

Birds in Acle - March 2001 to June 2007

This table presents a summary of bird sightings seen in the parish since March 2001. In that month I started a regular walk through the village and the surrounding countryside counting all the birds of different species that I saw. This route starts at the Library then goes through the village with a quick detour through the churchyard. From there I go under the bypass then turn into Damgate Woods, joining the Weavers Way and walking south for about half a mile. I then retrace my steps, cross the A47, walk along Acle Dyke to join the River Bure. From there I walk back through the village to return to the Library.

It is important to note that this is not a thorough survey of the entire bird life of the village. For a start the route described above does not cover all habitats – the most notable omission being arable farmland. This helps to explain the apparent scarcity of such typical farmland species as Skylark and Yellowhammer. Also, as a non-resident of the village, I only manage this walk once a month (with a few more visits in the spring) so these results represent more of a “snapshot” of what is present rather than a thorough survey.

When there are ten sightings or fewer then all the details are presented in table format.

Apart from the birds I myself have seen on these walks, I have also been told about several other interesting species by local birdwatchers. These are included in the list but marked with an *. In most cases there are no precise details for these sightings.

If anyone has any comments or queries they are welcome to get in touch, either via the Library or by e-mail at peter.cawley@norfolk.gov.uk

Mute Swan	Up to eight seen regularly. Nests regularly on the Damgate Marshes.																						
Pink-footed Goose	Occasionally seen with most records being of birds flying over in the distance. <table border="1"> <tr><td>18 Nov, 2001</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>2 Dec, 2001</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>26 Oct, 2002</td><td>circa 800</td></tr> <tr><td>21 Dec, 2002</td><td>44</td></tr> <tr><td>26 Oct, 2003</td><td>circa 200</td></tr> <tr><td>10 Apr, 2005</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>25 Sep, 2005</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>29 Oct, 2005</td><td>circa 300</td></tr> <tr><td>1 Jan, 2007</td><td>circa 3,000</td></tr> <tr><td>18 Feb, 2007</td><td>circa 40</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	18 Nov, 2001	100	2 Dec, 2001	6	26 Oct, 2002	circa 800	21 Dec, 2002	44	26 Oct, 2003	circa 200	10 Apr, 2005	1	25 Sep, 2005	100	29 Oct, 2005	circa 300	1 Jan, 2007	circa 3,000	18 Feb, 2007	circa 40		
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Greylag Goose	Regularly seen throughout the year on marshes east of the village but highest numbers tend to be in spring. Peak count was 81 on 2 nd March 2002.																						
Canada Goose	All these records are from the River Bure/Acle Dyke junction. <table border="1"> <tr><td>18 Apr, 2003</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>2 May, 2005</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>15 May, 2005</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>29 Jun, 2005</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	18 Apr, 2003	2	2 May, 2005	4	15 May, 2005	2	29 Jun, 2005	3														
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Egyptian Goose	Sporadically seen throughout the year on marshes east of the village but with most records coming in April and May. Usually seen in pairs but peak count was five on 6 th May 2002																						
Shelduck	These were all seen flying over only. <table border="1"> <tr><td>3 Jun, 2001</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>20 Feb, 2005</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>7 Jan, 2006</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	3 Jun, 2001	2	20 Feb, 2005	3	7 Jan, 2006	6																
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Mandarin	A pair seen on the marshes east of the village on 25 th March 2005 is the only record. These may have been escapes from a wildfowl collection.	
Gadwall	These are the only records. All came from dykes east of the village.	
	2 Apr, 2005	2
	31 Aug, 2006	2
	18 Feb, 2007	3
	10 Mar, 2007	2
	7 Apr, 2007	2
Teal	Scarce winter visitor most regularly seen on the Damgate Marshes or the marshes east of the village. The earliest autumn arrivals were two on 28 th October 2001 and the latest to leave in spring were two on 12 th April 2003. The highest count is 45 on 1 st January 2002.	
Mallard	A common resident with several breeding pairs. Most frequently encountered on the Damgate Stream and Acle Dyke. The highest count is c115 on 1 st January 2002.	
Shoveler	A female on the River Bure on 4 th February 2006 is the only record.	
Tufted Duck	All these were seen on the River Bure	
	22 Sep, 2001	1
	28 Oct, 2001	1
	2 Dec, 2001	1
	23 Dec, 2001	1
	1 Jan, 2002	9
	19 Jan, 2002	1
	23 Feb, 2002	1
	2 Mar, 2002	1
	29 Mar, 2002	1
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Red-legged Partridge	Small numbers seen sporadically with a maximum of 12 on 21 st December 2002. The most recent record was 2 nd April 2005.										
Grey Partridge	These records are all from the Damgate Marshes <table border="1" data-bbox="435 380 1312 642"> <tr> <td>14 Apr, 2002</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18 Apr, 2003</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27 Apr, 2003</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 Mar, 2005</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	14 Apr, 2002	2	18 Apr, 2003	2	27 Apr, 2003	2	25 Mar, 2005	2		
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Pheasant	Only seen in small numbers and nearly always on the Damgate Marshes. The highest count was 34 on 26 th October 2002.										
Little Grebe	Singles regularly seen on the River Bure in the mid-winter period (plus one sighting each for March and November). There were three on 1st January 2002.										
Great-crested Grebe	Regularly seen on the River Bure from March to November. There are only two records for February, one for December and none for January. At least one pair breed in this area and the stripe-headed young can be seen throughout the summer. The maximum count was six on 27 th July 2005.										
Cormorant	Can be seen in small numbers throughout the year but is less frequently encountered from May to August. All records relate to birds either flying over, or on, or near the River Bure. The maximum count was 5 on 21 st December 2002.										
Little Egret	This recent coloniser from southern Europe is now common in the Breydon Water area but so far I have only seen one at Acle flying over on 11 th June 2006.										
Bittern*											
Grey Heron	One or two seen regularly in suitable marshland habitat.										
Osprey*											
Red Kite*											
Marsh Harrier	One and two seen regularly throughout the year with the exception of late summer and late winter when they appear less frequently. Strongly suspected of breeding in the area.										

