



The Norfolk Cranes' Story

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The book

This book tells the story of how cranes bred at Horsey in Norfolk, and how they were protected and studied there. The cranes' story starts with their arrival at Horsey in 1979. Their first nesting attempt was in 1981 and the first chick fledged in 1982.

Their guardian at Horsey was – and is – John Buxton. Much of what we know about cranes in the UK was contained in John's memory and notebooks. The cranes were kept a secret in the early years. Steadily, as the years went by, the nesting cranes became an open secret and finally public knowledge.

In recent years, the birds have started to spread away from their core area around Horsey into other parts of the Broads, the Fens and elsewhere. So this seems like the ideal time to tell the Norfolk cranes' story; in effect, how it all began.

Part one, The Horsey Story tells the story of cranes at Horsey.

Part two, Cranes: History, Observations and Management includes a history of cranes in the UK, how 'Crane Country' was shaped, crane behaviour, and information on land management as it affects crane habitats for breeding and feeding.

Part three, Cranes in Europe, Nick Upton describes the challenges facing cranes in the rest of Europe, charting their recent rise in numbers that has contributed to their reappearance in the UK.

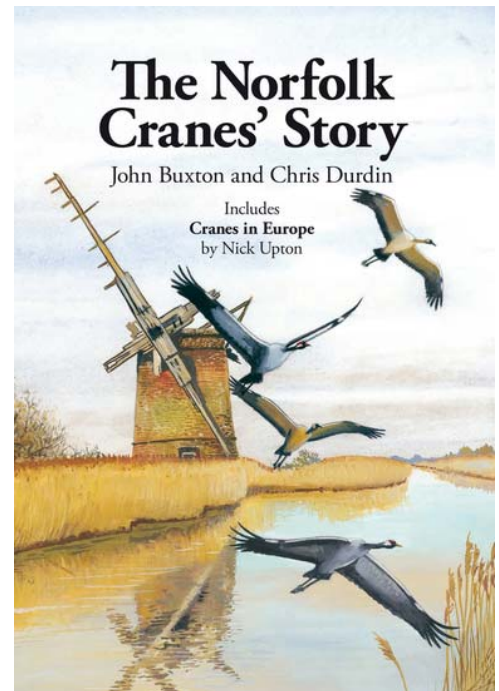
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Readership: birdwatchers, conservationists, those with an interest in Norfolk and the Broads



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