

We still have room for some new subscribers if you'd like to join this year's London Bird Club Reading Circle. It is run very efficiently for the benefit of all members by Angela Linnell.

To join, you simply choose your journal and pay a nominal amount for it by sending a cheque to Angela. You will always make a big saving on the cost of the journal and for that payment you will receive every issue for the year. You have five days to read each one before you post it to the next person on the list. After all the subscribers have read it, the journal will go to the LNHS Library. So, subscribing not only gives you the opportunity to read these journals at a much-reduced price and be part of our community of readers, but also means you are helping to support our wonderful library.

We have three journals still available for members this year.

1) The first is **Ardea**. This is a scientific periodical. There are two issues per year and it is published by the Netherlands Ornithologists Union. Nearly every article is in English. To give you a flavour of what you can expect from this journal, a recent issue included articles on:

- how forest availability and fragmentation affect wintering European Honey-buzzard in Africa
- whether tree structure affects nest activity in the Black-faced Ibis
- how traditional fish pond management provides foraging for migrating Black Storks in Romania
- the turnover, passage population size and flight range of juvenile Ruddy Turnstones at a non-estuarine staging site in The Netherlands.

**Subscribing to this journal will only cost you £1.50. What a bargain!**

2) The second journal is also from the Netherlands. This is **Dutch Birding**, which is the scientific journal of the Dutch Birding Association. It is published every two months. Some of the articles are in Dutch, but others are in English.

Articles in English published recently included:

- the Yellow-billed Storks at Lake Nasser and their status in Egypt
- identification of Oriental Cuckoo and Common Cuckoo based on primary patterns
- the status of the Long-eared Owls breeding on Madeira in 2019.

**Subscribing to this journal will cost you just £3.50.**

3) The final journal is from Scotland. This is **Scottish Birds**, which published quarterly by the Scottish Ornithologists Club and includes records of sightings and book reviews as well as articles.

A recent issue included articles on:

- The changing fortunes of the Eider colony at Nigg Ferry
- The first confirmed breeding of Little Egret in Scotland

- The exploitation of the seeds of Noble Fir *Abies procera* by Greenfinch.

**This journal will cost you £5 for the year.**

So, what are you waiting for? Join the Reading Circle today! For more information and payment options, please [email Angela Linnell](#).

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