Hen Harrier	<p>Only two records as shown. Both were females or immatures seen over Damgate Marshes. The dates suggest birds on passage.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="233 323 1516 432"> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 323 875 373">2 Mar, 2002</td> <td data-bbox="875 323 1325 373">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 373 875 432">18 Apr, 2003</td> <td data-bbox="875 373 1325 432">1</td> </tr> </table>	2 Mar, 2002	1	18 Apr, 2003	1												
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Sparrowhawk	<p>One and two seen throughout the year with April-May and October-November being the peak months.</p>																
Kestrel	<p>Ones and twos seen throughout the year with up to four seen on three occasions. 2006 seemed to be a poor year with only four sightings compared with an average of 12 over the preceding five years.</p>																
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Moorhen	<p>Seen regularly throughout the year with several pairs nesting in the area. Numbers seem to have declined recently as up to the end of 2002 28 were seen on three separate dates but since then the maximum has been 13.</p>																

Coot	Seen regularly in low numbers throughout the year, always on the River Bure or the larger nearby dykes. At least one pair breeds in this area. A clear peak in the winter of 2001/2002 with 28 on 19 th January 2002.																						
Oystercatcher	One or two pairs appear to attempt breeding on the marshes east of the village each year. Not seen in autumn or winter.																						
Golden Plover	<p>The large flock of 1000 was seen in the distance over Stokesby. The other records are of birds seen on the marshes east of the village.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>22 Sep, 2001</td> <td>55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13 Oct, 2001</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18 Nov, 2001</td> <td>circa 1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Dec, 2001</td> <td>35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26 Oct, 2002</td> <td>circa 100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28 Feb, 2004</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 Feb, 2005</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 Sep, 2005</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29 Oct, 2005</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20 Oct, 2006</td> <td>31</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	22 Sep, 2001	55	13 Oct, 2001	8	18 Nov, 2001	circa 1,000	2 Dec, 2001	35	26 Oct, 2002	circa 100	28 Feb, 2004	7	20 Feb, 2005	17	25 Sep, 2005	1	29 Oct, 2005	4	20 Oct, 2006	31		
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Lapwing	Seen regularly throughout the year with a definite increase in frequency in late winter and spring. The highest numbers are in January and February with the peak being c400 on 5 th January 2003. Pairs sometimes seen displaying on Damgate marshes but success not known.																						
Ruff	The only record is one flying south over the River Bure on 1 st January 2002.																						
Snipe	Present in small numbers from September to April in suitably damp habitat. Has not been seen so regularly recently since management changes to some of their favourite sites. The peak count is 31 on 1 st January 2002.																						
Common Sandpiper	The only record is of a single migrant on the banks of the River Bure on 6 th May 2002.																						
Little Gull	The only record is of a single first-summer bird flying east along the River Bure on 11 th June 2006.																						
Black-headed Gull	Present throughout the year with small flocks in autumn, winter and spring and a few individuals in summer. There are occasional large gatherings such as 550 on 2 nd March 2002.																						

