

## Did someone say it might rain?

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It was not the most obvious morning for birdwatching. This was the view from a hide at the Wetland and Wildfowl Trust's Welney reserve, a bit north of Ely this morning:



The grey haze is due to rain. But on that island there were 150+ black tailed godwit, several redshank, a dunlin, a couple of snipe and lapwing galore. Around it were Canada geese, a greylag or two, one hundred or more teal and fair numbers of widgeon, pochard and mallard and a few shoveler. Great white and little egret were about, as were a heron and a curlew, whilst the occasional marsh harrier duly delivered murmurations of teal, lapwing and godwit. Who cares about the rain in that case?