

## Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. Second record of Rustic Bunting
2. Seventh record of Greater Short-toed Lark
3. 6<sup>th</sup> Marsh Warbler, 15<sup>th</sup> Subalpine Warbler, and 28<sup>th</sup> Nightingale ringed on the island
4. Red-necked Footman, Dark Brocade, Currant Pug, and Treble Lines all new to the island
5. A Four-spotted Chaser on the 13<sup>th</sup> was a first for the island



2. **Weather.** Generally fine and sunny but with lots of easterly winds restricting mist netting activities

3. **Ringing** number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli). 316 Birds of 33 Species

Top three species Full Grown 1st...147 Manx Shearwater.....2nd...28 Chiffchaff.....3rd...27 Sedge Warbler

**Unusual Ringing activity** 2 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1 Whimbrel, 4 Collared Dove, 1 Tree Pipit, 1 Nightingale, 1 Marsh Warbler, 1 Subalpine Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Wood Warbler

### 4. Main Movements

### Dates and Numbers

- 1<sup>st</sup>** 11 Dunlin, 8 Sand Martin, 71 Swallow, 1 White Wagtail, 22 Wheatear, 4 Grasshopper Warbler, 7 Blackcap, 22 Willow Warbler, 23 Goldfinch
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** 1 Knot, 1 Dunlin, 7 Whimbrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, **1 'white-winged' gull**, 2 Sandwich Tern, 36 Swallow, 1 Redstart, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 2 Blackcap, 9 Willow Warbler
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** 2 Ringed Plover, 1 Sanderling, 8 Whimbrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Sandwich Tern, 1 Cuckoo, 48 Swallow, 4 White Wagtail, 14 Wheatear, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 3 Whitethroat, 3 Siskin
- 4<sup>th</sup>** 2 Dunlin, 6 Whimbrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Sandwich Tern, 1 Cuckoo, 9 Swift, 4 Sand Martin, 144 Swallow, 14 House Martin, 2 White Wagtail, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 8 Sedge Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Spotted Flycatcher
- 5<sup>th</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 3 Ringed Plover, 12 Collared Dove, 5 Swift, 5 Sand Martin, 200 Swallow, 11 House Martin, **1 Blue-headed Wagtail**, 1 Yellow Wagtail, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 10 Sedge Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 9 Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 6 Spotted Flycatcher, **1 Golden Oriole**, 1 Hooded Crow
- 6<sup>th</sup>** 1 Greylag Goose, 18 Black-headed Gull, 5 Swift, 10 Sand Martin, 65 Swallow, 1 Tree Pipit, 1 'flava' wagtail, 1 Redstart, 1 Garden Warbler, **1 Wood Warbler**, 29 Jackdaw, 5 Rook, 3 Lesser Redpoll
- 7<sup>th</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 2 Dunlin, 17 Whimbrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Black-headed Gull, 1 Sandwich Tern, **1 Turtle Dove**, 8 Swift, 175 Swallow, 31 Wheatear, 12 Sedge Warbler, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Garden Warbler, 14 Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, 5 Willow Warbler, 5 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Hooded Crow, 12 Goldfinch, 5 Lesser Redpoll
- 8<sup>th</sup>** **1 Dotterel**, 3 Dunlin, 7 Whimbrel, 1 Sandwich Tern, 18 Collared Dove, **1 Turtle Dove**, 7 Swift, 89 Swallow, **1 Blue-headed Wagtail**, 1 Redstart, 18 Wheatear, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 1 Reed Warbler, 7 Blackcap, **1 Wood Warbler**, 6 Willow Warbler, 5 Spotted Flycatcher
