

Birds in the York Area 2020



A year in lockdown

January

Up to
300,000
Starling
roosting
at
Aughton







2 Bewick's Swan
present in the
LDV with 200
Whooper Swan





Joined by 79 **White-fronted Geese**,
11 **Tundra Bean Geese** & 19 **Barnacle
Geese**

1700 **Pink-footed Geese** present
during the month



**A Green-winged
Teal** was in the
LDV during
January & March



February

Norwegian Black-headed Gull

Iceland Gull roosted at Wheldrake
Ings with one in fields at Riccall
during January to March





March

Hawfinch flock at the Yorkshire
Arboretum



Three **Water
Pipit** by the
Pocklington
Canal at
Thornton





White-tailed Eagle

A single immature was seen at North Duffield Carrs on the **18th** & was seen again flying over a Melbourne garden on the **26th** (what a lockdown garden tick!). Presumably the same individual that was seen in the Doncaster area later in the day

Hen Harrier at Skipwith Common

April



Red-rumped Swallow at Bishopthorpe



returning summer visitors



**Hen
Harrier** at
Strensall
Common

Ring Ouzels
found at
Seaton Ross,
Bolton Percy
& Langwith
Stray



More time watching gardens



Nocturnal flocks of migrating
Common Scoter heard over
central York & elsewhere





May