Common Gull	Small groups from August to April with only a few individuals in May and July. The highest count was 120 on 20 th February 2005.																				
Lesser Black-backed Gull	A few individuals recorded throughout the year with a definite increase in frequency between March and August. The highest counts were eight on 22 nd and 29 th April 2007.																				
Herring Gull	Seen erratically in low numbers from December to May with one August record. The peak count was 10 on 1 st January 2007.																				
Great Black-backed Gull	Seen erratically throughout the year in very low numbers. The peak count is 9 on 20 th February 2005.																				
Common Tern	All these records come from the River Bure and presumably all originate from one of the nearby Broadland colonies. <table border="1" data-bbox="435 632 1312 1094"> <tr><td>27 May, 2001</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>6 May, 2002</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>14 Jun, 2003</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>16 May, 2004</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>20 Jun, 2004</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>15 May, 2005</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>23 May, 2006</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>11 Jun, 2006</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	27 May, 2001	1	6 May, 2002	2	14 Jun, 2003	3	16 May, 2004	2	20 Jun, 2004	1	15 May, 2005	2	23 May, 2006	2	11 Jun, 2006	2				
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Stock Dove	Up to a dozen seen throughout the year but with most frequency in May, June and October. They are most often seen on the Damgate Marshes. The highest count was 35 on 29 th September 2002.																				
Woodpigeon	Commonly seen in all habitats with the highest numbers in winter. The peak count is 450 on 20 th November 2005.																				
Collared Dove	Common throughout the village. The peak count is 23 on 27 th July 2005.																				

Turtle Dove	Scarce summer migrant. The mid-summer dates probably relate to breeding pairs.	
	20 May, 2001	1
	27 May, 2001	1
	5 Aug, 2001	2
	28 Apr, 2002	1
	30 Jun, 2002	1
	11 Jun, 2006	1
	1 Jul, 2006	1
Cuckoo	Surprisingly scarce – these are the only records.	
	28 Apr, 2002	1
	3 Jun, 2003	1
	11 Jun, 2006	1
	1 Jul, 2006	1
	2 nd May 2007	1
Barn Owl	Almost certainly present much more than these records suggest. Suspected of breeding in a nearby mill.	
	19 May, 2001	1
	3 Jun, 2001	1
	17 Nov, 2002	1
	2 Feb, 2003	1
	29 Jun, 2005	1
	25 Sep, 2005	1
	10 Dec, 2005	1
	4 Feb, 2006	1
	31 Mar, 2006	1
Short-eared Owl	These are the only records. Presumably this was the same individual seen on both occasions over Damgate Marshes.	
	20 Feb, 2005	1
	25 Mar, 2005	1

Long-eared Owl	One young bird seen in hedges and on fence posts on marshes east of the village during the afternoon of 2 nd June 2007. A very unusual sighting both in terms of habitat and behaviour.												
Tawny Owl*													
Little Owl*													
Swift	Common summer visitor. Earliest record is 25 th April 2004 and the latest 31 st August 2006. The maximum count is 40 on 29 th July 2001.												
Kingfisher	One or two seen every year – nearly always on the River Bure or nearby.												
Green Woodpecker	Singles seen regularly throughout the year but a pair were present on 14 th April 2007.												
Great-spotted Woodpecker	One or two seen regularly throughout the year. Has bred in Damgate Woods .												
Wryneck*													
Skylark	One or two seen erratically throughout the year, nearly always over Damgate Marshes.												
Sand Martin	Only six records – presumably of birds passing through. <table border="1" data-bbox="435 940 1312 1255"> <tr> <td>6 May, 2002</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27 Apr, 2003</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30 Aug, 2004</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31 Aug, 2006</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Apr, 2007</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 Apr, 2007</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table>	6 May, 2002	1	27 Apr, 2003	3	30 Aug, 2004	1	31 Aug, 2006	2	7 Apr, 2007	1	14 Apr, 2007	2
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Swallow	Common summer visitor. Earliest record is eight seen on 15 th April 2006 and the latest two on 2 nd October 2002. The peak count is 115 on 31 st August 2006 – a pre-migratory gathering.												
House Martin	Common summer visitor. The earliest record is one seen on 16 th April 2005 and the latest 29 on 29 th September 2002. The peak count is 30 on 31 st August 2006.												
Meadow Pipit	Seen in low number from September to April – most frequently on Damgate Marshes. The highest count is 13 on 25 th September 2005.												

