

YORK ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB

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ARCHIVE NOTE

Due to formatting difficulties this Report is not searchable using the Find tool. Note also that it wasn't until formal adoption of the Club recording area in 1966 that the Club Report concentrated exclusively on the York area. This first Report includes a lot of sightings from outside the Club area, including many from the East coast and there is even a Pied-billed Grebe near Harrogate!

4. RED THROATED DIVER Most reports are from Filey. Odd birds on various dates
Max. 22 on 26/9 (B.P. & D.W.) 9 at Spurn 1 to 2/5 (Y.O.C.)
5. GREAT CRESTED GREBE The only breeding birds in this area were reported from
Castle Howard (3 prs. O.H.W.) and Sand Hutton (P.P.)
7. RED NECKED GREBE One in Filey Bay 16/10. (F.T.)
8. BLACK NECKED GREBE Seen at Fairburn during August and September by various
members
9. LITTLE GREBE E.C. reported the following locally:-
2 at Killingbeck 16 & 17/10. 2 at York Waterworks 17/10
and 14/10.
1 at York Waterworks 21/11
10. PIED BILL GREBE Seen by various members on a reservoir near Harrogate
in June
16. MANX SHEARWATER 28/8. 5 flying south Scarborough (F.T.)
26. FULMAR Common breeding bird on East Coastal cliffs. F.T. reported
birds returning to breeding site 18/12 (8) onwards
27. GANNET Small breeding colony at Bempton. Often seen flying off
the coast. Max 50 Spurn 25/8 (D.W.) and 55 Filey 26/9 (D.W.
and F.T.) 100 Spurn 2 to 4/8 (B.P. et al)
28. CORMORANT }
29. SHAG } Breed on coast. More cormorants reported
30. HERON Gouthwaite 1. 7/2 J.F. A.D. O.H.W.
Clifton Ings 1. 3/4 (N.W.)
Stocks Res. 4. 5/8 (D.W. and B.P.)
Fairburn 1. 6/8 (D.W.)
Lindley Res. 6. 5/9 (Y.O.C.)
1 Mile from Malton on Derwent from train 1/10 (F.T.)
Gouthwaite 15. 21/11 (Y.O.C.) including young
45. MALLARD Max. 1500 Gouthwaite 21/11 (Y.O.C.)
2500 Hornsea 12/12 (F.T.)
46. TEAL Max. 700 Hornsea 12/12 (F.T.) locally only recorded
from Skipwith and Bubwith . Breeding at Skipwith
49. GLADWALL Fairburn 25/4 8 J.F. and A.D.
6/5 2 J.F. A.D. O.H.W.
15/8 4 Y.O.C.
28/8 2 O. H.W.
50. WIGEON Max. 43 M. 21 F. Skipwith 14/2 J.F. and A.D.
Hornsea 30 3/1. Y.O.C. Earliest record for winter 2
Filey Brigg 3/9 B.P. Small numbers on coast, Fairburn and
Gouthwaite
52. PINTAIL Fairburn 5 21/3. Y.O.C. 1 25/4 J.F. and A.D.
53. SHOVELER locally only Castle Howard 3. 31/1. O.H.W.
55. SCAUP Filey 1 M. 17/7. O.H.W.
56. TUFTED DUCK Locally reported from Castle Howard, Kilnwick Percy Pond
Pocklington and near Sand Hutton. All other reports from
larger inland waters further away. Max. 300 Hornsea 3/1. Y.O.C.
500 Hornsea 12/12. F.T.
57. POCHARD Max. 300 3/1 Y.O.C. Hornsea
500 12/12 F.T. "
11 31/1 Castle Howard

