



HULL VALLEY WILDLIFE GROUP

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007



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INTRODUCTION

For a variety of reasons, a report for 2007 has not yet been produced. In view of the time that has elapsed since the end of that year, it is considered that a full report would not be a sensible or indeed a saleable proposition. However, some members have expressed their disappointment with this decision and so I have offered to produce a concise report of the highlights of 2007 wildlife sightings. The choice of the sightings is mine and is in no way intended to be a comprehensive report. As a general rule no more than the three highest sightings from any site have been listed though some variation to this rule has been made. The format has been kept as concise as possible in order to keep costs of reproduction as low as possible; inevitably this makes the contents somewhat monotonous.

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BIRDS.

1. MUTE SWAN, *Cygnus olor*.
Maxima:-
Hornsea Mere, 290 in September, 288 in August, 216 in July.
Pulfin and High Eske, 52 in March, 45 in February, 39 in January.
Tophill Low, 148 in October, 119 in September, 99 in December.
Welton Waters, 83 in June, 40 in July, 35 in May.
Catwick 43 in October.
Arram, 48 in March.
Breeding was reported from all of the above sites.
2. BEWICK'S (TUNDRA) SWAN, *Cygnetsaus cygnetsaus*.
The only report was of 20 birds flying over Anlaby (Hull) on 5th December.
3. WHOOPER SWAN, *Cygnus cygnus*.
Wintering birds, between three and eight at Pulfin Bog in January; 16 at Paul Holme Strays on 9th March; 32 at Brough Airfield on 18th March; and finally a late bird at Pulfin Bog on 23rd May.
In the autumn there were single figure counts in November at Tophill Low and also Watton Carrs.
4. BEAN GOOSE, *Anser fabalis*.
The only report was of a single bird off Atwick on 28th October. The race of the bird was not specified.
5. PINK- FOOTED GOOSE. *Anser brachyrhynchus*.
Early year maxima:-
Atwick 100 on 31st January; 230 on 1st February, 800 on 19th February;
Watton Carrs, 230 on 1st February; Paul Holme Strays on 24th February;
Cottingham 150 on 1st February; High Eske, 100 on 3rd February;
Drewton, 180 on 4th February; Brough, 300 on 23rd February.
All reports concerned skeins of geese seen flying over.
Late year maxima:-
Paul Holme Strays, 48 on 15th September and 50 on 2nd November;
Tophill Low, 75 on 1st October; Pearson Park Hull, 70 on 3rd November;
Welton Waters 1500 on 21st October;
Barmston 115 on 3rd November and 230 on 4th November;
Atwick, 178 on 8th October and 103 on 5th November.
At Tophill Low several sightings of up to seven birds were made. These took place both early and late in the year and involved geese mingling with the large flock of Greylag Geese.
6. WHITE- FRONTED GOOSE. *Anser albifrons*.
Four birds were seen amongst the Greylag Goose flock at Tophill Low on 27th to 28th November.
7. GREYLAG GOOSE. *Anser anser*.
Tophill Low, Humber Estuary and Hornsea Mere are amongst the top 14 sites of national importance for this species, though it should be stressed that few if any of these birds are considered to be truly wild.
Monthly Maxima :-
East Park Hull, 154 in December, 143 in January and 132 in February.
Hornsea Mere, 885 in August, 410 in July, and 271 in November.
Welton Waters., 83 in June., 40 in July and 35 in May.
Pulfin Bog, 455 in August, 400 in October and 344 in January.
Tophill Low, 1229 in December, 1100 in August, and 930 in September.
Paul Holme Strays, 320 in August.
Catwick 130 in November.
Widespread breeding was reported from throughout our area.
8. GREATER CANADA GOOSE. *Branta canadensis*.
Monthly maxima:-
East Park Hull, 290 in January, 223 in February, and 128 in December.
Hornsea Mere, 300 in June, 200 in January, and 182 in September.
Skipsea, 110 in January.
Skirlington 130 in October.

9. BARNACLE GOOSE. *Branta leucopsis*.
Up to 96 birds were at Hornsea Mere in January and February and up to 91 in May. Up to 94 returned in mid September and remained till the year end. The only other site reporting double figures was Watton Nature Reserve with up to 22 birds in late January to early February.
10. BRENT GOOSE. *Branta bernicula*.
 - 10(a). DARK-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE. . *Branta bernicula bernicula*.
One report of a single bird at Tophill Low from 19th to 25th April and two birds off Atwick on 8th October.
 - 10(b). PALE-BELLIED BRENT GOOSE. . *Branta bernicula hrota*.
Six were at Paul Holme Strays on 20th May; a first winter bird was at Skirlington on 4th November; seven were off Ulrome on 27th September and two others were there on 11th November.
- 11 EGYPTIAN GOOSE. *Alopochea aegyptiaca*.
A single was at Pulfin and High Eske on 20th May with another single there on 15th December. A single was at Tophill Low on 23rd May.
- 12 BAR-HEADED GOOSE. *Anser indicus*.
A single bird was seen among other geese in April and May at Hornsea Mere; at Tophill Low, in January, April and September, and at Mc. Cann Nature Reserve between March and May.
13. COMMON SHELDUCK. *Tadorna tadorna*.
Maxima:-
Brough, 310 in February, 303 in April and 270 in November.
Paul Holme Strays. 310 in March and 133 in June.
Breeding was reported at Tophill Low and Paul Holme Strays.
14. AMERICAN WIGEON. *Anas americana*.
At Tophill Low, the first winter drake present since October 2006 remained till 18th March. It appeared there again on 3rd April before finally visiting Pulfin Bog on 6th April.
- 15 WIGEON. *Anas penelope*.
Maxima:-
Catwick 100 in February, 74 in January and 20 in March.
Hornsea Mere, 265 in October, 240 in April and 215 in February.
Pulfin Bog, 390 in December, 325 in January and 310 in March.
Tophill Low, 845 in January, 514 in December and 495 in February.
Paul Holme Strays, 363 in October and 150 in March.
Heron Lakes, 165 in December.
16. CHILOE WIGEON. *Anas sibilatrix*.
A single bird was at Hornsea Mere from 13th to 16th August.
17. GADWALL. *Anas strepera*.
Maxima:-
Hornsea Mere, 215 in October, 119 in September and 112 in February.
Tophill Low, 223 in August, 181 in September and 73 in January.
This species bred at Tophill Low.
18. TEAL. *Anas crecca*.
Hornsea Mere, 230 in September, 165 in October and 155 in August.
Pulfin and High Eske, 50 in April and 40 in March.
Tophill Low, 1640 in September, 788 in October and 574 in January.
Paul Holme Strays, 191 in November, 104 in October and 87 in September.
Brough Haven, 140 in December and 90 in February.
Barmston, 80 in October.
19. GREEN-WINGED TEAL *Anas carolinensis*.
A single drake was at Tophill Low on 1st March.

20. MALLARD. *Anas platyrhynchos*.
 Maxima:-
 Hornsea Mere, 360 in October, 310 in February and 290 in January.
 Pulfin and High Eske, 330 in December, 270, in November and 204 in September.
 Tophill Low, 640 in September, 520 in January and 395 in August.
 Up to 100 birds were reported from East Park Hull and Heron Ponds, whilst 105 were at Paul Holme Strays in October. Breeding was confirmed at Atwick, North Ferriby, Pulfin, Tophill Low and Watton..
21. PINTAIL. *Anas acuta*.
 Maxima:-
 Hornsea Mere, 16 in September, eight in January and two in August.
 Tophill Low, 10 in December, nine in January and three in July.
 Single figure counts were made at Pulfin, Brough and Paul Holme Strays.
22. GARGANEY. *Anas querquedula*.
 At Tophill Low there was a single on 25th March, two males in May, two juveniles on 22nd July, up to 11 birds on 16th August and a single on 5th October. Two birds were at Figham Pastures in Beverley on 7th April; two were at Pulfin on 24th March, two at Brough on 18th August and a single at Hornsea Mere on 29th April.
23. SHOVELER. *Anas clypeata*
 Maxima:-
 Hornsea Mere, 142 in October, 112 in February and 106 in September.
 Pulfin and High Eske, 26 in both January and December, 16 in October.
 Tophill Low, 163 in August, 115 in February and 64 in March.
 Welton Waters 16 in December.
24. POCHARD. *Anthya ferina*.
 Maxima:-
 Hornsea Mere, 710 in January, 490 in February and 280 in May.
 Tophill Low, 53 in February, 52 in January and 51 in December.
 Brough Airfield 202 in July; Welton Waters 70 in September;
 Catwick 46 in January;
 Brandesburton Ponds, 39 in December.
 Breeding took place at Heron Lakes and Tophill Low.
25. FERRUGINOUS DUCK. *Anthya nyroca*.
 A single female mingled with the Pochard flock at Hornsea Mere on nine dates between 22nd August and 29th September.
26. TUFTED DUCK. *Anthya fuligula*.
 Maxima:-
 Hornsea Mere, 1500 in October, 600 in January and 420 in February.
 Pulfin and High Eske, 400 in June, 59 in January and 54 in December.
 Tophill Low, 213 in December, 185 in January and 160 in April.
 Catwick 137 and Brandesburton Ponds 83.
 Breeding took place at Pulfin Bog and Tophill Low.
27. SCAUP. *Anthya marila*.
 Tophill Low, a drake on 20th June and two drakes on 13th November.
 Watton N.R. a single on 21st September and a single on 15th November.
 Hornsea Mere, a single on 20th September, two on 30th September, plus a another single seen intermittently between 5th to 30th October.
28. EIDER. *Somateria mollissima*.
 Two were off Atwick on 31st July and eight on 11th September. Two drakes and a single female were off Ulrome on 28th May.

