

Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. A good selection of scarce birds...
2. ...several of which were in the hand.
3. Twelve Grey Seal pups by the month's end.
4. Risso's Dolphins seen on several days, with 12 on the 20th the highest count.
5. Scarce moths included Twenty-plume Moth, *Agriphila geniculea*, *Eudonia angustea*, Hummingbird Hawkmoth, Small Wainscot, and Brindled Ochre.

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2. Weather. Wet and windy in the early part of the month becoming fine from the 15th.

3. Ringing number of birds ringed during month. 1105 Birds of 50 Species

Top three species Full Grown 1st...508 Goldcrest.....2nd...87 Rock Pipit.....3rd...86 Manx Shearwater

Unusual Ringing activity 1 Water Rail, 1 Knot, 1 Wryneck, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Melodious Warbler, 2 Yellow-browed Warbler, 1 Nuthatch, 1 Treecreeper, 1 Red-backed Shrike

4. Main Movements

Dates and Numbers

- 1st** 3 Knot, 2 Ruff, 48 Redshank, **1 Wryneck**, 1 Sand Martin, 103 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 1 Grey Wagtail, 26 White Wagtail, 7 Wheatear, 2 Whitethroat, 1 Garden Warbler, 9 Goldcrest, 1 Pied Flycatcher
- 2nd** 4 Golden Plover, 3 Knot, 11 Dunlin, 53 Swallow, 3 Yellow Wagtail, 1 Pied Flycatcher
- 3rd** 4 Ringed Plover, 1 Knot, 35 Dunlin, 32 Swallow, 1 'flava' wagtail, 3 Grey Wagtail
- 4th** 3 Golden Plover, 2 Knot, 19 Dunlin, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Sand Martin, 41 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 1 Yellow Wagtail, 2 Grey Wagtail, 20 White Wagtail, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 7 Willow Warbler, 18 Goldcrest, 1 Pied Flycatcher
- 5th** 1 Teal, 5 Ringed Plover, 3 Sanderling, 1 Ruff, 1 Common Sandpiper, 55 Swallow, 1 Yellow Wagtail, 30 White Wagtail, 31 Wheatear, 3 Grasshopper Warbler, 1 Sedge Warbler, 1 Reed Warbler, 4 Whitethroat, 3 Chiffchaff, 42 Willow Warbler, 16 Goldcrest, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Pied Flycatcher
- 6th** 2 Storm Petrel, 1 Knot, 1 Sanderling, 1 Dunlin, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 23 Swallow, 6 House Martin, 8 Wheatear, 1 Whitethroat, 6 Willow Warbler, 8 Goldcrest
- 7th** 2 Sanderling, 1 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 1 'flava' wagtail, 4 Grey Wagtail, 18 White Wagtail, 9 Wheatear, 14 Siskin
- 8th** **1 Osprey**, 1 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Dunlin, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 55 Swallow, 5 Grey Wagtail, 60 White Wagtail, 10 Wheatear, 2 Sedge Warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Garden Warbler, 5 Blackcap, 8 Chiffchaff, 5 Willow Warbler, 80 Goldcrest
- 9th** 1 Ringed Plover, 1 Sanderling, 1 Dunlin, 8 Swallow, 19 White Wagtail, 18 Goldcrest, 2 Siskin
- 10th** 1 Water Rail, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 41 Swallow, 2 Grey Wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Whinchat, 17 Wheatear, 1 Sedge Warbler, 2 Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 4 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 5 Willow Warbler, 25 Goldcrest, 1 Siskin
- 11th** 1 Snipe, 2 Black-tailed Godwit, 18 Swallow, 1 Grey Wagtail, 2 Whinchat, 11 Wheatear, 1 Blackcap
