

Gone birding

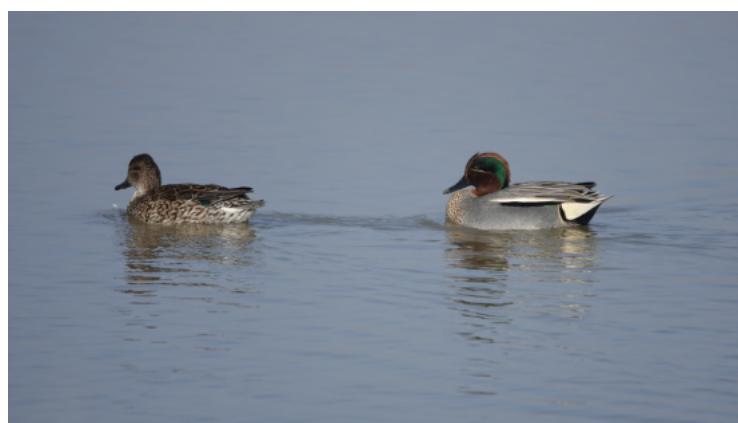
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I said I might do so birdwatching.

This is a pintail, one of our rarer ducks:



And these are male and female teal looking at their very best:



And this is what shoveller and black-tailed godwits doing what they do best: putting

their heads underwater:



And finally, the most glamorous of them all: an avocet:



They're all taken at some distance, but it was a fun visit to Cley, in Norfolk.