

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF BIRDS, 1983

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*. Ones and twos were seen regularly from 7th January until 12th May but none later.

Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*. Bred as usual. Fourteen counted on 16th January, eleven on 5th March but no peaks during the year.

Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*. Assumed to be breeding. Counts of 80 on 10th May, 40 on 31st May, 600 on 25th June, 2,000 on 5th July.

Gannet *Sula bassana*. Three on 14th March, up to three during April, up to ten in May, thirty on 31st May, ten in June, eight in July, three in August and twenty on 4th October.

Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*. No large number this year. Five on 3rd April, twelve on 19th April, ten on 14th May, thirteen on 1st June, eighteen on 5th September and two on 23rd October.

Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*. Breeding as usual.

Grey Heron *Ardea cineria*. Not recorded until one on 1st July but four on 7th July, singles until 16th July, ones and twos during August, a maximum of five on 23rd September, singles during October and November until 22nd.

Wigeon *Anas penelope*. One only from 14th to 18th May.

Teal *Anas crecca*. Up to three from 21st to 25th February, one on 13th May, one 28th to 31st August, ones and twos during September and October, seven on 16th November.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*. Only a few records this year, one on 28th August, two on 27th September and one on 15th November.

Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus*. A very rare vagrant to Lundy but two were seen on 28th September. The only other previous record was of one on 27th July 1975 although it has been recorded on Devon mainland for many years.

Buzzard *Buteo buteo*. Now a rare visitor, two were seen on 27th April and singles on 9th, 11th, 29th November and one from 1st to 4th December.

Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*. A poor year although plentiful on the mainland. One on 12th September and one on 5th November.

Kestrel *Falco tinnuculus*. One on 10th February, one four times in March and April, ones and twos in May and June, singles in August but three several times in September and October increasing to five on 28th October but not more than three in November and December.

Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*. Status on Lundy in the past decade. An adult pair was present from autumn 1974 and breeding was recorded from 1976 to 1980, with one pair producing four fledged young in the period 1976-78 and another producing at least seven in 1978-80. In subsequent years breeding either failed or was not attempted. Details were not published at the time because of the species' extreme vulnerability.

Quail *Coturnix coturnix*. one of this rather rare vagrants was found on 21st May.

Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*. One 14th to 16th January, one or two during February and March and from 16th September onwards with three on 6th October.

Little Crane *Porzana parva*. One of these rare vagrants was found on 17th April. The only other previous record was of one on 12th to 14th September 1952.

Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*. One of these very rare visitors was found from 26th to 28th June, a very unusual month.

Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*. Breeding as usual, eleven on 1st March and fifteen on 15th September.

Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*. A small autumn movement as usual with one on 23rd July, five from 20th to 23rd August and singles to 16th September with one on 10th October.

Golden Plover *Pluvialis capricaria*. Appeared as usual from 5th March with five on 11th May, singles to 7th June and again from 14th August and up to five in September, nine on 18th October and a single on 15th November.

Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*. Breeding as usual. Forty seen on 7th March and twenty five during November.

Knot *Calidris canutus*. A very rare autumn migrant to Lundy but one appeared 27th, 29th and 30th September.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*. A very rare vagrant and one was recorded from 3rd to 4th September. This is the fourth for Lundy, the first on 8th September 1966, one in 1980 and one in 1982. This is given in order to clarify the number.

Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima*. One on 17th July on a very unusual date was the only record but many of its haunts are not accessible.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*. First one on 11th and 12th March, one from 18th to 21st April, up to six during May, two on 1st June, three 28th to 31st July but up to six regular August and September.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis*. A very rare autumn visitor but one was found from 4th to 7th September.

Jack Snipe *Lymanocryptes minimus*. A rare migrant and winter visitor but two on 16th January, one on 28th February, one 9th March, one 28th August, one 28th to 30th September.

Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*. Common for most of the year but missing in June. Up to twenty during January, eight in February, a peak of thirty on 9th March, eight during April. Singles on 1st and 5th May then not seen until a single on 10th July, up to five during August and September and October but fifteen on 29th November and twelve in December.

Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola*. One on 15th January then none until one or two during November with ten on 30th and three on 4th December.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*. One on 17th May and a single on 19th June, an unusual date.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*. First on 28th March, four on 16th April, two frequent in July until 24th. A single on 5th and 6th September.

Curlew *Numenius arquata*. Scarce at first with nineteen on 16th January, twenty on 10th February, twenty on 3rd March, a few singles during April and until 24th May. Two on 4th July rose to twenty on 17th July and thirty on 29th August and 9th September, not more than four until seventeen on 6th November, twenty six on 13th and 15th November and twenty seven on 3rd December.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*. One of this very rare vagrant on 21st August and two on 30th.

