

## Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. The first Grey Shoulder-knot, forth Red Sword-grass, and fifth Holly Blue for the island.
2. The highest monthly ringing total for 8 years.
3. A smart male Subalpine Warbler present for one day.
4. Twenty-one Whimbrel ringed, better the record set last year by ten.
5. The first House Sparrow to be trapped since November 1986.



### 2. Weather. Give brief summary of weather details...

Several days of wind and rain at the beginning and end of the month with some foggy periods around the new moon.

### 3. Ringing number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli). 1293 Birds of 36 Species

Top three species Full Grown 1st...445 Manx Shearwater.....2nd...411 Willow Warbler.....3rd...138 Chiffchaff

Unusual Ringing activity 1 Shelduck, 1 Sparrowhawk, 1 Ringed Plover, 1 Purple Sandpiper, 2 Jack Snipe, 21 Whimbrel, 1 Subalpine Warbler, 1 Blue Tit, 1 Great Tit, 1 House Sparrow

### 4. Main Movements

#### Dates and Numbers

- 1<sup>st</sup>** 2 Merlin, 3 Jack Snipe, 3 Snipe, 22 Redshank, 14 Turnstone, 22 Sand Martin, 30 Swallow, 88 Meadow Pipit, 2 white wagtail, 2 Wheatear, 1 Blackcap, 20 Chiffchaff, 12 Willow Warbler, 28 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Blue Tit, 4 Greenfinch, **1 Lapland Bunting**, 2 Reed Bunting
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** 2 Greylag Goose, 1 Water Rail, 1 Jack Snipe, 3 Snipe, 4 Curlew, 28 Sand Martin, 42 Swallow, 2 *House Martin*, 160 Meadow Pipit, 2 white wagtail, 10 Wheatear, 10 Chiffchaff, 25 Goldcrest, 1 Blue, Tit, 1 Rook, 3 Starling, 1 Lesser Redpoll, 2 Reed Bunting
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** 1 Jack Snipe, 1 Snipe, 4 Swallow, 3 Wheatear, 2 Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Coal tit, 1 Blue Tit, 1 Rook, 1 Goldfinch
- 4<sup>th</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 1 Whimbrel, 4 Curlew, 1 Collared Dove, 2 Sand Martin, 12 Swallow, 2 House Martin, 1 white wagtail, 2 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 4 Chiffchaff, 6 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 1 Starling, 1 Goldfinch
- 5<sup>th</sup>** 4 Sand Martin, 22 Swallow, 2 white wagtail, 2 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 1 *Grasshopper Warbler*, 2 Blackcap, 6 Chiffchaff, 29 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 1 Starling, 2 Greenfinch, 6 Goldfinch, 85 Linnets
- 6<sup>th</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 1 Merlin, 1 Snipe, 4 Black-headed Gull, 1 Sand Martin, 6 Swallow, 2 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 5 Blackcap, 18 Chiffchaff, 15 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 1 Blue Tit, 1 Greenfinch, 10 Goldfinch, 200 Linnets
- 7<sup>th</sup>** 1 Merlin, 1 Jack Snipe, 1 Black-headed Gull, 1 Sand Martin, 28 Swallow, 2 white wagtail, 4 Wheatear, 5 Chiffchaff, 8 Willow Warbler, 1 Goldcrest, 2 Blue Tit, 4 Raven, 2 Goldfinch, 75 Linnets
- 8<sup>th</sup>** 1 Merlin, 15 Golden Plover, 25 Purple Sandpiper, 15 Redshank, 1 *Common Sandpiper*, 30 Turnstone, 30 Swallow, 91 Meadow Pipit, 4 white wagtail, 6 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 2 Blackcap, 4 Chiffchaff, 8 Willow Warbler, 1 Goldcrest, 2 Blue Tit, 1 Reed Bunting
