

Eurasian Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

Birds wintering at the West Midland Bird Club Ladywalk Reserve

Our Ladywalk Reserve has long been associated with wintering Eurasian Bittern. The extensive *Phragmites australis* reed beds (Common Reed) at this reserve, which continue to increase in area, provide a perfect habitat for this elusive and secretive bird. At present, February 2016, there are three birds present at this reserve, however, despite their secretive life style they are frequently captured on camera. The following images are those taken by West Midland Bird Club member and Ladywalk stalwart Peter Lichfield. Peter kindly submits his work for Club use and the following stunning photographs typify this much sort after species in the bird's many postures while at home in its favoured habitat. Ladywalk Reserve is a premier wildlife site that ranks amongst the best in the UK for observing and studying Eurasian Bittern. (The reserve is member or permit holder only access)

Many thanks to Peter Lichfield for providing these images of this spectacular bird.



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