- 9<sup>th</sup>** **2 Garganey**, **1 Hen Harrier**, 4 Dunlin, 2 Bar-tailed Godwit, 14 Whimbrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Swift, 100 Swallow, 16 House Martin, 2 Tree Pipit, 1 Yellow Wagtail, 1 Whinchat, 32 Wheatear, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 43 Sedge Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 16 Whitethroat, 11 Blackcap, **1 Wood Warbler**, 11 Chiffchaff, 10 Willow Warbler, 9 Spotted Flycatcher
- 10<sup>th</sup>** 1 Whimbrel, 104 Swallow, 2 Tree Pipit, 2 Redstart, 2 Whinchat, 15 Wheatear, 16 Sedge Warbler, 6 Whitethroat, 3 Garden Warbler, 2 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 4 Willow Warbler, 8 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Starling
- 11<sup>th</sup>** 4 Sparrowhawk, 1 Kestrel, 56 Swallow, 2 Tree Pipit, 1 Black Redstart, 13 Wheatear, 6 Sedge Warbler, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Garden Warbler, 4 Blackcap, 8 Chiffchaff, 2 Starling, 1 Siskin
- 12<sup>th</sup>** 1 Dunlin, 4 Whimbrel, 4 Common Gull, 14 Black-headed Gull, 59 Swallow, 12 House Martin, 1 'flava' wagtail, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Garden Warbler, 3 Willow Warbler, 6 Jackdaw
- 13<sup>th</sup>** **1 Great Northern Diver**, 1 Kestrel, 10 Collared Dove, 77 Swallow, 1 Tree Pipit, 2 Redstart, 5 Sedge Warbler, 1 Reed Warbler, **1 Subalpine Warbler**, 5 Blackcap, 8 Chiffchaff, 6 Rook, 4 Lesser Redpoll
- 14<sup>th</sup>** **3 Eider**, 4 Common Scoter, 2 Sanderling, 2 Dunlin, 41 Swallow, 2 Garden Warbler
- 15<sup>th</sup>** 1 Canada Goose, 7 Dunlin, 3 Whimbrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, 12 Collared Dove, 3 Sand Martin, 94 Swallow, 14 House Martin, 4 Sedge Warbler, 1 Garden Warbler, 2 Jackdaw
- 16<sup>th</sup>** **1 Avocet**, 1 Lapwing, 18 Dunlin, 3 Whimbrel, 4 Sandwich Tern, 1 Cuckoo, 66 Swallow
- 17<sup>th</sup>** **1 Honey Buzzard**, 1 Black-tailed Godwit, 5 Black-headed Gull, 4 Sandwich Tern, 1 'commic' tern, **1 Nightingale**, **1 Subalpine Warbler** (same), 11 Chiffchaff, **1 Golden Oriole**
- 18<sup>th</sup>** 11 Dunlin, 1 Black-tailed Godwit (same), 15 Whimbrel, 1 Greenshank, 2 'commic' tern, 1 Swift, 1 Sand Martin, 63 Swallow, 3 Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 6 Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler, 18 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Starling
- 19<sup>th</sup>** 2 Sanderling, 2 Dunlin, 1 Black-tailed Godwit (same), 4 Whimbrel, 3 Swift, 1 Sand Martin, 43 Swallow, 22 House Martin, 1 'flava' wagtail, 16 Sedge Warbler, **1 Marsh Warbler**, 3 Blackcap, 5 Willow Warbler, 5 Spotted Flycatcher, **1 Rustic Bunting**
- 20<sup>th</sup>** 1 Red-throated Diver, 8 Common Scoter, 30 Swallow, 28 House Martin, 1 Yellow Wagtail, **1 Marsh Warbler**, 4 Spotted Flycatcher
- 21<sup>st</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 1 Sanderling, 6 Dunlin, 2 'commic' tern, 3 Swift, 1 Sand Martin, 71 Swallow, 60 House Martin, 4 Spotted Flycatcher
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** 16 Dunlin, 1 Black-tailed Godwit, 5 Black-headed Gull, 1 Cuckoo, **1 Short-toed Lark**, 1 Sand Martin, 92 Swallow, 115 House Martin, 1 Garden Warbler, 1 Willow Warbler, 5 Spotted Flycatcher
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1 Lapwing, **1 Short-toed Lark** (same), 80 Swallow, 125 House Martin, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 5 Chiffchaff, 1 Goldcrest, 6 Spotted Flycatcher, 4 Lesser Redpoll, 6 Crossbill, 1 Reed Bunting