- 9<sup>th</sup>** 1 Collared Dove, 2 Sand Martin, 14 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 1 white wagtail, 6 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Redwing, 28 Blackcap, 15 Chiffchaff, 150 Willow Warbler, 3 Goldcrest, 2 Blue Tit, 6 Goldfinch
- 10<sup>th</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 1 Sand Martin, 21 Swallow, 4 white wagtail, 2 Wheatear, 3 Blackcap, 34 Chiffchaff, 200 Willow Warbler, 3 Goldcrest, 2 Blue Tit, 1 Rook, 1 Greenfinch, 5 Siskin, 15 Goldfinch, 2 Lesser Redpoll
- 11<sup>th</sup>** 2 Canada Goose, 1 Kestrel, 1 Collared Dove, 1 Sand Martin, 20 Swallow, 3 Wheatear, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 2 Blackcap, 14 Chiffchaff, 40 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 1 Blue Tit, 1 Great Tit, 5 Raven, 2 Siskin, 4 Goldfinch, 95 Linnets
- 12<sup>th</sup>** 3 Greylag Goose, 1 Black-headed Gull, 1 Collared Dove, 2 Sand Martin, 80 Swallow, 4 white wagtail, 3 Wheatear, 1 Ring Ouzel, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 1 *Garden Warbler*, 2 Blackcap, 32 Chiffchaff, 73 Willow Warbler, 9 Goldcrest, 1 Jackdaw, 1 Rook, **1 House Sparrow**, 2 Greenfinch, 6 Siskin, 11 Goldfinch, 14 Lesser Redpoll
- 13<sup>th</sup>** 1 Black-headed Gull, 9 Sand Martin, 44 Swallow, 5 white wagtail, 3 Wheatear, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 15 Chiffchaff, 25 Willow Warbler, 4 Goldcrest, 2 Jackdaw, 1 Rook, 2 Siskin, 20 Goldfinch, 11 Lesser Redpoll
- 14<sup>th</sup>** 1 Black-headed Gull, 2 Sand Martin, 11 Swallow, 4 Wheatear, 1 Ring Ouzel, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, 7 Blackcap, 8 Chiffchaff, 17 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 1 Siskin, 8 Goldfinch, 81 Linnets, 1 Lesser Redpoll
- 15<sup>th</sup>** 2 Merlin, 3 Common Sandpiper, 1 Collared Dove, 2 Sand Martin, 30 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 1 *Tree Pipit*, 1 white wagtail, 1 Redstart, 100 Wheatear, 1 Redwing, 1 Mistle Thrush, 13 Grasshopper Warbler, 3 *Sedge Warbler*, 9 Blackcap, 14 Chiffchaff, 300 Willow Warbler, 22 Goldcrest, 5 Siskin, 10 Goldfinch
- 16<sup>th</sup>** 3 Ringed Plover, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Sand Martin, 22 Swallow, 3 Tree Pipit, 1 Ring Ouzel, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Redwing, 9 Grasshopper Warbler, 5 Blackcap, 13 Chiffchaff, 100 Willow Warbler, 8 Goldcrest, 2 Starling, 4 Siskin, 34 Goldfinch, 50 Linnets, 4 Lesser Redpoll
- 17<sup>th</sup>** 1 Ringed Plover, 1 Grey Plover, 1 Dunlin, 6 Bar-tailed Godwit, 3 Common Sandpiper, 1 Short-eared Owl, 1 *Cuckoo*, 24 Swallow, 1 Tree Pipit, 1 white wagtail, 1 Whinchat, 79 Wheatear, 1 Ring Ouzel, 1 Fieldfare, 22 Grasshopper Warbler, 40 Blackcap, 9 Chiffchaff, 150 Willow Warbler, 2 Goldcrest, 8 Siskin, 40 Goldfinch
- 18<sup>th</sup>** 1 Kestrel, 1 Lapwing, 1 Snipe, 10 Whimbrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, 2 Collared Dove, 1 Short-eared Owl, 18 Sand Martin, 20 Swallow, 2 House Martin, 2 white wagtail, 2 Whinchat, 38 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Grasshopper Warbler, **1 Subalpine Warbler**, 18 Blackcap, 12 Chiffchaff, 50 Willow Warbler, 6 Goldcrest, 1 Starling, 2 Siskin, 7 Goldfinch, 4 Lesser Redpoll
- 19<sup>th</sup>** 13 Sand Martin, 65 Swallow, 3 House Martin, 2 white wagtail, 2 Black Redstart, 26 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 3 Sedge Warbler, 9 Blackcap, 11 Chiffchaff, 40 Willow Warbler, 3 Goldcrest, 1 Jackdaw, 1 Rook, 14 Siskin, 30 Goldfinch, 12 Lesser Redpoll