- 12th** 1 Diver sp., 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 1 Sand Martin, 40 Swallow, 15 Grey Wagtail, 60 White Wagtail, 18 Wheatear, 1 Whitethroat, 3 Chiffchaff, 35 Goldcrest, 1 Spotted Flycatcher, 5 Siskin, 2 Goldfinch, 85 Linnets
- 13th** 1 Merlin, **1 Corncrake**, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Sand Martin, 25 Swallow, 15 House Martin, 6 Grey Wagtail, 30 White Wagtail, 2 Reed Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 35 Goldcrest, 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 1 Pied Flycatcher, **1 Red-backed Shrike**
- 14th** 12 Grey Heron, 11 Brent Goose, 5 Ringed Plover, 2 Purple Sandpiper, 3 Dunlin, 5 Snipe, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 190 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 137 Meadow Pipit, 18 Grey Wagtail, 62 White Wagtail, 1 Whinchat, 42 Wheatear, 1 Grasshopper warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 7 Chiffchaff, 20 Goldcrest, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 3 Pied Flycatcher, 2 Siskin, 24 Goldfinch
- 15th** 2 Brent Goose (same), 2 Teal, 1 Merlin, **1 Osprey**, 2 Water Rail, 10 Dunlin, 4 Snipe, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 7 Skylark, 1 Sand Martin, 20 Swallow, 1 Grey Wagtail, 44 White Wagtail, 21 Wheatear, **1 Melodious Warbler**, 4 Chiffchaff, 5 Willow Warbler, 22 Goldcrest, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 3 Pied Flycatcher
- 16th** 2 Brent Goose (same), 1 Ringed Plover, 3 Dunlin, 4 Snipe, 1 Greenshank, 1 Short-eared Owl, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), **1 Wryneck**, 9 Skylark, 3 Sand Martin, 261 Swallow, 3 House Martin, 152 Meadow Pipit, 1 Yellow Wagtail, 1 Grey Wagtail, 32 White Wagtail, 4 Redstart, 3 Whinchat, 19 Stonechat, 44 Wheatear, 12 Grasshopper Warbler, 18 Sedge Warbler, 3 Reed Warbler, **1 Melodious Warbler** (same), 62 Whitethroat, 4 Garden Warbler, 24 Blackcap, 220 Chiffchaff, 150 Willow Warbler, 450 Goldcrest, 44 Spotted Flycatcher, 15 Pied Flycatcher, **1 Nuthatch**, 35 Siskin
- 17th** 2 Brent Goose (same), 1 Merlin, **1 Osprey**, **1 Marsh Harrier**, 3 Water Rail, 1 Grey Plover, 3 Knot, 6 Dunlin, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 31 Swallow, 7 Grey Wagtail, 60 White Wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 2 Redstart, 5 Whinchat, 20 Wheatear, **1 Melodious Warbler** (same), 1 Whitethroat, 2 Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff, 2 Willow Warbler, 29 Goldcrest, **1 Firecrest**, 4 Spotted Flycatcher, **1 Nuthatch** (same), 20 Siskin
- 18th** 2 Brent Goose (same), **1 Osprey**, 7 Black-tailed Godwit, 4 Common Sandpiper, 1 Short-eared Owl, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 17 Skylark, 70 Swallow, 18 House Martin, 15 Tree Pipit, 580 Meadow Pipit, **1 Red-throated Pipit**, 1 flava wagtail, 25 Grey Wagtail, 38 White Wagtail, 1 Redstart, 1 Whinchat, 31 Wheatear, **1 Barred Warbler**, 6 Whitethroat, 1 Garden Warbler, 9 Blackcap, 38 Goldcrest, **1 Firecrest** (same), 2 Spotted Flycatcher, 4 Pied Flycatcher, **1 Nuthatch** (same), 28 Goldfinch, 1 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Yellowhammer
- 19th** 2 Brent Goose (same), 2 Teal, **3 Osprey**, 1 Golden Plover, 2 Common Sandpiper, 1 Turtle Dove, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker (1 same), 11 Grey Wagtail, 2 Redstart, 4 Whinchat, **1 Melodious Warbler** (same), 3 Whitethroat, 2

