

The Birds of Holme Bird Observatory 1962-2020

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Holme Bird Observatory began monitoring birds present in and passing through its recording area in 1962, when Peter Clarke became the first Warden. This book reviews what had been seen at Holme over almost sixty years, with Steve Newman and Sophie Barker providing the text, Dave Nurney providing black-and-white illustrations of some 80% of the species seen at Holme, and with invaluable background help from Andy Brown, Connor Rand and others.

The heart of the book is a systematic list, giving accounts of all the species seen in the Observatory recording area since 1962; it shows clearly that profound changes to the avifauna of Holme have occurred since 1962. Species that were once common are no longer common, while a few such as Willow Tit and Lesser Spotted Woodpecker are no longer recorded. But set against these losses, there have been many gains including Little and Great White Egrets, Avocet, Cetti's Warbler and Mediterranean Gull.

The Birds of Holme Bird Observatory 1962-2020 runs to 218 pages of text and illustrations on Royal-size paper, plus an eight-page photographic section which shows the development of HBO and a small selection of the more memorable birds recorded by the Observatory. A small PDF "sampler" to give an impression of the book is available; to receive a copy simply email us at ann@noa.org.uk and we will email it to you.



We are proud to present this book as an ornithological record spanning almost 60 years and hope that people will enjoy reading it. Above all, it shows that Holme has been, and continues to be, a great place for birds.

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