- RED CRESTED POCHARD Fairburn 2.7. D.W. and P.P.
60. GOLDENEYE Hornsea 30. 3/1. Y.O.C.
 Fairburn 1 10/1 M.W.
 Gouthwaite 6 7/2 J.F. A.D. and O.H.W.
 Capgrove 12 7/2 J.F. A.D. and O.H.W.
 Fairburn 2 7/3 J.F. and A.D.
 Killingbeck 1 14/3 E.C.
 Fountains Abbey 8. 21/3. Y.O. C.
 Castle Howard 1 M. 3F. 10/5. O.H.W.
 Gouthwaite Res. 5 21/11 Y.O.C.
 Fairburn 10 28/11 O.H.W. and B.P.
 River Foss near Earswick 2 M 28/11. E.C.
 Hornsea 50 12/12. F.T.
 Filey Bay 2 29/12 F.T.
62. VELVET SCOTER Filey 2 13/3 F.T.
 23 Flying N. 14 flying S. 26/9 F.T. D.W. and B.F.
64. COMMON SCOTER Small numbers off Filey and Spurn
 500 + Spurn 2/8 D.W.
 Filey 167 26/9 D.W. & B.P. and 120 5/12. D.W.
67. EIDER Small numbers off Filey between 16/10 to 29/12
 Spurn 22 8/5 Y.O.C.
69. RED BRESTED Merganser Filey 26/9 1 F.T. D.W. and B.P.
 16/10 2 F.T.
 20/11 1 F.T.
70. GOOSANDER Hornsea 3 3/1 Y.O.C.
 Filey 1 20/11 F.T.
 Hornsea 20 12/12 F.T.
73. SHELDUCK Small numbers at Spurn Filey Gouthwaite and Hornsea
 Cherry Cobb Sands and Faxfleet
75. GREY LAG GOOSE 1 reported from Castle Howard with Canada Geese
78. PINK f. GOOSE 20/11 1 on Filey Brigg F. T.
 31/10 2000 + Humber Y;O.C.
- CASE SPECIES 40 to 50 G.W. over Poppleton Road M.W.
 c 50 flew over Skipwith p.m. J.D.
 small flock flew over Osballdwick 8.45 p.m. J.D.
 2 flew over Osballdwick 8.45 p.m. J.D.
81. BARN GOOSE 7/2 2 Gouthwaite Res. J.F. A.D. O.H.W.
 6/11 14 Filey Brigg F.T.
 10/11. 4 S " " F.T.
82. CANADA GOOSE Max. Gouthwaite Res. 125 7/2 J.F. A.D. and O.H.W.
 also at other waters in smaller numbers
84. MUTE SWAN Max. 100 at Fairburn
85. WHOOPEE SWAN Fairburn 2/10. M.W.
 " 14. 20/2. O.H.W.
 " 18. 7/3. J.F. and A.D.
 Thorganby 80 27/12. D. W.
 Bubwith 5 27/12. O.H.W.
 1 seen at Fairburn with Mute Swans and became quite tame
 accepting food from passers-by during the summer
91. BUZZARD Present throughout summer in Little Skipwith towards
 Escrick P.P.
 Colin Sims reports a carcass of a bird which appears to be
 this species found near Claxton not long after death in Aug.
93. SPARROW HAWK 1 female seen at Skipwith Common in December P.P.