Redshank *Tringa totanus*. A single on 3rd and 4th April then none until singles on 6th to 8th and 17th July, one on 7th September, two on 24th were the only records.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*. Recorded in autumn as usual with a single on 31st July, up to three on six dates during August and until 10th September.

Turnstone *Tringa interpres*. One on 14th May, one on 23rd August and singles until two on 7th and 9th September.

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*. Two on 11th April, one on 12th April, one on 18th June, single on 9th, 10th, 15th, 17th July, two on 25th October, two on 4th December.

Common Gull *Larus canus*. An irregular visitor and only one appeared on 7th December.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*. Breeding. No census.

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

Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*. One on 12th and 16th April is only the second for Lundy. The first was seen on 2nd April 1974. One was watched in North Devon in September and December 1982.

Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*. Breeding. No census.

Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*. Breeding. Up to 150 in January, 100 in February, numbers well down later with not more than fifteen counted in December.

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*. Two on 31st March, singles 11th April, 1st May, two on 30th August, four on 27th September, two on 2nd October.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*. Only one record of this rare visitor to Lundy of three on 13th September.

Guillemot *Uria aalge*. Breeding in good numbers as usual, 100 on 6th March.

Razorbill *Alca torda*. Breeding in good numbers, 300 counted on 6th March.

Puffin *Fratercula arctica*. Breeding. One on 6th March, two on 4th April, eight on 6th April, twenty on 20th May.

Stock Dove *Columba oenas*. Two seen on 27th June, singles on 27th August, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 27th, 29th, 30th October.

Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*. Believed Breeding. Singles January to March, up to five in April, six in May, up to five June, July and August, six in September and still present in December.

Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*. Good numbers this year of this regular visitor. First on 25th March, singles 18th and 20th April, three on 21st and ten on 2nd June, twenty frequent until eleven on 1st July, down to four during August, not more than five during September until the last two on 19th September.

Turtle Dove *Streptopelia turtur*. One early on 25th March, one on 5th May increased to nine on 28th but not more than four during June but one only from 12th to 18th June. A late single from 2nd to 9th September.

Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*. First on 20th April, two on 30th then singles during May with two occasionally, singles on five days during June and on 27th and 29th July. A late single on 8th September.

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*. A scarce migrant. One on 6th April, one on 30th September and 2nd October with two on 26th October and 9th November, one on 21st November.

Swift *Apus apus*. An early single on 9th April, four on 30th April, fifteen on 1st May increased to twenty on 26th May, thirty on 29th May, twenty on 19th June, 65 on 25th June, up to six during July until 30th then single on 31st, two on 6th August, one on 20th, six on 24th, eight on 25th, one on 26th and 27th, a casual two on 7th September.

Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*. Very rare and only one on 25th September.

Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla*. One from 29th September to 2nd October. The last previous one was on 25th May 1981. This is the fourth to be recorded on Lundy.

Skylark *Alauda arvensis*. Bred as usual, up to seven in January, ten in February, a peak of 150 on 3rd March, a peak of 250 on 20th October.

Shore Lark *Eremophila alpestris*. One of this very rare vagrant in spring on 19th, 20th May, two in autumn 22nd, 23rd November.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*. First on 7th March, twenty on 28th March and up to 50 during April, 75 during May, thirteen in June, 50 in August and September, one on 6th October, three on 7th, last one on 20th October.

Swallow *Hirundo rustica*. First two on 8th April, twenty five on 12th, 200 on 15th, 100 on 26th April to 3rd May, 500 on 20th and 29th May, 75 on 1st June, down to fifteen until ten only on 30th July, 40 on 26th August, 450 on 24th September, 400 on 27th, 160 on 5th October, three on 3rd November with singles until 14th November.

House Martin *Delichon urbica*. First ten on 15th April, twenty on 3rd May, twenty five on 12th, 275 on 19th, 300 on 20th but down to 100 on 31st May, 150 on 24th August, 250 on 30th September, ten in October until last two on 26th October.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae*. Singles on 27th and 29th September were considered to be different birds.

Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris*. One on 7th to 10th September. This very rare pipit has only occurred five times as singles.

Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*. A scarce spring and autumn migrant. The first was on 12th April, three on 15th then singles but two in 3rd May, four on 14th and last for spring on 29th May. In autumn, four on 28th August, eight on 30th, ten on 1st September, fifteen on 7th, eight on 27th September and the last one on 20th October.

Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*. Bred and plentiful as usual. One on 4th January on an unusual date, 250 on 3rd March, four on 28th August, 500 on 22nd September, 1,000 on 27th, 600 on 30th September, 300 on 2nd and 6th October, 800 on 20th October, 300 on 21st but down to 80 on 24th October.

