



3rd March, 2007
(North-west Norfolk)

A visit to North-west Norfolk did not disappoint, with 72 different species being recorded throughout the day. However, it was not so much the quantity, but the quality of the birds that made the day special.

Wolferton was the first stop where at least nine **Woodcock** and two **Jays** were seen before viewing the first of our target birds, a **Golden Pheasant** (one female).



A further 26 species were added to the list at this location. Highlights included **Barn Owl** (quartering the land to the north of the village), **Sparrowhawk** (1 female) and **Common Buzzard** (2).

Next up was Snettisham, where the second target bird was the long staying Black-eared Kite.

The morning could not have gone better. **Hen Harrier** (1 ringtail), **Marsh Harrier** (at least 3), **Common Buzzard** (2), **Merlin** (1) and **Kestrel** (1) were the raptors. Geese included **Greylag Goose** (100+), **Canada Goose** (50+), **Egyptian Goose** (6+), **White-fronted Goose** (2), **Brent Goose** (2), **Pink-footed Goose** (200+), **Barnacle Goose** (12+), **Ross's Goose** and a presumed **Snow x Ross's Hybridised Goose**.



A further 43 species were added to the list, including four **Shorelarks** (by rotary hide), the **Black-eared Kite** and a **Short-eared Owl** (to the west of the pumping station).