

Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. The start of autumn passage
2. Several days of good sea watching
3. Eleven Bottlenose Dolphins on the 31st and several Harbour Porpoise records
4. The tenth Whimbrel ringed this year sets a new highest annual total
5. Scarce moths trapped in August included Chinese Character, Twenty-plume Moth, and Heath Rustic

August/2008



2. Weather. Strong winds mid month stopped netting but improved the sea watching. Also several wet days mid month. The weather improved towards the month's end.

3. Ringing number of birds ringed during month. 279 Birds of 24 Species (also 81 Pulli of 3 Species)

Top three species Full Grown 1st...95 Willow Warbler2nd...74 Manx Shearwater3rd...26 Chiffchaff

Unusual Ringing activity 1 Sanderling, 3 Dunlin, 1 Whimbrel

4. Main Movements

Dates and Numbers

- 1st** 1 **Hen Harrier** (same as July), 1 Dunlin, 8 Curlew, 4 Common Sandpiper, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same as July), 19 Willow Warbler
- 2nd** 1 Shelduck, 1 **Hen Harrier** (same), 1 Dunlin, 19 Curlew, 2300 Kittiwake, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 10 Willow Warbler
- 3rd** 1 **Hen Harrier** (same), 1 Ringed Plover, 5 Dunlin, 1 Black-tailed Godwit, 40 Curlew, 16 Redshank, 9 Common Sandpiper, 10 Turnstone, 3 Black-headed Gull, 2600 Kittiwake, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 2 Sand Martin, 25 Swallow, 2 House Martin, 1 Whitethroat, 11 Willow Warbler, 1 Starling
- 4th** 1 **Hen Harrier** (same), 1 Ringed Plover, 3 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 4 Whimbrel, 25 Curlew, 6 Common Sandpiper, 23 Turnstone, 4 Black-headed Gull, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 4 Swift, 1 Sand Martin, 34 Swallow, 2 House Martin, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 9 Willow Warbler
- 5th** 9 Dunlin, 1 Black-tailed Godwit, 5 Whimbrel, 13 Curlew, 21 Redshank, 3 Common Sandpiper, 5 Black-headed Gull, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 1 Swift, 1 Whitethroat, 3 Willow Warbler, 1 Spotted Flycatcher
- 6th** 2 Ringed Plover, 1 Golden Plover, 4 Sanderling, 2 Dunlin, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 31 Curlew, 15 Redshank, 3000 Kittiwake, 2 Greenfinch
- 7th** 2 Sanderling, 3 Dunlin, 26 Curlew, 18 Black-headed Gull, 14 Willow Warbler, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Lesser Redpoll
- 8th** 2 Kestrel, 1 Lapwing, 1 Sanderling, 3 Dunlin, 3 Sand Martin, 43 Swallow, 5 House Martin, 1 Grey Wagtail, 10 Willow Warbler, 4 Spotted Flycatcher
- 9th** 1 Sanderling, 5 Dunlin, 8 Black-headed Gull
- 10th** 2 Kestrel, 1 Sanderling, 2 Dunlin, 30 Turnstone, 3000 Kittiwake
- 11th** 1 Ringed Plover, 5 Dunlin, 57 Curlew, 23 Redshank,
- 12th** 8 Mallard, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 3 'alba' wagtail
