

Turnstones and eider

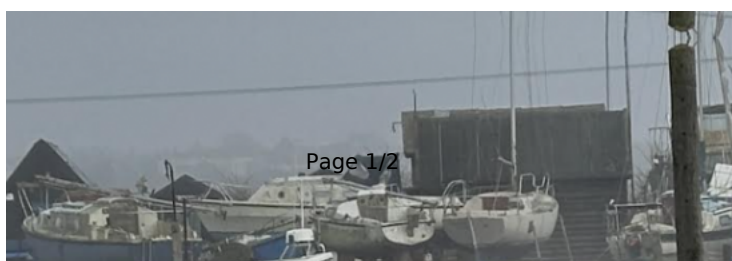
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It was a dawn start for birdwatching in Walberswick, Suffolk, this morning:



It was very cold: it certainly felt like several degrees minus.

Amongst the rewards was this:



In the relative foreground is my first ever eider duck in the south of England. I expect them in Northumberland, but not in Suffolk. They are magnificent, even in the mist.

And this was amusing:



Not everyone gets turnstones on the seeds they put out for the birds, but this was Southwold harbour.

It was worth getting very cold to be out there this morning, even if the brent geese I had hoped for never put in an appearance.