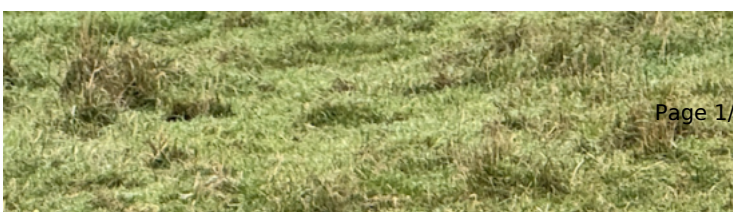


It has been a weekend for reflection, for reasons I will mention in more detail next week.

There were two walks in nature. Saturday was mizzly at Welney bird reserve, where we walked around the fen rather than look at what was happening on the Ouse washes:



The best birds were two short-eared owls, but mammals were also good. There were brown hair:



And roe deer, who did what all roe deer do when seeing humans, and fled:



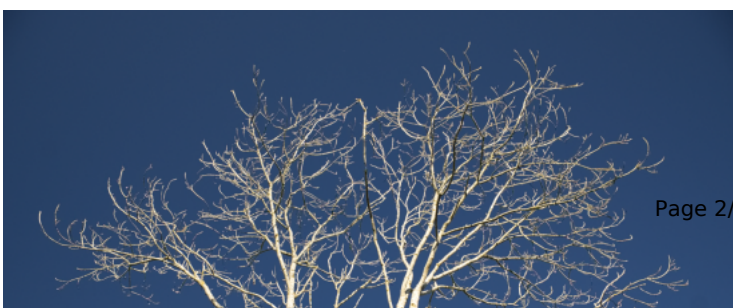
There were also at least a dozen cattle egret, which basically live off cow dung. They used to be very rare here. They are becoming more common:



This was taken with my phone in light rain. There are limits to what that can achieve.

Other highlights were meadow pipit, skylarks and tree sparrows, plus the first decent-sized formation whooper swans of the season, but there are no photos of them.

Today was at Lackford Lakes, just over the border in Suffolk. The weather was considerably brighter:



Egret was back on the menu, but this time, a little egret. I don't own a telephoto lens, so this was taken at 55mm. It's a lovely bird.



Perhaps, if I have more time, such a lens might be worth considering. I might also learn how to edit photos properly.

Other highlights were snipe, march tit and nuthatch. It's a great place for a walk.