

BIRD RINGING IN 2000 & 2001

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2000

INTRODUCTION

Ringling coverage involved two weeks of work on migrants in spring, one in August and two in September and October. In June and July, John Hutchinson continued his Skylark studies and small numbers of seabirds were ringed.

2259 birds of forty-seven species were ringed in the year. As in 1999, the highest total was for Willow Warblers, and the figures for most other regular species were similar too, with Sedge Warbler, Blackcap, Chiffchaff and Goldcrest totals again reaching three figures. However, much greater effort was put into catching Swallows in 2000, so that their numbers pushed Chaffinches down into third place. Other differences include a pleasingly high total for Whitethroats, perhaps reflecting better conditions in their wintering areas in Africa; and less emphasis on seabird ringling. The most unusual catches were a Melodious Warbler in August and Red-eyed Vireo and Red-breasted Flycatcher in October. A full list of the species totals is given below.

Among the details of the recoveries and controls received during the year, listed below, are exchanges of Sedge Warblers with both Dorset and Finistere, and a Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler making very similar spring movements from Portland to Lundy. Lesser Black-backed Gulls colour-ringed as pulli on Lundy have been seen in Spain, Portugal and France.

LUNDY RINGING TOTALS 2000

Manx Shearwater	5	Reed Warbler	1
Storm Petrel	6	Melodious Warbler	1
Shag	3 (3)	Lesser Whitethroat	2
Kestrel	1	Whitethroat	93
Herring Gull	1 (1)	Garden Warbler	9
Great Black-backed Gull	3 (3)	Blackcap	138
Skylark	49 (32)	Chiffchaff	111
Sand Martin	3	Willow Warbler	654
Swallow	317	Goldcrest	152
House Martin	11	Firecrest	4
Tree Pipit	2	Spotted Flycatcher	4
Meadow Pipit	75 (1)	Red-breasted Flycatcher	1
Grey Wagtail	4	Pied Flycatcher	3
Pied Wagtail	2	House Sparrow	2
Wren	11	Red-eyed Vireo	1
Duncock	7	Chaffinch	246
Robin	25	Brambling	2
Redstart	5	Greenfinch	41
Whinchat	1	Goldfinch	4
Stonechat	2	Linnet	28
Wheatear	19	Redpoll	2
Blackbird	25		
Song Thrush	2		
Redwing	5	Total	2259
Grasshopper Warbler	13		
Sedge Warbler	163		

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

RECOVERIES AND CONTROLS 2000

GK16901 **Lesser Black-backed Gull.** Ringed as a pullus on Lundy, 26.6.96. Found dead at Aberdovey, Gwynedd, Wales, 2.4.00. (160km; bearing 14°; 1376 days).

GP95729 **Lesser Black-backed Gull.** Ringed as a pullus on Lundy, 25.6.96. Found dead at Great Saltee Island, Wexford, EIRE, 22.6.99. (171km; 308°; 1092 days).

P264162 **Sand Martin.** Ringed as an adult on Lundy, 29.4.00. Controlled at Buckden Gravel Pits, Cambridgeshire, 22.7.00. (330km; 68°; 84 days).

N691535 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as a juvenile bird on Lundy, 5.8.98. Controlled at Trunvel, Treogat, Finistere, FRANCE, 19.8.98. (362km; 176°; 14 days).

N620474 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as an adult female at Radipole, Weymouth, Dorset, 7.8.98. Controlled on Lundy, 26.4.00. (166km; 292°; 628 days).

4342113 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as a first year bird at Trunvel, Treogat, Finistere, FRANCE, 9.8.98. Controlled on Lundy, 1.5.99. (362km; 356°; 265 days).

J885782 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as a first year bird at Wick, Christchurch, Dorset, 31.8.99. Controlled on Lundy, 28.4.00. (209km; 284°; 241 days).

2Z3702 **Chiffchaff.** Ringed as an adult female at Portland Bill, Dorset, 22.4.00. Controlled on Lundy, 29.4.00. (171km; 295°; 7 days).

2Z3654 **Willow Warbler.** Ringed as an adult female at Portland Bill, Dorset, 20.4.00. Controlled on Lundy, 28.4.00. (171km; 295°; 8 days).

8G5525 **Goldcrest.** Ringed as a first year male on the Calf of Man, Isle of Man, 5.10.99. Controlled on Lundy, 25.10.99. (320km; 178°; 20 days).

8M3845 **Goldcrest.** Ringed as a first year male on Lundy, 6.10.99. Found dead (killed by cat) at Higher Clovelly, Bideford, Devon, 2.11.99. (28km; 138°; 27 days).