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- 20<sup>th</sup>** 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Collared Dove, 7 Sand Martin, 20 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 5 white wagtail, 27 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 9 Blackcap, 16 Chiffchaff, 21 Willow Warbler, 1 Goldcrest, 1 Starling, 6 Siskin, 10 Goldfinch, 7 Lesser Redpoll, 1 Reed Bunting
- 21<sup>st</sup>** 8 Whimbrel, 2 white wagtail, 4 Wheatear, 1 Sedge Warbler, 5 Blackcap, 14 Chiffchaff, 10 Willow Warbler, 2 Siskin, 10 Goldfinch, 2 Lesser Redpoll
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** 1 Ringed Plover, 1 Lapwing, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 13 Whimbrel, 6 Little Gull, 5 Sand Martin, 22 swallow, 3 House Martin, 1 Tree Pipit, 5 white wagtail, 2 Redstart, 30 Wheatear, 20 Grasshopper Warbler, 6 Sedge Warbler, 4 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Whitethroat, 41 Blackcap, 13 Chiffchaff, 260 Willow Warbler, 1 Pied Flycatcher, 4 Siskin, 25 Goldfinch, 4 Lesser Redpoll
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1 Ringed Plover, 4 Dunlin, 40 Whimbrel, 8 Curlew, 5 Sand Martin, 30 Swallow, 3 House Martin, 1 Tree Pipit, 6 white wagtail, 5 Wheatear, 7 Grasshopper Warbler, 9 Sedge Warbler, 24 Blackcap, 5 Chiffchaff, 100 Willow Warbler, 1 Starling, 22 Goldfinch
- 24<sup>th</sup>** 1 Dunlin, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 5 Common Sandpiper, 1 Black-headed Gull, 32 Sand Martin, 200 Swallow, 3 House Martin, 2 Tree Pipit, 21 white wagtail, 1 Redstart, 83 Wheatear, 8 Grasshopper warbler, 10 Sedge Warbler, 1 Whitethroat, 6 Blackcap, 3 Chiffchaff, 39 Willow Warbler, 1 Starling, 7 Siskin, 21 Goldfinch, 7 Lesser Redpoll
- 25<sup>th</sup>** 1 Ringed Plover, 1 Dunlin, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 17 Whimbrel, 1 Common Sandpiper, 1 Collared Dove, 1 Swift, 28 Sand Martin, 73 Swallow, 4 House Martin, 4 white wagtail, 55 Wheatear, 2 Grasshopper warbler, 2 Sedge Warbler, 3 Blackcap, 2 Chiffchaff, 50 Willow Warbler, 4 Siskin, 55 Goldfinch, 6 Lesser Redpoll
- 26<sup>th</sup>** 3 Buzzard, 4 Dunlin, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 6 Whimbrel, 5 Common Sandpiper, 1 Swift, 19 Sand Martin, 90 Swallow, 9 House Martin, 7 white wagtail, 40 Wheatear, 4 Grasshopper Warbler, 3 Sedge Warbler, 2 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Whitethroat, 9 Blackcap, 10 Chiffchaff, 70 Willow Warbler, 1 Goldcrest, 15 Siskin, 25 Goldfinch, 25 Lesser Redpoll
- 27<sup>th</sup>** 3 Dunlin, 2 Snipe, 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 10 Whimbrel, 1 Black-headed Gull, 7 Sand Martin, 40 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 5 white wagtail, 30 Wheatear, 1 Fieldfare, 11 Grasshopper Warbler, 8 Sedge Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 3 Whitethroat, 12 Blackcap, 8 Chiffchaff, 54 Willow Warbler, 2 Siskin, 35 Goldfinch, 8 Lesser Redpoll
- 28<sup>th</sup>** 1 Bar-tailed Godwit, 12 Whimbrel, 4 Curlew, 1 Common Sandpiper, **1 Black Guillemot**, 7 Sand Martin, 23 Swallow, 6 House Martin, 24 white wagtail, 57 Wheatear, 4 Grasshopper Warbler, 6 Sedge Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 14 Blackcap, 16 Chiffchaff, 25 Willow Warbler, 1 Jackdaw, 5 Raven, 13 Siskin, 6 Goldfinch, 4 Lesser Redpoll
- 29<sup>th</sup>** 1 Snipe, 10 Whimbrel, 2 Sand Martin, 25 Swallow, 1 House Martin, 3 white wagtail, 10 Wheatear, 4 Grasshopper Warbler, 6 Sedge Warbler, 1 Lesser Whitethroat, 4 Whitethroat, 2 Garden Warbler, 5 Blackcap, 11 Chiffchaff, 30 Willow Warbler, 1 Goldcrest, 3 Goldfinch, 5 Lesser Redpoll
- 30<sup>th</sup>** 3 Buzzard, 2 Bar-tailed Godwit, 2 Redshank, 1 Collared Dove, 7 Sand Martin, 39 Swallow, 3 House Martin, 5 white wagtail, 1 Redstart, 1 Whinchat, 15 Wheatear, 6 Grasshopper Warbler, 11 Sedge Warbler, 3 Whitethroat, 1 Garden Warbler, 19 Blackcap, 15 Chiffchaff, 110 Willow Warbler, 1 Goldcrest, 3 Raven, 6 Siskin, 8 Goldfinch, 13 Lesser Redpoll, 1 redpoll sp.

