

BIRD RINGING IN 1990

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Despite reduced coverage compared with the previous few years, with ringers present on the island for three weeks in spring, three days in July and six weeks in autumn, the ringing total of 3129 birds is the third highest annual total since ringing began in 1947, exceeded only in 1988 and 1989. Though less numerous than in those two years, Goldcrest and Willow Warbler were again the commonest species caught. The high spring numbers of Sedge Warblers and Whitethroats of 1989 were repeated. The totals of 202 Chaffinches and 213 Siskins reflect exceptionally high autumn catches, with the Siskins exceeding all previous years put together. Other species with three-figure totals were Swallow, Meadow Pipit, Blackbird, Blackcap and Chiffchaff.

Rustic Bunting was added to the Lundy ringing list. Other unusual catches included the island's third Long-eared Owl, third Subalpine Warbler, second Golden Oriole, fourth Red-eyed Vireo and fourth Little Bunting.

A complete list of the 1990 ringing totals is given below, together with the year's recoveries and controls. These include a Guillemot found in Portugal in its seventeenth year, three Sedge Warblers moving through western France and a Blackcap in Switzerland. Willow Warbler and Goldcrest movements to and from western Britain and Ireland fit into the general patterns of recent years, although one of the Willow Warblers presumably overshot its intended breeding area since it moved back to the south coast of Devon from Lundy in spring.

LUNDY RINGING TOTALS 1990

Manx Shearwater	39
Kestrel	1
Water Rail	2
Lapwing	2 (pull.)
Kittiwake	1 (pull.)
Collared Dove	2
Long-eared Owl	1
Wryneck	1
Skylark	13
Sand Martin	24
Swallow	268
House Martin	9
Tree Pipit	4
Meadow Pipit	120
Pied Wagtail	2
Wren	30
Dunnock	30
Robin	68
Nightingale	1
Black Redstart	1
Redstart	20
Whinchat	5
Stonechat	4
Wheatear	6
Blackbird	122
Fieldfare	1

Song Thrush	17
Redwing	26
Mistle Thrush	2
Grasshopper Warbler	38
Sedge Warbler	132
Melodious Warbler	1
Subalpine Warbler	1
Lesser Whitethroat	4
Whitethroat	128
Garden Warbler	21
Blackcap	174
Yellow-browed Warbler	3
Wood Warbler	5
Chiffchaff	120
Willow Warbler	461
Goldcrest	618
Firecrest	19
Spotted Flycatcher	50
Pied Flycatcher	15
Golden Oriole	1
Starling	6
House Sparrow	42
Red-eyed Vireo	1
Chaffinch	202
Greenfinch	12
Goldfinch	7
Siskin	213
Linnet	28
Crossbill	2
Scarlet Rosefinch	1
Rustic Bunting*	1
Little Bunting	1

Total	3129

* Added to the Lundy ringing list in 1990.

RECOVERIES AND CONTROLS 1990

GM67166 Guillemot. Ringed as nestling on Lundy, 29.6.73. Found sick at Trafaria, Estremadura, PORTUGAL, 22.2.90. (1430km; bearing 194°; 6082 days).

F661487 Swallow. Ringed as juvenile female at Penclacwydd, Dyfed, Wales, 5.9.89. Controlled on Lundy, 11.5.90. (67km; 214°; 248 days).

E347336 Dunnock. Ringed as first year male on Lundy, 29.9.87. Found dead, hit glass with E347647, on Lundy, 30.4.90. (944 days).

E347647 Dunnock. Ringed as first year male on Lundy, 31.8.88. Found dead, hit glass with E347336, on Lundy, 30.4.90. (607 days).

XK55354 Blackbird. Ringed as first year female on Lundy, 30.9.88. Killed by cat on Lundy, 11.12.89. (437 days).

XK55371 Blackbird. Ringed as first year female on Lundy, 24.10.88. Found dead, road casualty, at Westacre, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 28.5.90. (400km; 65°; 581 days).

XN34290 Blackbird. Ringed as first year female on Lundy, 26.10.87. Shot at Sapignies, Pas-de-Calais, FRANCE, 12.11.89. (541km; 102°; 748 days).

3561467 Sedge Warbler. Ringed as first year bird at Etang du Trunvel, Finistere, FRANCE, 23.8.89. Controlled on Lundy, 7.5.90. (364km; 356°; 257 days).

3566769 Sedge Warbler. Ringed as first year bird at St-Philbert-de-Grand-Lieu, Loire-Atlantique, FRANCE, 1.8.89. Controlled on Lundy, 5.5.90. (509km; 334°; 277 days).

3598564 Sedge Warbler. Ringed as full grown bird on Ile Hoedic, Morbihan, FRANCE, 6.5.90. Controlled on Lundy, 12.5.90. (445km; 343°; 6 days).

F225187 Blackcap. Ringed as first year male on Lundy, 20.10.88. Killed by cat at Laufen Be, Berne, SWITZERLAND, 29.5.90. (975km; 115°; 586 days).

OR3823 Willow Warbler. Ringed on Lundy, 11.4.88. Controlled on Great Saltee, Wexford, EIRE, 26.4.90. (172km; 308°; 745 days).

OV4666 Willow Warbler. Ringed on Calf of Man, Isle of Man, 1.4.89. Controlled on Lundy, 4.5.90 (320km; 178°; 398 days).

4X9337 Willow Warbler. Ringed as full grown female on Lundy, 2.5.90. Controlled at Prawle Point, Devon, 8.5.90. (127km; 148°; 6 days).

3X6473 Goldcrest. Ringed as first year female on Great Saltee, Wexford, EIRE, 30.9.90. Controlled on Lundy, 1.10.90. (172km; 128°; 1 day).

7V9644 Goldcrest. Ringed on Lundy, 19.10.90. Controlled at Chew Valley Lake, Avon, 3.11.90. (143km; 83°; 15 days).

VC53517 Greenfinch. Ringed as first year female on Lundy, 17.10.89. Killed by cat at Littlehampton, Sussex, 10.4.90. (292km; 89°; 175 days).