

Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. Cuckoo breeding for the first time since 1970
2. A smart cream crowned Marsh Harrier passing on the same day as a ring-tail Hen Harrier arrives on the island
3. 8 Risso's Dolphin on the 2nd
4. Only the 11th Great Spotted Woodpecker ringed on the island
5. Scarce moths trapped in July included Pinion-streaked Snout, Drinker, Tissue and Nutmeg



2. Weather. Generally wet and windy in the first half of the month and finer in the latter half

3. Ringing number of birds ringed during month. 327 Birds of 16 Species (also 82 Pulli of 6 Species)

Top three species Full Grown 1st...257 Manx Shearwater.....2nd...27 Willow Warbler.....3rd...9 Kittiwake

Unusual Ringing activity 7 Storm Petrel, 3 pulli Sparrowhawk, 1 Cuckoo, 2 pulli Little Owl, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker

4. Main Movements

Dates and Numbers

- 1st 30 Swift, 41 Starling, 2 Greenfinch
- 2nd 5 Common Scoter, 2 Lapwing, 12 Black-headed Gull, 1 Swift, 40 Swallow, 28 Starling
- 3rd 34 Curlew, 1 Common Sandpiper, 9 Black-headed Gull, 1 Collared Dove, 78 Starling, 3 Goldfinch
- 4th 1 Grey Heron, 1 Lapwing, 39 Curlew, 2 Arctic Tern, 1 Collared Dove, 3 Swift, 2 Grey Wagtail, 2 Starling
- 5th 5 Lapwing, 1 Dunlin, 40 Curlew, 15 Redshank, 5 Common Sandpiper, 15 Black-headed Gull
- 6th 1 Ringed Plover, 1 Lapwing, 24 Curlew, 6 Common Sandpiper, 23 Black-headed Gull
- 7th 1 Ringed Plover, 2 Lapwing, 1 Dunlin, 7 Whimbrel, 9 Curlew, 3 Common Sandpiper, 16 Black-headed Gull, 1 Sand Martin, 2 House Martin, 42 Starling
- 8th 2 Whimbrel, 11 Curlew, 3 Common Sandpiper, 5 Black-headed Gull, 1 Starling
- 9th 1 Grey Heron, 22 Curlew, 14 Redshank
- 10th 3 Common Scoter, 9 Black-headed Gull, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Spotted Flycatcher
- 11th **1 Little Egret**, 15 Curlew, 1 Black-tailed Godwit, 2 Common Sandpiper, 2 Black-headed Gull, 1 Common Gull, 3 Starling, 1 Greenfinch
- 13th 2 Grey Heron, 1 Lapwing, 14 Curlew, 3 Common Sandpiper, 44 Swallow, 5 House Martin
- 14th 1 Lapwing, 3 Whimbrel, 18 Curlew, 4 Redshank, 1 Common Sandpiper, 3 Sand Martin
- 15th 38 Curlew, 4 Black-headed Gull, 1 Starling
- 16th 1 Grey Heron, 1 Common Scoter, 3 Whimbrel, 33 Curlew, 1 Sand Martin
- 17th 1 Grey Heron, 24 Curlew, 7 Redshank, 1 Black-headed Gull
- 18th 1 Grey Heron, **1 Little Egret**, 1 Common Scoter, 4 Dunlin, 33 Curlew, 15 Redshank, 5 Black-headed Gull
- 19th 2 Grey Heron, 1 Common Scoter, 9 Curlew, 10 Redshank, 2 Turnstone, 1 Black-headed Gull, 2 Sandwich Tern, 1 Sand Martin
- 20th 2 Grey Heron, 3 Sandwich Tern, 2 Willow Warbler
- 21st 1 Grey Heron, 26 Curlew, 3 Willow Warbler
- 22nd 1 Grey Heron, 9 Curlew, 4 Black-headed Gull, 3 Sandwich Tern, 17 Willow Warbler, 18 Starling
- 23rd 1 Common Scoter, 1 Green Sandpiper, 30 Sandwich Tern, 42 Swift, 2 Chiffchaff, 49 Willow Warbler
- 24th 1 Kestrel, 9 Curlew, 7 Redshank, 11 Sandwich Tern, 1 Collared Dove, **1 Great Spotted Woodpecker**, 1 Swift, 102 Swallow, 6 House Martin, 1 Common Redstart, 9 Willow Warbler, 8 Starling
- 25th **1 Marsh Harrier**, **1 Hen Harrier**, 1 Ringed Plover, 2 Lapwing, 3 Dunlin, 50 Curlew, 5 Redshank, 1 Common Sandpiper, 7 Black-headed Gull, 1 Sandwich Tern, 4 Collared Dove, 4 Swift, 44 Swallow, 9 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 9 Starling
- 26th **1 Hen Harrier** (same), 29 Curlew, **1 Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 5 Willow Warbler
- 27th 1 Kestrel, **1 Hen Harrier** (same), 1 Golden Plover, 1 Lapwing, 6 Curlew, 2 Redshank, 9 Black-headed Gull, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 4 Sandwich Tern, 1 'commic' tern, **1 Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 23 Swift, 2 Sand Martin, 100 Swallow, 2 House Martin, 1 Sedge Warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 8 Willow Warbler, 1 Starling, 1 Common Crossbill
- 28th 1 Kestrel, **1 Hen Harrier** (same), 3 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 19 Curlew, 3 Black-headed Gull, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Sandwich Tern, **1 Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 7 Swift, 40 Swallow, 24 House Martin, 10 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 9 Starling
- 29th 9 Common Scoter, 1 Kestrel, **1 Hen Harrier** (same), 7 Curlew, 9 Redshank, 3 Common Sandpiper, 7 Black-headed Gull, 1 Collared Dove, **1 Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 1 Willow Warbler
- 30th **1 Hen Harrier** (same), 15 Turnstone, 6 Black-headed Gull, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 1 Song Thrush, 3 Willow Warbler
- 31st 2 Balearic Shearwater, 6 Common Scoter, **1 Hen Harrier** (same), 1 Dunlin, 6 Turnstone, 4 Sandwich Tern, **1 Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 1 Swift, 9 Willow Warbler, 2 Chiffchaff,

5. Notable absentees and species well below normal strength.

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Cliff nesting seabirds in very low numbers and poor productivity

6. Give early or late dates for your observatory

7. Rarities Interpret rare fairly liberally for your observatory

1 Little Egret 11th and 18th

1 Marsh Harrier 25th

1 Hen Harrier 25th until the end of the month

1 Great Spotted Woodpecker 24th until the end of the month

8. Sea Passage. List notable movements with dates

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