

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

1. A sizable lighthouse attraction on the night of the 22nd/23rd produced 8 Manx Shearwater, 1 Little Egret (briefly hovering at the gantry lights and barking), 3 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1 Turnstone, 5 Redshank, 1 Dunlin, 6 Whimbrel, 6 Sandwich Tern, 1 Wood Pigeon, 3 Swallow, 20 Wheatear, 200 Grasshopper Warbler, 30 Sedge Warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 27 Blackcap, 60 Willow Warbler, and 1 Chiffchaff.
2. Ringing landmarks included the 50th Purple Sandpiper and the 150th Lesser Whitethroat for the island.
3. Several occasions where multiple Grasshopper Warblers could be compared in the hand to see the wide range of colour variation.
4. An aberrant Willow Warbler on the 27th with a predominantly yellow head.
5. Connor's 6th birthday party.



2. **Weather.** Give brief summary of weather details. Generally dry but with several days of strong winds and a brief period of settled snow on the 6th. Four nights produced conditions suitable for a lighthouse attraction with no visible moon and poor visibility.

3. **Ringing** number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli). 960 Birds of 26 Species

Top three species Full Grown 1st ... Willow Warbler 502. 2nd ... Chiffchaff 147. 3rd ... Blackcap 93

Unusual Ringing activity Purple Sandpiper 1, Dunlin 1, Whimbrel 7, Redshank 1, Reed Warbler 1, Lesser Whitethroat 1, Blue Tit 1, Bullfinch 1

4. Main Movements

Dates and Numbers

- 1st Redwing 1, Blackcap 2, Chiffchaff 17, Willow Warbler 4, Goldcrest 60, **Lapland Bunting 1**
- 2nd Merlin 2, Swallow 2, House Martin 2, Fieldfare 1, Mistle Thrush 1, Blackcap 1, Chiffchaff 24, Willow Warbler 15, Goldcrest 61, Jackdaw 12, **Lapland Bunting 1**
- 3rd Swallow 28, House Martin 26, Fieldfare 5, Blackcap 1, Chiffchaff 52, Willow Warbler 31, Goldcrest 65, Greenfinch 9, Lesser Redpoll 1
- 4th Kestrel 2, Water Rail 1, Lapwing 1, Dunlin 4, Black-headed Gull 3, Woodpigeon 35, Swallow 10, House Martin 40, Black Redstart 1, Redwing 1, Blackcap 3, Chiffchaff 46, Willow Warbler 36, Goldcrest 46, **Firecrest 1**, Rook 4,
- 5th **Greylag Goose 1**, Jack Snipe 1, '**littoralis**' **Rock Pipit 1**, Black Redstart 5, Blackcap 2, Chiffchaff 24, Willow Warbler 16, Goldcrest 12
- 6th **Greylag Goose 1**, Dunlin 1, Swallow 20, Chiffchaff 7, Goldcrest 27
- 7th Red-throated Diver 1, '**littoralis**' **Rock Pipit 1**, Chiffchaff 5, Willow Warbler 2,
- 8th Common Scoter 7, Kestrel 1, Dunlin 2, Puffin 1, Sand Martin 1, Swallow 16, '**littoralis**' **Rock Pipit 1**, White Wagtail 3, Grasshopper Warbler 1, Blackcap 1, Chiffchaff 29, Willow Warbler 34, Goldcrest 47, **Bullfinch 1**, Yellowhammer 1
- 9th Sand Martin 1, Swallow 6, White Wagtail 2, Wheatear 5, Blackcap 1, Chiffchaff 16, Willow Warbler 18, Goldcrest 24, Great Tit 3, Goldfinch 8, Siskin 3, Crossbill 1
- 10th Blackcap 2, Chiffchaff 14, Willow Warbler 12, Goldcrest 23, Blue Tit 1, Reed Bunting 1
- 11th Chiffchaff 6, Willow Warbler 20, Goldcrest 11, Blue Tit 1
- 12th Chiffchaff 6, Willow Warbler 2, Blue Tit 2
- 13th Sand Martin 17, Swallow 22, House Martin 7, Tree Pipit 1, Black Redstart 1, Wheatear 8, Ring Ouzel 1, Blackcap 6, Chiffchaff 27, Willow Warbler 37, Goldcrest 21, Greenfinch 2, Goldfinch 7, Siskin 2
- 14th **Greylag Goose 1**, **Canada Goose 1**, Swallow 10, Pied Wagtail 21, White Wagtail 2, Blackcap 3, Chiffchaff 15, Willow Warbler 12, Goldcrest 12, Rook 6, Yellowhammer 1, Reed Bunting 1
- 15th Chiffchaff 14, Willow Warbler 3, Goldcrest 6, Rook 4
- 16th **Osprey 1**, Sand Martin 9, Swallow 13, House Martin 5, Tree Pipit 1, Wheatear 31, Ring Ouzel 1, Grasshopper Warbler 2, Blackcap 35, Chiffchaff 32, Willow Warbler 47, Goldcrest 3, Reed Bunting 1
- 17th Dunlin 1, Sand Martin 2, Swallow 7, Tree Pipit 1, Wheatear 91, Ring Ouzel 2, Blackcap 5, Chiffchaff 12, Willow Warbler 11, Goldcrest 6, Rook 3
- 18th Red-throated Diver 1, Dunlin 5, Sandwich Tern 1, White Wagtail 3, Wheatear 80, Blackcap 4, Chiffchaff 10, Willow Warbler 4, Goldcrest 8
- 19th Dunlin 2, Whimbrel 7, Swift 2, Swallow 9, White Wagtail 4, Wheatear 107, Whitethroat 1, Blackcap 7, Chiffchaff 6, Willow Warbler 8, Goldcrest 6
- 20th Golden Plover 1, Whimbrel 23, Common Sandpiper 1, Swift 1, Swallow 11, 'flava' Wagtail 1, Redstart 1, Wheatear 112, Ring Ouzel 3, Grasshopper Warbler 2, Sedge Warbler 2, Blackcap 14, Chiffchaff 45, Willow Warbler 28, Goldcrest 2, Reed Bunting 1
- 21st Red-throated Diver 1, **Great Northern Diver 1**, Whimbrel 13, Common Sandpiper 2, Sand Martin 9, Swallow 12, White Wagtail 5, Wheatear 139, Ring Ouzel 1, Grasshopper Warbler 4, Whitethroat 3, Blackcap 14, Chiffchaff 25, Willow Warbler 300, Goldcrest 5, Pied Flycatcher 1, Reed Bunting 1
- 22nd Collared Dove 4, Sand Martin 8, Swallow 20, House Martin 3, Tree Pipit 2, White Wagtail 4, Redstart 1, Wheatear 16, Ring Ouzel 1, Mistle Thrush 1, Grasshopper Warbler 2, Whitethroat 1, Blackcap 8, Chiffchaff 15, **Siberian Chiffchaff 2**, Willow Warbler 80, Greenfinch 4, Goldfinch 10, Lesser Redpoll 1, Yellowhammer 1
- 23rd **Little Egret 1**, Dunlin 3, Bar-tailed Godwit 3, Whimbrel 12, Common Sandpiper 2, Sandwich Tern 6, Sand Martin 49, Swallow 20, White Wagtail 1, Redstart 1, Wheatear 5, Fieldfare 3, Grasshopper Warbler 200, Sedge Warbler 85, Whitethroat 1, Blackcap 7, Chiffchaff 8, Willow Warbler 120, Linnet 100, Reed Bunting 1
- 24th Cuckoo 1, Sand Martin 3, Swallow 29, House Martin 1, Grasshopper Warbler 13, Sedge Warbler 4, Lesser Whitethroat 1, Whitethroat 3, Blackcap 34, Chiffchaff 4, Willow Warbler 52, Hooded Crow 1, Yellowhammer 1

