

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF BIRDS, 1981

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 wintering single was seen on 1st January and four on 7th with singles on 19th and 24th February and 25th March, three days in April and 1st May. One on 24th October and three on 26th, singles until 30th and singles again on 25th, 26th and 30th November but none later. Single diver species were also seen on 5th and 24th October.

**Fulmar** *Fulmarus glacialis*. Fifteen on 7th January, twelve on 18th, fifteen on 23rd and 25th January, one on 10th February, breeding as usual, eleven on 21st November followed by a peak of thirty on 27th December.

**Manx Shearwater** *Puffinus puffinus*. Five on 20th April, c.200 on 24th, 100 on 29th April, peaks of 150 on 17th and c.350 on 31st May, then regular until a peak of 1,500 on 8th July with fifteen on 25th July but thirty seen on crossing on 13th August. Three on 27th September was the only other record.

**Storm Petrel** *Hydrobates pelagicus*. On 13th June the remains of one were found in a gull pellet. On 27th June seven seen on crossing was the only other record.

**Gannet** *Sula bassana*. Six on 7th January, one on 28th February, two on 22nd March, one on 11th April five on 30th, up to twelve in May, up to 35 during June, July and August, 48 during September but down to a single on 22nd October and 24th November, one or two on four days during December.

**Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*. The first one on 15th March, four on 26th, eight on 27th March then up to fifteen until three only on 21st May and no more until one on 21st August, two on 6th September but c.25 on 11th September, twenty-four on 22nd September and up to eleven during October. Nine were seen twice in November and the last single on 1st December.

**Shag** *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*. Present throughout the year as usual.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*. A single of this casual visitor on 12th June, three on 21st June, one on 28th, 29th June then one on 15th August, a single on 26th September and one on 20th December.

**Whooper Swan** *Cygnus cygnus*. One of this rare species was seen on 19th December.

**White-fronted Goose** *Anser albifrons*. Two of this infrequent visitor appeared on 15th October and stayed until 6th November.

**Wigeon** *Anas penelope*. A single on 5th and 12th January, singles 25th and 31st October and four on 20th December were the only records.

**Teal** *Anas crecca*. Four on 20th January, singles regular until five on 24th February, singles 28th February and 8th March, two 9th to 12th April. First two for autumn on 8th August, two on 30th August and one on 6th September, up to seven October to December with nine on 18th November.

**Mallard** *Anas platyrhynchos*. Two on 5th June, five on 26th August, singles 2nd to 5th October were the only records.

**Pochard** *Aythya ferina*. A rare species on Lundy and one came on 15th February.

**Scaup** *Aythya marina*. A single of this rare vagrant to Lundy came on 5th October.

**Honey Buzzard** *Pernis apivorus*. One appeared on 5th October and is only the second record for Lundy, the first was on 27th July 1975.

**Hen Harrier** *Circus cyaneus*. A rare vagrant to Lundy but one was seen on nine days from 7th November to 1st December.

**Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter nisus*. A fairly rare visitor to Lundy and one on 24th April, two on 15th May were spring visitors. One was regularly seen from 24th August, three on 23rd September and then ones and twos regular until 4th November.

**Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*. Formerly resident but now a rare visitor to Lundy and one was seen on 10th and 11th May and 1st June.

**Rough-legged Buzzard** *Buteo lagopus*. One from 15th to 20th October, two on 17th. A single Buzzard species seen on 6th November was perhaps the same bird.

**Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*. Seen in every month of the year with ones and twos until four on 18th July increasing to about eight on 27th July, up to nine during September and October but not more than three in December.

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius*. The first spring migrant on 16th April increased to four on 19th with a single on 22nd April and one on 16th May. In autumn singles from 15th September to 25th October.

**Peregrine** *Falco peregrinus*. Occasional sightings throughout the year.

**Water Rail** *Rallus aquaticus*. Overwintering as usual with up to four in January and one or two until 30th March. One on 5th and three on 23rd September increased to about six in November and December.

**Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus*. Presumably breeding as usual and up to sixteen seen in autumn.

**Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula*. The first spring migrant appeared on 19th April, singles 10th and 11th May and 8th to 10th June. In autumn one migrant on 23rd August, 27th to 29th August, 9th and 22nd to 26th September, the last for the year.