Ospreys at Crockey Hill & Wheldrake Ings















Breeding Season

Garganey -
Nine pairs in
the LDV
produced
four broods,
with 24
ducklings



Quail: 24 singing males in the LDV



19 pairs of **Little Egret** bred
in the LDV producing 34
young



A pair of **Marsh Harrier** attempted to breed in the LDV



Four pairs of **Red Kite** in the LDV

Seven pairs of **Peregrine** in the LDV & one still at the minster





Pochard: Bred at Derwenthorpe

Stonechat bred at Heslington Tillmire & Strensall Common





**Nightjars at
Strensall
Common**





June

**Red-footed
Falcon at
Biggin**

Two records in the LDV during May at
Wheldrake Ings & North Duffield Carrs











Knot at Bank Island & Green Sandpipers return to the area













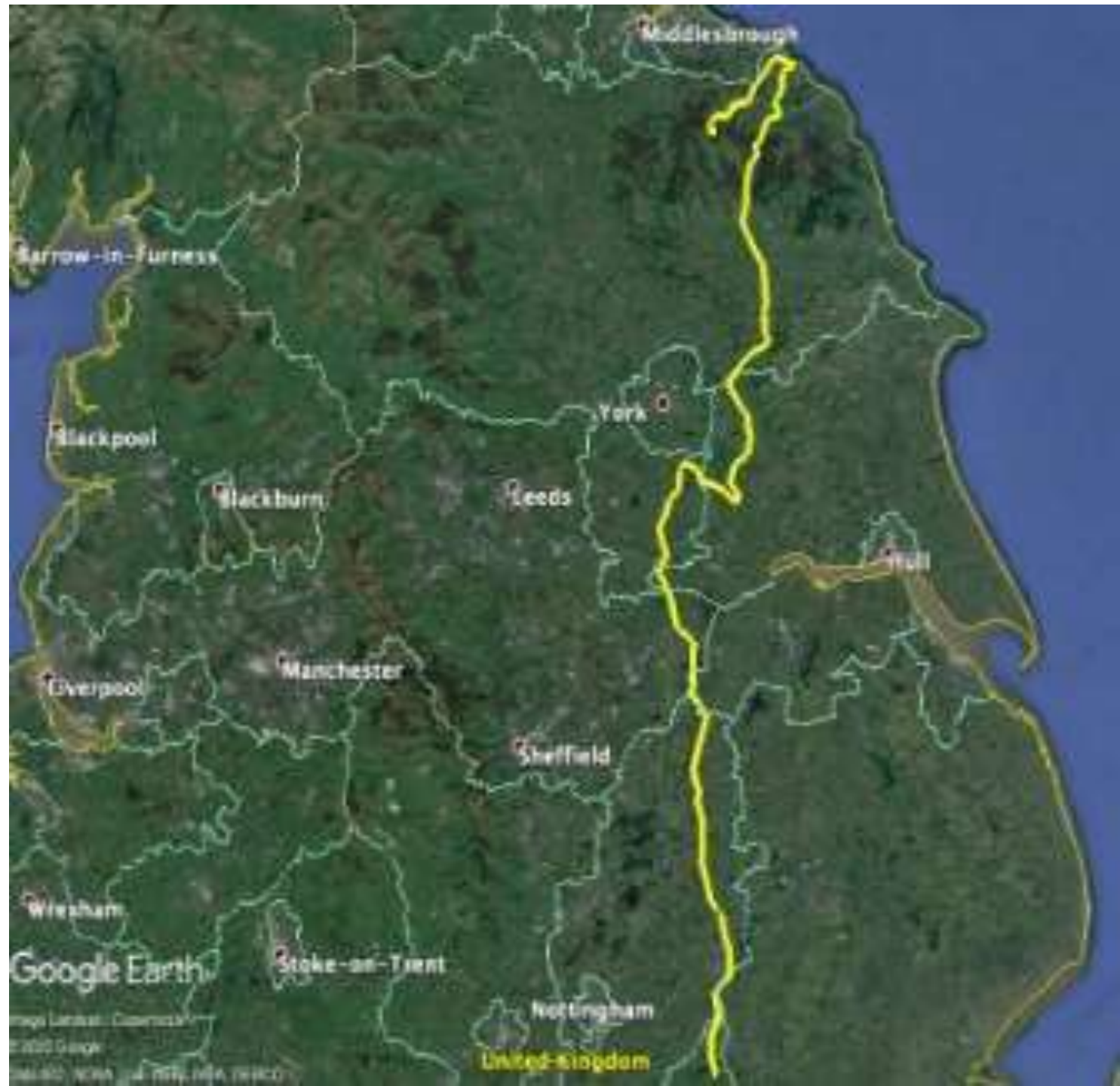
July



An Isle of Wight **White-tailed Eagle** passed undetected through the area

19th July: Young male (G393) headed south, stopped beside the River Derwent near Ellerton where it roosted.

Next morning the young male continued south just before 10am, passing to the east of Doncaster an hour later.







A fall of 30 **Whinchat** & 15
Stonechat on 30th/31st July at
North Duffield Carrs in a good
passage year for both species.







