

Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. Sabine's Gull ringed (3rd for UK)
2. Lots of birders on the island in the middle of the month
3. three Little Buntings
4. Pallas's Warbler trapped
5. 2nd Island Record of Waxwing

Month/Year



2. **Weather.** Give brief summary of weather details. A very windy start to the month followed by a settled spell in the middle returning to windy with lots of rain towards the end and then dry and calm at the very end.

3. **Ringing** number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli).

Top three species Full Grown 1st..Goldcrest c350.....2nd..Chaffinch c150.....3rd.. Greenfinch c150.....

Unusual Ringing activity Sabine's Gull (adult), Pallas's Warbler 1, Firecrest 3, Rock Pipit 14

4. Main Movements

Dates and Numbers

- 3^d White Wagtail 10, Linnet 100
- 7th Goldcrest 75, Chaffinch 56, Greenfinch 75, Goldfinch 23, Siskin 8, Lapland Bunting 1
- 8th Grey Heron 6, **Whooper Swan 7**, Short-eared Owl 1, **Great-spotted Woodpecker 1**, Skylark 125, **Richard's Pipit 1**, Meadow Pipit 105, Grey Wagtail 4, Goldcrest 200, Blue Tit 1, Raven 11, Chaffinch 200, Greenfinch 30, Goldfinch 47 Linnet 100, Lesser Redpoll 12, Reed Bunting 10
- 9th **Richard's Pipit 1**, Meadow Pipit 110, Fieldfare 500, Song Thrush 19, Redwing 160, Chough **60**, Siskin 12, Linnet 200, Lapland Bunting 1, Snow Bunting 1, Reed Bunting 3
- 10th Hen Harrier 1, Short-eared Owl 1, Redstart 1, Fieldfare 57, Redwing 55, Blackcap 14, Starling 114, Snow Bunting 2
- 11th Firecrest 1, Brambling 1
- 12th **Richards Pipit 1**, Chiffchaff 26, Goldcrest 300, Firecrest 2, Starling 500,
- 23^d Grey Wagtail 3, Ring Ouzel 3, Lesser Whitethroat 1, **Yellow-browed Warbler 1**, Firecrest 1, **Treecreeper 1**, Starling 1300, **Waxwing 1**, Goldfinch 39, Bullfinch 2, **Hawfinch 1**
- 26th Great Northern Diver 1, White-fronted Goose 15, Skylark 169, Swallow 1, House Martin 1, **Richard's Pipit 2**, Blackcap 5, **Pallas's Warbler 1**, Chiffchaff 11, Starling 356, Chaffinch 1027, Greenfinch 896, Siskin 27, **Common Rosefinch 1**, Bullfinch 1, **Little Bunting 1**, Reed Bunting 13
- 27th Med Gull 2, Firecrest 2, **Rosy Starling 1**,
- 28th **Glaucous Gull 1**, Med Gull 1, Wigeon 1, **Yellow-browed Warbler 1**, Firecrest 3, Starling 800, **Rosy Starling 1**, **Common Rosefinch 1**, Bullfinch 1, **Little Bunting 1 (new)**
- 29th Starling 1200, Chaffinch 90, Greenfinch 130, Bullfinch 2
- 31st **Little Bunting 1 (3rd individual)**

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

Redwings were well below par.

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

House Martin was fairly late

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

See bold species in text

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

- 1st Common Scoter 23, Pintail 1, Bonxie 2, Med Gull 1, Little Gull 2, Kittiwake 800, Sandwich Tern 6, Arctic Tern 3, Black Tern 3, Razorbill 400, **Little Auk 1**
- 2nd Sooty Shearwater 1, Manx Shearwater 50, Balearic Shearwater 1, Gannet 180, Common Scoter 25, Curlew Sandpiper 15 (south), Arctic Skua 1, **Long-tailed Skua 1**, Bonxie 4, Med Gull 2, BH Gull 300, Kittiwake 500, Razorbill 300
- 4th **Great-crested Grebe 1**, Sooty Shearwater 1, Manx Shearwater 66, Leach's Petrel 1, Gannet 220, Pomarine Skua 1, Arctic Skua 2 Bonxie 3, Kittiwake 800, Razorbill 3200
- 5th Gannet 100, Golden plover **268**, Little Gull 1, Sabine's Gull 1, Kittiwake 3200, Razorbill 1000
- 6th Manx Shearwater 460, Balearic Shearwater 2, Storm Petrel 1, Gannet 125, Pomarine Skua 1, Arctic Skua 4, Bonxie 1, Kittiwake 5500, Sandwich tern 1, Common Tern 6 Arctic Tern 18, Razorbill 3000
- 9th Great-northern Diver 1, Common Scoter 26, **Velvet Scoter 1**, Merganser 3, Med Gull 1, BH Gull 180, Kittiwake 200
- 11th Red-throated Diver 1, Brent Goose 1, Teal 27, Pintail 2, **Tufted Duck 1**, Common Scoter 37, Arctic Skua 1, **Mediterranean Gull 17+** (16+ ads 1 1st w), BH Gull 8000, Common Gull 400, Kittiwake 1200, **Yellow Legged Gull 1**, Razorbill 1000
- 13th Common Scoter 55, Med Gull 2, Little Gull 4, **Sabine's Gull 1**, BH Gull 720, Herring Gull 450, Kittiwake 755
- 14th Common Scoter 60, Med Gull 2, BHG 500, Razorbill 6000/hr
- 16th Med Gull 1, BH Gull 1000, Kittiwake 4000, Razorbill 1000
- 23^d **Cory's Shearwater 1**, **Grey Phalarope 1**, **Sabine's Gull 1**
- 24th Canada Goose 1, Barnacle Goose 3
- 25th Great-northern Diver 1, Balearic Shearwater 1, Bonxie 1, Little Gull 3, kittiwake 2000, Razorbill 1170
- 29th Brent Goose 1, **Long tailed Duck 1**, Med Gull 1 **Sabine's Gull 1**, BH Gull 2000, Kittiwake 2000, Black Tern 1
- 30th **Sabine's Gull 1 ad trapped!**

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

Assistant required for 2005 season. (details of post from Steve tel: 07855 264 151)