

Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. The first Paddyfield Warbler for Bardsey (2nd for Wales).
2. The eleventh Woodlark for Bardsey.
3. Whoosh-netting Chough on the beach.
4. Several days of excellent birding and vis mig.
5. Several days of great sea-watching.

October/2008



2. **Weather.** Often wet and windy but several fine days coinciding with peak passage

3. **Ringling** number of birds ringed during month. 381 Birds of 28 Species

Top three species Full Grown 1st...180 Goldcrest.....2nd...55 Chaffinch.....3rd...33 Greenfinch

Unusual Ringing activity 1 Merlin, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 1 Ring Ouzel, 1 Paddyfield Warbler, 1 Bullfinch

4. Main Movements

Dates and Numbers

- 1st** 4 Kestrel, 2 Dunlin, 1 Barn Owl, 2 Skylark, 10 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 1 flava wagtail, 2 White Wagtail, 20 Goldcrest, 11 Goldfinch, 4 Lesser Redpoll
- 2nd** 2 Ringed Plover, 2 Snipe, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Blackcap, **1 Yellow-browed Warbler**, 7 Chiffchaff, 61 Goldcrest, 17 Goldfinch, 1 Reed Bunting
- 3rd** 5 Kestrel, 1 Grey Wagtail, 9 White Wagtail, 5 Chiffchaff, 8 Goldcrest, 2 Siskin, 2 Lesser Redpoll
- 4th** 1 Dunlin, 1 Snipe
- 5th** 1 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 11 Skylark, 24 Swallow, 150 Meadow Pipit, 2 Grey Wagtail, 1 Whinchat, 15 Stonechat, 1 Song Thrush, 2 Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff, 22 Goldcrest, 23 Goldfinch, 3 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Common Crossbill
- 6th** 1 Hen Harrier, 1 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Skylark, 18 Swallow, 3 House Martin, 60 Meadow Pipit, 3 Grey Wagtail, 1 White Wagtail, 1 Wheatear, 2 Song Thrush, 3 Blackcap, **1 Yellow-browed Warbler**, 5 Chiffchaff, 44 Goldcrest, 4 Starling, 45 Chaffinch, 3 Siskin, 81 Goldfinch, 23 Lesser Redpoll
- 7th** 3 Kestrel, 2 Snipe, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 10 Skylark, 23 Swallow, 103 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 76 Wren, 31 Robin, 17 Stonechat, 4 Song Thrush, **2 Redwing**, 3 Garden Warbler, 7 Blackcap, 12 Chiffchaff, 50 Goldcrest, **1 Firecrest**, 1 Siskin, 70 Goldfinch, 2 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Common Crossbill
- 8th** 1 Snipe, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 39 Skylark, 25 Swallow, 9 House Martin, 61 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 18 Dunnock, 21 Robin, 2 Song Thrush, 1 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 35 Goldcrest, 11 Raven, 1 Coal Tit, 29 Chaffinch, 8 Greenfinch, 23 Goldfinch, 2 Lesser Redpoll
- 9th** 3 Merlin, 6 Skylark, 7 Swallow, 7 House Martin, 48 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Chiffchaff, 10 Goldcrest, 1 Starling, 5 Greenfinch, 50 Goldfinch, 13 Lesser Redpoll
- 10th** 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 15 Starling, 4 Siskin
- 11th** 2 Grey Heron, 1 Snipe, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 7 Skylark, 37 Swallow, 11 House Martin, 1 Grey Wagtail, 38 Robin, 19 Stonechat, 1 Song Thrush, **1 Paddyfield Warbler**, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Blackcap, 28 Chiffchaff, 21 Goldcrest, 1 Spotted Flycatcher, 16 Starling, 16 Chaffinch, 18 Siskin, 117 Goldfinch, 200 Linnet, 14 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Reed Bunting