29. LONG-TAILED DUCK. *Clangula hyemalis*.
A pair was seen off Barmston on 23rd January; with singles at Atwick on 4th November; Catwick Pond on 9th November; Catfoss Pond on 11th November; Leven Bypass Ponds on 30th November and another off Ulrome on the same day. At Hornsea Mere a single female was present on scattered dates between 11th November and 26th December
30. COMMON SCOTER. *Melanitta nigra*.
Co-ordinated counts off the coastline from Atwick to Barmston produced sightings of 325 on 21st February and 205 on 4th November.
Maxima :-
Atwick 100 on 23rd September; Skipsea 120 on 17th January; Ulrome 190 on 27th September and Barmston 460 on 6th October.
Inland, small numbers were reported from Hornsea Mere, Pulfin and High Eske, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, Welton Waters and Brough Haven. The two largest counts being 41 at Tophill Low on 29th March and 21 at Paul Holme Strays on 13th July.
31. VELVET SCOTER. *Melanitta fusca*.
Just two reports, a single male off Barmston on 6th October and two off Ulrome on 11th November.
32. GOLDENEYE. *Bucephala clanga*.
Maxima:-
Hornsea Mere, 208 in February, 190 in January and 120 in March.
Tophill Low, 90 in February, 86 in March and 62 in January.
Elsewhere. reports of low numbers from Barmston, Catwick, Brough, Welton Waters, Leven Bypass Ponds, Heron Lakes, Pulfin and Paul Holme Strays, the significant counts being at Barmston, 30 on 8th November, Catwick, 18 on 21st October and Leven Bypass ponds 13 on 9th December.
33. SMEW. *Mergellus albellus*.
At Tophill Low and Watton Nature Reserve there were regular sightings of this species between New Year's Day and 10th March. Between 18th February and 3rd March three drakes and two red-heads were seen together on most days. A single drake returned to Watton N.R. on 17th November and was joined by a second drake on 23rd December. Both remained till the end of the year.
Elsewhere, a single bird was at Pulfin on 14th January. A single drake frequented Welton Waters on several days between 25th February and 27th March.
34. RED-BREASTED MERGANSER. *Mergus serrator*.
A single was at Paul Holme Strays on 9th April. Hornsea Mere hosted two drakes and three females on 27th May. A single bird was off Barmston on 5th October, and finally a pair off Ulrome on 11th November.
35. GOOSANDER. *Mergus merganser*.
East Park in Hull had up to 29 birds in the first three months of the year and up to 14 in November and December. Elsewhere, single figure sightings were received from Hornsea Mere, Paul Holme Strays, Pickering Park Hull, Tophill Low and South Cave.
36. RUDDY DUCK. *Oxyura jamaicensis*.
Maxima:-
Hornsea Mere, 74 in January, 31 in November and 23 in February.
Tophill Low, 62 in January, 35 in November and 18 in February.
Elsewhere, a few reports of small numbers from Brough, Heron Lakes and Paul Holme Strays.
37. RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE. *Alectoris rufa*.
The impression is that reasonable numbers have been seen but this is not supported because of the shortage of reports. The release of birds for shooting makes it difficult to assess the true population.
38. GREY PARTRIDGE. *Perdix perdix*.
Occasionally seen but few recorded. Once again, releases for shooting cloud the population status.
39. PHEASANT. *Phasianus colchicus*.
See comments as for Red-legged Partridge.

40. RED-THROATED DIVER. *Gavia stellata*.
45 were off Atwick on 28th January, A coordinated count on 21st February gave 62 off Atwick, 13 off Skipsea and 250 between Ulrome and Barmston, making a total of 325. A similar survey on 4th November produced a total of 147 between Atwick and Barmston. Inland, a single was at Tophill Low from 13th to 19th November and another single was at Hornsea Mere between 26th November and 12th December.
41. BLACK-THROATED DIVER. *Gavia arctica*.
Singles at Atwick on 26th May and 18th October; at Ulrome on 27th September and at Hornsea Mere on 11th November.
42. GREAT NORTHERN DIVER. *Gavia immer*.
Singles off Ulrome on 17th January and 29th May, with five off Atwick on 11th November. A juvenile was at Tophill Low from 2nd to 28th December.
43. LITTLE GREBE. *Tachybaptus ruficollis*.
Maxima:-
Brough/Welton Waters, 41 on 12th September, 38 on 18th August and 29 on 14th November
Heron Lakes 21 on 9th August.
Tophill Low 23 on 9th December.
Elsewhere single figure counts from Bransholme Fishing Ponds, Catwick, Pulfin and High Eske, and Paul Holme Strays.
Breeding took place at Tophill Low.
44. GREAT CRESTED GREBE. *Podiceps christatus*.
A co-ordinated count from Atwick to Barmston on 17th January produced a total of 178 birds on the sea. Maxima elsewhere, Pulfin and High Eske 15 in October; Brough /Welton Waters 16 in March, Catwick 12 in February, Brandesburton Ponds 8 in January, Hornsea Mere 11 in July and Tophill Low 53 in July.
45. RED-NECKED GREBE. *Podiceps grisegina*.
A single was at Woodmansey on 30th and 31st March with presumably the same bird appearing on a pond at Weel between 8th April and 27th May. A juvenile was at Hornsea Mere from 26th August to 31st October.
46. SLAVONIAN GREBE. *Podiceps auritus*
A single was at Hornsea Mere on 23rd and 24th January with another adult again between 13th September and 12th November. Two adults were off Barmston on 6th October.
47. BLACK-NECKED GREBE. *Podiceps nigricollis*.
Two were at Tophill Low on 7th April and a single at Hornsea Mere on 20th May.
48. FULMAR *Fulmarus glacialis*.
419 were seen off Atwick Gap on 22nd May, a survey of the coast from Atwick to Barmston on 11th September gave a total of 234.
49. GREAT SHEARWATER. *Puffinus gravis*.
Singles off Atwick Gap on 28th May, 29th July and 9th September.
50. SOOTY SHEARWATER. *Puffinus griseus*.
Two were off Atwick on 28th May, a single on 27th September, three on 18th September and another single on 27th September. Three were off Ulrome on 28th May and two again on 28th July.
51. MANX SHEARWATER. *Puffinus puffinus*.
810 were off Atwick on 28th May and 39 off Ulrome on 29th May.
52. BALEARIC SHEARWATER. *Puffinus mauretanicus*.
A single was seen flying north at Atwick on 19th September.
53. LEACH'S STORM- PETREL. *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*.
A single was seen off Barmston on 21st October, it was later killed by gulls.