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- Garden Warbler, 2 Pied Flycatcher, **1 Nuthatch** (same)
- 20th** 2 Brent Goose (same), 1 Shelduck, 5 Golden Plover, 1 Dunlin, 21 Black-tailed Godwit, 3 Common Sandpiper, 1 Turtle Dove, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 1 flava wagtail, 6 Grey Wagtail, 40 White Wagtail, 4 Whinchat, 1 Whitethroat, 1 Garden Warbler, 2 Blackcap
- 21st** 7 Grey Heron, 2 Brent Goose (same), **1 Greater Scaup**, 1 Sanderling, 4 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 1 Green Sandpiper, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 35 Skylark, 106 Swallow, 6 Tree Pipit, 285 Meadow Pipit, 1 flava wagtail, 14 Grey Wagtail, 30 White Wagtail, 35 alba wagtail, 1 Redstart, 5 Whinchat, 14 Wheatear, 2 Reed Warbler, **1 Melodious Warbler** (same), 1 Garden Warbler, 7 Blackcap, 3 Spotted Flycatcher, 2 Pied Flycatcher, 1 Treecreeper, 50 Goldfinch, 14 Lesser Redpoll, 1 House Sparrow, 2 Reed Bunting
- 22nd** 2 Brent Goose (same), 1 Ringed Plover, 3 Dunlin, 1 Tree Pipit, 8 Grey Wagtail, 30 White Wagtail, 26 Robin, 2 Whinchat, 2 Song Thrush, 1 Sedge Warbler, 3 Blackcap, 10 Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler, 112 Goldcrest, 4 Lesser Redpoll
- 23rd** 1 Red-breasted Merganser, 1 Lapwing, 13 Skylark, 14 Swallow, 1 Tree Pipit, 123 Meadow Pipit, 4 Grey Wagtail, 30 White Wagtail, 24 Robin, 1 Whinchat, 1 Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 20 Goldcrest, 1 Greenfinch, 241 Linnets, 2 redpoll sp.
- 24th** 2 Brent Goose (same), 4 Kestrel, 1 Knot, 3 Snipe, 21 Black-headed Gull, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 1 Tree Pipit, 4 Grey Wagtail, 1 Whinchat, 7 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 30 Goldcrest, 2 Pied Flycatcher, 1 Starling, 38 Chaffinch, 12 Siskin, 12 Goldfinch
- 25th** 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 138 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 1 Tree Pipit, 100 Meadow Pipit, 3 Grey Wagtail, 20 White Wagtail, 1 Whinchat, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 2 Garden Warbler, 1 Blackcap, 60 Goldcrest, **1 Firecrest**, 16 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Reed Bunting
- 26th** 2 Teal, 1 Lapwing, 31 Black-headed Gull, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 1 Tree Pipit, 221 Meadow Pipit, 1 Yellow Wagtail, 5 Grey Wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Whinchat, 9 Wheatear, 2 Song Thrush, 11 Chiffchaff, 53 Goldcrest, 1 Pied Flycatcher, 2 Starling, 38 Chaffinch, 25 Goldfinch, 360 Linnets, 5 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Reed Bunting
- 27th** 4 Snipe, 1 Common Gull, 1 Collared Dove, 1 Asio sp., 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 48 Swallow, 2 Yellow Wagtail, 20 White Wagtail, 15 Wheatear, 3 Song Thrush, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 3 Blackcap, 13 Chiffchaff, 22 Goldcrest, 11 Starling, 38 Chaffinch, 1 Reed Bunting
- 28th** 1 Teal, 2 Ringed Plover, 5 Golden Plover, 1 Sanderling, 2 Purple Sandpiper, 4 Dunlin, 7 Snipe, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 4 Skylark, 19 Swallow, 3 Yellow Wagtail, 7 Grey Wagtail, 24 Robin, 23 Wheatear, 3 Ring Ouzel, 3 Song Thrush, 1 Redwing, 1 Reed Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 8 Blackcap, **2 Yellow-browed warbler**, 18 Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler, 225 Goldcrest, 1 Pied Flycatcher, 3 Starling, 1 Siskin, 1 Lesser Redpoll, **1 Lapland Bunting**, **1 Ortolan Bunting**, 1 Reed Bunting
- 29th** 1 Golden Plover, 1 Knot, 4 Whimbrel, 23 Redshank, 76 Turnstone, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 15 Swallow, 2 flava wagtail, 7 Grey Wagtail, 7 Pied Wagtail, 9 White Wagtail, 2 Ring Ouzel, 2 Song Thrush, 3 Garden Warbler, 3 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 75 Goldcrest, 18 Raven, 5 Siskin, 10 Goldfinch, 2 redpoll sp., 2 Reed Bunting
- 30th** 1 Ringed Plover, 6 Golden Plover, 3 Dunlin, 30 Redshank, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker (same), 3 Swallow

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**Gadwall** 1 on 30th**Greater Scaup** 1 on 21st**Osprey** 1 on 8th, 15th, 17th, 18th, and 3 on 19th**Marsh Harrier** 1 on 17th**Corncrake** 1 on 13th**Grey Phalarope** 1 on 3rd**Long-tailed Skua** 1 on 12th**Black Tern** 2 on 3rd and 1 on 4th and 5th**Roseate Tern** 1 on 4th**Wryneck** 1 on 1st and 16th**Red-throated Pipit** 1 on 18th**Melodious Warbler** 1 (same) on 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, and 21st**Barred Warbler** 1 on 18th**Yellow-browed Warbler** 2 on 28th**Firecrest** 1 on 17th, 18th (same) and 25th**Red-backed Shrike** 1 on 13th**Nuthatch** 1 (same) 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th**Lapland Bunting** 1 on 28th**Ortolan Bunting** 1 on 28th

