

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF BIRDS, 1980

The sequence and nomenclature follow that of *A Species List of British and Irish Birds* (revised 1978 to follow the Voous sequence), published by the British Trust for Ornithology.

**Great Northern Diver** *Gavia immer*. The two wintering birds stayed on through January with one frequent in February and a single through March and until 15th April. A single did not appear again until 20th December and stayed until the end of the year.

**Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis*. Well recorded in June one in the blue colouration was seen on 4th and 5th September.

**Great Shearwater** *Puffinus gravis*. One was seen on the crossing on 6th July.

**Manx Shearwater** *Puffinus puffinus*. Well recorded 200 on 31st May, 500 on 19th June rising to c.1,000 on 6th July.

**Storm Petrel** *Hydrobates pelagicus*. One seen on 17th June was the only record.

**Gannet** *Sula bassana*. The first eight appeared on 12th April and similar numbers until 30th July when 100 were seen with the same number on 5th September, 9th October thirteen and up to fifteen during November.

**Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*. Nine on 12th April, two on 28th May, up to eight during August and eleven on 5th September.

**Shag** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*. No census taken.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*. A single was seen from 27th June, two on 3rd and 6th July, a single frequent until 4th October.

**White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons*. Eleven passed through on 23rd October and a single stayed from 19th November until the end of the year.

**Barnacle Goose** *Branta leucopsis*. Ten arrived on 19th October, six staying until 25th October.

**Brent Goose** *Branta bernicla*. One only, staying from 13th to 17th January.

**Teal** *Anas crecca*. One on 3rd October increasing to nine on 4th November and last seven on 6th November.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*. One female on 2nd January, three on 28th October, six on 30th and 31st October, one from 3rd to 6th November.

**Tufted Duck** *Anas fuligula*. One on 27th May.

**Common Scoter** *Melanitta nigra*. 5th October, two seen on crossing, 13th November one.

**Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*. One stayed from 12th to 16th October and one was seen on 11th November.

**Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis*. One in spring on 4th April.

**Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*. One in spring on 16th April and singles in autumn on 5th to 8th September, 21st October.

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*. One appeared at the usual time on 7th September.

**Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*. Present as usual but in small numbers two being frequent until three on 4th June and two on 25th June both males, on 14th July four were counted and seven on 25th July decreasing to four on 5th August, three on 24th August and again on 7th September, three on 4th November and still one on 31st December.

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*. The first one on 13th March, 4th April two, 6th June, one. In autumn two usual in November and one on 2nd and 3rd November.

**Hobby** *Falco subbuteo*. Singles on 3rd June and 28th September.

**Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*. Singles in January.

**Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus*. Singles several times during January two on 13th March and 4th April two on 29th May. In autumn six were found on 9th October, three, and singles in November and December.

**Spotted Crane** *Porzana porzana*. One stayed for three days 27th to 29th May.

**Cystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*. No census taken but up to nine during October and one at least at the end of December.

**Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*. A single 18th to 21st May and singles from 28th July to 4th September.

**Dotterel** *Charadrius morinellus*. One on 11th September.

**Golden Plover** *Pluvialis apricaria*. The year started with twenty-eight on 1st January down to eight on 4th January. In autumn one appeared rising to four in September two on 3rd November with one on 19th December.

**Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*. The year started with 40, an influx raised the number to 100 but then levelled at forty for two months and pairs bred in May and June. In autumn the number levelled at about thirty and four were present in December.

A small wader that appeared on 5th September was believed to be a **Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*.

**Purple Sandpiper** *Calidris maritima*. 10th February one, 21st April one, 28th October and 20th December, three.

**Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*. One on 21st April was in summer plumage, three on 28th April, up to four during May. One or two appeared in autumn on 1st and 2nd November.

**Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*. One in spring on 4th to 6th April.

**Jack Snipe** *Lymnocyrtus minimus*. 1st January, one, 28th October two, 1st November, one.

**Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*. Five throughout January, 1st August, fourteen, 28th September one, 28th October two, 1st November five, 28th December twenty one.

**Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*. One on 2nd, 5th and 6th January, 4th November about ten, one on 21st and 22nd December and two on 31st December.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*. one from 18th to 22nd April and seven on 23rd April.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*. The first one on 17th April, ten on 24th April and 20 on 29th April, up to four in May, none in June, up to three during July, up to 6 during August with the last on 23rd August.

**Curlew** *Numenius arquata*. Up to twelve from January to June and a maximum of twenty five on 10th July and counts of twenty nine on 4th September and twenty five on 7th November.

**Redshank** *Tringa totanus*. 17th April one, singles on 1st August, 16th August and 5th September.

**Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*. 8th and 23rd August two.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*. 24th and 25th May one, 9th July one, 22nd July two, 9th August three, singles on 5th October and 4th November.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*. One on 21st May was the only record.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*. First one on 9th April followed by singles and two on 7th May, two on 1st August singles on 10th August and 1st September.

**Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*. Singles on 13th April and 8th August, three on 2nd September and one on 5th September.