- 12th** 3 Kestrel, 4 Water Rail, 5 Golden Plover, 2 Lapwing, 1 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, **7 Great Spotted Woodpecker**, 280 Skylark, 16 Swallow, 2 House Martin, 100 Meadow Pipit, **4 Richard's Pipit**, 2 Grey Wagtail, 14 alba wagtail, 49 Robin, 1 Black Redstart, 49 Stonechat, 7 Wheatear, 2 Ring Ouzel, 10 Song Thrush, 21 Redwing, 2 Mistle Thrush, 1 Reed Warbler, **1 Barred Warbler**, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Whitethroat, 9 Garden Warbler, 31 Blackcap, **1 Yellow-browed Warbler**, 26 Chiffchaff, 332 Goldcrest, 30 Magpie, 88 Starling, 1 Coal Tit, 51 Chaffinch, 69 Greenfinch, 8 Siskin, 124 Goldfinch, 23 Bullfinch, 180 Linnet, **1 Twite**, 15 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Scarlet Rosefinch, 10 Reed Bunting
- 13th** 4 Merlin, 1 Golden Plover, 1 Lapwing, 1 Jack Snipe, 1 Snipe, 1 Long-eared Owl, 4 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 57 Skylark, 1 Swallow, 57 Meadow Pipit, 2 Grey Wagtail, 38 Robin, 1 Black Redstart, 26 Stonechat, 3 Wheatear, 11 Blackbird, 8 Song Thrush, 5 Redwing, 1 Blackcap, 10 Chiffchaff, 41 Goldcrest, 28 Starling, 33 Chaffinch, **1 Brambling**, 7 Greenfinch, 7 Siskin, 24 Goldfinch, 93 Linnet, 10 Lesser Redpoll, 4 Common Crossbill, 3 Reed Bunting
- 14th** 27 Mallard, 1 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Skylark, 1 Wheatear, 3 Blackcap, 1 Chiffchaff, 23 Goldcrest, 700 Starling, 4 Chaffinch, 6 Lesser Redpoll
- 15th** 3 Kestrel, 5 Water Rail, 1 Golden Plover, 1 Dunlin, 4 Snipe, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 26 Skylark, 67 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 3 alba wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 13 Stonechat, 3 Wheatear, 3 Song Thrush, 3 Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff, 24 Goldcrest, 80 Starling, 18 Chaffinch, 2 Greenfinch, 16 Goldfinch, 44 Linnet, 24 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Reed Bunting
- 16th** 1 Dunlin, 1 Snipe, 5 Swallow, 1 Grey Wagtail, 3 alba wagtail, 1 Redwing, 1 Chiffchaff, 10 Goldcrest, 4 Goldfinch, 8 Linnet, 1 Lesser Redpoll
- 17th** 11 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Snipe, 1 Collared Dove, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 88 Skylark, 82 Meadow Pipit, 3 Grey Wagtail, 34 alba wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Wheatear, 1 Ring Ouzel, 7 Song Thrush, 3 Redwing, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, **1 Yellow-browed Warbler**, 5 Chiffchaff, 30 Goldcrest, 25 Carrion Crow, 25 Raven, 100 Starling, 120 Chaffinch, 1 Brambling, 20 Greenfinch, 12 Siskin, 15 Goldfinch, 5 Lesser Redpoll, 4 Reed Bunting
- 18th** 1 Snipe, 1 Greenshank, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 2 Skylark, 18 Meadow Pipit, 1 alba wagtail, 3 Song Thrush, 3 Chiffchaff, 11 Goldcrest, 2 Starling, 2 Brambling, 2 Lesser Redpoll
- 19th** 9 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Snipe, 1 Skylark, 1 *littoralis* Rock Pipit, 18 Goldcrest, 20 Starling, 1 Brambling
- 20th** 1 Dunlin, 3 Snipe, 1 Short-eared Owl, 1 Skylark, 4 Goldcrest, 5 Starling, 1 Linnet