**Dotterel** *Charadrius morinellus*. Two of these rather rare migrants appeared in autumn on 27th and 28th August, one to 31st, up to two during September and until 5th October and one stayed until 22nd October. One was trapped and ringed.

**Golden Plover** *Pluvialis capricaria*. The first spring migrant on 28th March then up to four until twenty on 13th May and then singles until 7th June. In autumn three on 17th August followed by ones and twos, four or five in late September, up to seventeen in early October, ones and twos in November, good numbers in December with a maximum of 34 on 15th.

**Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*. Singles of this migrant, rare on Lundy, were recorded on 22nd September and 5th October.

**Lapwing** *Vanellus vanellus*. Not more than twenty-five during January, up to 34 during February, 45 in March, bred as usual, 60 in October and up to 100 in December.

**Knot** *Calidris canutus*. A very rare migrant to Lundy and one came on 11th September.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*. Appeared in autumn, the first one on 1st August and then up to three until 27th.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*. One stayed from 23rd to 31st August.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*. Two appeared on 13th April, one on 23rd and 24th May, a single on 25th June, three on 10th August, two on 5th October and the last one on 15th October.

**Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*. Two in autumn on 23rd July and one on 23rd and 25th September.

**Gray Phalarope** *Phalaropus fulicarius*. Only one which stayed from 22nd to 25th September.

**Arctic Skua** *Stercorarius parasiticus*. One only on 11th June.

**Great Skua** *Stercorarius skua*. One seen on crossing on 13th August.

**Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*. A single on 7th and 10th April, one or two from 17th June to five on 31st July, one or two during August. One on 3rd and 4th October, nine on 6th October, four on 14th December and three still on 20th December.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus*. Present and breeding as usual. A count of 40 on 8th April.

**Herring Gull** *Larus argentatus*. Present and breeding as usual, no census.

**Great Black-backed Gull** *Larus marinus*. Present and breeding as usual. 76 counted on 30th September, 60 on 31st October, 114 on 21st November, 128 on 4th December and 73 on 30th.

**Kittiwake** *Rissa tridactyla*. 1st January 100, breeding as usual, no census, 7th October, fourteen late casualties.

**Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis*. One on crossing on 26th September.

**Common/Arctic Tern** *Sterna hirundo/paradisaea*. One on 22nd April, one on 4th May and two on 21st September.

**Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea*. Two on crossing on 8th August.

**Guillemot** *Uria aalge*. One on 13th January, c.200 on 16th February. Present and breeding as usual. Single oiled birds on 5th and 8th November.

**Razorbill** *Alca torda*. 19th March, two, 20th March, four. Present and breeding as usual. Singles on 3rd November, 16th to 20th November, 9th and 20th December, several of them oiled birds.

**Puffin** *Fratercula arctica*. Three on 31st March, one on 2nd April, six on 6th, three on 8th, fifteen on 9th, ten on 17th, fifteen on 29th April, present during May and a few pairs probably bred.

**Auk Species**, c.80 on 7th January, c.100 on 1st April, fifteen on 7th October, singles on 13th October and 2nd November.

**Stock Dove** *Columba oenas*. One only on 19th April.

**Wood Pigeon** *Columba palumbus*. Recorded every month and sixteen on 10th December.

**Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto*. Three on 17th March, up to eight frequent in April, up to seventeen during May, up to eighteen during June, up to six regular in July and August, up to four during September, then singles until 17th October, a late single on 6th November.

**Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia turtur*. The first two migrants arrived on 8th May, then up to five regular until the last for spring on 16th May. The first for autumn on 26th August, five singles in September and the last one on 5th October.

**Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus*. The first two arrived on 22nd April and two frequent during May, singles five times during June and one in July. Five singles in August until the last one on 27th.

**Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*. One vagrant 14th and 15th November.

**Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus*. 29th and 30th June, one, singles three times during July and five days during August. Two on 5th October then singles on five days until 9th November.

**Swift** *Apus apus*. Arrived in force with 35 on 7th May and 50 on 8th, 60 on 9th and then up to 30 frequent until 45 during June and up to 60 occasionally in July, regular until 9th August followed by one on 18th, two on 25th, three on 28th August and then singles on 7th, 8th and 14th September.

**Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*. A single late one on 25th October.

**Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*. A single of this very rare visitor appeared on 28th August and 4th to 5th September.

