

MAMMALS ON LUNDY 1996

Pygmy Shrew *Sorex minutus* - sightings from 5.5.96 to 9.10.96 ("numerous" on 7.5.96, 22 different shrews between 10.6.96 and 15.6.96 when tagging and marking took place.)

Bat sp - one small bat 27.5.96.

Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus* - present, no counts, several comments on myxomatosis being common.

Brown Rat *Rattus norvegicus* - present, no counts.

Black Rat *Rattus rattus* - single sightings on four dates, 30.4.96 to 4.10.96.

Atlantic Grey Seal *Halichoerus grypus* - largest recorded numbers were eighty-seven on 6.5.96, seventy-eight on 8.5.96 and fifty-nine on 1.11.96. A pup played with divers on 31.7.96 and two pups were recorded on 22.9.96.

Sika Deer *Cervus nippon* - maximum recorded was twenty-five, which included a five/six point, a four point, a two/three point and five other males. Two fawns were recorded on 5.12.96. During February and March, four dead were reported - three of these in the sea.

Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus* - two on 4.4.96. Two unidentified dolphin on 3.4.96 were probably the same ones.

Whale sp. - ? Minke on 3.7.96 - back and dorsal fin only seen, length above the surface 12 - 15m.

OTHER VERTEBRATE RECORDS ON LUNDY 1996

Basking Shark *Cetorhinus maximus* - Thirteen separate sightings this year, ten of these being of more than one, with ten on 17.7.96.