

White-fronted Goose

1989 – A party of four adults of the Greenland race *A.a.flavirotris* flew into Chelker Reservoir on 29th October, a day when several scarce passage species were recorded in the area. After alighting briefly on the open water, the birds flew to feed in the fields at the western end of the reservoir but left high to the west 15 minutes later when disturbed by a passing farm vehicle. One bird wore a plastic orange neck-ring and, according to the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, it was certainly ringed at Wexford Slobs in Ireland. The ring indicates that the bird forms part of a long-term study of winter site fidelity of Greenland Whitefronts which began in the early 1980's.

1990 – A juvenile of the Eurasian or nominate race *A.a.albifrons* was among the wintering Greylag Geese *A.anser* at Otley Gravel Pits on 16th December.

1991 – The juvenile of the Eurasian race *A.a.albifrons* first seen in late 1990 was also present at Otley Gravel Pits on 13th January in a mixed flock of other geese.

1993 – A single at Chelker Reservoir from 20th February to 2nd March was the only local representative of a considerable country-wide influx.

1994 – One of doubtful origin was seen on 25th September on the River Wharfe at Addingham associating with birds from a nearby wildfowl collection.

1995 – A single flew north-east over Barden Scale on 8th January. A tame bird, mentioned in the 1994 report was in the Addingham area throughout the year.

1996 – The first record being of four adults and two immatures at Knotford Nook on 31st January. A single bird of the Greenland race *A.a.flavirostris* was seen at Otley Gravel Pits on 13th February, where it stayed until 12th March; it then moved to nearby Knotford Nook, remaining there until 24th April. This bird had been joined by a second – an adult of the nominate European race *A.albifrons* – between 3rd and 12th March.

1997 – There were only two sightings in 1997: the first was of a single bird of suspect origin, at Harold Park Lake on 7th June. The second record was also of a single bird, present with Canada Geese at Embsay Reservoir on the more typical date of 16th November.

1998 – The year's only sighting was of two birds in a field near Lindley Wood Reservoir on 2nd January.

2000 – The Group's first double-figure count was received from Kex Gill Quarry, when 24 were on the main pool on 2nd October before leaving south.

2008 - A bird was with Greylags at Leeshaw from 6th to 15th January.