



The Essex Birdwatching Society

Celebrating Bird Recording & Inspirational Birdwatching in Essex since 1949



September 2018

Dear Birders

This month we start with our first trip of the season to Snettisham RSPB Reserve and Essex Birdwatching Society will also be supporting two events in the county, we do hope that you will be able to join us.
Happy Birding Emma

EBwS September Indoor Meeting

Join us on **Friday 7 September** at 8:00 pm for a talk about:

BIRDS OF THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST by Chris Collins

Venue: Quaker Meeting House, 82 Rainsford Road, Chelmsford CM1 2QL

Members £3.00 each, Guests £4.00 each on the door.

This is Chris Collins most popular talk reviewing the birds and wildlife of this amazing, but rarely visited region. It includes photographs of Siberian Rubythroat, Steller's Sea-eagle, Horned and Tufted Puffin, Ribbon Seal plus the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper.

EBwS September Field Trip Meeting

Sunday 16 September

**SNETTISHAM RSPB RESERVE & COASTAL PARK
PLEASE NOTE 7AM START / CHELMSFORD ONLY**

This area of the 'Wash' is infamous for its huge flocks of Wader murmurations as the incoming tide drives them off the feeding grounds. We will also visit the coastal park north of the RSPB Reserve for migrants amongst the extended scrub.

For more details, see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/snettisham/>

Coach trip commences from Trinity Church (opposite the County Hotel) at 06:45 am for 07:00 am, Chelmsford only. Currently there is a large 'free' car park next to County Hotel in Chelmsford. Please call Gerry Johnson on 07775 663166 (after 7:00pm) for more details and to reserve coach seats. Coach trips cost £20.00-£23.00 each, subject to destination and attendance. Accompanied juniors travel 'free'. To avoid disappointing anyone on a waiting list, non-attended coach bookings without cancellation notice will incur the trip cost.

EBwS New Website

I do hope that you have visited our new much improved website. Big thanks go to Andrew Ducat who has made this possible and spent many hours getting it set up. To submit your sightings you will need to reactivate your account by going to the Log In page and selecting 'Reset account'. Your login will now be your email address. An email with a link will be sent to set up your password (this email may go into your junk folder). Please do let us know what you think or if you have any problems at essexbirdwatchingsociety@gmail.com



EBwS August Field Trip Report



THE BIRD FAIR by Gerry Johnson

Following the excellent summer weather in June and July the fantastic annual Bird Fair at Rutland Water between 17th and 19th August also had fine conditions for the thousands that attend each year.

This year a Red-necked Phalarope was one of the 'star' species seen on the reservoir from the local hides along with five Ospreys in the sky together.

The BTO ringing demonstration provided detailed information about various warblers, seen in the hand, by the informed ringers.

The eight huge marquees were full of companies offering to take you to the four corners of the world, equipped with the latest camera, binoculars and telescope and clothing from socks to hat!

Not forgetting the art marquee with photographs, original art, prints, sculptures to mention a few. A number of our group were tempted and made purchases.

One of the newer marquees, situated by the exit from one of the lecture marquees, offers fresh locally produced produce. What a great place to select your lunch.

The Bird Fair is a great place to meet up with friends from around the country and I met up with Louise and John Sykes from Ashbourne (former EBwS Secretary before moving to Derbyshire), but managed to miss some of the people on our coach all day!

All too soon our eight hours had slipped by and it was time to board the coach for a relaxing journey back to Essex.

EBwS Bird Records

Thank you for adding all your bird sightings on our website - www.ebws.org.uk. Your contributions are really valuable as they help to build our knowledge of the birds of Essex which supports our conservation work. You can view these sightings on our website at the address above and by following us at:

@essexbirdwatchingsociety



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Event

Sunday 30 September

Autumn Bird Migration Day – The Naze

10am – 4pm

Essex Birdwatching Society will be supporting this event and we hope to see you there. There will be display stands in the visitor centre, including Essex Birdwatching Society, Swallow Birding, British Trust for Ornithology, Wader Quest and Optics sales. Also a programme of two free guided walks, short talks, bird migration trial for children, photo ID and bird questions slots. Parking is in the pay and display car park; admission to the event is free. For more information call 01255 679379.



Event

Sunday 23 September

Migration Day – Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserve

10am – 4pm

Swallow Birding and Essex Birdwatching Society will be at Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserve on Sunday 23 September with guided walks around the reserve. There will be seasonal food available in the tearoom, so do come and join us for the day, we looking forward to seeing you there.

Essex Wildlife Trust

Fingringhoe Wick Visitor Centre & Nature Reserve



MIGRATION DAY

Sunday 23rd September 2018

10.00am - 4.00pm

Guided bird walks around the nature reserve with expert guides

Help with bird identification

Food and drink in the tearoom

Bird feeders and bird food



Exhibiting throughout the day:

Swallow
BIRDING

Swallow Birding
(Birdwatching Tours and Day Trips)
www.swallowbirding.co.uk



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Please ring the Visitor Centre at Fingringhoe Wick on 01206 729678 for more details

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