

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

1. 180 Grasshopper Warbler attracted to lighthouse on 27th
2. A small fall of migrants on the 19th including 58 Blackcap, 160 Willow Warbler
3. 6 records of Canada Goose (11 birds) following only the 15th ever record last month, we may have to review its status!
4. 1st record of Yellowhammer attracted to lighthouse on 21st.
5. 26th record of Marsh Harrier, 1st since May 2004



2. **Weather.** Give brief summary of weather details.. A mostly mild month with a predominantly west or south west airstream. Quite dry with a few spells of cold northerly winds.

## 3. Ringing number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli). 443 birds of 20 species

Top three species Full Grown 1st..Willow Warbler 136 2nd.....Goldcrest 75 3rd..Chiffchaff 53

Unusual Ringing activity **Three White Wagtails**

## 4. Main Movements

## Dates and Numbers

- 1<sup>st</sup> 3 Jack Snipe, 1 'littoralis' Rock Pipit, 1 Mistle Thrush, 152 Starling (60 attracted), 1 Reed Bunting attracted
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 Canada Goose, 10 Swallow, 3 Rook, 17 Raven, 20 Carrion Crow
- 4<sup>th</sup> 1 Canada Goose, 1 Long-eared Owl, 1st Tree Pipit
- 5<sup>th</sup> 2 Red throated Diver, 2 'leucorhoa' race Wheatear, 7 Blackcap, 21 Chiffchaff, 60 Goldcrest, 2 Bullfinch
- 6<sup>th</sup> 1 Woodcock, 1 Black Redstart, 56 Linnet, 1 Bullfinch
- 8<sup>th</sup> 60 Linnet, 1 Bullfinch
- 9<sup>th</sup> 1 Great Northern Diver, 2 Canada Goose, 14 Shelduck, 1 Bullfinch
- 10<sup>th</sup> 4 Buzzard, 21 Swallow, 32 Goldcrest, 1 Great Tit, 25 Carrion Crow, 1 Reed Bunting
- 11<sup>th</sup> 1 Long Eared Owl calling near obs. 33 Willow Warbler, 16 Chiffchaff, 1 Great Tit
- 12<sup>th</sup> 1st 'flava' wagtail, 1 Great Tit, 3 Rook, 1 Lesser Redpoll
- 13<sup>th</sup> 31 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Great Tit
- 14<sup>th</sup> 22 Shag, 1 Golden Plover, 1 Great Skua, 140 Kittiwake, 100 Razorbill, 1st 2 House Martin, 35 Willow Warbler, 30 Goldcrest, 1 Great Tit, 23 Carrion Crow, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Yellowhammer
- 15<sup>th</sup> 1 Canada Goose, 1st Common Sandpiper, 45 Swallow, 1 Tree Pipit, 1 'littoralis' Rock Pipit, 1st Redstart, 1st Grasshopper Warbler, 1st 2 Sedge Warbler, 118 Willow Warbler, 3 Rook, 24 Carrion Crow, 129 Linnet, 5 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Bullfinch
- 16<sup>th</sup> 4 Canada Goose, 9 White Wagtail, 26 Wheatear, 1st Whitethroat, 70 Willow Warbler
- 17<sup>th</sup> 2 Jack Snipe, 140 Linnet
- 18<sup>th</sup> 1st Sandwich Tern, 78 Swallow, 1 'littoralis' Rock Pipit
- 19<sup>th</sup> 1 Goshawk, 128 Oystercatcher, 1st 2 Common Tern, 1st Cuckoo, 57 Wheatear, 17 Grasshopper Warbler, 58 Blackcap, 166 Willow Warbler
- 20<sup>th</sup> 13 White Wagtail
- 21<sup>st</sup> 13 Ringed Plover, 133 Meadow Pipit, 16 Grasshopper Warbler, 1 Hooded Crow, 1 Yellowhammer attracted to lighthouse
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 26 Whimbrel, 1st Ring Ouzel
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 1st Swift, 150 Swallow, 2 Fieldfare, 1 Redwing
- 24<sup>th</sup> 1 Firecrest, 17 Goldfinch
- 25<sup>th</sup> 104 Oystercatcher, 4 Black tailed Godwit, 14 Pied Wagtail, 1 Fieldfare, 1 Redwing, 1 Firecrest
- 26<sup>th</sup> 1 Canada Goose, 13 Whimbrel, 360 Lesser Black backed Gull, 453 Herring Gull, 316 Razorbill, 13 White Wagtail, 50 Willow Warbler, 71 Goldfinch, 96 Linnet
- 27<sup>th</sup> 1 Golden Plover, 2 Bar tailed Godwit, 180 Swallow, 14 White Wagtail, 1 Yellow Wagtail, 1st Whinchat, 50 Wheatear, 180 Grasshopper Warbler, 30 Sedge Warbler, 25 Whitethroat, 100 Willow Warbler
- 28<sup>th</sup> 1 Grey Plover, 22 Whimbrel
- 29<sup>th</sup> 1 Marsh Harrier, 1 Puffin, 1st Swift, 160 Swallow, 2 Whinchat, 40 Wheatear, 1 Firecrest, 23 Chough, 1 Hooded Crow, 42 Lesser Redpoll
- 30<sup>th</sup> 1 Red throated Diver, 3 Sanderling, 16 Turnstone, 2 Fieldfare, 13 Goldcrest, 1 Firecrest, 1 Common Redpoll

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

No Pied Flycatchers so far and most spring migrants in small numbers.

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

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

Canada Goose (6 records)

Marsh Harrier on 29th

Goshawk on 19th

Black tailed Godwit 4 on 25th

Grey Plover on 28th

Great Skua on 14th

Firecrest 1 on 24th to 26th another 29th and 30th

Great Tit 11th to 13th

Hooded Crow 21st and 29th

Common Redpoll 30th

Bullfinch 2 from 5th to 9th

Yellowhammer single on 14th and 21st

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 13 Fulmar, 50 Manx Shearwater, 23 Gannet, 35 Kittiwake, 136 Auk sp.

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

1st brood of 10 Mallards hatched on the 16th

Long eared Owl hunting at lighthouse attraction 21st, 1 Swallow attracted to light 4am

A busy fortnight at the obs. around Easter with no vacancies and lots of schoolchildren. Connor Stansfield's 4th birthday party was well attended on the 16th.