54. GANNET. *Morus bossanus*.
At the coast, maxima were 714 off Atwick Gap on 22nd June and 235 off Ulrome on 28th May. An unusual movement inland, gave a sighting of 135 at Brough Haven on 27th September.
55. CORMORANT. *Phalacrocorax carbo*.
Maxima:-
Tophill Low 60 on 21st August, Atwick 44 on 5th May, Welton Waters 20 on 12th September.
At Hornsea Mere, 83 in February, 78 in November and 72 in March.
56. SHAG. *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*.
Just three records, all of singles, at Atwick on 23rd September, at Welton Waters on 9th October and at Barmston on 3rd November.
57. BITTERN. *Botaurus stellaris*
Singles at Tophill Low on 1st February, 8th April, 14th October and sporadically between 25th to 30th December. At Hornsea Mere, singles on 14th January and 12th November.
58. LITTLE EGRET. *Egretta garzetta*.
Maxima:-
Paul Holme Strays, ten on 28th August, nine on 16th August and six on 23rd July.
Tophill Low, five between 9th and 12 August.
Elsewhere, records of low single figures from Atwick, Brough Haven, Pulfin and High Eske and Long Riston.
59. GREAT WHITE EGRET. *Egretta alba*.
A single remained at Tophill Low between 5th and 16th June.
60. GREY HERON. *Ardea cinerea*.
Reports, generally, of low numbers from Atwick, Brough, Heron Lakes, Hornsea Mere, Kelk, North Bransholme, and Paul Holme Strays. A remarkable 51 birds were at Tophill Low on 11th August at the drained D reservoir.
61. SPOONBILL. *Platalea leucorodia*.
Singles were at Paul Holme Strays on 2nd June and 24th June. Two were at Hornsea Mere on 15th May and a single was there on 30th May. A single made a brief stop at Tophill Low on 2nd June.
62. RED KITE. *Milvus milvus*.
Scattered sightings, especially from the Drewton and South Dalton areas. In East Yorkshire, five pairs attempted breeding, four of which were successful, fledging ten chicks. However, not all of these nests were in our recording area.
63. WHITE-BACKED VULTURE. *Gyps bengalensis*.
On 8th February a single was seen at Foston-on the Wolds. This is presumably the same bird killed by a car near Castle Howard on 15th February.
64. MARSH HARRIER. *Circus aeruginosus*.
Scattered sporadic sightings with possible breeding at Brough, High Eske and Tophill Low.
65. HEN HARRIER. *Circus cyaneus*.
Singles at Lambworth on 19th January; Paul Holme Strays on 29th September, and 1st November, and at Tophill Low on 8th April, 15th April and 13th May.
66. GOSHAWK. *Accipiter gentilis*.
Two sightings at Atwick, one at South Cave and three at Tophill Low.
67. SPARROWHAWK. *Accipiter nisus*.
A fairly common resident though few records were made. Two pairs bred in D Woods at Tophill Low.
68. BUZZARD. *Buteo buteo*.
Numerous scattered sightings with possible breeding reported from Pulfin, Tophill Low, Hornsea and South Dalton.

69. OSPREY. *Pandion haliaetus*.
Reported at Hornsea Mere on 21st April and 10th May, at High Eske on 12th May and 25th August, also at Tophill Low on 15th May, 11th June, 8th July and 22nd August. All sightings were of single birds.
70. KESTREL. *Falco tinnunculus*.
A fairly common resident though severely under reported.
71. MERLIN. *Falco columbarius*.
Just a few records, all of single birds at Atwick, Cottingham, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill low
72. HOBBY. *Falco subbuteo*.
Reported at Arras Wold, Goodmanham, High Eske, Hornsea Mere, Paul Holme Strays and Willerby.
At Tophill Low there were at least 23 records.
73. PEREGRINE FALCON. *Falco peregrinus*.
Reported occasionally at Atwick, Bewholme, Brough, Hornsea Mere, Paul Holme Strays, Sigglesthorne, Swinemoor, Tophill Low and Wansford. An immature pair was seen over the city centre in Hull.
74. WATER RAIL. *Rallus aquaticus*.
Reported from four sites, with singles at Drewton on 11th March and at Paul Holme Strays on 3rd February. Maximum at Hornsea Mere was three on 23rd November and at Tophill Low was four on 11th December.
75. MOORHEN. *Gallinula chloropus*.
Widely reported especially from Bransholme, Catwick, Drewton, East Park Hull, Heron Lakes, Hornsea Mere, Paul Holme Strays, Pulfin and High Eske, Welton Waters, Brough, Tophill Low and Watton N.R.
Maxima:-
Tophill Low 73 on 7th October, Drewton 40 on 22nd December, Noth Driffield 33 on 16th January, Pulfin and High Eske 17 on 8th December and Paul Holme Strays 14 on 11th August.
Breeding was reported from most of the above sites.
76. COOT. *Fulica atra*.
Widely present and breeds on most stretches of suitable water.
Maxima:-
Hornsea Mere 950 in August, Catwick 361 in January, Tophill Low 315 in September, Heron Lakes 150 in January, Pulfin and High Eske 110 in January, and Brough 90 in March.
77. COMMON CRANE. *Grus grus*.
Two were over the Hedon area on 29th April, and a single was reported at Hornsea/Atwick on 10th May.
78. OYSTERCATCHER. *Haematopus ostralegus*.
Reported from Barmston, Brough, Catwick, Routh, Hornsea Mere, Pulfin, Paul Holme Strays, Saltend, Skirlington and Tophill Low. The only three figures count was at Barmston with 114 on 13th February.
Breeding took place at Pulfin, Tophill Low and Heron Lakes.
79. AVOCET. *Recurvirostra avosetta*.
Maxima;-
Brough 228 on 28th September, Paul Holme Strays 151 on 13th May, Saltend 140 on 1st April.
Away from the Humber a few reports of single figure sightings.
80. STONE CURLEW. *Burhinus oedicnumus*.
Just one report, of a single at Bewholme on 11th April.
81. LITTLE RINGED PLOVER. *Charadrius dubius*.
Reports of small numbers from Routh, Pulfin and High Eske, Paul Holme Strays, Swinemoor, Tophill Low/Watton Nature Reserve.
The only report of breeding was from the Heron Lakes site near Routh., where five pairs managed to fledge four broods.

82. RINGED PLOVER. *Charadrius hiaticula*.
Reported at Atwick, Barmston, Brough, Routh, Paul Holme Strays, Pulfin and High Eske, Tophill Low and Ulrome. A survey of the Humber from Hull to Paul Holme Strays produced a count of 171, there were also 82 at the latter site on 23rd October with another 80 there on 1st June. The only other large count was 45 at Tophill Low on 12th August.
The only breeding took place at Heron Lakes at Routh where one pair was successful.
83. GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*.
Maxima:-
Paul Holme Strays, 22559 on 30th January, 15000 on 6th January and 14000 on 12th November.
Brough, 2500 on 14th October; Saltend 2500 on 5th February; Tophill Low, 2000 on 13th November;
Skipsea, 1800 on 21st November; Atwick, 1800 on 11th November; Ulrome, 1370 on 11th December; and
Watton Carrs 1000 on 7th October.
84. GREY PLOVER *Pluvialis squatarola*.
Maxima:-
Paul Holme Strays, 396 on 18th May, 250 on 19th May, and 200 on 8th May.
Barmston, 19 on 3rd November; Brough, 14 on 3rd November; Pulfin 12 on 24th March.
At Tophill Low there were one or two present on nine days between 11th August and 26th October.
85. LAPWING. *Vanellus vanellus*.
Maxima:-
Paul Holme Strays, 1500 on 6th January with 20000 there on 1st February, on the same date there were an
additional 5600 at nearby Paul Holme Sands.
Brough, 1300 on 18th February; Skipsea 1200 on 21st February; Nunkeeling 600 on 24th February; Ulrome,
490 on 11th December; Hornsea Mere 450 on 26th January; Lisset, 350 on 24th February; North Bransholme
280 on 5th February. At Tophill Low up to 540 were present between 11th September and 2nd October.
20 pairs bred at Kelk.
86. KNOT. *Calidris canutus*.
Maxima:-
Atwick, 16 on 2nd September; Brough, 16 on 10th October; Paul Holme Strays, 950 on 29th August; Tophill
Low, 27 on 9th September.; Ulrome 13 on 26th July. Single figure counts at Hornsea Mere.
87. SANDERLING. *Calidris alba*.
Maxima:-
Barmston, 152 on 3rd November, 80 on 13th February and 50 on 4th November.
Ulrome, 53 on 22nd January and 37 on 26th January..
Paul Holme Strays 18 on 1st June. Atwick 16th on 9th March.
Single figure counts from Brough and Tophill Low.
88. LITTLE STINT. *Calidris minuta*.
Tophill Low, up to 36 between 21st August and 9th September. Brough 12 on 10th October.
Single figure counts at Paul Holme Strays, Saltend and Swinemoor.
89. TEMMINCK'S STINT. *Calidris temminckii*.
A single at Tophill Low on 20th May which relocated to Watton N.R. on 21st May. Another single at
Tophill Low between 28th and 30th May.
90. PECTORAL SANDPIPER. *Calidris melanotos*.
A juvenile at Tophill Low on 19th September was joined by another juvenile the next day, both stayed till
25th September. Another juvenile was there on 11th October.
91. CURLEW SANDPIPER. *Calidris ferruginea*.
Reports from just four sites. Swinemoor had a single on 11th October and two on 13th October. Brough
reported single figures on various dates in August and September. Paul Holme Strays had up to six on
scattered dates between May and October. At Tophill Low there were from one to nine present on most
days between 12th August and 7th October.

