPW), 19/3(code read)(DPW), 20/3(code read)(DPW), 22/3(code read) (DPW), 24/3(MC), 25/3(code read (DPW), 25/3(TW photo showing code), 27/3(code read)(DPW), 27/3(MG photo showing code), 28/3(code read)(DPW), 30/3(code read)(CG,ACa,DG), 1/4(JSw photo showing code), 3/4(code read)(CDL), 7/4(code read)(CDL), 9/4(code read)(DPW), 9/4(code read)(TWW), 10/4(code read)(DPW), 11/4(code read)(DPW), 12/4(code read)(DPW), 15/4(code read)(DPW), 16/4(code read)(DPW), 16/4(code read)(TWW), 17/4(code read)(DPW), 18/4(code read)(DPW), 22/4(code read)(DPW), 23/4(code read)(DPW), 24/4(code read)(DPW).

Ringed as a chick at Canute, Castletown Estate (Cumbria) 2/6/23.

Movements Poole Harbour (Dorset) 4+18/1/24.

New information this month*.

Left tibia: **blue flag** with *white* code **C1** over **yellow** ring, metal ring no EW87081 on tarsus.

Right leg: **yellow** ring on tibia..

Seen: Cley Marshes 2/1(code read) (DPW), 8/1(code read) (DPW,TWW), 9/1(DHo photo showing code), 10/1(code not read)(DPW,JSw), 11/1(code not read)(DPW), 16/1(code read) (DPW), 23/1(code read) (DPW), 25/1(code not read)(DPW), 1/2(code read) (DPW), 8/2(code read) (DPW), 9/2(code read) (DPW), 16/2(code read)(DPW), 19/2(code read)(DPW), 19/2(TWphoto), 20/2 (code read)(DPW), 21/2(code read)(DPW), 23/2(code read)(DPW), 26/2(code read)(DPW,TW), 27/2(code read)(DPW), 1/3(code read)(DPW), 4/3(code read)(DPW), 13/3(photo showing code)(JSw), 14/3(code read)(DPW), 15/3(code read)(DPW), 18/3(code read)(DPW), 19/3(code read)(DPW), 20/3(code read)(DPW), 25/3(code read)(DPW), 27/3(code read)(DPW), 28/3(code read)(DPW), 29/3(code read)(DPW), 6/4(code read)(TWW), 8/4(code read)(DPW,TWW), 9/4(code read)(DPW), 9/4(code read)(TWW), 10/4(code read)(DPW), 11/4(code read)(DPW), 12/4(code read)(DPW), 15/4(code read)(DPW), 16/4(code read)(DPW), 18/4(code read)(DPW), 24/4(code read)(DPW), 29/4(code read)(DW), 30/4(code read)(PW).

Ringed as a chick at Conder Green (Lancs) 7/7/23.

Movements Fledged at Conder Green on 15/7/23 and last seen there 16/7/23. Then seen at Kilnsea Wetlands (Spurn E. Yorks) 29/8/23, Cley Marshes 28/11/23-29/12/23.

New information this month*.

Individuals seen after 1/2/24 but code on flag not read

Left tibia: **blue flag** with *white* code over **yellow** ring, metal ring on tarsus.

Right leg: **yellow** ring on tibia.

Seen: Cley Marshes 5/2(left leg not seen) (DPW), 14/2(left leg not seen)(DPW), 6/3(DPW), 8/3(DPW), 13/3(left leg not seen)(DPW), 14/3(2 blue-flagged individuals present, left leg not seen on one of them)(DPW), 2/4(DPW), 3/4 (DPW,DG), 4/4 (thought to possibly be C1)(DPW), 5/4 (DPW,JSw), 8/4(2 blue-flagged individuals present)(DPW), 19/4(2 blue-flagged individuals present)(DPW), 22/4(on Arnold's Marsh, left leg not seen)(DPW), 25/4 (thought to probably be AE)(DPW), 26/4 (thought to probably be AE)(DPW).

Left leg: **yellow flag** with black code **BL** on tibia.

Right leg: **yellow** ring on tibia.

Metal ring no. EW43439.

Seen: Cley Marshes 22/3(photographed)(TWW)

Ringed as a chick at Orfordness (Suffolk) 11/6/17.

Movements: Orfordness 25/6/17, Oare Marshes (Kent) 31/1/19-12/2/19+1/12/19-12/2/20, Hollesley Marshes (Suffolk) 12/4/20-29/5/20 (bred seen with 3 chicks), Oare Marshes 2+4/11/20, Hollesley Marshes 10+12/4/21, Havergate Island (Suffolk) 11/5/21, Orfordness 16+23/7/21, Havergate Island 14/8/21, Oare Marshes 7+9/2/22, Hollesley Marshes 18/3/22, Orfordness 29/3/22-18/5/22 (bred), Havergate Island 20/7/22+4/8/22, Oare Marshes 8-19/2/23, Havergate Island 21+29/7/23, Oare Marshes 27/1/24.