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- 21st** 1 Short-eared Owl, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 114 Skylark, 2 alba wagtail, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 18 Goldcrest, 29 Chaffinch, 1 Brambling, 25 Greenfinch, 6 Siskin, 12 Goldfinch, 17 Linnet
- 22nd** 4 Buzzard, 1 *Woodcock*, 1 Short-eared Owl, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 50 Skylark, 12 Swallow, 24 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 White Wagtail, 1 alba wagtail, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Redwing, 1 Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff, 9 Goldcrest, 22 Raven, 101 Starling, 80 Chaffinch, 4 Brambling, 25 Greenfinch, 5 Siskin, 23 Goldfinch, 41 Linnet, 5 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Common Crossbill, 2 Reed Bunting
- 23rd** 3 Raven, 4 Starling, 6 Chaffinch
- 24th** 2 Short-eared Owl, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 23 Skylark, 43 Meadow Pipit, 1 alba wagtail, 20 Robin, 16 Stonechat, 2 Song Thrush, 1 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 12 Goldcrest, 129 Starling, 87 Chaffinch, 1 Brambling, 19 Greenfinch, 14 Siskin, 6 Goldfinch, 9 Linnet, 2 Lesser Redpoll
- 25th** 28 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 300 Starling, 800 Chaffinch, 1 Greenfinch
- 26th** 1 Short-eared Owl, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 8 Skylark, 2 Song Thrush, 1 Redwing, 4 Chiffchaff, 7 Goldcrest, 255 Starling, 300 Chaffinch, 6 Greenfinch, 18 Siskin, 7 Goldfinch, 35 Linnet, 4 Lesser Redpoll
- 27th** 2 Skylark, 9 Swallow, 1 alba wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 1 *Fieldfare*, 2 Song Thrush, 2 Redwing, 3 Goldcrest, 254 Starling, 180 Chaffinch, 1 Brambling, 65 Greenfinch, 15 Siskin, 1 Goldfinch, 1 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Reed Bunting
- 28th** 5 Lapwing, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 3 Skylark, 31 Meadow Pipit, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Pied Wagtail, 3 alba wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 16 Blackbird, 18 Song Thrush, 32 Redwing, 5 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 48 Goldcrest, 500 Starling, 2 Coal Tit, 60 Chaffinch, 2 Brambling, 13 Greenfinch, 9 Siskin, 5 Goldfinch, 9 Linnet, 1 Lesser Redpoll
- 29th** 4 Lapwing, 1 Snipe, 1 Short-eared Owl, 2 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 3 Skylark, 43 Meadow Pipit, 1 alba wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 2 *Fieldfare*, 23 Song Thrush, 13 Redwing, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 1 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 41 Goldcrest, 200 Starling, 5 Coal Tit, 198 Chaffinch, 3 Brambling, 24 Greenfinch, 3 Siskin, 9 Goldfinch, 2 Bullfinch, 5 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Common Crossbill, 1 Reed Bunting
- 30th** 3 Storm Petrel, 5 Merlin, 3 Lapwing, 2 Dunlin, 3 Snipe, 3 Woodcock, 1 Long-eared Owl, 2 Short-eared Owl, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 35 Skylark, 1 **Woodlark**, 1 Swallow, 46 Meadow Pipit, 1 Black Redstart, 3 Ring Ouzel, 161 Blackbird, 80 *Fieldfare*, 110 Song Thrush, 740 Redwing, 6 *Mistle Thrush*, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 2 Blackcap, 5 Chiffchaff, 39 Goldcrest, 2000 Starling, 4 Coal Tit, 1 Great Tit, 1300 Chaffinch, 47 Brambling, 34 Greenfinch, 22 Siskin, 8 Goldfinch, 2 Bullfinch, 9 Linnet, 1 **Twite**, 8 Lesser Redpoll, 1 **Snow Bunting**, 2 Reed Bunting
- 31st** 1 Hen Harrier, 2 Lapwing, 1 Dunlin, 5 Snipe, 1 Woodcock, 3 Great Spotted Woodpecker, 7 Skylark, 3 Swallow, 1 Pied Wagtail, 2 alba wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Ring Ouzel, 215 Blackbird, 55 *Fieldfare*, 60 Song Thrush, 227 Redwing, 4 *Mistle Thrush*, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 4 Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff, 35 Goldcrest, 48 *Jackdaw*, 3 *Rook*, 44 Carrion Crow, 483 Starling, 6 Long-tailed Tit, 2 Coal Tit, 2200 Chaffinch, 35 Brambling, 100 Greenfinch, 19 Siskin, 58 Goldfinch, 3 Bullfinch, 11 Linnet, 9 Lesser Redpoll, 3 Reed Bunting

