

BIRD RINGING IN 1994

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General ringing coverage was scattered through the months of April to October and totalled six weeks. In addition, John Hutchinson started a long-term study of the island's Skylark population, using colour-ringing as an important element of his research. Most of the general ringing was carried out by individuals rather than parties and with two of the weeks also being outside the main migration seasons the year's total was restricted to 1124.

Some species totals were high under the circumstances, including Sedge Warbler, Whitethroat, Spotted Flycatcher and particularly Greenfinch, but many of the 'bread-and-butter' species contributing the bulk of most year's totals, such as Swallow, Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler, were lower than usual.

The rarest bird caught was a Pallas's Warbler, the first to be ringed on Lundy. A Hawfinch caught in May was the third for the island. A complete list of the years totals, together with the totals since 1947, is given below.

Details of a good selection of recoveries and controls were received during the year and are listed below. They include a Long-eared Owl, ringed on Lundy in 1990 and found in Wiltshire, Blackbirds going to France and the Netherlands, a Redwing in Spain and Blackcaps to France and from Belgium.

The circumstances of some of the finds reveal the hazards faced by the birds: three, including the Owl, were road casualties and two were shot, including a Goldfinch - illegally - in England.

LUNDY RINGING TOTALS

	Ringed 1947-93	Ringed 1994	Recovered 1947-93
Little Grebe	1		
Fulmar	146		1
Manx Shearwater	799	53	18
Storm Petrel	105	13	3
Cormorant	46		10
Shag	1167		165
Greylag Goose	1		
Mallard	39		6
Sparrowhawk	13		
Buzzard	7		
Kestrel	19		1
Merlin	3		
Peregrine	10		1
Quail	1		
Water Rail	41		
Spotted Crake	1		
Corncrake	5		
Moorhen	1		
Oystercatcher	37		2
Ringed Plover	3		
Dotterel	5		
Golden Plover	2		

	Ringed 1947-93	Ringed 1994	Recovered 1947-93
Lapwing	209		
Knot	3		
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1		
Little Stint	6		
Least Sandpiper	2		
Pectoral Sandpiper	6		
Curlew Sandpiper	2		
Dunlin	80		1
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	2		
Jack Snipe	11		
Snipe	29		
Woodcock	8		2
Bar-tailed Godwit	1		
Whimbrel	21		
Curlew	32		3
Greenshank	2		
Wood Sandpiper	1		
Common Sandpiper	1		
Turnstone	3		
Lesser Black-backed Gull	57	6 (6p)	
Herring Gull	2755		48
Great Black-backed Gull	98		4
Kittiwake	2516		30
Guillemot	2701		95
Razorbill	1235		50
Puffin	10		
Stock Dove	1		
Woodpigeon	9		2
Collared Dove	18	1	2
Turtle Dove	11	1	
Cuckoo	40		1
Long-eared Owl	3		
Short-eared Owl	2		
Nightjar	2		
Swift	6		
Hoopoe	1		
Wryneck	17		
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2		
Short-toed Lark	1		
Skylark	203	48	
Sand Martin	122		
Swallow	4657	52	5
House Martin	182	3	
Olive-backed Pipit	1		
Tree Pipit	51	1	
Meadow Pipit	1570	20	3
Red-throated Pipit	1		
Rock Pipit	13		1
Yellow Wagtail	4		
Grey Wagtail	45	1	
Pied Wagtail	121	6 (5p)	
Wren	729	17	

	Ringed 1947-93	Ringed 1994	Recovered 1947-93
Duncock	687	16	
Robin	1251	14	3
Thrush Nightingale	1		
Nightingale	8		
Bluethroat	3		
Black Redstart	32	1	
Redstart	313	3	2
Whinchat	95		
Stonechat	122	7	
Wheatear	213	9	
Swainson's Thrush	1		
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1		
Veery	1		
Ring Ouzel	32		
Blackbird	3224	29	28
Fieldfare	20		
Song Thrush	580	8	7
Redwing	450	26	2
Mistle Thrush	3		
American Robin	1		
Grasshopper Warbler	269	3	
Aquatic Warbler	1		
Sedge Warbler	1241	39	5
Marsh Warbler	6		
Reed Warbler	49	3	
Icterine Warbler	14		
Melodious Warbler	27		
Dartford Warbler	1		
Subalpine Warbler	4		
Sardinian Warbler	1		
Ruppell's Warbler	1		
Barred Warbler	7		
Lesser Whitethroat	59	4	
Whitethroat	2521	33	7
Garden Warbler	647	15	
Blackcap	2500	61	7
Greenish Warbler	2		
Arctic Warbler	2		
Pallas's Warbler		1	
Yellow-browed Warbler	35		
Bonelli's Warbler	1		
Wood Warbler	34	4	
Chiffchaff	2962	63	1
Willow Warbler	8967	129	16
Goldcrest	5989	52	9
Firecrest	131		1
Spotted Flycatcher	1070	44	3
Red-breasted Flycatcher	14		
Pied Flycatcher	666	9	5
Long-tailed Tit	2		
Coal Tit	48		
Blue Tit	115		