Rock Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*. Bred as usual.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*. First one on 12th April rising to four on 25th, up to four all May, ten on 26th and 30th August, up to twelve during September and two 1st to 4th October. A single grey and white bird thought to be an eastern race of Yellow rather than Citrine was recorded from 24th to 29th October.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*. A scarce migrant but a single was seen on 6th, 7th, 15th January and on seven days during February, ones and twos all March and April and until 15th May. In autumn two on 21st and 30th August, up to three all September, singles all October and until 4th November.

Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba*. Singles on 5th and 23rd February rising to twenty five on 27th March, up to fifteen in April and five in May and four in June, two in July, three in August, up to fifteen in September, up to 40 in October, singles until 7th December.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba yarrellia*. One on 28th March, singles on 2nd, 6th, 7th, 30th April, two on 5th May with singles on nine days in May, four on 6th September and two on 13th September.

Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*. Resident and breeding as usual.

Dunnock *Prunella modularis*. Resident and breeding as usual.

Robin *Erithacus rubecula*. Resident and breeding as usual.

Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*. Very rare on Lundy but one appeared on 2nd and 3rd May.

Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochruros*. A winter bird on 17th January, singles on 15th March and 20th to 27th May, 1st June and 26th October.

Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*. The first these rare migrants on 17th and 21st April, up to four all May. In autumn five on 27th, six on 31st August, up to six during September, two on 1st October, singles on 23rd to 26th October.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*. First one on 7th April, four singles during the month, regular during May, four on 19th, one on 1st June. First two for autumn on 21st August, twenty on 30th August, up to ten all September, three on 6th October and last one 8th October.

Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*. Eleven appeared on 5th March, three on 1st April, ones and twos 12th to 30th September, up to three all October and last one on 3rd November.

Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*. Breeding. First early on 5th March increasing to 50 on 12th March, 50 on 1st April, maximum of 100 on 19th May but not more than ten all June and only up to three in July, thirty during the last week of August, up to thirty all September, twenty five 1st and 4th October and last one on 24th October.

Ring Ousel *Turdus torquatus*. None in the spring, first for autumn single on 11th September and singles 23rd September and 20th, 23rd October.

Blackbird *Turdus merula*. Bred as usual. A count of 100 on 4th January was the most for the year.

Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*. Two on 6th January rising to eight on 20th January, fifteen on 11th February and twenty five on 10th March and one on 20th March. In autumn one on 27th August, twenty on 5th November, ten on 30th and 40 on 10th December.

Song Thrush *Turdus philamelos*. Thirty on 2nd January, up to twelve during February, ten on 1st March but only one on 13th and 14th April, singles 14th and 27th May. In autumn singles 3rd and 5th October but 120 on 20th October, up to twenty during November and up to six during December.

Redwing *Turdus iliacus*. 65 on 2nd January, 35 on 20th February, peak of 350 on 11th March, in autumn five on 6th October, 400 on 4th November, still 80 on 30th November and 50 on 1st December.

Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*. None until two on 22nd October and one on 29th October, singles on 1st, 5th, 7th December.

Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*. Three on 30th April, three on 3rd May, one on 14th June, one on 29th August and one on 25th September.

Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*. Singles on 27th and 30th April, up to four during May, up to three 21st to 29th August and one on 23rd September.

Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceous*. None in spring, one on 24th September, two on 26th and 27th and one on 28th September.

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina*. A rare migrant. Singles on 20th and 26th to 28th September.

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta*. A rare migrant and one only on 29th August.

Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca*. A scarce migrant but one appeared on 30th April, ones and twos frequent 2nd to 20th May, only one in autumn on 6th September.

Whitethroat *Sylvia communis*. First on 27th April, four on 30th, up to six all May, up to four during June, ten in the autumn on 1st September.

Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*. First on 5th May, ten on 14th August, one on 29th, up to three all September. Still two on 21st and 22nd October and last one on 24th October.

Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*. First on 7th April, ten on 30th, up to five all May, singles all June, up to ten all September, one or two regular all November until the last one on 26th November.

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*. A very rare autumn migrant, one on 29th, 30th September, two on 20th October.

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*. The first of these rare migrants on 12th May rising to three on 20th, two on 24th and still one on 31st May. In autumn singles on 27th and 30th August with two on 31st August.

Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*. One wintering 15th to 17th January, one 9th and 10th February, migration started with two on 9th March, twenty on 11th March, each day through April and May, up to twenty five frequent during June and July decreasing to singles, only one in August on 27th, regular during September with thirteen on 27th, up to fifteen all October, four on 2nd and 3rd November, then singles to end of year.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*. First on 28th March, up to twenty five during April, ten during May, four in June, up to six in July, rising to 80 by 31st August but falling to ten on 23rd September with the last single on 29th September.

Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*. Two wintering 4th to 9th January, singles to 10th February, up to fifteen all March, 40 in April on 15th, then singles to 14th May, one on 28th and 29th July, twelve on 6th September rose to 200 on 22nd, 70 during October, 60 on 3rd November but only four in December.

Firecrest *Regulus ignicapillus*. Two wintering on 4th January, singles to 10th February and 9th to 15th March, one 20th to 23rd May, in autumn ones and twos from 6th September with three on 20th October, one on 12th November, two on 28th and up to four wintering in December.

Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*. First on 19th April, eight on 30th April, thirty on 21st May to 31st May, twenty on 2nd June, ones and twos in July, up to twenty all August, twenty during September then two to 20th October and 5th November.

Red-breasted Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*. A very rare autumn migrant. Singles on 26th and 28th September and 2nd November.

Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*. A visitor to Lundy, the first on 21st April increased to five on 30th, up to three during May, last spring single on 30th May. First for autumn on 10th August, twenty on 14th, then up to six regular in September but singles only in October until 20th.

Coal Tit *Parus ater*. A scarce visitor to Lundy. One from 22nd to 26th October, two on 27th, 29th, 31st October.

Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus*. Up to seven counted 9th to 31st October, singles in November, one 3rd and 5th December.

Great Tit *Parus major*. Up to eight counted 11th to 31st October and singles in November until 18th.

Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*. Singles of this scarce visitor 28th to 30th September, 2nd to 11th October, two on 21st October, one 25th and 26th October.

Red-breasted Shrike *Lanius collurio*. One of these very rare visitors was recorded on 31st May.

Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator*. One of these very rare visitors 19th to 21st May.

Jackdaw *Corvus monedula*. An irregular visitor. Singles on 10th February, 25th to 28th March, two on 13th April but six on 30th April, four on 14th May, three on 8th and 9th June. In autumn 250 on 20th October but only six on 21st then 50 on 24th October but down to fifteen on 30th October, thirteen on 10th November falling to six with four during December.

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*. A scarce visitor. Singles on 7th and 21st April and 31st May. In autumn 40 on 20th October but only two on 24th and one on 26th October.

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone*. Bred. Up to five in January, twelve on 21st February, sixteen on 10th March. In autumn thirty were counted on 20th October.

Raven *Corvus corax*. Bred as usual.

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*. Bred as usual. 200 counted during January, 500 on 20th October, 1,000 on 29th October, 2,500 on 4th November while 100 were noticed in December.

Rose-coloured Starling *Sturnus roseus*. Vagrant to Lundy. A single immature 25th to 29th September was only the third every dated record. The only dated previous records were an adult 18th to 26th June 1934 and one which stayed from 15th May to 1st June 1979.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*. Bred as usual.

Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*. Breeds. Up to fifteen January and February, 150 on 10th March, 450 in autumn on 20th October, 500 on 28th October, 800 on 4th November but only 60 in December.

Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla*. A single on 13th and 18th March then none until autumn when one on 23rd October increased to ten on 29th October, fifteen on 4th November followed by singles until 3rd December.

Greenfinch *Carduelis chloris*. One or two from 15th April to 12th May. In autumn two on 18th October increased to 50 on 29th October and 200 on 4th November, not more than five in December.

Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*. One on 20th January, up to five during April and May. In autumn one on 24th September up to three during October and up to ten during November and December.

Siskin *Carduelis spinus*. An irregular and scarce late autumn migrant. Two on 20th October increased to twenty on 29th October and 50 on 4th November, last single on 30th November.

Linnet *Acanthis cannabina*. Breeding. Two on 18th March, eighteen on 27th March, 150 on 16th April, 40 during September, 70 during October and single 19th and 21st November.

Scarlet Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*. A very rare autumn migrant and one appeared on 28th May, an unusually early date, only three before as early as this one.

Hawfinch *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*. One of this very rare migrant on 25th March, an unusually early date.

Lapland Bunting *Calcarius lapponicus*. Good numbers this year. One on 20th September, two on 29th September and 1st October and one on 23rd October.

Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis*. Rare on Lundy this winter. Singles on 20th January, 7th March, 13th March, three on 15th March, singles 6th to 8th April, 28th September, one or two in October until 28th.

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*. One in spring on 3rd June and one in autumn on 2nd November.

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana*. One only of this scarce autumn migrant on 26th and 27th September.

Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*. Singles on 30th August and 11th October, three on 19th October, singles 26th to 28th October and 16th to 18th November.

Corn Bunting *Miliaria calandra*. Singles 12th and 13th May and 5th September.

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M. GADE
P. DE GROOT
J. HIGH
J. HEATH
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C. MASON
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