**Arctic Skua** *Stercorarius parasiticus*. 15th April two on crossing, 31st August five on crossing.

**Great Skua** *Stercorarius skua*. 30th and 31st August one.

**Sabine's Gull** *Larus sabini*. One on 18th October.

**Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*. 2nd January one, 18th March one, 23rd July two, 11th October four, 4th November one, no large scale influx.

**Common Gull** *Larus canus*. Singles on 2nd January and 31st July.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*. An influx of 150 on 11th October but down to three on 16th October.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*. No census taken.

**Great Black-backed Gull** *Larus marinus*. No change of status and no large scale influx.

**Kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla*. Up to six on the sea in January and 54 on the sea on 11th October.

**Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis*. The first three for the year on 15th April and 6th to 14th May one.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*. One appeared on 4th September.

**Arctica tern** *Sterna paradisaea*. 3rd November one.

**Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger*. Two were seen on 23rd September on crossing.

**Guillemot** *Uria aalge*. Two oiled birds were in landing bay on 1st January 100 in Jeny's Cove on 10th February.

**Razorbill** *Alca torda*. On 28th December 400 Razorbills and Guillemots were on ledges at Jenny's Cove.

**Puffin** *Fratercula arctica*. April and May up to seven, about 130 were counted between Jenny's Cove and NW Point.

**Stock Dove** *Columba oenas*. A single on 4th April.

**Wood Pigeon** *Columba palumbus*. Up to five in January and February, 15th March two, 9th May to the end of the year, up to seven.

**Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*. Usually six from 13th April, about twenty during May, two on 25th June, eight on 10th June, 25th June two then singles until 31st August.

**Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia turtur*. First two on 6th May, up to six during June then ones and twos until 22 September.

**Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*. The first one came on 12th April then singles until 9th July with two on 12th May.

**Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*. One from 6th April to 1st May.

**Nightjar** *Caprimulgus europaeus*. One came on 18th August.

**Swift** *Apus apus*. First one on 27th May, up to twenty in June, a peak of 350 on 6th July and fifteen in August with the last one on 2nd September.

**Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*. One only on 8th July.

**Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*. One stayed from 31st August to 8th September with two on 3rd September.

**Woodlark** *Lullula arborea*. A single record of one on 22nd August.

**Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*. Up to twenty during October and November and up to six in December.

**Shore Lark** *Eremophila alpestris*. 4th November one, 5th November two and 7th November, one.

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*. The first four on 1st April and a run of 100 on 4th April.

**Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*. The first one appeared on 30th March with a run of 350 on 17th May. In autumn peaks were 500 on 1st October 100 on 23rd October and the last one on 4th November.

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Hirundo daurica*. 14th and 15th October, one, 22nd October one.

**House Martin** *Delichon urbica*. The first two appeared on 4th April and 300 were quite regular during May. At the end of the season three were seen on 9th October, one on 30th October and one on 4th November.

**Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis*. The first two on 5th April increased to ten on 12th April. Late birds were three on 2nd September and one on 11th October.

**Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*. 14th April was the first arrival, in autumn 300 were recorded on 28th September and two were seen 28th to 31st December.

**Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*. 15th April the first one but never more than two on one day and the last one was a juvenile on 11th October.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*. Singles on 13th and 15th March, one on 1st August two on 9th October and one on 10th and 11th October.

**Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*. Recorded all year in small numbers and an influx of 80 on 1st August.

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba alba*. Three on 4th April and two on 1st May.

**Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*. Recorded in small numbers and bred as usual.

**Dunnock** *Prunella modularis*. Plentiful as usual and 36 ringed.

**Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*. Plentiful, an increase was noted from 1st January.

**Nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos*. One on 30th August and another on 29th September.

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*. Singles in March and April but six on 4th May and six again during November.

**Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*. The first one was on 13th April increasing to twelve on 4th May. Two on 9th October were followed by singles until the last one on 23rd October.

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra*. A single on 20th April was followed by singles until the end of May but a run of ten on 4th May. In the autumn one on 4th September and the last three on 4th October.

**Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata*. Recorded in small numbers of one to three until three on 23rd October.

**Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*. The first arrivals were twelve males on 21st March followed on 28th March by twenty four, up to fifty during April and a run of 150 on 2nd May. Singles in September and October finished with the last one on 27th October, at least one of these autumn birds was of the Greenland sub-species.

**Olive-backed Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus*. One on 14th April was a notable arrival.

**Ring Ousel** *Turdus torquatus*. A late spring movement with the first one on 5th April and not more than three on any one day in April or May. Migration in autumn was almost non-existent with two on 28th September.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula*. An increase was noticed on 1st January and the large scale movements were of 200 on 1st November and 150 on 28th December.

**Fieldfare** *Turdus pilaris*. Three were present on 1st January but no large scale spring movements, up to fourteen in April, but a movement of 200 took place on 30th October and two were still present at the end of the year.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomeles*. Although 60 were present on 2nd January this number was not exceeded all year and thirty were counted at the end of the year.