103. OSPREY Castle Howard 1. 20.5. M.W. and others
105. PEREGRINE Blackstone Edge 1. 23/6 Y.O.C.
107. MERLIN Blackstone Edge 1. 23/6. Y.O.C.
110. KESTREL Reported from 37 different places in Yorks.
This species must be holding its own
111. RED GROUSE Breeds on the Pennine Moors Masham Blubberhouses and Blackstone Edge
115. R.L. PARTRIDGE York is near the northernmost breeding boundary for this bird.
Small numbers reported from Skipwith Langwith and Sand Hutton
117. QUAIL In a year when the Quail was reported in unusual numbers in the
County the only records for the Club were near Skipwith where at least
2 prs. bred. Party seen when crops being cut P.P.
118. PHEASANT 21 Male Ring Necked seen in one field near Kilnwick Percy
and Pocklington 31.12. Largest number ever seen together by O.H.W.
120. WATER RAIL Spurn 1. 11/4. J.F. and A.D.
126. MOORHEN Skipwith 63 Maximum seen feeding in stubble field 6/1. to 4/2 J.F.
127. COOT Max. Hornsea. 3/1. 100. Y.O.C.
Fairburn 7/3 250 J.F. and A.D.
" 6/8 300 O.H.W.
Castle Howard 7/10 200 D.W.
Hornsea Mere 12/12 200 F.T. and D.W.
131. OYSTERCATCHER Small numbers recorded at Coast
Max. Spurn 60 2 to 5/5 D.W. et al
134. RINGED PLOVER Small numbers recorded at coast and occasionally at Fairburn
135. LITTLE RINGED PLOVER Fairburn up to 6 recorded in breeding season
139. GREY PLOVER 1 2 to 4/8. Spurn D.W. et al
26/9 Spurn O.H.W. et al
140. GOLDEN PLOVER Some heard at Skipwith Common 26/1 O.H.W.
Blackstone Edge 2 23/5 Y.O.C.
Cherry Cobb Sands 27/8 O.H.W. et al
near Gromont 25 on arable field E.C.
143. TURNSTONE Small numbers recorded at coast
145. SNIFE Recorded in small numbers in various places locally
147. JACK SNIFE 7 at Bubwith also at Thorganby and Skipwith in December P.P.
148. WOODCOCK Recorded only from Skipwith Strensall Allerthorpe Langwith
Sand Hutton and Askham Bog
150. CURLEW Recorded locally from Skipwith Strensall Allerthorpe and
near Askham Bog
151. WHIMBREL Spurn 50 2 to 4/8 D.W. and B.P.
6 1/5 Y.O.C.
4 8/5 Y.O.C.
Flamborough 1. 8/8 D.W.
Filey 3 28/8 F.T.
" 20 26/9 D.W.
154. BLACK TAILED
GODWIT Spurn 3 2/5 Y.O.C.
Cherry Cobb Sands 27/8 O.H.W. et al
155. BAR TAILED GODWIT Cherry Cobb Sands 27/8 O.H.W. et al
Spurn 1 10/10. O.H.W.

