

## MAMMALS ON LUNDY 2003

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Pygmy shrew, *Sorex minutus* - (records are often of dead shrews, or ones being hunted e.g. by cat or kestrel), records on eight days, July to December, with two on 09.09.2003.

Small bat sp. - records on five days, 19.03.03 - 10.10.03, with two on 19.03.03.

Rabbit, *Oryctolagus cuniculus* - present.

Atlantic grey seal, *Halichoerus grypus* - the highest counts recorded in the Log were 45 on 18.11.03 and 49 on 24.09.03. Single pups recorded in spring in April and May, and in autumn in September and December.

Sika deer, *Cervus nippon* - there was a count of 69 during the year but the highest count in the Log was 26 on 03.08.03, with fawns recorded in May and July.

Common dolphin, *Delphinus delphis* - unusually large numbers of sightings (on nine days) of large pods this year from 16.06.03 - 25.09.03. The largest numbers being 20 to 30 on 17.06.03, over 50 on 15.08.03 and 30 on 01.09.03. The pod of 20 on 16.06.03 included a calf.

Harbour porpoise, *Phocoena phocoena* - ten sightings from 14.05.03 - 29.12.03 with a maximum of six on 22.09.03.

Dolphin sp. - there were four further sightings of pods of unidentified dolphins.

*The 'species' reports are extracted from the Log Book. They have not been subjected to validation by a recognised body.*