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

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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 “headed-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.

Left leg: **green** over **white** (stained **yellow**) ring with black code **W** on tibia.

Right leg: **carmine** (pink) **flag** over **green** over **white** (stained **yellow**) with black code **W** on tibia.

Metal ring no. 2514506

Colourcode: C2GWW

Seen Cley Marshes 27/3 (DPW)

Ringed 29/5/19 as a 15 day old chick at Polder Aent Lieuwes, It Heidenskip, Netherlands (52.93N 05.48E)

Movements: Almire (Netherlands 52.45N 05.32E) 12/8/19, Koudum (Netherlands 52.91N 05.46E) 8-17/6/20, Castro Marim (Portugal 37.22N 07.42W) 12/8/20+8/9/20, It Heidenskip 05/05/2024

19+22/6/21, Koudum 29/3/22, Obando (Spain 39.18N 05.46W) 10/2/23, Vegas Atlas (Spain 39.15N 05.57W) 15/2/23 and It Heidenskip 28/6/23.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **White flag** on tibia with black code **AY**, **black** ring on tarsus.

Right leg: **lime** ring with black **E** on tibia

Seen Cley Marshes 15/4 (DPW), 15/4(GFe,GBa), 16/4(DPW).

Ringed as a chick 13/5/23 at Ouse Washes RSPB (Cambs).

Movements: Welney WWT (Norfolk) 21+28/6/23, Livermere Lake (Suffolk) 7/12/23, Welney 20/7/23-3/8/23, Porto Alto (Portugal) 6+8/2/24.

Black-tailed Godwit: form *islandica*

New information this month*.

Left leg: **blue** over **red** over **metal** ring no. 5156356 on tibia.

Right leg: **white flag** over **red** on tibia.

Seen Cley Marshes 25/4(DPW, PLa), 26/4(DPW).

Ringed as an adult female 15/2/17 at Heman Cortes, Badajoz, Spain (39.02N 05.93W).

Movements: Landje van Geijsel (Ouderkerk aan de Amstel, N Holland, Netherlands 52.28N 04.88E) 11/3/18, Honselersdijk (Wollebrand, S Holland, Netherlands 51.99N 04.25E) 31/3/19+1/4/19, Loch of Stenness (Voy, Orkney Isles) 28/4/20, Veta la Palma (Donana, Sevilla, Spain 36.94N, 06.22W) 2/10/20, Stroe (Wieringen, N Holland, Netherlands 52.93N 04.98E) 29/3/23+2/4/23, Harlingen (Friesland. Netherlands 53.17N 05.41E) 9+10/3/24.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **lime** on tibia.

Right leg: **yellow** over **black** on tibia, **white** on tarsus (often stained yellow or orange or red or brown).

Seen Cley Marshes 15/4 (DPW,GFe), 16/4(DPW,PLa,TWW), 18/4(DPW,GW), 22/4(DPW,ACa), 23/4(DPW), 24/4(MBu,DPW), 25/4(DPW,GW), 26/4(DPW), 29/4(DPW).

Ringed at Holbeach 9/9/02 as an adult female.

Movements: Cley Marshes 6-23/3/2003, 16-28/3/04, 18/3/05, 19/4/05, 28/4/05, Titchwell 13/8/05, Ballymacoda (Co Cork) 16/12/05 to 31/1/06, Cley Marshes 10/3/06-30/4/06, Salthouse 1+2/5/06, Cley Marshes 4/3/07-28/4/07 and irregularly 6/3/08-5/5/08. Its breeding site discovered at Langhus, Fljot (N Iceland) 15/7/08. Frodsham Marsh (Cheshire) 27/2/09, Cley Marshes 1/3/09-26/4/09, Haganesvik, Fljot (N Iceland) 4+5/6/09, Freiston (The Wash) 3/10/09, Cley Marshes 17/3/10-27/4/10, 11-18/3/11 and 8/3/12, Stiffkey Fen (Norfolk) 24/3/12, Frampton Marsh (Lincs) 20/8/12, Cley Marshes 15-26/4/13 and 7/8/13, Frampton Marsh (Lincs) 11/7/14-8/9/14, Cley Marshes 23+29/3/15, Freiston Shore (Lincs) 27/9/15, Cley Marshes 6/4/16-1/5/16 and 2/7/16-2/8/16, Dee Estuary (Cheshire) 22/11/16-1/2/17, Titchwell 27/2/17, Ouse Washes (Cambs) 20/8/17, Frampton Marsh 20/8/17, Cley Marshes 12/4/17, 4/5/17, Langhus (N Iceland) 14/7/18, Frampton Marsh 30/7/18, Cley Marshes 19-29/4/19, Skegness (Lincs) 18/8/21, Snettisham (Norfolk) 22/8/21 and Cley Marshes 29/3/22+19/4/22.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **orange** on tibia.