- 13th** 2 Dunlin, 1 Black-tailed Godwit, 55 Swallow, 5 House Martin, 1 Goldfinch
- 14th** 1 Ringed Plover, 40 Curlew, 5 Black-headed Gull, 2500 Kittiwake, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 2 Chiffchaff, 6 Willow Warbler
- 15th** 41 Curlew, 27 Redshank, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 'unstreaked *Acrocephalus* warbler', 8 Willow Warbler, 1 Starling
- 16th** 2 Kestrel, 2 Dunlin, 46 Curlew, 24 Redshank, 22 Turnstone, 3 Black-headed Gull
- 17th** 1 Dunlin, 48 Curlew, 1 Swift
- 18th** 2 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Dunlin, 45 Curlew, 24 Redshank, 1 Common Sandpiper, 17 Turnstone
- 19th** 1 Kestrel, 1 Dunlin, 22 Curlew, 27 Redshank, 7 House Martin, 17 Wheatear, 1 Chiffchaff, 6 Willow Warbler, 1 Starling
- 20th** 66 Curlew, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 3 Sand Martin, 42 Swallow, 4 House Martin, 10 Wheatear, 2 Goldcrest
- 21st** 2 Ringed Plover, 3 Sanderling, 9 Dunlin, 1 **Curlew Sandpiper**, 1 Snipe, 33 Redshank, 14 Turnstone, 11 Black-headed Gull, 3000 Kittiwake, 1 Collared Dove, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 4 Sand Martin, 71 Swallow, 3 House Martin, 1 Grey Wagtail, 6 White Wagtail, 2 'alba' wagtail, 29 Wheatear, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 8 Sedge Warbler, 1 Reed Warbler, 2 Whitethroat, 1 Chiffchaff, 8 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 1 Lesser Redpoll
- 22nd** 5 Ringed Plover, 2 Dunlin, 16 Curlew, 1 Common Sandpiper, 11 Black-headed Gull, 4000 Kittiwake, 1 Collared Dove, 4 Swift, 1 Sand Martin, 68 Swallow, 2 House Martin, 1 Tree Pipit, 3 Grey Wagtail, 34 White Wagtail, 17 Wheatear, 17 Willow Warbler, 5 Goldcrest, 2 Spotted Flycatcher
- 23rd** 1 Golden Plover, 2 Dunlin, 13 Whimbrel, 30 Redshank, 1 Common Sandpiper, 41 Turnstone, 61 White Wagtail, 11 Wheatear, 7 Willow Warbler, 4 Spotted Flycatcher
- 24th** 1 Dunlin, 1 Common Sandpiper, 50 Swallow, 1 Grey Wagtail, 25 White Wagtail, 7 Wheatear, 4 Sedge Warbler, 9 Willow Warbler, 3 Spotted Flycatcher
- 25th** 4 Dunlin, 1 Common Sandpiper, 30 Turnstone, 1 Grey Wagtail, 27 White Wagtail, 7 Willow Warbler, 2 Spotted Flycatcher
- 26th** 1 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Dunlin, 65 Curlew, 1 Common Sandpiper, 60 Swallow, 8 White Wagtail, 3 'alba' wagtail, 4 Willow Warbler, 1 Spotted Flycatcher
- 27th** 15 White Wagtail, 6 Wheatear, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 1 Sedge Warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 2 Chiffchaff, 25 Willow Warbler, 1 Goldcrest
- 28th** 1 Grey Heron, 2 Tree Pipit, 9 Grey Wagtail, 15 White Wagtail, 3 'alba' wagtail, 1 Whinchat, 12 Stonechat, 10 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 2 Grasshopper Warbler, 6 Sedge Warbler, 15 Chiffchaff, 78 Willow Warbler, 18 Goldcrest, 8

