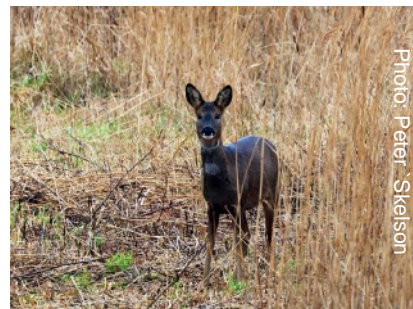


Far Ings Nature Reserve – 16 February 2025

Our first field trip this year was to Far Ings Nature Reserve which is on the Humber Bank. It is managed by Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and it consists of a chain of flooded clay pits and extensive reedbeds. There were 47 people on the coach and the weather was dry but cold.

We alighted from the coach and before we split up into our small groups two Marsh Harriers were spotted flying above Pursuit Pit and a Kestrel was hovering above the car park. In the trees and bushes near the car park there were Chaffinches, Blue Tits, Great Tits, Woodpigeons, Carrion Crows, a Blackbird, Magpie and Robin. On the water we saw a Cormorant and Mallards. Our group then headed for Barton Reedbed to see if we could find a Bearded Tit. We managed to see a male and female in the reeds and there were Goldfinches, Dunnocks, a Song Thrush and Wren in the trees and bushes. Three Curlews also flew over.

We then walked along the Humber Bank and on the shore we saw Redshanks, Wigeons, Gadwalls, two Whooper Swans and a Common Gull. When we arrived at Ness Pit we re-entered the Reserve and from the various hides we spotted Greylag Geese, Canada Geese, Mute Swans, Goldeneyes, Teals, Shovelers, Tufted Ducks, Pochards, Great Crested Grebes, Little Grebes, Coots and Moorhens.



Roe Deer taken at Far Ings

Other birds seen by some members of the group were a Green Woodpecker, Bittern, Water Rail, Grey Heron, Goldcrest, Bullfinch, Treecreeper and Reed Bunting. This brought our total bird species for the day to 44. Some Roe Deer and an Otter were also spotted.

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