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| 156. <u>GREEN SANDPIPER</u> | Fairburn | 1 | 5/8 | J. and A.D. | |
| | | 4 | 6/8 | D.W. and B.P. | |
| | | 1 | 15/8 | Y.O.C. | |
| 159. <u>COMMON SANDPIPER</u> | Recorded locally also at Fairburn Spurn Blackstone Edge | | | | |
| 161. <u>REDSHANK</u> | Numerous on the coast also at Fairburn | | | | |
| | | 1 | Osballdwick | 19/9. | J. and A.D. |
| 162. <u>SP. REDSHANK</u> | 27/8 | Cherry Cobb Sands | | O.H.W. | et al |
| | 28/8 | 1 Fairburn | | O.H.W. | |
| 165. <u>GREENSHANK</u> | 6/5 | 1 Fairburn | | J.F. A.D. and | O.H.W. |
| | 5/8 | 1 Fairburn | | J and A.D. | |
| | 6/8 | 4 Fairburn | | D.W. | |
| | 15/8 | 14 Fairburn | | Y.O.C. | |
| | 17/8 | 3 Fairburn | | F.T. | |
| | 22/8 | 1 Flamborough | | J and A.D. | |
| | 27/8 | 5 " | | F.T. | |
| | 28/8 | 1 Fairburn | | O.H.W. | |
| | 1/9 | 15 " | | D.W. | |
| | 5/9 | 1 Lindley Res. | | Y.O.C. | |
| 169. <u>KNOT</u> | 21/2 | Filey | | F.T. | |
| | 2 to 4/8 | 300+ Spurn | | D.W. | |
| | 5/8 | 10 Stocks Res | | B.P. | |
| | 8/8 | 3 Flamborough | | | |
| | 27/8 | Cherry Cobb Sands | | O.H.W. | et al |
| | 28/8 | 16+ Filey | | F.T. | |
| | 19/9 | 1 " | | D.W. | |
| | 26/9 | Present Filey | | F.T. | |
| | 2/10 | Present Spurn | | J & A.D. | O.H.W. |
| | | 1 " | | F.T. | |
| | 6/11 | 1 " | | F.T. | |
| | 27/11 | 2 Bubwith | | O.H.W. | |
| 170. <u>PURPLE SANDPIPER</u> | Recorded at Filey Jan to March Aug to Dec. | | | | |
| | 30/1 | Max. | 40 | F.T. | |
| | 6/11 | | 11 | F.T. | |
| | 2/11 | | 1 Humber | Y.O.C. | |
| 178. <u>DUNLIN</u> | Recorded regularly at Spurn | | | | |
| | Max. c 500 | 2/5 | | Y.O.C. | |
| | Smaller number at Filey | | | | |
| | Max. 50 | 30/1 | | F.T. | |
| | 37 | 29/12 | | F.T. | |
| | 6 | 23/5 | Blackstone Edge | Y.O.C. | |
| | 6 | 8/8 | Flamborough | D.W. | |
| | 203 | 31/10 | Humber | Y.O.C. | |
| | 1 | 1/9 | Fairburn | B.P. | |
| | 1 | 5/9 | Wharfedale | Y.O.C. | |
| 179. <u>CURLEW SANDPIPER</u> | 1 | 27/8 | Cherry Cobb Sands | O.H.W. | et al |
| | 7 | 2/11 | Humber | Y.O.C. | |
| 181. <u>SANDERLING</u> | 3 | 11/4 | Spurn | J.F. and A.D. | |
| | 20 | 2 to 5/8 | " | D.W. | |
| | 4 | 12/9 | " | D.W. | |
| | | 26/9 | " | O.H.W. | J. and A.D. |
| 184. <u>RUFF</u> | 4 Ruff | 6 Reeve | 15/8 | Fairburn | Y.O.C. |
| | | 2 " | 17/8 | F.T. | |
| | | | 27/8 | Cherry Cobb Sands | O.H.W. et al |
| | | 3 " | 25/8 | Fairburn | O.H.W. |
| | | 6 " | 3/10 | Wheldrake | J and A.D. |
| 193. <u>ARTIC SKUA</u> | 1 Spurn | 2/5 | | Y.O.C. | |
| | 4+ " | 2 to 5/8 | | D.W. | |
| | 2+ " | 12/9 | | D.W. | |