Right leg: **green** over **orange** on tibia, **white** (often stained yellow) on tarsus

Seen Cley Marshes 26/1 (DPW), 6/2(DPW)(only right tibia rings seen), 26/2(DPW,TW), 8/3(DPW), possibly 22/3(only right tibia seen)(DPW), 7/4(CDL), 10/4(DPW), 15/4(DPW), 17/4(DPW), 18/4(DPW), 19/4(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 and 3/7/23. Seen at Stiffkey 10/2/24 and 3/3/24.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **orange** on tibia.

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

Seen Cley Marshes 29/3(DPW), 7/4(CDL).

Ringed 19/11/17 as a juvenile at Terrington (The Wash).

Movements: Cley Marshes 4-9/12/17, Kelling Water Meadow 12/12/17, Cley Marshes 19/12/17, Holkham (Norfolk) 27/2/18, Morston (Norfolk) 14/1/19, Brancaster Staithe (Norfolk) 21/1/19, Snettisham (The Wash) 13-14/9/19, Freiston Shore (The Wash) 16/11/19+1/12/19. Burnham Overy Staithe (Norfolk) 19/2/20, Stiffkey (Norfolk) 22/3/21, Snettisham 25/8/21, Cley Marshes 3-4+18+24/1/22, Blakeney Freshes 8/2/22, Cley Marshes 10-15/2/22 and Snettisham 11-20/8/22.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **red** over **black flag** on tibia.

Right leg: **blue** over **black** on tibia.

Seen Cley Marshes 24/4(MBu,DPW), probably 25/4(only left leg seen).

Ringed at Welwick Saltmarsh (N Humber Estuary) 6/11/18 as an adult female.

Movements: Leighton Moss (Lancs) 11/7/19, Cley Marshes 27-28/7/20.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **red** over **black flag** on tibia.

Right leg: **orange** over **black** on tibia.

Seen Cley Marshes 19/3 (DPW), 20/3(DPW), 21/3(DPW), 29/3(DPW), 10/4(DPW), 17/4(DPW).

Ringed at Welwick Saltmarsh (N Humber Estuary) 6/11/18 as a 1cy.

Movements: Welney WWT 22/2/19, Cley Marshes irregularly 21/6/19-22/7/19, Mistley Walls (Essex) 4/12/19, Frampton Marsh (Lincs) 28/7/21, Pyewipe (N Lincs) 23/2/22, Conder Green (Lancs) 24/7/22, East Halton Skitter (N Lincs) 8/10/22, Pyewipe 30/1/23 and Frampton Marsh 15-17/8/23.

New information this month*.

Left leg: **yellow** over **orange** over **red** on tibia.

Right leg: **green** over **yellow** over **green** on tibia.

Metal ring no. EW90583

Ringed 26/8/11 as an adult female at Hazelwood Marshes, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Movements: Freiston Shore (Lincs) 30/10/11, Breydon Water (Norfolk) 26/2/12-25/4/12, Ramsholt (Suffolk) 17/1/13, Mistley Walls (Essex) 31/1/13, Cantley Marshes (Norfolk) 25/3/13, Breydon Water 13/4/13, Titchwell (Norfolk) 24/7/13, Frampton Marsh (Lincs) 14/8/14-29/9/14, Freiston Shore 29/9/14, Mistley Walls 11-21/1/15, Minsmere (Suffolk)

