

Lady Bay Birdwatchers
Update 14 May 2024 for LBCA



Wren (J Hannah)

Highlights since October 2023

The area continues to attract quality birds and who knows what we miss with not being out in the field all of the time. Four additional species have been added to the list for the Lady Bay area; these are Cattle Egret, Common Redstart, Grey Partridge and Marsh Harrier. The first three species were photographed. From the end of October to the end of December 2023 the Cattle Egret records comprised up to nine birds feeding in the Regatta Way area and then making their way to a roost site at Colwick. The Redstart records comprised a bird heard and photographed on Regatta Way on 6 April and a second bird heard on The Hook a week later. Grey Partridges were noted in the paddocks at the junction of Regatta Way and Adbolton Lane

Numbers

The above two records means that the overall total number of species seen within and/or from the Lady Bay boundary is 116 while 89 of these are directly related to The Hook itself.

The Hook

The weekly visits to The Hook are still producing good numbers of species although actual numbers do appear to be down; no assessment, however, has been made of annual variations. In 2024 to date the number of species seen has varied from 24 to 35 with an average of 29 which for a 2Ha site is pretty good.

Garden Watch

The weekly Garden Watch continues. This involves watching your garden for 10mins-60mins and recording the number of each species seen within or flying over your garden (similar to the 'Big Garden Birdwatch'). The results are then submitted to Lady Bay Birdwatchers and put into a chart with a short report produced on a monthly basis. To date in 2024 49 species have been recorded.

Swift Nest Box Scheme

16 boxes have been erected on properties; 14 within Lady Bay and 2 outside of the area.

If you would like to become involved in any of the above please contact Keith Rainford at keith.rainford@ntlworld.com



Male Kestrel (J Hannah)