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| 194. <u>GREAT SKUA</u> | 28/8 | 2 S Filey | F.T. |
| | 12/9 | 1 Spurn | J & A.D. Mr & Mrs. C. |
| | 26/9 | 1 S Filey | F.T. |
| | 2/10 | 1 S Filey | F.T. |
| 196. <u>LONG T. SKUA</u> | 26/9 | 4 S Filey | F.T. |
| 198. <u>G.B.B. GULL</u> | Small numbers seen at various places inland. Large numbers at Spurn | | |
| 199. <u>L.B.B. GULL</u> | Small numbers inland, but larger numbers on coast particularly further north than Spurn | | |
| 202. <u>GLAUCOUS GULL</u> | Odd ones seen at Scarborough in January and at Filey 13/3 by F.T. Spurn 26/9 J and A.D. and O.H.W. | | |
| 211. <u>KITTIWAKE</u> | F.T. reported large movements in Filey on 13/3 as follows : - 9.15 to 10.15 484 S. 11 to 12 666 S 12.15 to 12.45 360 S 13.30 to 14.00 246 S. Also on 20/11 1 count between 12.00 noon to 1p.m. 2129 S 87% juvenile Large movement also reported at Cley Also recorded : - Spurn c 6000 2 to 4/8 D.W. et al Bempton c 5000 8/8 " | | |
| 212. <u>BLACK TERN</u> | 6/5 | 1 Fairburn | J.F. A.D. and O.H.W. |
| | 2 to 4/8 | 1 Spurn | D.W. |
| | 11/8 | 3 Fairburn | D.W. |
| | 27/8 | 2 " | F.T. |
| | 28/8 | 2 " | O.H.W. |
| 217. <u>COMMON TERN</u> | 24/7 | 2 Castle Howard | J & A.D. |
| | 2/5 | 1 Elvington | P.P. |
| | 24/8 | 3000 Spurn | D.W. |
| | 26/6 | 6 Filey | F.T. |
| | 28/8 | 65 .6 N Filey | F.T. |
| | 26/9 | 22 S Filey | " |
| | 2/10 | 31N 27S | " |
| <u>ARCTIC TERN</u> | 26/6 | 1 Filey | F.T. |
| | 28/8 | 1 S 4 N Filey | F.T. |
| | 19/9 | 11 " | D.W. |
| | 26/9 | 94+ Filey | D.W. |
| | 3/10 | 4+ " | D.W. |
| <u>LITTLE TERN</u> | 8/5 | 2 Spurn | Y.O.C. |
| 223. <u>SANDWICH TERN</u> | 1/5 | 15 Spurn | Y.O.C. |
| | 2/5 | 14 " | Y.O.C. |
| | 8/5 | 2 " | Y.O.C. |
| | 2 to 4/8 | 140 + " | D.W. |
| | 8/8 | 2 + Flamborough | D.W. |
| | 28/8 | 79S 38N Filey | F.T. |
| | 12/9 | 40 Spurn | D.W. |
| | 19/9 | 66 Filey | D.W. |
| | 26/9 | 12 S " | F.T. |
| | 2/10 | 1 S " | F.T. |
| | 3/10 | 1 S " | D.W. |
| 224. <u>RAZORBILL</u>) 227. <u>GUILLEMOT</u>) 230. <u>PUFFIN</u>) | Breeding at Bempton etc. | | |
| 232. <u>STOCK DOVE</u> | 16/4 | 1 Strensall Common | |
| | 2/11 | 18 Humber | Y.O.C. |
| | Is this bird practically extinct? O.H.W. | | |

COLLARED DOVE

Many dates 2 Barlby (breeding from 1964 P.P.

235. TURTLE DOVE Reported from various places
Reduced to 1/3rd of previous years at Skipwith P.P.
Also late in arriving 5/5 Earliest date recorded
237. CUCKOO 26/4 earliest date recorded Skipwith Common J.F. and A.D.
241. BARN OWL 21/1 1 Skipwith Common J.F.
5/5 Scragglethorpe Moor 2 eggs E.C.
(nest in willows)
10/5 Scragglethorpe Moor 5 eggs E.C.
7/5 Patrington 4 young owls in nest E.C.
June 1 at Heslington D.W.
28/10 1 at Skipwith J and A.D.
28/11 Full Sutton P.P.
9/5 Barlby 1 adult and 1 fledged young P.P.
246. LITTLE OWL 14/2 nesting in small barn near Red House E.C.
5/8 1 Fairburn J & A.D.
247. TAWNY OWL Recorded at Skipwith Strensall Grange Wood
Heworth Osbaldwick Scarborough Fountains Abbey
Beningbrough Hall Park Castle Howard
2 successful breedings Skipwith P.P.
Easingwold (3 pairs) M.W.
249. S-EARED OWL 23/5 1 Blackstone Edge Y.O.C.
15/8 1 Fairburn Y.O.C.
252. NIGHTJAR Skipwith Common - breeding pairs reduced by one-third P.P.
255. SWIFT 5/5 Earliest date recorded 2 to 6 p.m. Chestnut Ave. O.H.W.
258. KINGFISHER Barlby in summer P.P.
1 near Rawcliffe landing E.C.
26/12 1 York Waterworks E.C.
31/12 1 Beningbrough E.C.
262. GREEN WOODPECKER 2 adults 4 juvs. at Strensall D.W.
March and April (Skipwith) P.P.
Reported to have bred successfully
in Thorganby Lane) Back Common) P.P.
E.C. I have not seen a Green Woodpecker in Rufforth or
Red House area. Over the years large amount of old wood
cleared away
11/5 2 Allerthorpe Common Y.O.C.
19/6 1 heard at Langwith O.H.W. (Y.N.U.)
263. G.S. WOODPECKER Recorded at Strensall and Skipwith
24/1 1 heard in Grange Wood O.H.W.
15/8 1 Fairburn J. and A.D.
19/6 1 calling (Langwith) O.H.W. (Y.N.U.)
20/6 1 Fountains Abbey Y.O.C.
21/11 Gouthwaite Res Y.O.C.
265. WRYNECK 2/5 1 Spurn Y.O.C.
12/9 2 " D.W.
273. SHORE LARK 21/2 15 Filey Y.O.C.
10/10 3 Spurn Y.O.C.
29/12 9 Filey F.T.
274. SWALLOW Earliest date recorded 12/4
Last date recorded 30/10. Fairburn F.T.
271. HOUSE MARTIN 2/5 Skipwith first recorded