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- 24<sup>th</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 1 Ringed Plover, 2 Lapwing, 1 Sanderling, 2 Dunlin, 2 Sandwich Tern, 1 Cuckoo, 3 Swift, 54 Swallow, 150 House Martin, 9 Spotted Flycatcher
- 25<sup>th</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 1 Merlin, 10 Ringed Plover, 2 Lapwing, 1 Sanderling, 15 Dunlin, 2 Sandwich Tern, 1 Cuckoo, 1 Swift, 29 Swallow, 14 House Martin, 1 Grey Wagtail, 7 Sedge Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, **1 Golden Oriole**, 3 Crossbill, 2 Reed Bunting
- 26<sup>th</sup>** 5 Ringed Plover, 6 Sanderling, 9 Dunlin, 3 Whimbrel, 6 Swift, 8 Sedge Warbler, 2 Willow warbler, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Starling, 3 Crossbill, 2 Reed Bunting
- 27<sup>th</sup>** 3 Ringed Plover, 1 Sanderling, 8 Dunlin, **1 Little Stint**, 11 Collared Dove, 52 House Martin, 1 White Wagtail, 15 Sedge Warbler, **1 Subalpine Warbler** (same), 1 Garden Warbler, 1 Reed Bunting
- 28<sup>th</sup>** 4 Sanderling, 7 Dunlin, **1 Little Stint**, 3 Whimbrel, 8 Swift, 53 Swallow, 12 House Martin, 1 Yellow Wagtail, **1 Grey-headed Wagtail**, 1 White Wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Redstart, 1 Whinchat, 11 Sedge Warbler, **1 Melodious Warbler**, 3 Whitethroat, 6 Chiffchaff, 5 Willow Warbler, 19 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Pied Flycatcher, 1 Siskin, 3 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Crossbill, 2 Reed Bunting
- 29<sup>th</sup>** 4 Greylag Goose, 5 Ringed Plover, 2 Sanderling, 1 Purple Sandpiper, 5 Dunlin, 1 Sandwich Tern, 2 Swift, 1 Sand Martin, 54 Swallow, 21 House Martin, 1 'flava' wagtail, 1 Whinchat, 4 Spotted Flycatcher, 6 Goldfinch
- 30<sup>th</sup>** 12 Dunlin, 2 Swift, 44 Swallow, 1 Reed Warbler, 5 Lesser Redpoll
- 31<sup>st</sup>** 2 Dunlin, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Whinchat, 2 Blackcap, 5 Chiffchaff, 2 Willow Warbler, 3 Spotted Flycatcher

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

Redstart, Sedge Warbler, Whitethroat and Pied Flycatcher all down on normal. Returning cliff nesting seabirds also well down on recent numbers.

**6. Give early or late dates for your observatory****7. Rarities** Interpret rare fairly liberally for your observatory

Garganey 2 on 9 <sup>th</sup>	Turtle Dove 1 on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>
Eider 3 on 14 <sup>th</sup>	Short-toed Lark 1 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> (same bird)
Great Northern Diver 1 on 13 <sup>th</sup>	Blue-headed Wagtail 1 on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>
Hen Harrier 1 on 9 <sup>th</sup>	Grey-headed Wagtail 1 on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Honey Buzzard 1 on 17 <sup>th</sup>	Nightingale 1 on 17 <sup>th</sup>
Avocet 1 on 16 <sup>th</sup>	Marsh Warbler 1 on 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> (presumably same bird)
Dotterel 1 on 8 <sup>th</sup>	Melodious Warbler 1 on 28 <sup>th</sup>
Little Stint 1 on 28 <sup>th</sup>	Subalpine Warbler 1 on 13 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> (same bird)
'white-winged' Gull 1 on 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wood Warbler 1 on 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>
	Golden Oriole 1 on 5 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>

**8. Sea Passage.** List notable movements with dates**9. Other news, notes, requests for help etc.**