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**Pintail** 2 on 1st**Red-breasted Merganser** 1 on 5th**Sooty Shearwater** 1 on 26th**Leach's Storm-petrel** 14 on 1st and 3 on 2nd**Grey Phalarope** 1 on 21st**Long-tailed Skua** 2 on 1st**Sabine's Gull** 1 on 6th**Little Auk** 1 on 1st and 28th**Black Guillemot** 7 on 1st and 2 on 3rd**Great Spotted Woodpecker** 7 on 12th is most ever**Woodlark** 1 on 30th**Richard's Pipit** 4 on 12th**Barred Warbler** 1 on 12th**Paddyfield Warbler** 1 on 11th**Yellow-browed Warbler** 1 on 2nd, 6th, 12th and 17th**Firecrest** 1 on 7th**Twite** 1 on 12th and 30th**Snow Bunting** 1 on 30th

8. Sea Passage. List notable movements with dates

1st 2 Red-throated Diver, 17 Fulmar, 254 Manx Shearwater, 1 Balearic Shearwater, 14 **Leach's Storm-petrel**, 330 Gannet, 2 **Pintail**, 2 Common Scoter, 40 Golden Plover, 16 Arctic Skua, 21 Great Skua, 2 **Long-tailed Skua**, 22 Black-headed Gull, 1000 Kittiwake, 3 Arctic Tern, 2 Sandwich Tern, 20 Guillemot, 515 Razorbill, 1 **Little Auk**, 7 **Black Guillemot**

2nd 2 Fulmar, 3 **Leach's Storm-petrel**, 150 Gannet, 9 Common Scoter, 1 Arctic Skua, 3 Great Skua, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 18 Black-headed Gull, 2 Arctic Tern, 2 Sandwich Tern

3rd 4 Red-throated Diver, 10 Common Scoter, 2 Arctic Skua, 15 Black-headed Gull, 11 Common Gull, 2 **Black Guillemot**

4th 3 Common Scoter, 2 Great Skua, 4 Common Gull, 336 Kittiwake, 1 Arctic Tern, 1 Sandwich Tern

5th 2 Red-throated Diver, 6 Manx Shearwater, 1 Balearic Shearwater, 6 Common Scoter, 1 **Red-breasted Merganser**, 1 Arctic Skua, 750 Kittiwake, 5 Sandwich Tern

6th 1 Fulmar, 8 Manx Shearwater, 2 Balearic Shearwater, 40 Gannet, 10 Common Scoter, 2 Arctic Skua, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 1 **Sabine's Gull**, 1 Little Gull, 50 Black-headed Gull, 4 Common Gull, 350 Kittiwake, 3 Arctic Tern, 1 Sandwich Tern, 200 Razorbill