92. PURPLE SANDPIPER. *Calidris maritima*.
Barmston had up to three on several days between October and November. Four birds at Skipsea on 10th November.
93. DUNLIN. *Calidris alpina*.
Maxima:-
Paul Holme Strays 30 000 on 1st February; Brough 600 on 7th December; Tophill Low up to 47 in August. Elsewhere, very small single figure counts at Pulfin, Hornsea Mere, Atwick and Ulrome.
94. BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER *Tryngites subruficollis*.
A single was at Paul Holme Strays on 12th October.
95. RUFF. *Philomachus pugnax*.
In the first half of the year, two at Paul Holme Strays on 25th February and a single again on 18th May, with a single at Swinemoor on 17th February.
In the second half of the year, single figures at Atwick, Pulfin and Swinemoor. At Tophill Low, seen practically daily from 1st August till early October, with a maximum of 46 on 5th September.
96. JACK SNIFE. *Lymnocytes minimus*.
Singles from the Old Fleet area in Hull on 5th January and Pulfin on 6th October. At Tophill Low, singles on 4th February, 28th March, 26th April and, almost daily between 26th April and 3rd May.
97. SNIPE. *Gallinago gallinago*.
Double figure counts from Brough, Hull, North Bransholme, Paul Holme Strays, Swinemoor and Tophill Low. The highest count was at Pulfin and High Eske with 75 on 6th October.
98. WOODCOCK. *Scolopax rustica*.
Singles at Paul Holme Strays on 27th January, Emmotland on 17th November, Catfoss pond on 18th November, Bewholme on 18th November, Drewton on 20th November, Watton N.R. on 24th November, and Gildholme on 30th November. At Tophill Low up to four in January and February and singles on three dates between 13th and 17th November.
99. BLACK-TAILED GODWIT. *Limosa limosa*.
Maxima;_
Paul Holme Strays., 640 on 12th October, and 550 on both 27th July and 18th August.
Saltend, 347 on 14th March and 140 on 23rd July.
Brough, 54 on 9th March and 27 on 31st December. Tophill Low, 21 on 7th September.
Single figure counts at Pulfin and High Eske and Watton N.R.
100. BAR-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa lapponica*.
Just a few reports. Paul Holme Strays, 704 on 1st February and 150 on 21st January; between Faxfleet and Brough there were 70 on 1st January; at Brough Haven, 54 on 19th March. At Tophill Low, there were one or two on various dates between 18th September and 2nd November.
101. WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*.
At Brough, eight on 21st May and six at Atwick on 23rd April.
Singles at Tophill Low, Hornsea Mere and Paul Holme Strays.
102. CURLEW. *Numenius arquata*.
Highest counts;-
Paul Holme Strays, 1469 on 1st February, and 750 on 26th January.
Saltend 480 on 5th February and 390 on 23rd July.
Brough 233 on 19th March.. Watton Carrs 36 on 7th January
At Tophill Low, 40 on 25th February and up to 80 on most days in November and December.
Single figures at Atwick.
103. COMMON SANDPIPER. *Actitis hypoleucos*.
Single figure counts at Brough, Pulfin and High Eske, Hornsea Mere, Tophill Low and Paul Holme Strays.

104. GREEN SANDPIPER. *Tringa ochropus*.
Reported in single figures from Pulfin and High Eske, New Ellerby, Paul Holme Strays, Storkhill and Walkington.. At Tophill Low, there were up to 37 between 26th July and late September.
105. SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*.
At Tophill Low up to six were present between 15th August and 28th September. A single at Brough on 27th October.
106. REDSHANK. *Tringa totanus*.
Maxima:-
Paul Holme Strays, 290 on 22nd September and 268 on 1st February.
Saltend 200 on 5th February; Pulfin 150 on 2nd February; Brough 80 on 1st March; Watton N.R. 45 on 1st January; Barmston 39 on 26th January and Tophill Low 25 on 18th March.
107. GREENSHANK. *Tringa nebularia*.
Reports from two sites. At Paul Holme Strays, single figure counts in April and May, also 12 on 8th August. At Tophill Low, four singles in April starting on 12th, with up to 62 again between 7th August and 4th October.
108. WOOD SANDPIPER. *Tringa glareola*.
Reports from four sites. A single at Swinemoor on 13th May was joined by two others on 14th and 15th May. A single was at Paul Holme Strays on 8th August. At Hornsea Mere two on 10th September with a single there on 18th September. Singles were at Tophill Low on 11th, 18th and 29th August, whilst a single was there on 18th September.
109. TURNSTONE. *Arenaria interpres*
Maxima:-
Barmston, 50 on 13th February; 14 at Atwick on 6th October, and 14 at Paul Holme Strays on 24th March. Inland, two singles were at Brough on 27th September and 17th October.
110. GREY PHALAROPE. *Phalaropus fulicarius*.
A single first winter bird was on D reservoir at Tophill Low on 26th and 27th September.
111. POMARINE SKUA. *Stercorarius pomarinus*.
The only reports were of singles off Atwick on 2nd, 4th and 5th August, and another single off Ulrome on 27th September.
112. ARCTIC SKUA. *Stercorarius parasiticus*.
A few reports in low single figures off Atwick between 31st July and 31st October. Singles were also reported at Paul Holme Strays on 29th September and at Ulrome on 13th July and 27th September. A survey of the coast between Atwick and Barmston on 11th September gave a count of 16.
113. LONG-TAILED SKUA *Stercorarius longicaudus*.
Two were off Atwick Gap on 22nd May.
114. GREAT SKUA. *Catharacta skua*.
Atwick reported five on 22nd May and four singles between 31st July and 31st October. There were singles at Ulrome on 13th and 26th July.
115. SABINE'S GULL. *Larus sabini*.
Two were off Atwick Gap on 11th September.
A single was at Ulrome on 19th September and two were there on 27th September.
116. KITTIWAKE. *Rissa tridactyla*.
Maxima at the coast:-
Barmston, 1000 on 3rd November; Atwick, 200 on 29th September; Ulrome, 100 on 26th July.
Just a few inland records; Paul Holme Strays, two on 4th May, singles at Tophill Low on 4th February, at Hornsea Mere on 10th May and at St. Andrew's Quay, Hull on 28th September.

117. BLACK-HEADED GULL. *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*.
 Maxima:-
 Melton Foreshore, 9000 on 25th February; Tophill Low, 3835 on 7th January; Hornsea Mere, 2800 on 25th April; Paul Holme Strays, 927 on 16th July.
 Two pairs bred at Tophill Low.
118. LITTLE GULL. *Hydrocoleus minutus*.
 Maxima:- Hornsea Mere, 15000 on 22nd August; Atwick, 1300 on 8th August; Tophill Low, 250 on 24th July; Leven By-pass area, 100 on 23rd August and Brough, 40 on 17th May. Small numbers reported from Ulrome and Pulfin and High Eske.
119. MEDITERRANEAN GULL. *Larus melanocephalus*.
 Tophill Low reported three on 10th February, two on 3rd March, and singles on six scattered dates.
 Singles at Pulfin on 10th July, Atwick on 2nd October, Hornsea Mere on 29th September and 25th November, Paul Holme Strays on 30th July and 10th September and Saltend on 16th July.
120. COMMON GULL. *Larus canus*.
 Maxima, Melton Foreshore 14000 on 25th February, Tophill Low 8000 on 10th February and Hornsea Mere 6000 on 3rd January.
121. LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL. *Larus fuscus*.
 The only large count was 250 at Swinemoor on 9th July. Single figure counts from Hornsea Mere, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, Cottingham and Hull.
 At least three pairs bred on the roofs of industrial premises in the area of Hull/Hessle.
122. HERRING GULL. *Larus argentatus*.
 Maxima, Welton Foreshore, 200 on 25th February, Hornsea Mere, 190 on 31st October and Tophill Low, 164 on 10th February. Single figure reports from Ulrome, Atwick, North Bransholme and Hull.
 Several pairs bred in the same locations as the Lesser Black-backed Gulls mentioned above.
123. YELLOW-LEGGED GULL. *Larus michahellis*.
 Singles were at Paul Holme Strays on 4th April and at Swinemoor on 10th July. Two were seen at Tophill Low on 8th September.
124. GLAUCOUS GULL. *Larus hyperboreus*.
 A single was at Hornsea Mere between 3rd and 7th January., another single was at Ulrome on 11th November.
125. GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL. *Larus marinus*.
 Maxima, Tophill Low, 1200 on 6th February, Melton Foreshore, 400 on 25th February and Hornsea Mere, 300 on 3rd January. Very small figure sightings from Gildholme and Paul Holme Strays.
126. LITTLE TERN. *Sterna albifrons*.
 A single was off Atwick on 18th September.
127. BLACK TERN. *Chidonias niger*.
 Paul Holme Strays had 39 on 4th May. Singles were at Atwick on 12th August and 3rd September and at Hornsea Mere on 27th August. Ulrome had two on 3rd September.
128. SANDWICH TERN. *Sterna sandvicensis*.
 Atwick had a maximum of 40 between 29th July and 2nd August. At Ulrome there were 40 on 26th July with 30 there on 13th July. Barmston reported smaller numbers. Paul Holme Strays had a series of single figure sightings in September.
129. COMMON TERN. *Sterna hirundo*
 Maxima, Atwick, 360 on 5th August, Ulrome, 75 on 3rd September, Paul Holme Strays, 21 on 11th August, Hornsea Mere, 18 on 3rd September and Tophill Low, 12 on 12th August. Smaller numbers were at Heron Lakes, High Eske and Watton N.R.
 At Tophill Low, a pair fledged two young.