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

Numbers similar to recent years but with Goldcrest and Chiffchaff well down.

**6. Give early or late dates for your observatory**

- Common Sandpiper 8<sup>th</sup> (earliest 21<sup>st</sup> March 1994)  
 Cuckoo 17<sup>th</sup> (previous earliest 18<sup>th</sup> April 2001 and 2004)  
 Swift 25<sup>th</sup> (earliest 13<sup>th</sup> April 1995)  
 House Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> (earliest 20<sup>th</sup> March 2005)  
 Tree Pipit 15<sup>th</sup> (earliest 29<sup>th</sup> March 1968)  
 Redstart 15<sup>th</sup> (earliest 16<sup>th</sup> February 2001 and 2003)  
 Grasshopper Warbler 5<sup>th</sup> (earliest 1<sup>st</sup> April 1999)  
 Sedge Warbler 15<sup>th</sup> (earliest 8<sup>th</sup> April 1999)  
 Garden Warbler 12<sup>th</sup> (earliest 25<sup>th</sup> March 1960)  
 Lesser Whitethroat 22<sup>nd</sup> (earliest 16<sup>th</sup> April 2004)  
 Whitethroat 22<sup>nd</sup> (earliest 9<sup>th</sup> April 1961 and 2002)  
 Pied Flycatcher 22<sup>nd</sup> (earliest 7<sup>th</sup> April 1985)

**7. Rarities** Interpret rare fairly liberally for your observatory

- Black Guillemot 1 on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Subalpine Warbler 1 on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
 House Sparrow 1 on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Lapland Bunting 1 on the 1<sup>st</sup>

**8. Sea Passage.** List notable movements with dates

- 1<sup>st</sup>** 1 Red-throated Diver, 2 Fulmar, 10 Manx Shearwater, 5 Gannet, 1 Canada Goose  
**4<sup>th</sup>** 10 Gannet  
**5<sup>th</sup>** 17 Gannet, 6 Mallard  
**6<sup>th</sup>** 100 Manx Shearwater, 15 Gannet  
**7<sup>th</sup>** 19 Fulmar, 25 Manx Shearwater, 82 Gannet, 15 Guillemot, 35 Razorbill,

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Razorbill, 1 Puffin

**12<sup>th</sup>** 225 Kittiwake, 30 Guillemot, 450 Razorbill, 7 Puffin

**14<sup>th</sup>** 6 Fulmar, 132 Manx Shearwater, 21 Gannet, 36 Kittiwake, 60 Razorbill

**18<sup>th</sup>** 2 Sandwich Tern, 140 Guillemot, 48 Razorbill

**20<sup>th</sup>** 17 Fulmar, 10 Gannet, 45 Shag, 126 Kittiwake, 90 Guillemot, 140 Razorbill, 2 Puffin

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