**Redwing** *Turdus iliacus*. Fifteen were counted on 2nd January, fifty on 27th February but no large movements until 200 passed on 30th October and 300 on 1st November and 100 were still on the island at the end of the year.

**Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*. A single on 24th April and another on 14th May, one on 24th October, one on 11th November were the only ones for the year.

**Grasshopper Warbler** *Locustella naevia*. The first one on 13th April was followed by three on 15th April and six on 30th April, with singles on 2nd, 3rd and 10th May. None were recorded in autumn.

**Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*. Spring passage from one on 30th April, up to ten during May, 1st to 3rd June two. In autumn singles from 18th August until the last on 8th October.

**Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*. None in spring and a late autumn movement with two on 2nd October, one on 3rd October and the last single on 24th October.

**Icterine Warbler** *Hippolais icterina*. Singles on 29th May, 13th/14th August and 24th/25th August have been classified as *Hippolais* sp.

**Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta*. One on 24th August was ringed and another on 26th August was seen to be unringed, singles on 14th, 16th and 29th September.

**Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca*. One appeared on 16th April and frequently two during May but five on 13th May. In autumn one only on 5th October.

**Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*. 14th April one, 6th May seven and a run of about 35 on 8th May. In autumn singles passed on 4th September and 23rd October.

**Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin*. Up to three frequent during May and one on 25th June. In autumn one on 12th August, three during September seven on 5th October while the last two passed through on 30th October.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*. 5th April the first migrant, 15th April seven, 8th May six. Migrants passed through in October with a maximum of thirty on 30th October and the last one on 25th November.

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides*. One was heard singing on 16th May.

**Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*. One stayed from 20th to 29th October.

**Bonelli's Warbler** *Phylloscopus bonelli*. One in spring on 13th May.

**Wood Warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*. Recorded in spring only with singles on 12th April, 21st and 27th May.

**Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*. One wintering on 1st January was a different bird from the one seen on 31st December the day before and stayed until 12th January. Migration started with one on 20th March and numbers rising to sixteen trapped on 15th April and ten in May. October movements were 50 on 28th September then up to six until 1st November.

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*. First one on 3rd April, 200 on 15th April and only three in June. Autumn numbers were 55 on 19th August, 50 on 28th September and the last one on 29th October.

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus*. Up to ten during January, February March and April. In autumn 200 in October and six in December.

**Firecrest** *Regulus ignicapillus*. One or two frequent from January to April, one singing from 31st May to 3rd June, up to twelve stayed from 22nd to 31st October.

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*. The first three on 4th May were quickly followed by numbers reaching up to 30 by 24th May and singles to 25th June. The numbers in autumn were thirty on 1st August, twenty on 28th September and the last one on 9th October.

**Red-breasted Flycatcher** *Ficedula parva*. One on 20th September and one on 14/15th of October.

**Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*. Spring movement from 4th May with five on 8th May. Autumn migration from ten on 1st August to ten on 6th September and the last one on 9th October.

**Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus*. An unusual visitor but one appeared on 11th May and four on 2nd November.

**Treecreeper** *Certhia familiaris*. An unexpected appearance of two on 3rd October.

**Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus*. One singing on 23rd May, one on 3/4th June.

**Woodchat Shrike** *Lanius senator*. An adult male which appeared on 6th June stayed until 1st August.

**Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula*. One on 4th April, four on 11th April and 21st April and still two on 30th May.

**Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*. One only on 8th April.

**Carrion Crow** *Corvus corona*. Up to thirty from January to March and ten in November and December.

A Hooded Crow on 21st April and 5th May.

**Raven** *Corvus corax*. Three young ringed on 12th April.

**Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*. Large movements in autumn with 2,500 on 30/31st October, 450 on 3rd November, 600 in December.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*. Eight ringed.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*. Up to fifty in February but large movements in autumn with 30,000 on 30th October, 20,000 on 20th October, 400 on 25th November and up to three in December.

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*. One 24/27th February, one on 20th April, one on 30th April then a run of 100 on 30th October then up to five until 3rd November.

**Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris*. Up to three during January, 22nd October fifteen, 28th October 60, 5th November four.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis carduelis*. Two present on 2nd January, ten on 11th May, ten on 5th October, 40 on 30th October, still two on 31st December.

**Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*. One on 22nd October but a movement of 40 on 30th October, 30 on 10th November.

**Linnet** *Carduelis cannabina*. Up to three January to March, 30th April thirty, 9th May 60, 1st August 130, four in November and one on 31st December.

**Redpoll** *Carduelis flammea*. Two 30th October to 3rd November.

**Scarlet Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*. 1st to 3rd October One.

**Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*. A spring of one from 7th April to 13th May.

**Lapland Bunting** *Calcarius lapponicus*. A single on 3rd August.

**Snow Bunting** *Plectrophenax nevalis*. Singles in January February and March, up to four from 23rd October to 4th November.

**Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*. One only 19/20th May.

## SHARKS

**Basking Shark** *Cetorhinus maximus*. A single specimen of this harmless shark was seen on 3rd June.