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- 25th Sand Martin 4, Swallow 22, Grasshopper Warbler 2, Sedge Warbler 3, Blackcap 3, chiffchaff 4, Willow warbler 1
- 26th Kestrel 1, Whimbrel 18, Turtle Dove 1, Cuckoo 1, Swift 16, Sand Martin 15, Swallow 30, House Martin 4, Tree Pipit 2, 'flava' Wagtail 1, Wheatear 45, Grasshopper Warbler 6, Sedge Warbler 7, Whitethroat 5, Blackcap 7, Chiffchaff 10, Willow Warbler 48, Greenfinch 1, Goldfinch 12
- 27th Dunlin 7, Whimbrel 32, Common Sandpiper 1, Sandwich Tern 1, Turtle Dove 1, Cuckoo 1, Swift 1, Sand Martin 53, Swallow 180, House Martin 25, Tree Pipit 1, White Wagtail 5, Redstart 1, Wheatear 32, Redwing 1, Grasshopper Warbler 20, Sedge Warbler 55, Reed Warbler 1, Lesser Whitethroat 1, Whitethroat 60, Blackcap 57, Chiffchaff 14, Willow Warbler 300, Goldcrest 2, **Bullfinch 1**
- 28th Peregrine 5, Dunlin 1, Whimbrel 12, Sandwich Tern 2, Cuckoo 1, Sand Martin 2, Swallow 22, House Martin 8, Tree Pipit 1, White Wagtail 2, Wheatear 10, Grasshopper Warbler 1, Sedge Warbler 5, Whitethroat 2, Blackcap 7, Chiffchaff 4, Willow Warbler 24, Goldfinch 18, Linnet 105
- 29th Dunlin 2, Whimbrel 9, Swallow 45, Redpoll 4
- 30th Dunlin 9, Whimbrel 18, Common Sandpiper 1, Wheatear 56, Grasshopper Warbler 2, Sedge Warbler 2, Blackcap 6, Chiffchaff 1, Willow Warbler 8, Lesser Redpoll 1

5. Notable absentees and species well below normal strength.

No 2008 records of Grey Wagtail by the end of the month. White Wagtails were also much scarcer than usual. Poor numbers of hirundines. Numbers of other passage migrants generally normal or below average.

6. Give early or late dates for your observatory

A large majority of first arrivals were earlier than average but within the historic range. No species was noticeably late.

7. Rarities Interpret rare fairly liberally for your observatoryGreat Northern Diver 1 on the 21stGreylag Goose 1 on the 5th, 6th and 14thCanada Goose 1 on the 14thLittle Egret 1 on the 23rdOsprey 1 on the 16th'littoralis' Rock Pipit 1 on the 5th, 7th and 8thSiberian Chiffchaff 2 on the 22ndFirecrest 1 on the 4thBullfinch 1 on the 8th and 27thLapland Bunting 1 on the 1st-2nd**8. Sea Passage.** List notable movements with dates

None

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

The inside of Cristin has now been fully redecorated for the new season.