11/4/15, Freiston Shore 17/8/15, Snettisham (Norfolk) 24/8/15, Freiston Shore 29/8/15-4/10/15, Snettisham 19+29/8/15, Freiston Shore 3-4/10/16, Welney WWT (Norfolk) 4+15/12/16 and 21/4/17, Frampton Marsh 6+30/8/17, Welney 10/11/17-13/3/18, Berry Fen (Cambs) 15/4/18, Frampton Marsh 28/8/18, Welney 2+26/1/19 and 4/4/19, Frampton Marsh 26/8/19-8/9/19, Welney 1+10/11/19, Fen Drayton (Cambs) 6/3/20, Snettisham 7/8/20, Frampton Marsh 25/8/20+13/9/20, Welney 4/11/20, Breydon Water 10/2/21, Welney 13/4/21, Frampton Marsh 23/7/21-11/9/21, Breydon Water 3/11/21, Welney 7/11/21, Welches Dam (Cambs) 29/11/21, Breydon Water 13/1/22, Nene Washes (Cambs) 5-6/4/22, Breydon Water 18-29/4/22, Butt of Lewis (Outer Hebrides) 11/5/22, Frampton Marsh 11/8/22-14/9/22, Snettisham 15/10/22, Welney 15/2/23-3/3/23, Needingworth (Cambs) 11/3/23, Fen Drayton 15-26/3/23, Nene Washes 4-14/3/23, Cley Marshes 26/4/23-5/5/23, Frampton Marsh 8/5/23 and 21/7/23-30/9/23, Minsmere (Suffolk) 7+29/4/24*. Had extremely limited breeding plumage when seen at Cley in 2023 and at Minsmere in 2024.

Greenshank

New information this month*.

Left leg: **orange** over **black** on tibia.

Right leg: **green** over **lime** rings on tibia.

Ringed as an adult at Holbeach (The Wash, Lincs) 19/9/16.

Movements: Cley Marshes 8/8/17, Freiston Shore (Lincs) 19/7/18 and Roanne (near Lyon, Loire) France 21+25/4/24*.

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/>

Left leg: **green** ring with **white** code **JJK4**.

Right leg: metal ring no. Stavanger, K10414.

Seen Salthouse 3/1(DPW), 4/1(CDL), 10/1(DPW), 12/1(DPW), 18/1(DPW).

Ringed as a 1cy male 23/8/22 at Mølledamen, Time, Rogaland, Norway (58 44N 05 39E).

Movements: Salthouse 30/1/23+13/2/23+27/3/23 and possibly also seen there earlier 7/11/22 but code not read. Salthouse 8-22/12/23.

New information this month*.

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

Right leg: metal ring no. EA88120.

Seen Salthouse 13/2(DPW), 23/2(DPW), 27/2(DPW), 1/3(DPW), 8/3(DPW), 12/3(DPW), 13/3(DPW), 12/4(DPW).

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

Movements: Remained at Salthouse to 9/11/23.

Left leg: metal ring no. Stavanger, 6205267.

Right leg: **White ring** with black code **J9Z5**.

Seen Salthouse 9/1 (DPW), 12/1(DPW),

Ringed 28/6/13 as a nestling at Lanoeyksjaeret, Raade, Oestfold, SE Norway (59 22N 10 52E).

Seen: Salthouse 10/2/14-17/3/14, 8/10/14 -2/3/15, 17/9/15-18/3/16, 25/7/16, 28/10/16-12/3/17, 15/7/17-20/3/18, 7/10/18-18/2/19, 2/9/19-12/2/20, 5/10/20-8/3/21, 22/11/21-9/3/22, 25/9/22-7/3/23 and 28/11/23-14/12/23.

Distance: 934km SW.

Birds with metal ring only

metal ring **ST230.640**, Museum Zoolog, Helsinki Finland

Ringed as a youngster out of the nest 9/7/21 at Rovaniemi, Lappi, Finland (66 28N, 25 36E).

Seen Wielkopolskie, Poland (52 24N 16 58E) 25/12/22.

Recovered Blakeney village 9/3/24. Found by Stephanie & Tom Green in their garden. Unable to fly, taken into care but died later that day.

Distance: 2013km SW.

Left leg: metal ring. Zool. Museum, Denmark, **6J-4976**

Seen Salthouse 4/1(CDL), 10/1(DPW), 12/1(DPW), 18/1(full number read)(DPW), 13/2(DPW).

Ringed 23/5/13 as a pullus at Holm Sø, Brøndby, Sjælland, Denmark (55 37N, 12 26E).

Seen: Salthouse 24/12/14-21/3/15, 3/11/15-12/3/16, 5/11/16-25/1/17, 2/12/17-8/2/18, 16/10/18-4/3/19, 12/11/19-29/1/20, 4/11/20-29/12/20, 18/11/21-8/3/22, 29/10/22-28/2/23 and 17/10/23-29/12/23.

Distance: 792km WSW.

Common Gull

Left leg: **White leg ring** with black code **JH892**.

First two numbers in the code determined by Norwegian ringers from photos that only show the top and bottom of the code.

Right leg: Stavanger metal ring no. 5201137.

Seen and photographed: Cley Marshes 6/1(DHo).

