

The Hullbridge U3A Bird Watching Group Monthly Report by Roy Simmons



(Photos by Phil Perry)



The February meeting was on the 26th February 2025, meeting in the Car Park at the EWT Two Tree Island Reserve at Leigh on sea. We moved off just after 10:00 hrs. We have been to this site several times before, and the paths are good, albeit a bit muddy at the moment, but the weather was mixed, overcast and chilly as there was a stiff breeze. Despite the weather forecast, it didn't start raining until we were about to leave the hide, and then only light at first, and we were nearly at the cars before it got worse.

For the most part we had a good view of a large variety of birds although not

the large flocks we have seen on previous visits. We spotted; Avocet, Godwit, Lapwing, Sanderling, Little Egret, Wigeon, Redshank, Curlew, Grey Plover, Ring Plover, Teal, Moorhen, Shelduck, Canada Geese, and flocks of dark bellied Brent Geese, and we were treated to frequent aerial displays by the flock of Sanderling . Not bad considering the weather, but it did get cold and so we made a hasty retreat to the Golf Range Café for hot drinks and Butties, and a good chat.

Our next meeting will be on the 26th March 2025, meeting in the Car Park at the Blue House Farm EWT Reserve and moving off at 10:00 hrs. We have been to this site several times before, and the paths are grass tracks which can be muddy in bad

weather. There are three hides and several viewing points but there are no facilities on site. Please dress appropriately for the conditions on the day.

Location:- Blue House Farm Chase, North Fambridge, Essex CM3 6GU
OS Map Reference:- TQ857969

Please note that Phil Perry has created a superb new "U3A Hullbridge" Web Site. For the Group Monthly Report go to this Web Site which can be reached using this link:- <https://hullbridge.u3asite.uk/>