Yellow Wagtail	<p>Apart from these three records from the Damgate Marshes a juvenile was also seen in early autumn 2005 on several occasions on the freshly mown grass between Herondale and the Library.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>20 Apr, 2002</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 May, 2002</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 May, 2003</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table>	20 Apr, 2002	1	6 May, 2002	2	12 May, 2003	1		
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Grey Wagtail	<p>Ones and twos seen in April and May and then again from October to December. They are most frequently seen in the Acle Dyke area but they can pop up anywhere.</p>								
Pied Wagtail	<p>Up to 12 seen regularly throughout the year. Also 39 seen entering a roost site in the Acle Dyke area on 26th October 2002.</p>								
Waxwing	<p>This small group was present on the eastern edge of the village.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>31 Dec, 2002</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 Jan, 2003</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	31 Dec, 2002	1	5 Jan, 2003	4				
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Wren	<p>Common resident most frequently encountered in and around gardens and woodland. The highest count is 18 On 21st April 2003.</p>								
Dunnock	<p>Regularly encountered resident of gardens and woodland.</p>								
Robin	<p>Common resident of gardens and woodland – becomes harder to find during mid summer.</p>								
Whinchat	<p>Two seen on passage at Roman Wood in September 1999.</p>								
Stonechat	<p>All these were seen on the rough ground just north of the A47 to the east of the village. They are almost certainly birds from the small breeding population on the coast between Hemsby and Waxham.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>23 Jan, 2004</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18 Dec, 2004</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29 Oct, 2005</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 Feb, 2006</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table>	23 Jan, 2004	1	18 Dec, 2004	1	29 Oct, 2005	2	4 Feb, 2006	1
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Ring Ouzel	<p>A scarce migrant. Both these were seen on Damgate Marshes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="440 247 1312 407"> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 247 875 302">28 Oct, 2001</td> <td data-bbox="875 247 1312 302">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 302 875 357">18 Apr, 2003</td> <td data-bbox="875 302 1312 357">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 357 875 407"></td> <td data-bbox="875 357 1312 407"></td> </tr> </table>	28 Oct, 2001	1	18 Apr, 2003	1		
28 Oct, 2001	1						
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Blackbird	<p>Common resident with numbers increased in late autumn each year by continental immigrants. The highest count is 62 on 18th November 2001.</p>						
Fieldfare	<p>Common winter visitor and passage migrant. Earliest autumn arrival is 26th October (in both 2002 and 2003). Latest birds seen in spring on 21st April 2003. Usually some stay throughout the winter but the highest numbers tend to occur in autumn and spring, eg 160 on 18th November 2001, 100 on 20th November 2004 and 135 on 8th April 2003.</p> <p>Unfortunately the winter of 2006/07 proved an exception with only one bird being seen throughout the whole period, on 19th November 2006.</p> <p>They are most frequently seen on the berry-rich bushes on the Weavers Way south of the A47, and on the marshes east of the village.</p>						
Song Thrush	<p>Scarce resident that seems to be becoming rarer. There were only four sightings in 2006, compared to 13 in 2001. The highest count was eight on 1st January 2002.</p>						
Redwing	<p>Common winter visitor and passage migrant. Earliest autumn arrival was 5 on 13th October 2001, and the latest birds seen in spring were 6 on 21st April 2003. They are most commonly seen on the Hawthorn bushes south of the A47. The highest count was 50 on 31st March 2006.</p>						
Mistle Thrush	<p>Up to three seen throughout the year (with the exception of July and August).</p>						
Cetti's Warbler	<p>A Broadland speciality which is regularly heard (and occasionally seen) throughout the year, although it becomes far less conspicuous during the winter. Up to three singing males are present in the area near the Weavers Way and the River Bure.</p>						

Grasshopper Warbler	All three probably refer to birds passing through.	
	27 Apr, 2003	2
	16 May, 2004	1
	22 Apr, 2007	1
Sedge Warbler	Summer visitor breeding in small numbers in reed-lined ditches. The earliest record is one on 10 th April 2004 and the latest is one on 16 th August 2003. Up to eight have been seen on several occasions.	
Reed Warbler	Summer visitor breeding in small numbers in reed-lined ditches. The earliest record is one on 27 th April 2003 and the latest is one on 31 st August 2002. The highest count is eight on 23 rd May 2006.	
Blackcap	Although regularly seen during winter throughout Britain it has only been recorded as a passage migrant and summer visitor to woodlands in this study. The earliest record is two on 9 th April 2004 and the latest is one on 28 th October 2001. This was almost certainly a bird of continental origin passing through – most local breeding birds move on during August. The highest count is seven on 23 rd May 2006.	
Garden Warbler	These records almost certainly refer to migrants passing through.	
	5 Aug, 2001	1
	6 May, 2002	1
	16 May, 2004	1
Whitethroat	Breeds in small numbers in scrubby areas. The earliest record is one on 20 th April 2002 and the latest is one on 22 nd July 2001. The highest count is five on 30 th June 2002.	
Chiffchaff	Breeds in small numbers in woodland areas with birds also passing through in March and September. The earliest record is one on 16 th March 2003 and the latest is one on 7 th October 2005. The highest count is six on 30 th August 2004.	
Willow Warbler	Breeds in small numbers in woodland areas. The earliest record is three on 9 th April 2003 and the latest is one on 30 th August 2004. The highest count is five on 5 th August 2001.	