130. ARCTIC TERN. *Sterna paradisaea*.
Maxima, Atwick, 45 on 4th August, also 45 at Ulrome on 28th July and 11 at Paul Holme Strays on 4th May.
Much smaller numbers from Barmston, Hornsea Mere and Tophill Low.
131. GUILLEMOT. *Uria aalge*.
Only seen at the coast, with 400 at Ulrome on 5th February, and 330 at Atwick on 12th August and 270 there on 8th August.
132. RAZORBILL. *Alca torda*.
At Atwick, 390 on 8th August and 274 there on 22nd May. 160 were off Ulrome on 26th July.
133. LITTLE AUK. *Alle alle*.
Only three reports with 630 off Atwick on 11th November and 100 off Ulrome on the same day and finally 13 at the Humber Bridge on 10th November.
134. PUFFIN. *Fratercula arctica*.
At Atwick, singles on 29th July and 4th November, with two on 23rd November and three on 31st July.
There was a single at Barmston on 31st October.
135. FERAL PIGEON/ ROCK DOVE. *Columba livia*.
Under recorded with just a few records. The only large counts were 300 at Albert Dock Hull in January and 200 in the city centre in Hull in February.
136. STOCK DOVE. *Columba oenas*.
Again under recorded.. The only records were 16 at Catfoss on 30th November, a single at Leconfield on 18th February, four at North Bransholme on 5th February and two at Paul Holme Strays on 12th July.
137. WOODPIGEON. *Columba palumbus*.
Maxima were, 800 at Drewton on 17th February, 700 at Pulfin on 17th November, 400 at Heron Lakes on 4th January and 80 at North Bransholme on 25th May.
138. COLLARED DOVE. *Streptopelia decaocto*.
Again under recorded. Just single figure counts from Hull, North Bransholme, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill Low.
139. TURTLE DOVE. *Streptopelia turtur*.
Reported in single figures from Goodmanham Dale, High Eske, Hudson Way, Kiplingcotes Chalk Pit, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, and Watton N.R.
Circumstantial evidence points to probable breeding at Tophill Low, Watton N.R. and Kiplingcotes Chalk Pit.
140. CUCKOO. *Cuculus canorus*.
Reported in single figures from Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, Atwick, Catwick and Watton N.R.
The first was reported at Paul on 15th April and the last at Watton on 8th August.
141. BARN OWL. *Tyto alba*.
Reported at High Eske, Ganstead, Goxhill, Hornsea Mere, North Bransholme, Paul Holme Strays, Swinemoor, Weel, Tophill Low, and Watton N.R.
Five pairs bred in the vicinity of Tophill Low including two inside the reserve and one at Watton N.R.
142. LITTLE OWL. *Athene noctua*.
Widely scattered reports, often of pairs, from Bewholme, Catwick, Paul Holme Strays, Watton, Etton, Kilwick, Beswick and Lockington..
143. TAWNY OWL. *Strix aluco*.
More often heard than seen which probably accounts for the chronic under recording of this species.
Two pairs fledged young at Tophill Low.
144. LONG-EARED OWL. *Asio otus*.
At Atwick, on 19th October, a single came in land from the sea and landed in trees.

145. **SHORT-EARED OWL.** *Asio flammeus*.
Only two reports, of singles at the Bransholme area of Hull on 14th January and At Brough Airfield on 31st December.
146. **SWIFT.** *Apus apus*.
Records from Atwick, Brough, Hornsea Mere, North Bransholme, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, Ulrome and Welton Waters. The only significant numbers were at Tophill with 2,100 on 14th June and 2,200 on 5th July.
147. **KINGFISHER.** *Alcedo atthis*.
Widespread reports of small numbers with a maximum of ten at Welton Waters on 18th August. Three pairs bred at both Tophill Low and Welton Waters.
148. **GREEN WOODPECKER.** *Picus viridis*.
Reports of singles from Drewton, Goxhill, Tophill Low and Wassand on various scattered dates.
149. **GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER.** *Dendrocopos major*.
Widely reported including in many private gardens. The biggest count was of six at Tophill Low on 23rd February, including one with both vent and nape of an orange/yellow colour.
150. **LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER.** *Dendrocopos minor*.
A single flew across the road at Sigglesthorpe on 27th May.
151. **SKYLARK.** *Alauda arvensis*.
Maxima, 51 at Withernwick on 7th April, 29 at Paul Holme Strays on 11th June, 24 at Ulrome on 17th March and 15 at North Bransholme on 5th February.
152. **SAND MARTIN.** *Riparia riparia*.
The biggest numbers were 2500 at Tophill Low on 14th June, and 1700 there on 28th May, at Hornsea Mere, 1000 on 22nd August.
153. **SWALLOW.** *Hirundo rustica*.
Maxima, 300 at Hornsea Mere on 22nd August, 100 at Paul Holme Strays on 4th May and 90 at Tophill Low on 20th May.
154. **HOUSE MARTIN.** *Delichon urbicum*.
The two largest numbers were 800 at Tophill Low on 14th June and 400 at Hornsea Mere on 22nd August.
155. **MEADOW PIPIT.** *Anthus pratensis*.
Maxima, 53 at Paul Holme Strays on 11th June, and 42 on a survey of the coast between Atwick and Barmston on 6th October. Single figure counts from North Bransholme Ponds and Tophill Low.
156. **ROCK PIPIT.** *Anthus petrosus*.
Singles at High Eske on 11th October, Hornsea Mere on 12th October, Barmston on 1st October, and between 4th and 18th November. Two were at Barmston on 4th October.
157. **YELLOW WAGTAIL.** *Motacilla flava*.
Single figure sightings at Tophill Low, Swinemoor, Paul Holme Strays, Hornsea Mere, Great Hatfield, Atwick and Watton N.R. The first sighting was at Watton N.R. on 19th April and the last at Atwick on 23rd September.
158. **GREY WAGTAIL.** *Motacilla cinerea*.
Single figures at Atwick, Brough, Catgwick, Drewton, Hull, North Frodingham, Paul Holme Strays, Swinemoor, Tophill Low, Welton Waters and Watton N.R.
159. **PIED WAGTAIL.** *Motacilla alba yarrelli*.
Reports from Atwick, Brough, Heron Lakes, East Park Hull, Paul Holme Strays and Swinemoor, all in small numbers. The highest count concerned a roost in South Marsh West at Tophill Low where 63 were seen on 12th December
- 159(b). **WHITE WAGTAIL.** *Motacilla alba alba*.
Singles at Tophill Low on 20th and 23rd April; two at Swinemoor on 16th April and four again on 3rd May.

160. WAXWING. *Bombycilla garrulus*.
Singles at Skirlaugh on 24th February and at Hedon on 22nd November.
161. BLACK-BELLIED DIPPER. *Cinclus c. cinclus/aquaticus*.
This is a sub species of our normal Dipper. A single took up residence in Watton Beck on 24th November and stayed well into 2008
162. WREN. *Troglodytes troglodytes*.
An abundant resident but scarcely ever recorded. At least one pair nested at Tophill Low
163. DUNNOCK. *Prunella modularis*.
An abundant resident but again seldom recorded.
164. ROBIN. *Erithacus rubecula*.
A common to abundant resident though seldom recorded.
165. WHINCHAT. *Saxicola rubetra*
Singles at Stork Hill on 31st July and at Atwick on 2nd September.
166. STONECHAT. *Saxicola torquatus*.
Reported in ones or twos at Atwick, Barmston, Brough, Catwick, Middleton on the Wolds, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, and Willerby. At Bransholme Ponds there were four on 5th February, and five were at Welton Waters on 9th October. A survey of the coast from Atwick to Barmston on 6th October produced a count of six.
167. WHEATEAR. *Oenanthe oenanthe*.
Single figure counts from Barmston, High Eske, Hornsea Mere, Paul Holme Strays, and Tophill Low. The only double figure count was at Atwick on 14th May.
168. RING OUZEL. *Turdus torquatus*.
Only seen in the month of April, at Paul Holme Strays with a single on 15th and three on 21st, at Bewholme on 11th; and at Hornsea Mere with 4 on 20th, two on 22nd and a single on 25th.
169. BLACKBIRD. *Turdus merula*.
An abundant resident but severely under recorded.
170. FIELDFARE. *Turdus pilaris*.
Maxima, Preston, 500 on 5th January; Hudson Way, 350 on 30th January; Tophill Low, 300 from 2nd to 5th April; Paul Village, 200 2nd November; Paul Holme Strays, 150 on 14th October; High Eske 51 on 29th January and Drewton, 50 on the same day.
171. SONG THRUSH. *Turdus philomelos*.
Counts in single figures from Atwick, Brough, Drewton, Hornsea Mere, Hull, North Bransholme, Pulfin and High Eske, Tophill Low, Weedley and Welton Waters.
172. REDWING. *Turdus iliacus*.
Maxima, Drewton, 400 on 13th January, Tophill Low, 100 on 9th October, Paul Holme Strays, 50 on 13th October, North Bransholme, 40 on 5th February and Weedley, 35 on 8th January.
173. MISTLE THRUSH. *Turdus viscivorus*
Single figures at Atwick, Drewton, Heron Lakes, Hull and Tophill Low.
174. CETTI'S WARBLER. *Cettia cetti*.
An elusive bird, presumed male, was at Tophill Low from 18th February till the end of the year. It was heard quite regularly but only occasionally and briefly seen. Two were seen there again, briefly, on 10th March.
175. GRASSHOPPER WARBLER. *Locustella naevia*.
A single was reported at Hornsea Mere between 22nd and 25th April, with a single again on 2nd May. A single was heard reeling at Figham on 10th June.

