

## Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

### 1. Monthly highlights. (five points, not necessarily birds)

1. Earliest return records for MANX SHEARWATER and COMMON REDSTART (earliest ever since 1965).
2. Yellow-legged Gull (potential addition to island's list depending if previous records are accepted)
3. Whole Observatory has been redecorated from top to bottom
4. Best March ringing total for a couple of years
5. House Sparrow on 31st only 10th record in past decade!



### 2. Weather. Give brief summary of weather details..

### 3. Ringing number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli). 555 Birds of 26 Species

Top three species Full Grown 1st..358 Goldcrest .....2nd..63 Chiffchaff.....3rd..44 Willow Warbler.....

#### Unusual Ringing activity 1 Cough, 2 Bullfinch

4. Main Movements	Dates and Numbers
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Lapwing, 1 Skylark, 3 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail,
4 <sup>th</sup>	1 Skylark, 6 Meadow Pipit, 1 Starling.
6 <sup>th</sup>	51 Meadow Pipit, 2 Linnet.
7 <sup>th</sup>	68 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 7 Goldcrest, 1 Greenfinch.
8 <sup>th</sup>	120 Meadow Pipit, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Greenfinch.
10 <sup>th</sup>	20 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Skylark.
13 <sup>th</sup>	2 Buzzard, 1 Merlin.
15 <sup>th</sup>	1 Fieldfare, 13 Redwing.
16 <sup>th</sup>	1 Merlin, 1 Chiffchaff, 2 Goldcrest.
17 <sup>th</sup>	1 Water Rail, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Wheatear, 1 Fieldfare, 120 Redwing, 1 Chiffchaff, 10 Goldcrest, 125 Starling.
18 <sup>th</sup>	2 Dunlin, 1 Wheatear, 1 Fieldfare, 6 Chiffchaff, 5 Goldcrest, 100 Starling, 45 Chaffinch.
19 <sup>th</sup>	400 Meadow Pipit, 3 Black Redstart, 1 Wheatear, 5 Chiffchaff, 40 Goldcrest.
20 <sup>th</sup>	2 House Martin, 2 Sand Martin, 300 Meadow Pipit, 7 Black Redstart, 3 Wheatear, 2 Fieldfare, 2 Blackcap, 10 Chiffchaff, 40 Goldcrest, 1 Brambling
21 <sup>st</sup>	1 Collard Dove, 2 Black Redstart, 1 Wheatear, 1 Blackcap, 10 Chiffchaff, 65 Goldcrest.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	44 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Collard Dove, 200 Meadow, 3 Black Redstart, 1 Wheatear, 3 Fieldfare, 50 Chiffchaff, 45 Goldcrest, 1 Brambling, 1 Reed Bunting.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	12 Purple Sandpiper, 1 ad Yellow-legged Gull, 3 Sand Martin, 1 Black Redstart, 15 Wheatear, 1 Blackcap, 40 Chiffchaff, 40 Goldcrest, 200 Starling.
24 <sup>th</sup>	1 Merlin, 51 Purple Sandpiper, 200 Meadow Pipit, 29 Wheatear, 2 Blackcap, 40 Chiffchaff, 12 Willow Warbler, 40 Goldcrest, 1 Goldfinch, 4 Linnet.
25 <sup>th</sup>	1 Merlin, 1 House Martin, 2 Black Redstart, 10 Wheatear, 1 Fieldfare, 6 Blackcap, 40 Chiffchaff, 20 Willow Warbler, 50 Goldcrest, 8 Greenfinch, 15 Linnet
26 <sup>th</sup>	3 Buzzard, 100 Purple Sandpiper, 2 Swallow, 1 Redstart (earliest ever since 1965), 1 Wheatear, 5 Blackcap, 45 Chiffchaff, 40 Willow Warbler, 150 Goldcrest, 8 Greenfinch, 1 Goldfinch, 12 Linnet, 3 Siskin, 2 Great Tit, 2 Bullfinch.
27 <sup>th</sup>	1 Collared Dove, 13 Wheatear, 2 Blackcap, 30 Chiffchaff, 20 Willow Warbler, 250 Goldcrest, 4 Greenfinch, 3 Goldfinch, 18 Linnet, 1 Great Tit.
28 <sup>th</sup>	3 Buzzard, 1 Merlin, 2 Collared Dove, 2 House Martin, 5 Wheatear, 1 Blackcap, 20 Chiffchaff, 20 Willow Warbler, 50 Goldcrest, 15 Greenfinch, 5 Linnet, 4 Great Tit, 1 Bullfinch
29 <sup>th</sup>	1 Sand Martin, 1 Collared Dove, 100 Meadow Pipit, 1 Fieldfare, 2 Blackcap, 15 Chiffchaff, 30 Willow Warbler, 100 Goldcrest, 4 Greenfinch, 2 Goldfinch, 55 Linnet, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Siskin, 2 Great Tit, 1 Bullfinch.
30 <sup>th</sup>	1 Merlin, 60 Meadow Pipit, 54 Wheatear, 2 Blackcap, 20 Chiffchaff, 6 Willow Warbler, 56 Goldcrest, 4 Greenfinch, 15 Linnet, 2 Lesser Redpoll.
31 <sup>st</sup>	1 Merlin, 160 Meadow Pipit, 4 Wheatear, 50 Fieldfare, 50 Redwing, 1 Blackcap, 30 Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler, 80 Goldcrest, 50 Starling, 1 House Sparrow, 5 Greenfinch, 2 Goldfinch, 6 Linnet, 1 Bullfinch.

### 5. Notable absentees and species well below normal strength.

Linnet numbers were down for the month, very few *hirrundines* as well. Rare birds are notable by their absence

### 6. Give early or late dates for your observatory

Earliest return records for MANX SHEARWATER and REDSTART (earliest ever since 1965).

### 7. Rarities Interpret rare fairly liberally for your observatory

Yellow-legged Gull on 23rd

House Sparrow on 31st

### 8. Sea Passage. List notable movements with dates

1 <sup>st</sup>	Manx Shearwater 1 (earliest ever record)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	200 Auk sp
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 Gannet, 12 Teal.
5 <sup>th</sup>	60 Gannet,
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 Red-throated Diver, 5 Fulmar, 4 Gannet.
10 <sup>th</sup>	1 Gannet, 30 Common Scoter.
19 <sup>th</sup>	1 Red-throated Diver, 2 Gannet, 1 Black headed Gull,

### 9. Other news, notes, requests for help etc.

10 Rissos's Dolphins on 30th

Adrian George has been appointed as this season's AW.

Spaces to stay at the Obs are in short supply. NO room is available during school holidays, most of September is fully booked and October is filling fast!

Contact Alicia Normand for latest availability details (tel 01626 773 908)