



Crosby Marina & Marshside, Sunday 14 December 2014

Six members met at Crosby Marina in the dull grey light with the highlight on the marina being a winter plumaged Long-tailed Duck. A selection of gulls was also present with Tufted Duck, Shelduck and Heron to name but a few. We continued on foot towards Seaforth where we looked through the fence and had views of Goldeneye, Pochard, Teal plus a fox eating some unfortunate creature.

By now, the rain had set in and we headed for Marshside and the hides where we had lunch. We had the hides to ourselves as everyone seemed to be Christmas shopping or knew something we didn't. A Ross's Goose and two Barnacle Geese of unknown origin were present. A number of Pink-footed Geese and Graylags were also there. A flock of Golden Plover were very nervous and continually put birds into the air. Two raptors were seen on the reserve, Sparrowhawk and Kestrel. The Pintails were in spectacular plumage.

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