- Spotted Flycatcher
- 29th 1 **Little Egret**, 2 Ringed Plover, 4 Knot, 2 Sanderling, 3 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 1 Sand Martin, 83 Swallow, 2 House Martin, 2 Grey Wagtail, 6 White Wagtail, 2 'alba' wagtail, 1 Redstart, 9 Stonechat, 4 Grasshopper Warbler, 15 Sedge Warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Garden warbler, 1 Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, 200 Willow Warbler, 60 Goldcrest, 6 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 redpoll sp.
- 30th 1 Golden Plover, 8 Knot, 6 Dunlin, 3 Snipe, 2 Bar-tailed Godwit, 60 Curlew, 16 Redshank, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 5 Sand Martin, 294 Swallow, 45 House Martin, 3 Grey Wagtail, 30 White Wagtail, 3 'flava' wagtail, 1 Redstart, 15 Stonechat, 23 Wheatear, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 6 Sedge Warbler, 3 Whitethroat, 11 Chiffchaff, 50 Willow warbler, 27 Goldcrest, 5 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Pied Flycatcher, 1 Reed Bunting
- 31st 3 Knot, 7 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 4 Whimbrel, 1 Greenshank, 1 Green Sandpiper, 4 Black-headed Gull, 1 **Great Spotted Woodpecker** (same), 3 Sand Martin, 120 Swallow, 3 House Martin, 1 Tree pipit, 7 Grey Wagtail, 15 White wagtail, 30 'alba' wagtail, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 1 'flava' wagtail, 4 Redstart, 23 Stonechat, 11 Wheatear, 1 Reed Warbler, 16 Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 1 Wood Warbler, 9 Chiffchaff, 44 Willow Warbler, 25 Goldcrest, 1 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Pied Flycatcher

5. Notable absentees and species well below normal strength.

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

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| 1 Little Egret 29 th | 1 Little Tern 3 rd |
| 1 Hen Harrier from July until 4 th | 1 Black Guillemot 1 st |
| 1 Curlew Sandpiper 21 st | 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker from July all month |

8. Sea Passage. List notable movements with dates

- 1st 885 Manx Shearwater, 1 Mediterranean Shearwater, 1 Sooty Shearwater, 49 Gannet, 2 'commic' tern, 1 **Black Guillemot**
- 3rd 1000 Manx Shearwater, 1 Mediterranean Shearwater, 11 Common Scoter, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 3 Sandwich Tern, 1 **Little Tern**
- 4th 4 Common Scoter, 4 Arctic Skua, 1 Great Skua, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Puffin
- 6th 15 Sandwich Tern, 7 Common Tern
- 8th 2 Arctic Skua, 8 Sandwich Tern, 2 'commic' tern
- 10th 2500 Manx Shearwater, 2 Mediterranean Shearwater, 1 Sooty Shearwater, 280 Gannet, 8 Sandwich Tern
- 11th 500 Manx Shearwater, 1 Mediterranean Shearwater, 1 Arctic Skua, 12 Sandwich Tern
- 12th 15000 Manx Shearwater, 121 Gannet, 4 Arctic Skua, 4 Sandwich Tern, 1 'commic' tern
- 16th 95 Gannet, 1 Arctic Skua
- 17th 1300 Manx Shearwater, 354 Gannet, 19 Common Scoter, 2 Arctic Skua, 1 Sandwich Tern, 1 Arctic Tern
- 18th 25 Common Scoter, 1 Sandwich Tern
- 19th 2225 Manx Shearwater, 322 Gannet, 18 Common Scoter, 2 Pomarine Skua, 3 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 112 Sandwich Tern, 8 Arctic Tern
- 21st 1000 Manx Shearwater, 1 Mediterranean Shearwater, 120 Gannet, 5 Common Scoter, 5 Arctic Skua, 1 Great Skua, 11 Sandwich Tern, 6 Common Tern, 4 'commic' tern
- 22nd 12 Fulmar, 8000 Manx Shearwater, 140 Gannet, 4 Common Scoter, 4 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 1 Sandwich Tern, 1 Common Tern
- 27th 3000 Manx Shearwater, 1 Mediterranean Shearwater, 500 Gannet, 1 Great Skua
- 30th 705 Manx Shearwater, 4 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Common Gull, 107 Sandwich Tern, 12 Common Tern, 3 Arctic Tern, 1 Puffin
- 31st 1700 Manx Shearwater, 85 Gannet, 11 Common Scoter, 2 Arctic Skua, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 23 Sandwich Tern, 4 Arctic Tern, 1 Puffin, 1000 'auk sp'

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