277. SAND MARTIN 8/5 First recorded
15/8 10 Fairburn Y.O.C.
281. HOODED CROW 11/4 1 Spurn J.F. & A.D.
28/12 1 Burniston Tip Seaby F.T.
293. WILLOW TIT Locally recorded at Skipwith Allerthorpe Strensall Wighill
Castle Howard also at Fountains Abbey and Gundale Beck
294. LONG TAILED TIT Fairly Common locally but never in large numbers
296. NUTHATCH 20/6 2 Fountains Abbey Y.O.C.
300. DIPPER 11/6 3 Hackness F.T.
20/6 Fountains Abbey Y.O.C.
5/8 1 Bolton Abbey D.W.
21/11 2 Gouthwaite Res Y.O.C.
302. FIELD FARE Small parties only recorded in the beginning of year
Large parties recorded in Autumn
1 seen at Allerthorpe on 11/5 Y.O.C.
150 Spurn 10/10 Y.O.C.
100 Murton 31/10 O.H.W.
500 Humber 2/11 Y.O.C.
304. REDWING Not so common as Field Fares
2/10 200 Filey F.T.
10/10 120 Spurn Y.O.C.
2/11 100 Humber Y.O.C.
(these and the Fieldfares were in one flock)
307. RING OUZEL 2/10 9 Filey F.T.
10/10 3 Spurn Y.O.C.
311. WHEATEAR 29/3 1 Bishopthorpe O.H.W.
11/4 3 Spurn J.F. & A.D.
11/9 1 Wighill O.H.W.
10/10 1 Spurn Y.O.C.
(also seen at Fairburn the coast and the moors)
318. WHINCHAT 8/5 2 Spurn Y.O.C.
15/5 1 Skipwith J.F. & A.D.
3/6 Waterdale feeding young O.H.W.
19/6 2 Skipwith F.T.
Also breeding at Strensall and reports from the coast
320. REDSTART 1/5 1 Spurn Y.O.C.
3/10 3 " B.P. et al
locally recorded from Skipwith and Strensall
and the aerodrome near Wheldrake Woods
321. BLACK REDSTART 2/5 1 Spurn Y.O.C.
327. GRASSHOPPER WARBLER 2/5 Spurn Earliest recorded Y.O.C.
Singing males reported Skipwith Sand Hutton and Sutton Woods
333. REED WARBLER None recorded locally but from Thornwick Bay Spurn and Fairburn
337. SEIGE WARBLER Very few records Castle Howard Askham Bog Fairburn Skipwith
and Spurn only
8/5 First record. Is this species decreasing?
357. WOOD WARBLER Fountains Abbey and Wharfedale Y.O.C.
364. GOLDCREST Locally recorded from Strensall Skipwith Grange Woods
Buttercrambe Woods in January Strensall and Langwith in June
40 at Spurn 10/10 Y.O.C.
I wonder what the position of this bird is locally ? O.H.W.
366. SPOTTED FLYCATCHER Not many records locally.