8. Sea Passage. List notable movements with dates**1st** 1 Red-throated Diver, 13 Common Scoter, 2 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 38 Sandwich Tern**2nd** 97 Fulmar, 2 Sooty Shearwater, 2200 Manx Shearwater, 2 Balearic Shearwater, 500 Gannet, 2 Shelduck, 11 Common Scoter, 6 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 3500 Kittiwake, 12 Sandwich Tern, 1 'commic' tern**3rd** 41 Fulmar, 2 Sooty Shearwater, 3500 Manx Shearwater, 3 Balearic Shearwater, 250 Gannet, 15 Common Scoter, **1 Grey Phalarope**, 2 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 1600 Kittiwake, 15 Arctic Tern, 8 Common Tern, 20 'commic' tern, **2 Black Tern**

<i>4th</i>	46 Fulmar, 7000 Manx Shearwater, 300 Gannet, 15 Common Scoter, 19 Arctic Skua, 11 Great Skua, 25 Black-headed Gull, 1 Common Gull, 7000 Kittiwake, 69 Sandwich Tern, 182 Arctic Tern, 627 Common Tern, 204 'commic' tern, 1 Black Tern, 1 Roseate Tern , 500 Guillemot, 150 Razorbill
<i>5th</i>	1 Black Tern
<i>11th</i>	22 Fulmar, 1 Sooty Shearwater, 174 Manx Shearwater, 95 Gannet, 3 Arctic Skua, 19 Sandwich Tern, 116 Common Tern, 60 Guillemot
<i>12th</i>	1 Pomarine Skua, 7 Arctic Skua, 1 Great Skua, 1 Long-tailed Skua , 671 Kittiwake, 21 Sandwich Tern, 1 Arctic Tern, 127 Common Tern, 10 Guillemot, 25 Razorbill
<i>14th</i>	6 Fulmar, 700 Manx Shearwater, 1 Balearic Shearwater, 94 Gannet, 28 Common Scoter, 1 Arctic Skua, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Common Gull, 803 Kittiwake, 20 Sandwich Tern, 2 Arctic Tern, 5 Common Tern, 47 Guillemot, 208 Razorbill
<i>15th</i>	1 Arctic Skua, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Common Gull, 850 Kittiwake
<i>16th</i>	2 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 650 Kittiwake, 21 Sandwich Tern
<i>17th</i>	1 Pomarine Skua, 1 Arctic Skua, 370 Kittiwake, 2 Sandwich Tern
<i>18th</i>	1 Pomarine Skua, 1 Arctic Skua, 1 Common Gull, 7 Sandwich Tern
<i>19th</i>	90 Manx Shearwater, 2 Balearic Shearwater, 98 Gannet, 2 Brent Goose, 1 Pomarine Skua, 6 Arctic Skua, 1 Great Skua, 1 Common Gull, 1 Sandwich Tern, 2 Arctic Tern, 1 Common Tern
<i>20th</i>	32 Common Scoter, 1 Pomarine Skua, 6 Arctic Skua, 1 Great Skua, 4 Sandwich Tern, 2 'commic' tern, 453 Razorbill, 200 auk sp.
<i>25th</i>	23 Common Scoter, 4 Arctic Skua
<i>28th</i>	34 Common Scoter, 1 Red-breasted Merganser, 13 Black-headed Gull, 3 Common Gull
<i>29th</i>	1 Sooty Shearwater, 55 Manx Shearwater, 1 Balearic Shearwater, 157 Gannet, 7 Common Scoter, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 25 Black-headed Gull, 500 Kittiwake, 200 auk sp.
<i>30th</i>	48 Fulmar, 923 Manx Shearwater, 2 Balearic Shearwater, 233 Gannet, 1 Gadwall , 2 Arctic Skua, 12 Black-headed Gull, 5 Common Gull, 1285 Kittiwake, 1 Arctic Tern, 3 Common Tern, 7 Guillemot, 710 Razorbill
