

NOTES ON SOME BIRDS ON LUNDY

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I haven't bothered to detail breeding seabirds, or Skylards or Meadow Pipits, as my records will be insufficient to be relevant.

Manx Shearwater 260683 250 ($\pm 5\%$) flying N 0800 hours. 550 ($\pm 10\%$) feeding 1km E 1900 hours. 270683 50 ($\pm 10\%$) feeding 1km E 1900 hours. 290683 70 ($\pm 10\%$) feeding 1km E 1900 hours. 300683 463 ($\pm 5\%$) flying N 0800 hours.

Gannet 1, 210683. 1, 300683.

Heron 1 flying N up E side, 010783.

Kestrel Male, E side, 210683.

Moorhen Adult (probably male) on Pondsburry, 280683.

Oystercatcher Apparent breeding territories in south-west (north of Montagu Steps) and at west end of three-quarter wall. Probable minimum of twelve birds present most dates.

Lapwing Four pairs confirmed breeding; two pairs holding territories and possibly breeding; one pair apparently loosely attached to territory — probably not breeding, perhaps failed. Maximum number of adults at least sixteen.

Curlew Single birds on five dates between 180683 and 300683.

Black-headed Gull 1 in Landing Bay, late afternoon, 180683.

Woodpigeon Up to 3 seen frequently between Millcombe and Quarter-wall Copse and west to main track. Main area St. Helen's Copse and just to north of here.

Collared Dove Maximum seen together: 17 on 200683. No evidence of breeding, although one singing from Quarter-wall Cottages on 200683 and one flushed from rhododendrons in V.C. Quarry on 010783 (no nest detected, despite searching).

Turtle Dove 2 on 180683, between St. John's Valley and St. Helen's Copse.

Cuckoo 1 adult present, 210683 to 250683 inclusive.

Swift Frequent. 4, 190683. 4, 200683. 1, 210683. 5, 220683. 10, 250683. 8, 010783.

Sand Martin 2, 190683. 1, 220683. 3, 280683. 3, 300683. 1, 020783.

House Martin 2, 180683. 1, 210683. 1, 220683. 1, 250683. 1, 290683.

Swallow Frequent. 1, 180683. 4, 190683. 2, 200683. 4, 220683. 6, 230683. 2, 240683. 2, 250683. 13, 280683. 6, 290683. 4, 300683. 8, 010783. 4, 020783. (Two of those on 290683 were inside the church porch, the male singing).

Rock Pipit Minimum of three pairs detected: one below South Light; one west of Old Light; one south of halfway wall, west side.

Pied Wagtail Male holding territory in Landing Bay/Lower Beach Road area, and female seen on three occasions in evening (possibly incubating second brood?). Three juveniles seen occasionally (apparently from first brood).

Wren Minimum of ten pairs detected (territories; family parties).

Dunnock Minimum of nine pairs detected (consistently singing males; occupied nests; feeding young).

Blackcap Male singing throughout, 180683 to 020783, apparently with large territory, based on Millcombe but extending to St. Helen's Copse.

Whitethroat 1, East Sidelands, 200683. Male singing St. John's Valley, 300683 (this date only).

Willow Warbler Male singing throughout, 180683 to 020783, Millcombe (ringed bird).

Chiffchaff Singing males at four sites throughout, 180683 to 020783, (north and south Millcombe; St. Helen's Copse; Quarterwall Copse — this latter territory extending to below Quarry Pool). No proof of breeding but male plus one (presumed female) in St. Helen's Copse showing extreme agitation on 300683.

Spotted Flycatcher Pair breeding in ivy, shed below entrance to Millcombe, Beach Road. First egg laid 230683; female incubating from 260683, so presumed clutch four.

Wheatear Minimum of four territories (including male, female and three juveniles beyond three-quarter wall).

Robin Minimum of six pairs detected (consistently singing males; family parties).

Blackbird Minimum of 22 pairs detected (territories and occupied nests, including nest with young in cliff on west coast north of earthquakes).

Chaffinch Minimum of six pairs detected (territories; feeding young; family parties).

Goldfinch 1 flew into West Sidelands from sea, 190683.

Linnet Minimum of 14 pairs detected (building nests; occupied nests; feeding young; family parties).

House Sparrow Maximum count of 17 'post-juveniles'. 5 occupied nests in farm wall.

Starling Flock of 135 ($\pm 5\%$) on 190683; flock of 280 ($\pm 5\%$) on 020783. At least four nests still with young: church tower (2), black tin shed, Marisco eaves.

Carrion Crow Flock of 17 on 220683. Nests: St. Helen's Copse, 40 feet, sycamore; Quarterwall Copse, 20 feet, beech and old nest 15 feet, turkey oak; probable cliff site Dead Cow Point.

Raven Maximum seen together was five on 190683, but sightings might indicate eight birds.