176. **SEDGE WARBLER.** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*.
Single figures at Brough, Hornsea Mere, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill Low. At Welton Waters, the highest count was ten on 30th April, and at North Bransholme Ponds, 13 on 2nd May..
177. **REED WARBLER.** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*.
Single figures at Brough, Routh, Hornsea Mere, McCann N.R, North Bransholme, Paul Holme Strays, Welton Waters and Watton N.R. At Tophill Low, the highest of several counts was 40 at the North Marsh, this figure included singing birds and adults feeding young.
178. **BLACKCAP.** *Sylvia atricapilla*.
Over wintering birds were reported in January and February at Anlaby, Catwick and Cherry Burton. In spring and summer there were widespread reports in single figures. The first report was at Tophill Low on 7th April and the last was also from there on 29th November.
179. **GARDEN WARBLER.** *Sylvia borin*.
Singles at Tophill Low from 14th April to 10th June with another single there on 1st September. At the same site four were present on 4th May and six on 6th May. The only other reports were of singles at Drewton on 27th May and at Brantingham Dale on 9th June.
180. **LESSER WHITETHROAT.** *Sylvia curruca*.
Reported from Brough, Drewton, Hornsea Mere, North Bransholme, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, Wassand, Willerby Carrs and Watton N.R., always in single figures. The first report was from Hornsea Mere on 15th April and the last from Willerby Carrs on 4th September.
181. **WHITETHROAT.** *Sylvia communis*.
Single figure reports from Brough, Hornsea Mere, North Bransholme, Paul Holme Strays, Storkhill, Tophill Low and Watton N.R. The one exception was a count of 21 singing at the fishing ponds at North Bransholme on 25th May. The first report was from Hornsea Mere on 23rd April and the last from Storkhill on 31st July.
182. **YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER.** *Phylloscopus inornatus*.
A single was at Tophill Low on 25th October.
183. **WOOD WARBLER.** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*.
A singing male was at High Hunsley on 25th April.
184. **CHIFFCHAFF.** *Phylloscopus collybita*.
Over wintering birds were seen at Catwick, Drewton, Skipsea and North Ferriby over January and February. In spring and summer, single figure counts came from Atwick, Brough, Catwick, Drewton High Eske, Paul, Tophill Low, Wassand and Welton Waters, however, 20 were reported at Tophill Low on 13th April.
185. **WILLOW WARBLER.** *Phylloscopus trochilus*.
Reported in single figures at Catwick, North Bransholme, Paul, Tophill Low, Wassand, Weel, Welton Waters and Watton N.R. The only higher count was of 20 birds at Tophill Low on 13th April. This site also gave the first sighting of the year on 28th March. The last was at Catwick on 1st October.
186. **GOLDCREST.** *Regulus regulus*.
Again, low figure counts at Atwick, Drewton, Hull, Skipsea, Skirlington, Tophill Low, Welton Waters and Watton N.R., however there were a minimum of 30 at Tophill Low between 30th September and 9th October.
187. **FIRECREST.** *Regulus ignicapilla*.
A single was first seen at Tophill Low on 28th December and stayed until mid January, 2008.
188. **SPOTTED FLYCATCHER.** *Muscicapa striata*.
Only reported from three locations yet all three of these sites recorded breeding. Tophill Low had four breeding pairs, Wassand two pairs whilst another pair bred in Atwick churchyard..
189. **BEARDED TIT.** *Panurus biarmicus*.
Two were at Tophill Low from 17th to 21st October; three were seen at Hornsea Mere on 12th November, and a single was at Welton Waters on 31st December.

190. LONG-TAILED TIT. *Aegithalos caudatus*.
Widespread reports from the main sites and also from member's gardens. By far the highest count was 130 at Tophill Low on 9th October.
191. BLUE TIT. *Cyanistes caeruleus*.
Abundant and widespread resident.
At Tophill Low, 40 pairs used nest boxes.
192. GREAT TIT. *Parus major*.
Abundant and widespread resident.
At Tophill Low, 20 pairs fledged young.
193. COAL TIT. *Pariparus ater*.
Common resident.
The highest count was at Tophill Low, with 22 on 9th October.
194. WILLOW TIT. *Poecile montana*.
Just two reports, of singles at Atwick on 13th March and at Tophill Low on 22nd September.
195. MARSH TIT. *Poecile palustris*.
Reported in single figures at Atwick, Brantingham Dale, Drewton, High Hunsley, South Cave, Tophill Low, Weedley, and Welton Waters. The only significant counts being four at Bantingham Dale on 11th February and 15 at Drewton on 9th September. A pair bred at Welton Waters.
196. NUTHATCH. *Sitta europaea*.
At Tophill Low, a single was seen feeding at a resident's bird feeders and subsequently it appeared at the feeding station at the Wildlife Centre. These sightings, on 21st September, are the first ever at the site.
197. TREECREEPER. *Certhia familiaris*.
Reports in single figures from Atwick, Drewton, Hornsea Mere, Sigglesthorne and Tophill Low. Two pairs bred in nest boxes at Tophill Low.
198. JAY. *Garrulus glandarius*.
Singles at Drewton on 8th July and 9th September. At Tophill Low, a single on 2nd October and three on 26th October. Nine were at Wassand on 9th January with a single there on 26th January.
199. MAGPIE. *Pica pica*.
Common resident.
200. JACKDAW. *Corvus monedula*.
Abundant Resident.
The only significant counts were of roosts at Tophill Low, with 900 on 6th February and 3800 on 9th December.
201. ROOK. *Corvus frugilegus*.
Abundant resident.
The only large count was of 1800 roosting at Tophill Low on 9th December.
202. CARRION CROW. *Corvus corone*.
Abundant and widespread resident.
The highest count was 430 at East Park, Hull on 18th January.
203. HOODED CROW. *Corvus cornix*.
A single was at Hornsea on 26th January.
204. STARLING. *Sturnus vulgaris*.
Abundant but declining resident.
The only significant count was 1000 at Heron Lakes on 4th January.

205. HOUSE SPARROW. *Passer domesticus*.
Abundant resident, still declining.
The only sizeable count was 40 in Hull on 15th January.
206. TREE SPARROW. *Passer montanus*.
Reported in small numbers at Atwick, High Eske, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, Woodmansey and Wilholme. The two highest counts were 75 at Paul Holme Strays on 30th August and a remarkable 42 in a garden at Tophill Low on 27th January. Young were fledged by 15 pairs using nest boxes at Tophill Low.
207. CHAFFINCH. *Fringilla coelebs*.
Abundant and widespread resident that has been severely under recorded.
The only significant count concerned 100 in a large mixed flock of finches and buntings at Rudston Walk on 26th February.
208. BRAMBLING. *Fringilla montifringilla*.
Good counts in February, with up to 160 in a plantation near South Cave and 37 in a wood near Walkington. Elsewhere, small numbers at Atwick, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill Low.
209. GREENFINCH. *Carduelis chloris*.
Common resident. The only significant count being 120 at Tophill Low on 23rd December.
210. GOLDFINCH. *Carduelis carduelis*.
Common resident. The only significant counts came from Hull, with 46 on 15th and 80 on 31st January.
211. SISKIN. *Carduelis spinus*.
Widespread small counts, the highest being 110 at Drewton on 13th January; 35 at Paul on 29th October and 30 at Tophill Low between 20th November and 26th December.
212. LINNET. *Carduelis cannabina*.
Maxima, 250 at North Bransholme Ponds on 5th February, 120 at Arram Carrs on 3rd February and 63 at Atwick on 5th and 6th October.
213. TWITE. *Carduelis flavirostris*.
At Paul Holme Strays, nine on 26th January and three on 9th March.
214. LESSER REDPOLL. *Carduelis cabaret*.
At Atwick, six on 21st October and at Tophill Low, two on 21st January and a single again between 26th and 28th February.
215. COMMON (MEALY) REDPOLL. *Carduelis flammea*.
A single was at Beverley on 6th February with one or two at Tophill Low between 16th and 27th December.
216. CROSSBILL. *Loxia curvirostra*.
There were 12 at Wassand on 17th October.
217. BULLFINCH. *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*.
Single figure counts from Brantingham Dale, Beverley, Brough, Catfoss, Drewton, Goxhill, Hull, Hudson Way, Little Catwick Quarry, Tophill Low, Weedley, Welton Waters, Willerby and Watton N.R.
218. LAPLAND BUNTING. *Calcaeus lapponicus*.
Singles at Atwick on 20th October and 26th November, also two there on 15th November.
219. SNOW BUNTING. *Plectrophenax nivalis*.
Single figures at Paul Holme Strays on 4th April, 5th October and 17th November. Good numbers at the coast in November with maxima of 52 at Ulrome on 12th, 40 at Barmston on 27th and 33 at Atwick on 26th.
220. YELLOWHAMMER. *Emberiza citrinella*.
Maxima, 100 at Rudston Walk on 26th February, 32 at Bewholme on 1st December and 22 at Riverside Fields, Hull on 30th January.