**Short-toed Lark** *Calandrella brachydactyla*. One possible was seen on 25th May. The only two previous records were of one on 16th to 20th October 1972 and one on 28th September 1979.

**Skylark** *Alauda arvensis*. Present and breeding as usual. Up to twenty-five were seen in January but no counts were again taken until peaks of 40 on 9th October, 50 on 4th November and 40 on 14th December.

**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*. The first nine on 26th March, over 80 on 28th March and a run of 350 on 10th April. Up to fifteen in June increased to 60 on 29th July, 50 in August, a run of c.100 on 22nd September, the last five were on 17th October.

**Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*. Two on 28th March but main arrival was from 50 on 9th April, 100 on 30th April, 200 on 1st May. One or two pairs bred, c.600 on 9th May, then up to 100 until 2,500 on 22nd September, 350 on 5th October, down to three on 1st November and last one on 15th November.

**House Martin** *Delichon urbica*. A pair bred successfully on Paradise Row. The first migrant on 31st March, up to six during April but up to 60 in May and June and 50 in July, twenty in August. A run of c.200 on 23rd September but down to 50 on 27th September and the last one on 30th October.

**Tree Pipit** *Anthus trivialis*. The first single on 4th April then up to four until 21st May. Two on 20th August, ten on 25th, fifteen on 27th August then not more than six until the last one on 18th October.

**Meadow Pipit** *Anthus pratensis*. Present and breeding as usual. An influx of c.1,000 on 14th March then no counts until 1,500 on 28th September, 300 on 7th October and 150 on 14th December.

**Rock Pipit** *Anthus spinoletta*. Present and breeding as usual.

**Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*. Ones and twos from 11th April to 6th June. In autumn twenty-five on 23rd August, last single on 31st October.

**Blue-headed Wagtail** *Motacilla flava flavissimus*. Singles of this sub-species on 28th May, 11th to 22nd June but two on 14th June.

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*. First one on 7th April, singles on 1st June, 10th, 16th, 26th August, three on 22nd September, last one on 9th October.

**Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*. not noted until 22nd February but rose to a peak of 37 on 27th March. up to fifteen frequent in April, three in June, six in July, five in August, fifteen in September, thirty on 5th October and usually singles in November and December.

**White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba alba*. The first of this sub-species on 8th April increased to six on 13th, three on 16th April last single on 29th April. In autumn a single only on 22nd and 28th September.

**Wren** *Troglodytes troglodytes*. Present and breeding as usual, no census taken.

**Duncock** *Prunella modularis*. Present and breeding as usual but no census taken.

**Robin** *Erithacus rubecula*. About ten were noticed on 1st January but no census was taken during the year of this resident. It bred as usual.

**Thrush Nightingale** *Luscinia luscinia*. Undoubtedly the bird of the year, one was trapped, ringed and photographed on 24th September, the first to be recorded on Lundy, if accepted by the Rarities Committee.

**Nightingale** *Luscinia megarhynchos*. This rare migrant to Lundy visited Lundy again, a single appeared on 1st October.

**Black Redstart** *Phoenicurus ochruros*. Singles were recorded on 5th January, 23rd March, 1st and 9th April and 9th and 10th November.

**Redstart** *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*. Again appeared in small numbers with two on 11th April, three on 23rd, ones and twos in May, 2nd June and in autumn from 23rd August to 22nd October.

**Whinchat** *Saxicola rubetra*. The first migrant on 10th April, one or two in May, a female on 9th June, singles on 27th June and 12th August, four on 25th August, up to eight during September, down to five with the last one on 27th October.

**Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata*. Now a summer visitor, ten appeared on 15th March, singles during April and from 16th to 26th May. An autumn migrant with one or two 31st to 26th September and up to three from 5th to 27th October.

**Wheatear** *Oenanthe oenanthe*. The first three came on 14th March, eleven on 15th, twenty-five on 26th March and up to 40 during April. The breeding population was estimated as ten pairs with up to 45 counted in May and up to thirty in August. The last one was on 10th October.

**Ring Ousel** *Turdus torquatus*. Spring and autumn visitor, the first, a female, on 5th April with occasionals to 19th April. Two again on 23rd and 24th September, three on 10th October, the last one on 23rd October.

**Blackbird** *Turdus merula*. Up to 100 counted in January. Present and breeding as usual. No counts until 150 on 5th October, 100 several times in November and 200 on 1st December.

