

Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. First Corncrake for 16 years
2. First ever spring Sabine's Gull
3. Third Marsh warbler for the island
4. Largest number of Common Whitethroats for many years
5. First spring Pomarine Skuas since 2000 (even though they are regular in large numbers near by in spring)

May 2004



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

A very dry month with heavy dew on a handful of nights the best precipitation all month!

3. Ringing number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli). 294 Birds of 25 Species (206 pulli of 6 species)

Top three species Full Grown 1st..Manx Shearwater 115 ..2nd..Sedge Warbler 57..3rd..Common Whitethroat 35...

Unusual Ringing activity

3 Storm Petrel ringed 24th. Marsh Warbler

4. Main Movements

Dates and Numbers

1 st	65 Wheatear
2 nd	70 Wheatear
3 rd	1 Osprey , 11 Purple Sandpiper, 567 Swallow, 77 Wheatear, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 27 Willow Warbler
7 th	1 Corncrake , 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1 Blackbird, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Garden Warbler, 22 Blackcap, 77 Linnet
8 th	1 Corncrake
9 th	1 Corncrake , 1 Whinchat
10 th	1 Hobby , 1 Corncrake , 7 Sanderling, 35 Dunlin, 1 Common Redstart, 1 Whinchat, 1 Red-backed Shrike
11 th	1 Cuckoo, 1 Grasshopper Warbler
12 th	1 Cuckoo, 500 Swallow, 1 Grey Wagtail, 3 Whinchat, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 120 Sedge Warbler, 1 Marsh Warbler , 250 Whitethroat, 7 Garden Warbler, 1 Common Redpoll , 12 Lesser Redpoll
13 th	1 Merlin, 2 Knot, 2 Bar-tailed Godwit, 500 Swallow, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 150 Sedge Warbler, 3 Garden Warbler, 100 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Red-backed Shrike , 1 Starling, 3 Common Redpoll
14 th	12 Ringed Plover, 1 Knot, 1 Garden Warbler
16 th	1 Common Redpoll
17 th	1 Common Redpoll
18 th	41 Dunlin
19 th	1 Marsh Harrier , 1 Turtle Dove, 1 Golden Oriole
20 th	15 Sanderling, 54 Dunlin, 1 Turtle Dove
21 st	1 Turtle Dove, 1 Pied Flycatcher
22 nd	3 Buzzard, 2 Turtle Dove
23 rd	1 Knot
25 th	2 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1 Black Redstart
26 th	1 Hen Harrier , 10 Sanderling, 2 Turtle Dove, 2 Bar-tailed Godwit
27 th	2 Bar-tailed Godwit
31 st	1 Knot

5. Notable absentees and species well below normal strength.

Only singles of both Redstart and Pied Flycatcher

6. Give early or late dates for your observatory

3 Storm Petrels trapped on 24th whilst trying to catch Dunlin was rather early

Grey Wagtail on 12th is late

7. Rarities Interpret rare fairly liberally for your observatory

Hobby on 10th

Marsh Harrier on 19th

Hen Harrier on 26th

Osprey on 3rd

Corncrake from 7th to 10th (first for 16 years)

Pomarine Skua 4 on 6th

Sabine's Gull 1st Summer on 11th

Little Gull 1st Summer on 3rd

Marsh Warbler 1 on 19th

Red-backed Shrike males on 10th and 13th

Golden Oriole f/imm on 19th

Common Redpoll one to three on four dates from 12th to 17th

8. Sea Passage. List notable movements with dates

3rd 1 Little Gull, 1 Common Tern

6th 1 Common Scoter, **4 Pomarine Skua**

11th **1 Sabine's Gull**, 10 Sandwich Tern

13th 500 Manx Shearwater, 7 Arctic Tern

14th 8 Common Scoter

24th 3 Storm Petrel

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

Staff required for next season – Assistant Warden and team leader/volunteers to undertake census of the shearwaters.

Anyone interested call Steve on 07855 264151