

BIRD RINGING IN 1996

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Visiting ringers concentrating on catching migrants were on the island for three weeks in spring and four in autumn. In addition, John Hutchinson continued his Skylark work and Cyril Matthews again organised a week of seabird ringing at the end of June. The year's ringing total was 2334 birds of fifty-three species. A complete list of the year's totals is given below. As expected, those for Swallow, Meadow Pipit, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Goldcrest and Chaffinch reached three figures. More noteworthy were the good numbers of Lesser Black-backed Gull, Wheatear, Sedge Warbler, Brambling, Goldfinch and Siskin.

The rarity highlight was a Radde's Warbler, caught in late autumn. This was Lundy's first record of the species. There were few other uncommon species: those of which less than twenty have previously been ringed on Lundy included Woodcock, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Carrion Crow, Redpoll and Reed Bunting.

Recoveries and controls of ringed birds during the year are given below. The list is longer than usual and includes eight Storm Petrels moving to or from southwest England or the Irish Sea, two Lesser Black-backed Gulls seen in Portugal, and Blackbird, Redwing and Sedge Warbler going to Germany, Sweden and France respectively. Late autumn Blackcaps are always of interest since the population summering in the British Isles seems to be different from that wintering here; so one moving west from Belgium, one found in Bristol in winter and a third found in Ireland in summer all added to the overall picture. A Reed Warbler with a Belgian ring and a Siskin with a Norwegian one were also caught in autumn but details of these have not been received yet.

LUNDY RINGING TOTALS, 1996

Manx Shearwater	84	Reed Warbler	1
Storm Petrel	57	Lesser Whitethroat	13
Dunlin	1	Whitethroat	38
Woodcock	1	Garden Warbler	20
Lesser Black-backed Gull	120	Blackcap	81
Herring Gull	14	Radde's Warbler *	1
Kittiwake	9	Wood Warbler	2
Skylark	72	Chiffchaff	116
Sand Martin	1	Willow Warbler	314
Swallow	290	Goldcrest	136
House Martin	7	Firecrest	2
Tree Pipit	3	Spotted Flycatcher	3
Meadow Pipit	103	Red-breasted Flycatcher	2
Pied Wagtail	5	Pied Flycatcher	2
Wren	15	Great Tit	1
Duncock	12	Carrion Crow	2
Robin	24	Starling	1
Redstart	5	House Sparrow	4
Whinchat	1	Chaffinch	182
Stonechat	7	Brambling	20
Wheatear	50	Greenfinch	31
Ring Ouzel	2	Goldfinch	26
Blackbird	36	Siskin	166
Song Thrush	14	Linnet	85
Redwing	13	Redpoll	2
Grasshopper Warbler	8	Reed Bunting	2
Sedge Warbler	127		
		Total	2334

* Added to the Lundy ringing list in 1996.

RECOVERIES AND CONTROLS 1996

2137634 **Storm Petrel**. Ringed as a full grown bird at Hartland Point, Devon, 15.6.96. Controlled on Lundy, 24.6.96. (21km; bearing 331°; 9 days).

2267531 **Storm Petrel**. Ringed as a full grown bird on Lundy, 13.6.96. Controlled at Strumble Head, Dyfed, Wales, 19.7.96. (100km; 344°; 36 days).

2267551 **Storm Petrel**. Ringed as a full grown bird on Lundy, 24.6.96. Controlled at Calf of Man, Isle of Man, 14.7.96. (320km; 358°; 20 days).

2267585 **Storm Petrel**. Ringed as a full grown bird on Lundy, 28.6.96. Controlled at Gwennap Head, Cornwall, 16.7.96. (145km; 210°; 18 days).

2396019 **Storm Petrel**. Ringed as a full grown bird at Sheepland, Ardglass, County Down, N. Ireland, 5.7.95. Controlled on Lundy, 27.6.96. (352km; 170°; 358 days).

2421034 **Storm Petrel**. Ringed as a full grown bird on Gugh, Scilly Isles, 13.7.92. Controlled on Lundy, 10.6.96. (186km; 40°; 1428 days).

2437514 **Storm Petrel**. Ringed as a full grown bird at Copeland, County Down, N. Ireland, 25.8.94. Controlled on Lundy, 12.6.96. (395km; 172°; 657 days).

2440859 **Storm Petrel**. Ringed as a full grown bird on Burnt Island, Scilly Isles, 5.8.95. Controlled on Lundy, 24.6.96. (186km; 40°; 324 days).

GK16927 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** Ringed as a pullus on Lundy, 27.6.96. Found dying after hitting power cables at Broadwoodwiger, Ashwater, Devon, 11.9.96. (61km; 151°; 76 days).

In addition, **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** colour-ringed as pulli on Lundy in summer 1995 have been seen in PORTUGAL as follows:

One at Barra, 29.3.96.

One at Matozinhos, 31.3.96.

RK24824 **Blackbird**. Ringed as a pullus on Lundy, 4.5.96. Found freshly dead on Lundy, 21.5.96. (17 days).

XN34435 **Blackbird**. Ringed as a first year male on Lundy, 30.10.92. Found dead at Schiffdorf, Luneburg, GERMANY, 28.3.96. (941km; 74°; 1245 days).

RS74484 **Redwing**. Ringed as an adult on Lundy, 2.11.95. Found dead, road casualty, at Asbo, Gastrikland, Gavleborg, SWEDEN, 1.5.96. (1708km; 53°; 181 days).

H113849 **Sedge Warbler**. Ringed as a full grown bird on Lundy, 9.5.91. Controlled at Etang de Trunvel, Treogat, Finisterre, FRANCE, 23.8.96. (364km; 176°; 1933 days).

Bruxelles5756212 **Blackcap**. Ringed as a first year male at Semmerzake, Oost-Vlaanderen, BELGIUM, 15.10.95. Controlled on Lundy, 1.11.95. (582km; 272°; 17 days).

J992166 **Blackcap**. Ringed as a first year female on Lundy, 22.10.95. Found dead at Ballincollig, Cork, EIRE, 1.6.96. (283km; 287°; 223 days).

J995671 **Blackcap**. Ringed as a first year male on Lundy, 29.10.95. Found dead at Congresbury, Bristol, Avon, 3.2.96. (132km; 80°; 97 days).

6Y4869 **Willow Warbler**. Ringed as a full grown bird on Lundy, 4.5.96. Controlled on Bardsey Island, Gwynedd, Wales, 6.5.96. (176km; 357°; 2 days).

8Y9666 **Goldcrest**. Ringed as a second year bird at Nanjizal, Land's End, Cornwall, 27.3.96. Controlled on Lundy, 17.10.96. (144km; 30°; 204 days).