7th 1 Balearic Shearwater, 2 Golden Plover, 1 Arctic Skua

9 th	25 Common Scoter, 1 Arctic Skua, 1 Great Skua, 4 Little Gull, 120 Black-headed Gull, 6 Common Gull, 1000 Kittiwake, 3 Arctic Tern, 2 Sandwich Tern, 1 Guillemot, 400 Razorbill
10 th	3 Manx Shearwater, 1 Balearic Shearwater, 28 Gannet, 2 Common Scoter
12 th	1 Fulmar, 4 Common Scoter, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 254 Black-headed Gull, 6 Common Gull, 4 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 383 Herring Gull, 180 Kittiwake, 1 Guillemot, 40 Razorbill
13 th	32 Gannet, 46 Common Scoter, 2 Arctic Skua, 3 Mediterranean Gull, 153 Black-headed Gull, 100 Kittiwake, 1 Arctic Tern, 4 Guillemot, 270 Razorbill
14 th	30 Common Scoter, 1 Arctic Skua, 5 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Little Gull, 200 Black-headed Gull, 2 Common Gull, 9 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 130 Herring Gull, 80 Kittiwake, 2 Arctic Tern, 160 Razorbill
15 th	1 Great Northern Diver, 55 Gannet, 64 Common Scoter, 2 Great Skua, 5 Mediterranean Gull, 119 Black-headed Gull, 5 Common Gull, 7 Lesser Black-backed gull, 150 Herring Gull, 100 Kittiwake, 2 Sandwich Tern, 2 Guillemot, 220 Razorbill
16 th	1 Great Northern Diver, 3 Arctic Skua, 2 Great Skua, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 250 Black-headed Gull, 13 Common Gull, 200 Herring Gull, 2 Guillemot, 130 Razorbill
17 th	38 Gannet, 4 Common Scoter, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 200 Black-headed Gull, 2 Common Gull, 300 Herring Gull, 5000 Kittiwake, 835 Razorbill
18 th	2 Common Scoter, 16 Mediterranean Gull, 1000 Black-headed Gull, 26 Common Gull, 14 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 700 Herring Gull, 17 Great Black-backed Gull, 2000 Kittiwake, 11 Guillemot, 4283 Razorbill
19 th	1 Fulmar, 1 Manx Shearwater, 40 Gannet, 7 Common Scoter, 1 Pomarine Skua, 1 Arctic Skua, 5 Great Skua, 6 Mediterranean Gull, 3 Little Gull, 130 Black-headed Gull, 12 Common Gull, 7 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 150 Herring Gull, 700 Kittiwake, 9 Arctic Tern, 1 Common Tern, 1 Guillemot, 589 Razorbill
20 th	2 Fulmar, 14 Manx Shearwater, 719 Gannet, 1 Wigeon, 5 Common Scoter, 14 Golden Plover, 1 Great Skua, 14 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Little Gull, 553 Black-headed Gull, 22 Common Gull, 15 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 441 Herring Gull, 1587 Kittiwake, 1 Arctic Tern, 1 Guillemot, 713 Razorbill
21 st	1 Red-throated Diver, 3 Great Northern Diver, 3 Fulmar, 11 Manx Shearwater, 1 Balearic Shearwater, 168 Gannet, 28 White-fronted Goose, 2 Brent Goose, 1 Common Scoter, 8 Golden Plover, 1 Grey Phalarope , 1 Pomarine Skua, 3 Arctic Tern, 1 Great Skua, 3 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Little Gull, 171 Black-headed Gull, 15 Common Gull, 2000 Kittiwake, 56 Guillemot, 2021 Razorbill
22 nd	1 Balearic Shearwater, 30 Gannet, 2 Whooper Swan, 14 White-fronted Goose, 6 Common Scoter, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 360 Black-headed Gull, 5 Common Gull, 2 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 304 Herring Gull, 500 Kittiwake, 28 Guillemot, 1000 Razorbill
23 rd	1 Manx Shearwater, 35 Gannet, 22 Common Scoter, 1 Arctic Skua, 200 Black-headed Gull, 25 Kittiwake, 2 Arctic Tern, 1 Guillemot, 50 Razorbill
24 th	3 Manx Shearwater, 14 Gannet, 2 Arctic Skua, 1 Great Skua, 3 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Little Gull, 450 Black-headed Gull, 5 Common Gull, 550 Herring Gull, 800 Kittiwake, 1 Arctic Tern, 3 Guillemot, 500 Razorbill
26 th	1 Red-throated Diver, 1 Sooty Shearwater , 8 Manx Shearwater, 30 Gannet, 9 Common Scoter, 1 Arctic Skua, 1 Great Skua, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 1 Little Gull, 70 Black-headed Gull, 2 Common Gull, 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 900 Kittiwake, 1 Arctic Tern, 31 Guillemot, 3000 Razorbill
27 th	7 White-fronted Goose, 1 Shelduck, 9 Common Scoter, 1 Mediterranean Gull, 113 Black-headed Gull, 1 Common Gull, 800 Herring Gull, 75 Kittiwake, 6 Guillemot, 120 Razorbill
28 th	3 Red-throated Diver, 8 Manx Shearwater, 9 Gannet, 1 Brent Goose, 16 Shelduck, 24 Common Scoter, 2 Mediterranean Gull, 140 Black-headed Gull, 64 Common Gull, 9 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 600 Herring Gull, 920 Kittiwake, 54 Guillemot, 590 Razorbill, 1 Little Auk
29 th	207 Black-headed Gull, 53 Common Gull, 150 Kittiwake
30 th	6 Mediterranean Gull, 452 Black-headed Gull, 85 Common Gull, 9 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 680 Herring Gull, 1170 Kittiwake, 1 Guillemot, 33 Razorbill