221. REED BUNTING. *Emberiza schoeniclus*.
Widespread reports but always in low numbers. The highest was at Paul Holme Strays on 11th June.
222. CORN BUNTING. *Emberiza calandra*.
Single figure reports from Bewholme, Ripplingham and Tophill Low.
223. WOOD DUCK. *Aix sponsa*.
A single male was at Hornsea Mere between 6th April and 8th May.
224. BLACK SWAN. *Cygnetsnus atratus*.
A single was at Hornsea Mere between 10th January and 5th August.

MAMMALS.

1. HARBOUR PORPOISE. *Phocoena phocoena*.
A few reports of small numbers seen off the coast between Atwick and Barmston. The largest sighting occurred on 21st June and was described as numerous adults with calves.
2. COMMON (HARBOUR) SEAL. *Phoca vitulina*.
A few reports of small numbers seen off the coast between Atwick and Barmston from February to October. Inland, singles or twos were seen in the Humber off Paul Holme Strays between June and October and off Brough on 19th January.
3. GREY (ATLANTIC) SEAL. *Halichoerus grypus*.
A very few reports of small numbers from the coast in October. Inland, singles off Paul Holme Strays in August.
4. WESTERN HEDGEHOG. *Erinaceus europaeus*.
Apparently declining with very few reports. . Most of the sightings were of singles or twos in private gardens.
5. PYGMY SHREW. *Sorex minutus*.
A few reports of singles seen briefly at Tophill Low, also a number of dead animals seen there.
6. COMMON MOLE. *Talpa europaea*.
Circumstantial evidence of its presence is supplied by the number of mole hills seen . At Tophill Low, on 27th July an adult mole was seen to surface from a mole hill and then quickly disappear beneath the raised floor of the members' hut.
7. GREY SQUIRREL. *Sciurus carolinensis*.
Frequently seen in wooded areas but seldom if ever recorded. However several members have reported them in their gardens competing for food with birds at feeding stations.
8. VOLE SPECIES.
It is difficult to positively identify voles without recourse to trapping and careful close examination. The two most likely species to be seen are FIELD VOLE (*Microtus agrestial*) and BANK VOLE (*Clethrionomys glareolus*). The only report made was of a colony of voles in a habitat pile of old timber near the car park hide at Tophill Low. These were most likely to be Bank Voles.
9. NORTHERN WATER VOLE. *Arvicola terrestris*.
Reports received from Atwick, Paul Holme Strays, Pulfin/ High Eske and Tophill Low. The species seems to be making a slow recovery, perhaps due to the continued trapping of Mink.
10. WOOD MOUSE. *Apodemus sylvaticus*.
A few reports from Tophill Low and from various member's gardens. Sometimes seen when bird nest boxes are opened for cleaning or inspection.

11. HOUSE MOUSE. *Mus musculus*.
A number of members have reported seeing this species in their gardens or around out buildings such as sheds or garages.
12. COMMON (BROWN) RAT. *Rattus norvegicus*.
Frequently seen crossing paths and roads throughout our area, also many road casualties.
13. RABBIT. *Oryctolagus cuniculus*.
Widespread and common throughout our area.
14. BROWN HARE. *Lepus europaeus*.
A fairly common sight in fields around our area. . It seems particularly numerous in the area approaching and around Tophill Low. Up to seven were frequently seen in the Decoy Fields to the west of D reservoir at Tophill Low. There was an unusual sight of a hare swimming across water at Paul Holme Strays on 29th August.
15. STOAT. *Mustela erminea*.
Regularly seen , often running across paths and roads in our area. Reports from Hudson Way, Kiplingcotes Chalk Pit, Pulfin/High Eske, Paul Holme Strays, Drewton. Wassand, Tophill Low and Watton N.R. Family parties were seen at Tophill and Wassand.
16. WEASEL. *Mustella nivalis*.
Just occasionally seen and only recorded at Tophill Low, Wassand and Watton N.R.
17. MINK SPECIES.
The most likely mink seen is the AMERICAN MINK (*Mustella vison*), an introduced species. It is believed that the EUROPEAN MINK (*Mustela lutrola*) no longer inhabits Britain. A few reports mainly near the River Hull around Tophill Low, a few were trapped.
18. BADGER. *Meles meles*.
There was circumstantial evidence of its presence with road kills, footprints and damage to wasp nests but no actual sightings.
19. OTTER. *Lutra lutra*.
A number of sightings on the River Hull and in subsidiary waterways at Tophill Low and Pulfin and High Eske.
20. RED FOX. *Vulpes vulpes*.
Occasionally seen throughout the year and sometimes heard in the winter. Reports from Hudson Way, Kiplingcotes Chalk Pit, Paul Holme Strays, Pulfin/High Eske, Tophill Low, Wassand and Watton N.R. Vixens with cubs were seen at both Tophill Low and Watton Nature Reserves
21. ROE DEER. *Capreolus capreolus*
A good number of sightings from most of the group area. Despite anecdotal reports of widespread poaching throughout Yorkshire the species still seems to be just about holding its own. However, it was seldom seen in more than groups of five whereas a decade ago herds of up to 20 were by no means uncommon. .
22. BAT SPECIES.
Occasional reports of bats were made but in general not specified further.

BUTTERFLIES.

1. SMALL SKIPPER. *Thymelicus sylvestris*.
The only reports to hand came from Kingsmill Driffield, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill Low and concerned single figure sightings in July and August.
2. LARGE SKIPPER. *Ochlodes faunus*.
The only reports were from Kingsmill Driffield, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill Low. The only significant numbers were counts of 31 on 9th and 23rd June both at Tophill Low.

3. DINGY SKIPPER. *Erynnis tages*.
Only seen at Enthorpe with the first of the year being a single on 25th April. The peak count was an impressive 26 on 23rd May
4. BRIMSTONE. *Gonepteryx rhamni*.
Reports always in single figures from Kings Mill Driffield, Tophill Low, and various private gardens in Driffield and Hull.
5. LARGE WHITE. *Pieris brassicae*.
Reports generally of low numbers from Watton, Beswick, Tophill Low, Risby and Wawne. The peak count was at Risby, with 29 on 28th July, there was a very late sighting of a single at Wawne on 10th October.
6. SMALL WHITE. *Pieris rapae*.
The commonest white seen this year. Reports from Watton, Beswick, Driffield, Tophill Low and many private gardens in our area.
7. GREEN-VEINED WHITE. *Pieris napi*.
Reports from Driffield, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, Cherry Burton and Hull. The report of two at Hull on 30th September was the last of the year in the VC 61 area.
8. ORANGE TIP. *Anthocharis cardamines*.
Reported in low numbers from Hudson Way, Tophill Low and Wassand. The count of three at Wassand on 7th July was the last record of the year from VC 61.
9. WHITE-LETTER HAIRSTREAK. *Satyrion w-album*.
Just two records, five at Little Weighton on 19th July and a single at Willerby on 1st. August.
10. SMALL COPPER. *Lycaena phleas*.
A very poor year for this species with reports only received from Tophill Low, Driffield and Cranswick. A single at Cranswick and three at Tophill Low both seen on 5th October were close to the final date sighting in the county of Yorkshire.
11. BROWN ARGUS. *Aricia agestis*.
Reported from just two sites. Singles at Tophill Low on three occasions and a single at Wawne on 11th June. Two were at Tophill Low on 7th August.
12. COMMON BLUE. *Polommatus icarus*.
Reported from Hull, Enthorpe, Tophill Low, Kiplingcotes Chalk Pit, and Paul Holme Strays. Two at Hedon Road Cemetery in Hull on 1st May were the first of the year. The peak count was at Enthorpe with 35 on 1st June.
13. HOLLY BLUE. *Celastrina argiculus*.
Cottingham was the hot spot giving the first of the year on 2nd April; the peak count of the first brood, nine on 1st May; the peak count of the second brood, 13 on 10th August; and the last of the year with two on 15th October. Elsewhere, reports from gardens in Beverley, Cherry Burton and Driffield.
14. RED ADMIRAL. *Vanessa atalanta*.
Our area reported the two highest counts in the year from the whole of Yorkshire, with 300 at a farm near Wawne on 24th August and 88 at Tophill Low on 26th June. Smaller double figure reports from Paul Holme Strays, Ulrome and Watton.
15. PAINTED LADY. *Cynthia cardui*.
A poor year, the worst since 2002. Very low counts from Paul Holme Strays, Driffield, Tophill Low and Hudson Way.
16. SMALL TORTOISESHELL. *Aglais urticae*.
Skipsea provided the first, a single, on 29th January; the peak was 24 at Wansford on 1st May and the last was a single at Wanstead on 13th November. Elsewhere, reports of generally less than ten butterflies from Driffield, Storkhill, Watton, Cherry Burton and Tophill Low.

