

BIRD RINGING IN 1999

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INTRODUCTION

Ringling coverage was more extensive than in 1998, with work on migrants involving three weeks in April and two in September and October. In June and July, Skylark and seabird studies were continued by John Hutchinson and Peter Carr.

2548 birds of fifty-three species were ringed. The highest totals were for Willow Warblers and Chaffinches, caught in large numbers in April and October respectively, with Lesser Black-backed Gull, Sedge Warbler, Blackcap, Chiffchaff and Goldcrest totals also reaching three figures. A flock of eleven Long-tailed Tits in October was the most unexpected catch, with only two birds of this species ever ringed on the island previously.

The year's recoveries and controls include two Storm Petrels with remarkably similar ringling and control details, two Sedge Warblers from Ireland and one to France, a Blackcap and a Chaffinch from and to Belgium and a Siskin to Sweden. Lesser Black-backed Gulls colour-ringed as pulli on Lundy have continued to be seen in Portugal and France .

Very many thanks to Steve Wing, who again put the year's ringling data onto computer. This was a much tougher job this year, with many more birds caught and Steve also being heavily committed in the rebuilding of Cape Clear Bird Observatory where he is the warden.

LUNDY RINGING TOTALS 1999

Fulmar	1	Song Thrush	16
Manx Shearwater	9	Redwing	25
Storm Petrel	17	Grasshopper Warbler	14
Shag	10	Sedge Warbler	154
Mallard	1	Reed Warbler	2
Lesser Black-backed Gull	131	Lesser Whitethroat	4
Herring Gull	69	Whitethroat	56
Great Black-backed Gull	24	Garden Warbler	21
Kittiwake	10	Blackcap	279
Razorbill	2	Chiffchaff	120
Woodpigeon	1	Willow Warbler	441
Cuckoo	1	Goldcrest	272
Skylark	44	Firecrest	7
Swallow	17	Spotted Flycatcher	2
Tree Pipit	1	Pied Flycatcher	4
Meadow Pipit	87	Long-tailed Tit	11
Grey Wagtail	1	Coal Tit	3
Pied Wagtail	6	Starling	3
Wren	18	House Sparrow	8
Duncock	17	Chaffinch	413
Robin	20	Brambling	3
Redstart	2	Greenfinch	37
Whinchat	1	Goldfinch	23
Wheatear	8	Siskin	14
Ring Ouzel	1	Linnet	36
Blackbird	78	Redpoll	1
Fieldfare	2		
		Total	<u>2548</u>

RECOVERIES AND CONTROLS 1999

2231784 **Storm Petrel.** Ringed as a full grown bird at St Alban's Head, Dorset, 7.7.95. Controlled on Lundy, 24.6.98. (195km; bearing 290°; 1083 days).

2244316 **Storm Petrel.** Ringed as a full grown bird at Pendeen Watch, Cornwall, 8.7.97. Controlled on Lundy, 24.6.98. (134km; 32°; 351 days).

2495712 **Storm Petrel.** Ringed as a full grown bird at Pendeen Watch, Cornwall, 5.7.97. Controlled on Lundy, 25.6.98. (134km; 32°; 355 days).

GK16947 **Herring Gull.** Ringed as a pullus on Lundy, 23.6.98. Found dead (hit power line) at Rumney, Cardiff, Wales, 17.4.99. (113km; 71°; 298 days).

K444503 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as a juvenile bird at Youghal, Cork, EIRE, 2.9.95. Controlled on Lundy, 1.5.99. (239km; 111°; 1337 days).

K507202 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as an adult bird on Lundy, 5.5.96. Controlled at Frossay, Le Massereau, Loire-Atlantique, FRANCE, 29.7.97. (480km; 155°; 450 days).

K753144 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as an adult bird on Great Saltee Island, Wexford, EIRE, 15.5.97. Controlled on Lundy, 1.5.99. (171km; 128°; 716 days).

7074460 **Blackcap.** Ringed as a first year male at Asse Ter Heide, Brabant, BELGIUM, 14.9.99. Controlled on Lundy, 26.10.99. (617km; 273°; 42 days).

K923322 **Chaffinch.** Ringed as an adult female on Lundy, 30.10.97. Controlled at Zele Heikant, Oost-Vlaanderen, BELGIUM, 6.11.98. (607km; 91°; 372 days).

K923368 **Siskin.** Ringed as an adult female on Lundy, 30.10.97. Found freshly dead at Hono, Goteborg och Bohus, SWEDEN, 5.2.99. (1277km; 55°; 463 days).

VS06757 **Greenfinch.** Ringed as a first year female on Lundy, 25.10.99. Found dying at Stibb, Bude, Cornwall, 4.11.99. (35km; 164°; 10 days).

In addition, **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** colour-ringed as pulli on Lundy have been seen as follows

Ringed 25-29.6.95, seen at Matosinhos, PORTUGAL, 28.10.99.

Ringed 25-29.6.95, seen at Mimizan, Landes, FRANCE, 12.8.98.