

Bardsey Bird and field Observatory

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

1. The observatory staff returned on the 15th, both Richard Brown (AW) and Richard Else (MSRA) back for their second seasons in post.
2. Drag Netting Jack Snipe in the lowlands.
3. Bottlenose Dolphins seen on 3 dates.
4. Glaucous and Iceland Gull (only 7th record) both recorded.
5. A Hoopoe briefly passing across the island.



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

Generally fine and always dry. Mist Netting possible many days.

3. Ringing number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli). 73 Birds of 17 Species

Top three species Full Grown 1st...16 Goldcrest.....2nd...14 Chiffchaff.....3rd...13 Manx Shearwater

Unusual Ringing activity 1 Moorhen, 2 Jack Snipe, 1 Redwing, 3 Coal Tit, 1 Blue Tit

4. Main Movements

Dates and Numbers

- 1st** 106 Oystercatcher, 3 Lapwing, 42 Purple Sandpiper, 1 Jack Snipe, 8 Snipe, 62 Curlew, 34 Redshank, 33 Turnstone, 90 Lesser Black-backed Gull, 1 Black Redstart, 6 Song Thrush, 6 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit
- 2nd** 46 Purple Sandpiper, 6 Snipe, 1 Skylark, 1 Coal Tit, 3 Starling
- 3rd** 10 Mallard, 116 Oystercatcher, 3 Snipe, 42 Turnstone, 1 Black Redstart, 4 Song Thrush, 1 Coal Tit, 24 Chough
- 4th** 3 Buzzard, 1 Water Rail, 1 Snipe, 1 Whimbrel, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Starling, 23 Chaffinch
- 5th** 1 Sparrowhawk, 3 Snipe, 1 Redwing, 1 Coal Tit, 26 Chough, 12 Raven
- 6th** 1 Merlin, 1 Jack Snipe, 45 Turnstone, 46 Meadow Pipit, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Starling
- 7th** 1 Whimbrel, 1 Coal Tit, 45 Starling
- 8th** 1 Merlin, 123 Oystercatcher, 2 Jack Snipe, 1 Whimbrel, 36 Redshank, 46 Turnstone, 1 Coal Tit, 36 Chough, 1 Starling
- 9th** 1 Water Rail, 1 Whimbrel, 43 Redshank, 52 Turnstone, 1 Coal Tit
- 10th** 2 Water Rail, 46 Meadow Pipit, 3 Song Thrush, 1 Coal Tit
- 11th** 1 Buzzard, 1 Lapwing, 1 Jack Snipe, 2 Snipe, 1 Collared Dove, 1 Redwing, 13 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 8 Starling, 104 Chaffinch, 8 Linnet
- 12th** 1 Sparrowhawk, 5 Peregrine, 430 Herring Gull, 1 Collared Dove, 53 Meadow Pipit, 5 Fieldfare, 2 Song Thrush, 43 Redwing, 12 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 28 Chough, 221 Starling, 36 Chaffinch, 4 Greenfinch, 3 Linnet
- 13th** 2 Sparrowhawk, 12 Pied Wagtail, 2 Fieldfare, 3 Song Thrush, 22 Redwing, 26 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 45 Starling, 28 Chaffinch, 6 Linnet
- 14th** 2 Buzzard, 1 Water Rail, 1 Jack Snipe, 1 Whimbrel, 2 Skylark, 96 Meadow Pipit, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Wheatear, 18 Redwing, 23 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 3 Raven, 1 Starling, 2 Greenfinch, 1 Siskin, 38 Linnet
- 15th** 4 Buzzard, 1 Water Rail, 2 Whimbrel, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Wheatear, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Chiffchaff, 16 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 20 Raven, 5 Starling, 2 Greenfinch, 1 Siskin, 47 Linnet
- 16th** 1 Manx Shearwater, 4 Buzzard, 1 Kestrel, 1 Water Rail, 1 Dunlin, 1 Jack Snipe, 2 Whimbrel, 100 Meadow Pipit, 1 Black Redstart, 1 Wheatear, 1 Fieldfare, 2 Song Thrush, 5 Chiffchaff, 50 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 7 Starling, 1 Greenfinch, 2 Siskin, 5 Goldfinch
- 17th** 3 Sparrowhawk, 1 Water Rail, 1 Golden Plover, 1 Jack Snipe, 2 Snipe, 1 Collared Dove, 1 Sand Martin, 360 Meadow Pipit, 19 Pied Wagtail, 1 White Wagtail, 4 Black Redstart, 6 Wheatear, 1 Fieldfare, 1 Mistle Thrush, 6 Chiffchaff, 50 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 20 Starling, 1 Goldfinch
- 18th** 1 Merlin, 1 Water Rail, 1 Jack Snipe, 2 Snipe, 1 Whimbrel, 1 Iceland Gull, 1 Hoopoe, 11 Sand Martin, 1 Swallow, 280 Meadow Pipit, 16 Pied Wagtail, 1 White Wagtail, 5 Black Redstart, 12 Wheatear, 13 Chiffchaff, 1 Willow Warbler, 12 Goldcrest, 3 Coal Tit, 1 Blue Tit, 2 Jackdaw, 1 Rook, 37 Starling, 1 Greenfinch, 2 Siskin, 2 Goldfinch
- 19th** 1 Pintail, 1 Kestrel, 1 Merlin, 3 Sand Martin, 160 Meadow Pipit, 17 Wheatear, 1 Ring Ouzel, 1 Fieldfare, 1 Redwing, 1 Mistle Thrush, 13 Chiffchaff, 35 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Blue Tit, 5 Jackdaw, 1 Rook, 32 Starling, 1 Greenfinch, 5 Siskin, 1 Goldfinch
- 20th** 1 Sand Martin, 170 Meadow Pipit, 19 Wheatear, 1 Ring Ouzel, 2 Fieldfare, 1 Song Thrush, 1 Blackcap, 13 Chiffchaff, 20 Goldcrest, 3 Jackdaw, 14 Carrion Crow, 16 Starling, 2 Greenfinch, 5 Siskin, 48 Linnet, 1 Reed Bunting
- 21st** 1 Water Rail, 1 Ringed Plover, 2 Jack Snipe, 2 Snipe, 3 Black Redstart, 26 Wheatear, 2 Fieldfare, 4 Song Thrush, 28 Chiffchaff, 21 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 17 Starling, 1 Greenfinch, 4 Siskin
- 22nd** 1 Jack Snipe, 2 Snipe, 1 Whimbrel, 2 Skylark, 90 Meadow Pipit, 3 Black Redstart, 10 Wheatear, 5 Song Thrush, 8 Chiffchaff, 12 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Siskin, 1 Goldfinch, 60 Linnet
- 23rd** 1 Skylark, 1 Grey Wagtail, 1 Black Redstart, 5 Chiffchaff, 10 Goldcrest, 1 Rook, 3 Starling, 71 Linnet
- 24th** 1 Merlin, 1 Jack Snipe, 3 Snipe, 2 Whimbrel, 2 Black Redstart, 5 Wheatear, 7 Chiffchaff, 22 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 1 Goldfinch
- 25th** 1 Merlin, 3 Jack Snipe, 6 Snipe, 1 Black Redstart, 5 Chiffchaff, 9 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit
- 26th** 1 Jack Snipe, 2 Snipe, 3 Wheatear, 22 Chiffchaff, 20 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit, 27 Chough
- 27th** 1 Glaucous Gull, 1 Black Redstart, 2 Wheatear, 12 Chiffchaff, 6 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit
- 28th** 1 Grey Heron, 13 Mallard, 1 Red-breasted Merganser, 1 Black Redstart, 2 Wheatear, 6 Chiffchaff, 5 Goldcrest, 1 Coal Tit
- 29th** 14 Shelduck, 4 Buzzard, 1 Merlin, 1 Snipe, 11 Wheatear, 5 Chiffchaff, 6 Goldcrest, 3 Coal Tit, 30 Carrion Crow, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Siskin, 3 Goldfinch