Goldcrest	Mainly a winter visitor and passage migrant to woodland and larger gardens, although a few do stay on to breed. The highest counts are five on 18 th November 2001 and 23 rd October 2004 – these numbers almost certainly include some newly-arrived continental migrants.						
Firecrest*							
Spotted Flycatcher	Although these two records probably relate to birds on passage this species has bred in the village in the past and may still do so. <table border="1" data-bbox="435 520 1312 682"> <tr> <td>30 Aug, 2004</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30 Aug, 2005</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	30 Aug, 2004	1	30 Aug, 2005	1		
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Bearded Tit	The only record is of a group of five seen on 28 th October 2001 on the reed fringed banks of the River Bure.						
Long-tailed Tit	Common resident of woodland, hedgerows and larger gardens. Most frequently seen during autumn and winter in roving groups but several pairs also breed in the area.						
Marsh Tit	Formerly seen regularly in Damgate Woods but there has only been one sighting since November 2005. A resident species but not seen in June, July and August, presumably due to its inconspicuous habits. The highest count is only three on 25 th March 2005.						
Willow Tit	Scarce resident only seen twice in Damgate Woods. This species has suffered a national decline in recent years. <table border="1" data-bbox="435 1228 1312 1339"> <tr> <td>23 Dec, 2001</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 Jul, 2002</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table>	23 Dec, 2001	2	6 Jul, 2002	1		
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6 Jul, 2002	1						
Coal Tit	Seen a few times each year – nearly always in Damgate Woods. Usually only seen in ones and twos but there were five on 19 th January 2002.						
Blue Tit	Common resident of woodlands and gardens. Maximum count of 20 on 1 st January 2002.						
Great Tit	Common resident of woodlands and gardens. Maximum count of 13 on 15 th April 2006.						
Treecreeper	Seen with declining frequency in Damgate Woods. Only seen between September and April but this is most likely due to the difficulty of seeing this unobtrusive woodland species during the summer.						

Jay	Seen regularly in small numbers but with a distinct dip in sightings during mid summer. The highest count is four on 18 th November 2001.										
Magpie	Regularly seen resident, most often on or around marshland. The maximum count is 11 on 13 th October 2001.										
Jackdaw	Common resident which can equally be encountered around the village or on nearby marshland. The highest count is c 65 on 12 th March 2005.										
Rook	Common resident which breeds in the village and can be found roving across nearby marshes. Although there are probably about 100 local birds present much larger numbers can be seen passing over the village on the way to their communal roost site.										
Carrion Crow	Common resident, seen most frequently on local marshes. The highest count is 16, a number recorded on several occasions.										
Starling	Common resident with extra birds arriving in winter. The highest count is c250 on 26 th October 2003, although occasionally thousands have used the village as a roost site.										
House Sparrow	Common resident restricted to the village. The maximum count is 30 on 14 th June 2003.										
Chaffinch	Common resident found in village gardens and woodland. The highest count is 16 on 26 th October 2003.										
Greenfinch	Regularly seen resident although numbers fluctuate quite widely. The highest count is 28 on 7 th January 2006.										
Goldfinch	Small numbers seen regularly with occasional bigger groups such as 30 on 4 th January 2002.										
Siskin	Erratic visitor in small numbers. All these records relate to birds feeding on Alders in Damgate Woods. <table border="1" data-bbox="435 1472 1312 1734"> <tr> <td>23 Dec, 2001</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 Jan, 2002</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 Nov, 2002</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 Sep, 2005</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 Oct, 2005</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table>	23 Dec, 2001	3	4 Jan, 2002	5	17 Nov, 2002	15	25 Sep, 2005	2	10 Oct, 2005	2
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Linnet	Visitor in low numbers between March and October with a definite increase in sightings during April and May. The trickle of records throughout the summer months suggest that one or two pairs may breed. Most often seen in the hedgerows alongside Acle Dyke. The peak count is ten on 30 th August 2004.																
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