17. PEACOCK. *Inachis io*.
The first in early spring was a single at Hull on 2nd March and the peak count was 69 at Tophill Low on 8th August. Elsewhere, small counts were reported from Cherry Burton, Driffield and Paul Holme Strays.
18. COMMA. *Polygona c-album*.
There was an over wintering single at Beverley on 6th March and Hull gave the peak count of five on 30th September. Single figure counts were made at Beswick, Heron Lakes, Storkhill and Tophill Low.
19. SPECKLED WOOD. *Pararge aegeria*.
Tophill Low gave the peak count with 37 adults of the first brood present on 28th April. It was also reported in small numbers from Hudson Way and Wassand.. It continues to spread and has now become a sporadic visitor to private gardens.
20. WALL BROWN. *Lasiommata megera*.
Reported at Kingsmill Driffield, Hudson Way, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill Low. The latter site gave the first sighting of the first brood with two on 29th April. It also produced the peak count of the second brood with 12 on 8th August.
21. MARBLED WHITE. *Melanargia galathea*.
Only reported from four sites. Three at Enthorpe on 19th June was the first report of the year. There were very small numbers in Kiplingcotes Chalk Pit on scattered dates in late June and early July. Small numbers were also at Kingsmill Driffield. A single at Tophill Low on 26th August was the last of the year.
22. GATEKEEPER. *Pyronia tithonus*.
Reported in very small numbers at Hudson Way, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill Low only in the months of July and August.
23. MEADOW BROWN. *Maniola jurtina*.
The first report was of a single at Wawne on 8th June. Other reporting sites were Driffield, Hudson Way, Paul Holme Strays, Tophill Low, Watton and Wawne. Counts of over 100 were made at Tophill Low on at least three occasions in late July.
24. SMALL HEATH. *Coenonympha pamphilus*.
The only report was of 30 at Paul Holme Strays on 9th June.
25. RINGLET. *Aphantopus hyperanthus*.
The only reports to hand are from Kingsmill Driffield, Paul Holme Strays and Tophill Low, with very modest double figure counts. It would appear to have been under reported

DRAGONFLIES.

1. BANDED DEMOISELLE. *Calopteryx splendens*.
There were three reports all from the same stretch of the River Hull, a single male on 10th July, 13 males and five females on 29th July and a single male on 3rd August
2. EMERALD DAMSELFLY. *Lestes sponsa*.
Recorded at Tophill Low on half a dozen occasions between 27th July and 1st September, always in single figures. Also reported in very small numbers at Bransholme Fish Ponds, Storkhill and Paul Holme Strays.
3. LARGE RED DAMSELFLY. *Pyrrosoma nymphula*.
The first sighting was at Tophill Low with three teneral on 17th April. This site also provided maximum numbers with 297 in North Marsh ride and 162 around East pond, both counts being on 28th April. Single figure reports were made from Bransholme Fish Ponds and Leven Canal.
4. RED-EYED DAMSELFLY. *Erythromma najas*.
Maxima were 34 at Tophill Low on 19th May; 72 and 161 on two different sections of the Leven Canal on 20th May; 18 at the new cut of the River Hull on 9th June and ten at Bransholme Fish Ponds on 1st July.

5. **SMALL RED-EYED DAMSELFLY.** *Erythromma viridulum*
Seen on several occasions at Oak Road Lake, Hull between 10th and 27th August, with a maximum of 84 on 10th August. .
6. **AZURE DAMSELFLY.** *Coenagrion puella*.
Tophill Low reported the biggest counts, the three highest being 488 on 19th May, 114 on 12th May and 100 on 20th June. Much smaller counts came from Bransholme Fish Ponds; Heron Lakes at Routh; Leven Canal; Kingsmill Driffield, and Oak Road Lake, Hull.
7. **COMMON BLUE DAMSELFLY.** *Enallagma cyathigerum*
The three highest counts at Tophill Low were 100 on 11th August, 63 on 23rd June and 60 on 19th May. Elsewhere, smaller counts were made at Arram; Barmston Farm Fish Pond; Brandesburton Ponds; Burstwick; Heron Lakes, Routh; Leven Canal; Oak Road Lake; Paul Holme Strays; Risby Fish Ponds and Storkhill.
8. **BLUE-TAILED DAMSELFLY.** *Ischnura elegans*.
Single figure reports came from Arram, Barmston, Brandesburton, Bransholme, Driffield, Paul Holme Strays, Priory Fields Hull, Risby, Routh, and Storkhill. The three highest counts were 175 at Welton Waters on 4th June; 50 at Oak Road Lake on 31st May and 30 at Tophill Low on 3rd June.
9. **MIGRANT HAWKER.** *Aeshna mixta*.
Reported in very small numbers at Barmston, Bransholme, Paul Home Strays and Wassand; also from four sites in Hull, namely Holderness Road, Clive Sullivan Way, Oak Road Lake and Priory Road Fields. At Tophill Low, the first report was on 11th August and the last on 3rd November with a peak of 49 on 22nd September.
10. **SOUTHERN HAWKER.** *Aeshna cyanea*.
Single figure reports from Enthorpe, Holderness Road Hull, North Ferriby and Pulfin. At Tophill Low, adults were reported on four occasions between 14th July and 20th October with a peak count of nine on 25th August. However, exuvia were found there with 12 on 7th July and 25 on 21st July.
11. **BROWN HAWKER.** *Aeshna grandis*.
Reports in single figures from Barmston Farm Fish Pond, Brandesburton Ponds, Bransholme Fish Ponds, Oak Road Lake, Priory Road Fields, Storkhill, Wassand, Watton N.R. and Welton Waters. At Tophill Low, the first report was of four on 14th July, with the peak count of 38 on 11th August.
12. **EMPEROR DRAGONFLY.** *Anax imperator*.
Only single figure counts at Lakeside Beverley, Brandesburton Ponds, Bransholme Fish Ponds, Risby Fish Ponds, Storkhill, Tophill Low and Watton N.R.
13. **HAIRY DRAGONFLY.** *Brachytron pratense*.
A single female was seen in a garden at Thurlow Avenue in Beverley on 18th July. This is the first report ever from our area.
14. **FOUR-SPOTTED CHASER.** *Libellula quadrimaculata*.
Single figure counts at Arram, Brandesburton Village, Brandesburton Ponds, Bransholme Fish Ponds, Kingsmill Driffield, Oak Road Lake, River Hull New Cut and Storkhill. There were 11 at Leven Canal on 20th May. Tophill Low reported six flight days from 29th April to 23rd June with a maximum of 15 on 9th June.
15. **BROAD-BODIED CHASER.** *Libellula depressa*.
Singles reported from Barmston Farm Fish Pond, Priory Road Fields, Lund , Meadow Lane Driffield and Tophill Low.
16. **BLACK –TAILED SKIMMER.** *Orethetrum cancellatum*.
Tophill Low reported this species between 22nd June and 21st September in single figures, but with 52 on 11th August. Other single figure reports came from Bransholme Fish Ponds and Paul Holme Strays.

17. COMMON DARTER. *Sympetrum striolatum*.
Reported in small numbers from Barmston, Brandesburton, Bransholme, Brough, Driffield, Routh, Storkhill, Paul Holme Strays and three sites in Hull, namely Holderness Road, Oak Road Lake and Priory Road Fields. Tophill Low reported from 23rd June till 3rd November with a peak of 75 on 22nd September.
18. RUDDY DARTER. *Sympetrum sanguineum*.
Reports of small numbers from Thurlew Avenue Beverley, Brandesburton Ponds, Bransholme Fish Ponds, Oak Road Lake, Kingsmill Driffield, Paul Holme Strays and Wassand. The three highest counts were 21 at Risby Fish Ponds on 28th July, 49 at Tophill Low on 11th August and another 50 there on 14th July.
19. BLACK DARTER. *Sympetrum danae*.
A single female was reported at Burshill on 22nd September