N691836 **Pied Flycatcher.** Ringed as an adult female on Lundy, 1.5.99. Controlled at Yarnar Wood, Bovey Tracey, Devon, 24.5.00. (93km; 134°; 389 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 Villanueva de la Serena, Badajoz, SPAIN, 2.12.97.

Ringed 25-29.6.95, seen at Mimizan, Landes, FRANCE, 30.11.99 and 21.12.00.

Ringed 25-29.6.95, seen at Hossegor, Landes, FRANCE, 23.12.00.

Ringed 25-29.6.95, seen at the River Eo estuary, Asturias, SPAIN, 9.12.00.

Ringed 25-29.6.95, seen at Matosinhos, PORTUGAL, 10.11.00.

2001

INTRODUCTION

Ringers were working on the island for two weeks in spring and four and a half weeks in autumn.

1336 birds of forty-two species were ringed in the year. Compared with the 2000 migration seasons, spring catches, involving species such as Sedge Warbler, Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler, were lower but in late autumn the totals for Robins, thrushes, Blackcaps and Chaffinches were higher. Siskins returned, after none were ringed in 2000, presumably having had a more productive breeding season. Goldcrest numbers were low but, in contrast, the total of seven Firecrests was above average. Unusual species ringed included Yellow-browed Warbler, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Golden Oriole and Scarlet Rosefinch. A full list of the species totals is given below.

Details of the recoveries and controls received during the year are also given below. With previously very limited knowledge of where Lundy's autumn migrant Chaffinches spend the winter, two found in England in December are of interest. Sedge Warblers have continued to show movements between Lundy and France, and details arrived of one that had come from Spain. A Song Thrush migrating via Lundy in autumn was also found in Spain. A Lesser Black-backed Gull, ringed as a pullus on Lundy, was seen in Portugal well enough for its individual ring number to be read in the field.

LUNDY RINGING TOTALS 2001

Kestrel	1	Wood Warbler	1
Swallow	33	Chiffchaff	57
Meadow Pipit	57(4)	Willow Warbler	126
Pied Wagtail	5	Goldcrest	52
Wren	13	Firecrest	7
Dunnock	9	Spotted Flycatcher	5
Robin	84	Red-breasted Flycatcher	1
Redstart	1	Pied Flycatcher	5
Stonechat	5	Treecreeper	1
Wheatear	1	Golden Oriole	1
Blackbird	57	Starling	1
Song Thrush	30	House Sparrow	2
Redwing	18	Chaffinch	442
Grasshopper Warbler	5	Brambling	2
Sedge Warbler	30	Greenfinch	25
Reed Warbler	2	Goldfinch	9
Lesser Whitethroat	4	Siskin	20
Whitethroat	34	Linnet	16
Garden Warbler	6	Redpoll	3
Blackcap	163	Scarlet Rosefinch	1
Yellow-browed Warbler	1		
		Total	1336

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

RECOVERIES AND CONTROLS 2001

FC24464 **Manx Shearwater.** Ringed as a full grown bird on Lundy, 23.7.91. Found dead at Ilfracombe, Devon, 22.5.01. (37km; bearing 84°; 3591 days).

GP95541 **Lesser Black-backed Gull.** Ringed as a pullus on Lundy, 25.6.95. Sight record (ring number read in the field) at Portimao, Algarve, PORTUGAL, 12.11.01. (1589km; 191°; 2332 days).

RW49289 **Song Thrush.** Ringed as an adult on Lundy, 21.10.01. Found dead at Ecija, Sevilla, SPAIN, 8.12.01. (1513km; 181°; 48 days).

N691950 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as an adult on Lundy, 1.5.99. Controlled at Oudalle, Seine-Maritime, FRANCE, 16.8.99. (398km; 118°; 107 days).

4334286 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as an adult at Le Massereau, Frossay, Loire-Atlantique, FRANCE, 29.7.99. Controlled on Lundy, 26.4.00. (480km; 335°; 272 days).

923034 **Sedge Warbler.** Ringed as an adult at Embalse de Ullibarri Gamboa, Elburgo, Alava, SPAIN, 20.4.98. Controlled on Lundy, 29.4.00. (936km; 350°; 740 days).

6U5083 **Willow Warbler.** Ringed as an adult at Nanjizal, Land's End, Cornwall, 25.4.01. Controlled on Lundy, 29.4.01. (144km; 30°; 4 days).

N879249 **Chaffinch.** Ringed as a first year female on Lundy, 24.10.99. Controlled at Uley Bury, Gloucestershire, 22.12.01. (173km; 71°; 790 days).

P660612 **Chaffinch.** Ringed as an adult female on Lundy, 29.10.01. Controlled at Venusbank, Cound, Shropshire, 16.12.01. (214km; 40°; 48 days).

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

Ringed 25-29.6.95, seen on the River Hayle estuary, Cornwall, 19.2.01