

Bare parts: Bill quite short and heavily hooked, darkish grey.

Eye dark or black.

Lower tarsus and feet palish grey, legs being feathered off-white and bushy nearly to feet.

Stance very bold, giving a strong, fierce appearance, and from in front the legs appeared almost bowed. Head quite flat, somewhat bulging brows, dark eye, and darkish area behind eye all combining to give a 'frowning' expression. Flying overhead in bright sunlight it appeared creamy rather than white.

This record has been accepted by the *British Birds* Rarities Committee, and is the 4th occurrence on Lundy of this distinctive race of Gyrfalcon, the last being in 1937.

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Scarlet Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*). 4th June, 1972.

At 08.15 hrs. on 4th June, while on the Terrace, an unusual call-note attracted my attention to a bird perched in a group of Swallows. From a distance of about thirty feet, with the sun behind and to the left of me, I studied the bird in detail for about two minutes, until it flew off, after which it was not seen again. From my previous experience of the species I was able to identify it as a female Scarlet Rosefinch. The following description was taken:

Size and general shape of Greenfinch, with a fairly short tail.

Plumage: Crown, nape and mantle greyish-brown, finely streaked darker.

Sides of head, ear-coverts and tail unmarked greyish-brown.

Rump grey.

Wings greyish-brown, with pale tips to greater and median coverts forming two pale wing-bars.

Underparts buffish, breast finely streaked brown and belly paler.

Bare parts: Bill greyish, heavy and conical-shaped, the upper mandible appearing to overlap the lower mandible at the sides.

Eye dark and beady, set well forward on head.

Legs and feet dark.

Call-note: loud Brambling-like 'zooet', uttered repeatedly.

Flight undulating.

This record has been accepted by the Rarities Committee, is the 4th occurrence on Lundy of this East European species, and the first in spring.

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Two-barred Crossbill (*Loxia laucoptera*). 3rd August, 1972.

At 08.30 hrs. on 3rd August, while in Millcombe, I heard a call-note which was unknown to me. Somewhat similar in phrasing to a Greenfinch or Crossbill, with alternate rapid notes and more parted notes, the call was a nasal, guttural 'ghink' or 'khink'. I first saw the bird about 150 yards distant flying with two common Crossbills, both green birds, and it was itself a dark olive with a lighter green-yellow rump. On the wings were two white bars, a very wide one on the greater coverts and a narrower one on the median coverts. Apart from the wing-bars, it was very similar to the common Crossbills in size, shape and appearance. The three birds circled round into the trees on the north side of the valley and were hidden from view. Two birds circled south again, one being the bird with the white wing-bars. This time it settled in full view in a large conifer about fifty yards away, calling repeatedly for about five minutes.

The head was dark olive; its wings clearly showed both wing-bars at rest; its breast was a lighter shade of green-brown, streaked darker, as was the head and mantle. Its bill was fairly stout and the tips of the mandibles were crossed. The overall appearance was of a crossbill with very obvious white wing-bars and a different, slightly lower-pitched, call-note.

The bird was identified as a female or immature Two-barred Crossbill.

This record, the first for Lundy, has been accepted by the Rarities Committee.

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