	Ringed 1947-93	Ringed 1994	Recovered 1947-93
Great Tit	32	1	
Treecreeper	17		
Golden Oriole	3		
Red-backed Shrike	10		
Great Grey Shrike	1		
Woodchat Shrike	10		
Jackdaw	2		
Raven	47		2
Carrion Crow	18		
Starling	1107	3	14
House Sparrow	481	29	2
Tree Sparrow	5		
Red-eyed Vireo	4		
Chaffinch	2694	177	3
Brambling	55	2	
Greenfinch	154	44	3
Goldfinch	124	5	
Siskin	563	2	2
Linnet	916	63	2
Redpoll	16	1	
Crossbill	22		
Scarlet Rosefinch	12		
Bullfinch	10	1	
Hawfinch	2	1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1		
Blackpoll Warbler	1		
Common Yellowthroat	1		
Rufous-sided Towhee	1		
Lapland Bunting	7		
Snow Bunting	10		
Yellowhammer	1		
Ortolan Bunting	6		
Rustic Bunting	2		
Little Bunting	5		
Yellow-breasted Bunting	1		
Reed Bunting	4		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1		
Northern Oriole	2		
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	60,828	1124	578

Figures in brackets indicate pulli (included in the main totals).

RECOVERIES AND CONTROLS 1994

FR93640 **Manx Shearwater**. Ringed as a nestling on Skomer Island, Dyfed, 4.9.89. Controlled on Lundy, 18.7.94. (77km; bearing 144°; 1778 days).

GP95507 **Long-eared Owl**. Ringed as a first year bird on Lundy, 30.9.90. Found dead (road casualty) near Stonehenge, Wiltshire, 26.3.94. (196km; 90°; 1273 days).

H390510 **Swallow**. Ringed as a juvenile bird on Lundy, 29.9.92. Found trapped, released unharmed, at Ballyouneen, Lisselton, Kerry, EIRE, 21.5.94. (368km; 293°; 599 days).

RK24508 **Blackbird**. Ringed as a first year female on Lundy, 31.10.92. Found dead at Notre-Dame-de-Gravendron, Seine-Maritime, FRANCE, 9.6.93. (417km; 117°; 221 days).

RK24559 **Blackbird**. Ringed as a first year female on Lundy, 18.10.93. Controlled at Castricum, Noord-Holland, NETHERLANDS, 8.10.94. (655km; 76°; 355 days).

RS54834 **Redwing**. Ringed as an adult on Lundy, 8.10.93. Shot at Alcala de los Gazules, Cadiz, SPAIN, 14.1.94. (1636km; 184°; 98 days).

J695274 **Sedge Warbler**. Ringed as a first year bird on Lundy, 30.8.94. Controlled at Keyworth, Poole Harbour, Dorset, 2.9.94. (187km; 106°; 3 days).

H390693 **Blackcap**. Ringed as a first year male on Lundy, 14.10.92. Found dead (road casualty), at Artannes sur Indre, Indre-et-Loire, FRANCE, 24.11.93. (578km; 139°; 406 days).

Bruxelles 4753552 **Blackcap**. Ringed as a first year female at Boitsfort, Brabant, BELGIUM, 29.8.93. Controlled on Lundy, 11.10.93. (635km; 274°; 43 days).

4F4743 **Willow Warbler**. Ringed as an adult on Lundy, 4.5.93. Found dead (road casualty) at Doonfoot, Strathclyde, 22.7.94. (474km; 360°; 444 days).

XN34139 **Starling**. Ringed as a juvenile male on Lundy, 20.10.91. Found dead on Lundy, 16.3.94. (878 days).

VN84505 **Greenfinch**. Ringed as a first year female on Bardsey Island, Gwynedd, 16.10.94. Controlled on Lundy, 26.10.94. (176km; 177°; 10 days).

H390412 **Goldfinch**. Ringed as a second year bird on Lundy, 6.5.92. Found dead (shot) at Leemill, Plymouth, Devon, 8.6.94. (102km; 151°; 763 days).