**Fieldfare** *Turdus pilaris*. Two or three during January and February, five on 26th March, one or two through April until 26th. The first for autumn on 12th October and 300 from 18th to 23rd. The peak was 1,600 on 4th November and up to 200 frequent afterwards and up to 200 during December.

**Song Thrush** *Turdus philomelos*. Ten were regular during January, twenty during February, one or two in April, one on 7th May. One in autumn on 30th September increasing to twenty-five on 22nd October but the peak for the year was in December with 600 on 12th.

**Redwing** *Turdus iliacus*. Up to 50 during January falling to singles only on 11th and 29th March. In autumn, three back on 19th September, 250 on 5th October, a run through of c.2000 on 5th November and 200 counted twice during December.

**Mistle Thrush** *Turdus viscivorus*. Singles on 13th January and 4th February but no more until one on 4th October, three on 10th, ten on 22nd, singles to 31st November and singles also on 21st November and 14th December.

**Grasshopper Warbler** *locustella naevia*. First one on 9th April, two on 28th April, one on 1st May. In autumn one on 27th and 29th August and 2nd and 4th October.

**Sedge Warbler** *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*. One on 30th April and two seen eight times during May. The first for autumn on 30th July then four singles until 6th September.

**Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*. One in spring on 19th May and one in autumn on 26th September.

**Melodious Warbler** *Hippolais polyglotta*. One trapped and ringed on 22nd September.

**Hippolais Warblers**. One on 28th August and one on 22nd September.

**Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca*. Singles on 19th April, four times in May and on 9th June.

**Whitethroat** *Sylvia communis*. The first migrant on 19th April and up to eight frequent until 31st May. In the autumn fifteen appeared on 25th August and then up to ten quite frequent until the last one on 30th September.

**Garden Warbler** *Sylvia borin*. Singles on 20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th April and six times during May, and three on 10th June. In autumn, three on 27th August followed by six until the last three on 6th October.

**Blackcap** *Sylvia atricapilla*. A spring and autumn migrant but not plentiful this year. The first six were seen on 8th April, up to six during May, singles on 10th June, 10th July, with ones and twos during August and September, up to six during November until the last one on 29th.

**Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis*. If accepted by the Rarities Committee the one seen on 5th October is only the second for Lundy, the first was trapped and ringed on 6th September 1959.

**Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*. A very rare migrant to Lundy, usually in autumn. One from 1st to 6th and 9th October.

**Wood Warbler** *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*. This scarce migrant to Lundy was reresented by one 23rd April, two on 9th May, singles on 11th and 20th May. In the autumn the only one seen was on 18th August.

**Chiffchaff** *Phylloscopus collybita*. One wintering on 1st January was seen five times during that month and five times during February with two on 22nd. Nine counted on 15th March increased to 40 on 28th March, 50 on 1st April but down to four during May and June. Singles in July, three on 27th August. Up to fifteen in September, 35 on 6th October, ten on 7th, up to five in November and three or four until 9th December. One of the Siberian race was seen on 6th and 7th October.

**Willow Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochilus*. The first single on 30th March but 250 on 9th April, up to twenty-five during May, three on 6th June. A single on 18th July started the autumn movement with a peak of 150 on 23rd August and again on 6th September, then down to ten until the last single on 16th October.

**Chiffchaff/Willow Warbler**. Up to ten in spring and a peak of 400 in autumn on 9th August.

**Goldcrest** *Regulus regulus*. Small numbers in every month except June and July. Principal numbers were thirty on 1st April, 100 on 11th October and twenty-five on 1st November.

**Firecrest** *Regulus ignicapillus*. Singles of this rather scarce visitor to Lundy were seen on 30th March, 20th to 22nd May, 5th June, 22nd September and 13th October.

**Spotted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa striata*. The first two of these regular visitors came on 7th May and 40 on 8th May but down to two at the end of the month, three in June but one only in July on 30th, regular in August, peaks of 60 on 27th August and 45 on 6th September, singles until 27th October.

**Red-breasted Flycatcher** *Ficedula parva*. One on 23rd September, two 24th September, two on 5th and 6th October, singles on 11th and 30th October were the only representatives at the normal time of year. One was trapped and ringed.

**Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula hypoleuca*. The first was on 12th April, single males 16th and 19th, up to three during May until 20th. In autumn regular from one on 17th August but a run of 60 on 27th August, up to ten during September and the last two on 10th October.

**Long-tailed Tit** *Aegithalos caudatus*. A rare migrant to Lundy and five on 9th September were the only ones.

**Coal Tit** *Parus ater*. Singles of this scarce visitor to Lundy came 16th and 23rd to 25th October.

**Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus*. Singles appeared at their usual time of the year on 9th, 10th 13th, 14th and 26th May.

**Reb-backes Shrike** *Lanius collurio*. This species is now diminishing in numbers but a single was seen on 11th and 15th September.

**Magpie** *Pica pica*. A vagrant to Lundy, usually in singles but two came on 15th October for the day.

**Jackdaw** *Corvus monedula*. Only singles, one on 15th to 16th March and 19th to 29th November.

**Rook** *Corvus frugilegus*. Singles on 1st and 4th February, 25th April, 22nd October and 10th December.

**Carrión Crow** *Corvus corone*. Present and breeding as usual. A single of the Hooded variety was seen frequently from 14th May until 5th October.

**Raven** *Corvus corax*. Present and breeding as usual.

**Starling** *Sturnus vulgaris*. Present and breeding as usual. Peak numbers were 500 on 28th January, 200 on 10th July, 500 during October, 3000 on 3rd November and 1,000 on 1st December.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*. Present and breeding as usual.

**Chaffinch** *Fringilla coelebs*. 40 in January, 50 in April, a few breeding pairs, counts of 4,000 on 22nd October, 2,000 on 4th November and 300 on 1st December.

**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*. Not many this year, one on 22nd January. One on 17th October and then up to five until the end of the year.

**Greenfinch** *Carduelis chloris*. Seen on 1st February, up to five during April, singles 6th May and 22nd July, 50 on 26th October, 200 on 30th, ten in November and one or two through December.

**Goldfinch** *Carduelis chloris*. Noted with six on 5th January, three on 7th and singles until 13th January.

**Siskin** *Carduelis spinus*. Not seen until two on 13th October, 60 on 23rd, 45 on 31st, then up to ten until 29th November.

**Linnet** *Carduelis cannabina*. Up to ten until March then up to 25. Bred as usual. 100 on 16th August, 200 on 20th, then 300 on 7th September, up to 100 during October, one on 21st November and one or two in December.

**Twite** *Carduelis flavirostris*. Four of this rare visitor on 26th October.

**Redpoll** *Carduelis flammea*. A rare visitor. Up to five from 26th to 31st October, a single until 4th November.

**Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra*. A very scarce autumn visitor and one appeared on 5th October.

**Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*. One only on 4th November.

**Lapland Bunting** *Calcarius lapponicus*. Singles of this rare visitor 13th, 14th May, 26th and 30th September and 29th December.

**Snow Bunting** *Plectrophenax nivalis*. Two on 29th March, one on 22nd September, six on 30th September, one or two five times during October and two on 21st November.

**Yellowhammer** *Emberiza citrinella*. Singles on 27th October, 14th November and 26th to 30th December.

**Ortolan Bunting** *Emberiza hortulana*. Two on 4th September, four on 6th two on 7th, singles 8th, 9th, 24th September, 5th October.

**Reed Bunting** *Emberiza schoeniclus*. Very scarce this year and only one on 1st June.

#### **Addenda and corrigenda:-**

**Semi-palmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla*. The small wader that appeared from 5th September 1980 onwards was accepted as this species by the Rarities Committee.

**Greenish Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides*. Heard singing on 16th May 1980 but this record was rejected by the Rarities Committee.

**Scarlet Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*. The one trapped on 1st August 1980 has been accepted by the Rarities Committee.

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M. CATSIS  
T. CLEEVES  
M. DURLASTON  
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MIKE DAVIES *et al.*  
T. DAVIS  
C. DEE  
M. GADE  
P. DE GROOT  
T. GIFFORD  
J. HEATH  
J. HIGH  
R. JOHNS  
P. and P. JOHNSON  
D. KESTELL *et al.*

M. KING  
R. and J. LAWMAN *et al.*  
J. LEA-WILSON  
C. MATTHEWS  
K. MORTIMER  
B. MORGAN  
A. NORTH  
J. P. and K. OGILVIE  
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G. RAWLE  
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J. ROSETTI  
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