

Citrine Wagtail at Holland Haven
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I was on site enjoying the spectacle of three Temminck's Stints, seven Curlew Sandpipers and 11 Greenshank when my attention was drawn to a group of four Yellow Wagtails. Whilst scoping these I noticed a fifth bird that was patently different. Though yellow on the face and underparts, the upperparts were grey with two striking white wingbars. I was immediately suspicious that this individual was a Citrine Wagtail and over the next 15 minutes all present concentrated on this bird at a range of about 150 metres. The four Yellow Wagtails had by now flown off. Shortly after this the bird flew off and only reappeared after a 30 minute wait. It was now much closer to the hide and Craig Holden obtained a useful digital photo.



Artwork by Richard Allen