Ringed as a pullus 6/7/20 at Orstad, Kleppe, Rogaland, Norway (58 48N 05 43E).

Movements: Hå, Rogaland, Norway (58 41N 05 33E) 8/9/20.

Distance: 712km SSW.

Barn Owl

Metal leg ring with code **GV08372** (British Museum).

Controlled caught at Langham (Norfolk) 12/2(CDL).

Ringed 16/7/14 as a nestling near Stiffkey (Norfolk).

Distance: 8km.

Blue Tit

Metal ring: **ACX2854**.

Controlled at Langham (Norfolk) 15/12/23 (CDL).

Ringed as a nestling at Charter Wood, Norwich (Norfolk) 13/5/23.

Distance: 36km.

Reed Bunting

Metal ring: **AYZ4473**.

Controlled at Langham (Norfolk) 10/2 (CDL).

Ringed as a first calendar year at Hilgay Wetland (Norfolk) 8/8/23.

Distance: 58km.

Observers

Andy Bloomfield	AB
Andrew Cannon	ACa
Andrew Chamberlin	ACh
Allan Chard	ACha
Andrew Cox	ACo
Al Davies	AD
Andy Golding	AG
Andy Johnston	AJ
Andrew Martin	AM
Anne Mansfield	AMa
Ashley McElwee	AMcE
Andy McGuinness	AMcG
Ashley Saunders	AS
Andy Stoddart	ASt
Andy Thompson	AT
Ajay Tegala	ATa
Anthony Whitehead	AWh
Andy Wilkinson	AWi
Barry Burton	BaB
Bernard Bishop	BB
Bob Cobbold	BC
Ben Clark	BCl
Brian Egan	BE
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
Chris Orders	CO
Caroline Spinks	CS
Chris Wheeler	CW
Clair Williamson	CWi
David Andrews	DA
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 Jacquie 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
Emma Buck	EB
Eddie Myers	EM
Ed Mackrill	EMa
Eddie and Bee Stubbings	EBS
Graham Appleton	GA
Graham Brownlow	GB
George Baldock	GBa
Greg Bond	GBo
Garry Elton	GE
Gordon Follows	GF
Graham Fellows	GFe
Glyn Herrieven	GH
Graeme Hewson	GHe
Graham Lubbock	GL
Gordon Nash	GN
Guy Bailey	GuB
Geoff Snelson	GS
Gerard Sabran	GSa
Gary Wright	GW
Howard Medhurst	HM
Hanne Siebers	HS
Ian Doble	ID
Ian Haynes	IH
James Appleton	JA
Janice Darch	JDa
Julian Bhalerao	JB
John Bennett	JBe
John Dobbs	JD
John Furse	JF
John Fairey	JFa

James Ford	JFo
Jeff Grey	JG
John Geeson	JGe
Jenny Gill	JGi
Jason Moss	JM
James & Nola McCallum	JMc
John Miller	JMi
J Morris	JMo
Josh McCallum-Stewart	JMS
Jonny Rankin	JR
John Rae	JRa
John Spooner	JS
John Swallow	JSw
Julian Thomas	JT
John Wagstaff	JW
Keith Bailey	KB
Ken Clegg	KC
Kayn Forbes	KF
Kath and Mick Claydon	KMC
Kieran Nixon	KN
Kate Risely	KR
Kevin Shepherd	KS
Lee Barber	LB
Len & Carole Bentley	LCB
Leighton Newman	LN
Lynnette Nicholson	LNi
Mike Ball	MB
Mike Buckland	MBu
Mark Clements	MC
Mark Golley	MG
Mike Harcup	MH
Mark Eldridge	MIE
Marcus Nash	MN
Michael Sweeney	MS
Matthew Stone	MSt
Moss Taylor	MT
Maggie Wilcox	MW
Nick Appleton	NA
Noel Elms	NE
Nick Moran	NM
Nick Owens	NO
Neil Oxenbury	NOx
Nick Parsons	NP
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Peter Colston	PC
Peter Dodd	PD
Peter Dean	PDe
Pauline Gilling	PG
Pete Livermore	PL
Paul Laurie	PLa
Phil Littler	PLi
Pete Morris	PM
Paul Nichols	PN
Peter Rollings	PR
Peter and Sue Morrison	PSM
Phil Vines	PV
Pauline Walton	PaW
Peter Wilson	PeW
Richard Burton	RB
Rare Bird Alert	RBA
Richard Chandler	RC
Rob Gill	RG
Russ Heselden	RH
Rob Holmes	RHo
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
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	
Vince Hanlon	VH	
Walter Sadler	WS	
Zoe Smith (Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation)		ZS