August





2 **Black Kite** flew west at Wheldrake Ings





Kittiwake at Heslington West



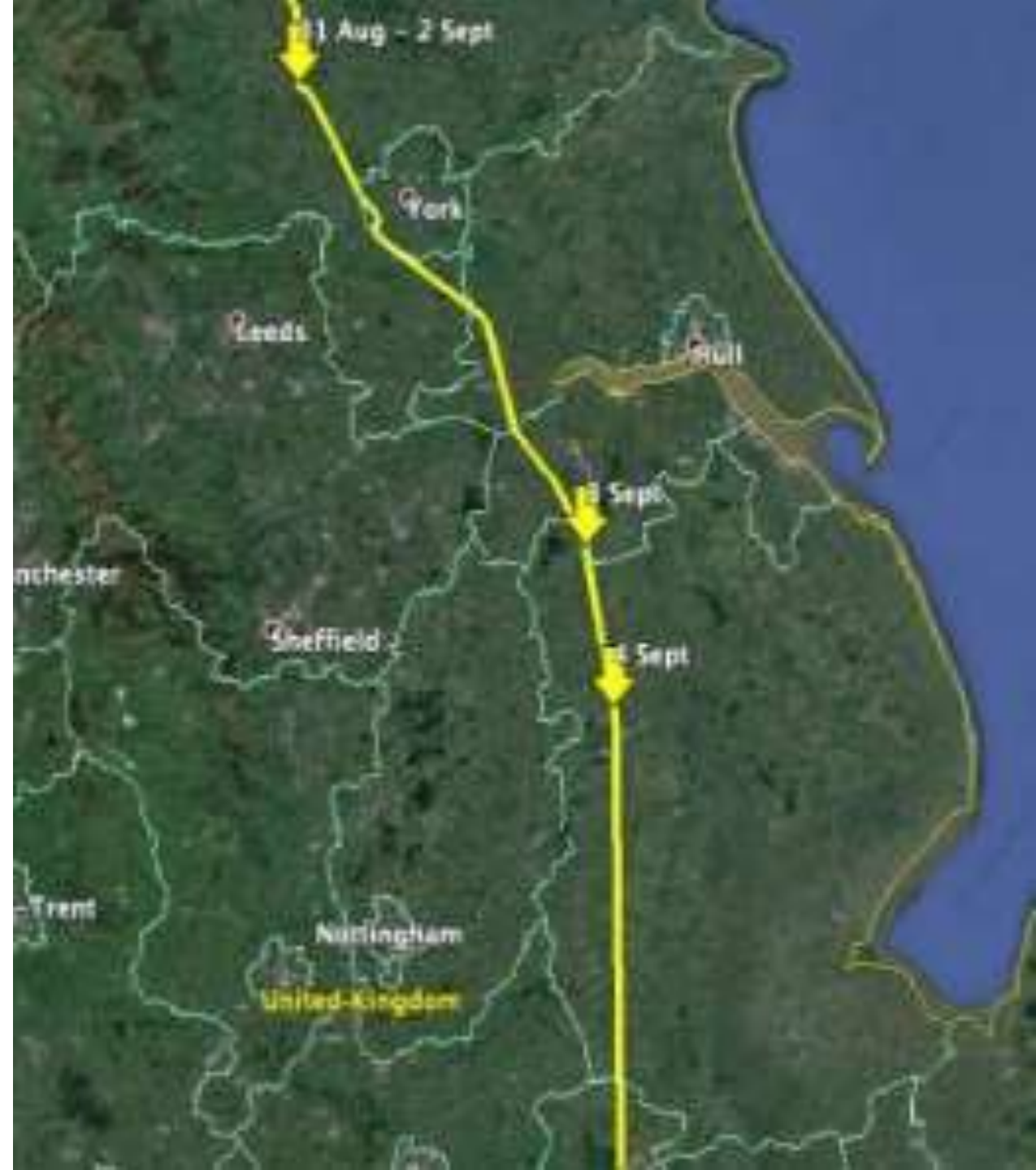
Wader Passage including a **Knot** at Wheldrake Ings



Two more Isle of Wight **White-tailed Eagles** passed undetected through the area

31st August: Young female (G318) passed through- Wass > Coxwold > Linton-on-Ouse

3rd September: young female (G324), came round the south-west side of York around 1pm - skirting Copmanthorpe before heading over Skipwith Common & to the south of Bubwith, before turning and heading south.



September



Hoopoe at Murton & Poppleton, with
another in October at Scrayingham

Cattle Egret at
Wheldrake Ings
after reports in the
LDV during July



**Common
Rosefinch**
caught at
Bank Island



Cetti's Warbler influx into the LDV, SE53 & Heslington East



Spotted Redshank at Wheldrake Ings



Great White Egret
continues to increase
in the area, including
a bird at Bank Island
from Belarus

Summer visitors leave & winter visitors arrive





October



**Lesser Yellowlegs at
Bank Island**



Bearded Tit at Bank Island



Increase in **Marsh Harrier** in the LDV including up to four wing tagged birds, two of which were from Holkham






November



**Crossbill & Hawfinch at the
Yorkshire Arboretum.**



Firecrest at Askham Bar Park & Ride

A photograph of a flock of Pink-footed Geese in flight. The geese are captured in various stages of their wing strokes, flying from left to right across the frame. They have brownish-grey upperparts and white underparts with a distinctive pinkish-red patch on their bills. The background features a lush green field in the foreground, a line of trees with some autumn-colored foliage in the middle ground, and a pale, overcast sky. The text 'Influx of Pink-footed Geese into the LDV & around York' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Influx of
Pink-footed
Geese into
the LDV &
around York



December

Rehabilitated
Merlin released by
Jean Thorpe at
Wheldrake Ings

Male **Hen Harrier**
roosting at
Strensall Common



Adult **Franklins Gull** at North Duffield Carrs & seen
the next day at Thorganby & Ellerton



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