- 30th** 1 Merlin, 1 Jack Snipe, 2 Snipe, 2 Bar-tailed Godwit, 1 Collared Dove, 2 Skylark, 4 Swallow, 1 Black Redstart, 62 Wheatear, 2 Song Thrush, 29 Redwing, 13 Blackcap, 81 Chiffchaff, 16 Willow Warbler, 17 Goldcrest, 8 Coal Tit, 2 Starling, 3 Goldfinch
- 31st** 3 Jack Snipe, 3 Snipe, 1 Sand Martin, 1 White Wagtail, 3 Wheatear, 1 Redwing, 6 Chiffchaff, 2 Goldcrest, 2 Coal Tit, 1 Blue Tit, 1 Jackdaw, 13 Starling, 1 Greenfinch, 7 Goldfinch

5. Notable absentees and species well below normal strength.

Spring passage generally slow. Despite two earliest dates the number of birds recorded has been low.

6. Give early or late dates for your observatory

Manx Shearwater 16th (earliest 1st March 2005)

Sandwich Tern 26th (previous earliest 28th March 1964 and 1969)

Sand Martin 17th (7th March 2002)

Swallow 18th (12th March 2003)

Wheatear 14th (6th March 1977)

Ring Ouzel 19th (equal earliest 19th March 2000)

Blackcap 20th (21st January 1997)

Willow Warbler 18th (previous earliest 19th March 2003)

Chiffchaff 15th (23rd January 2007)

7. Rarities Interpret rare fairly liberally for your observatory

Great Northern Diver 1 on 29th

Pintail 1 on 19th

Red-breasted Merganser 1 on 28th

Glauous Gull 1 on 27th

Iceland Gull 1 on 18th

Hoopoe 1 on 18th

8. Sea Passage. List notable movements with dates

1st 14 Fulmar, 580 Razorbill

2nd 11 Fulmar, 120 Guillemot, 250 Razorbill

3rd 16 Fulmar

6th 10 Fulmar

8th 1 Kittiwake, 12 Guillemot, 120 Razorbill

12th 26 Fulmar

14th 5 Gannet, 50 Guillemot, 26 Razorbill

16th 2 Red-throated Diver, 2 Fulmar

17th 2 Red-throated Diver, 3 Fulmar, 1 Gannet, 1 Kittiwake, 200 auk sp.

18th 2 Red-throated Diver, 2 Fulmar, 1 Common Scoter

19th 2 Red-throated Diver, 2 Fulmar, 1 Gannet, 25 Shag

20th 2 Red-throated Diver, 10 Fulmar, 29 Gannet, 1 Black-headed Gull

21st 2 Red-throated Diver, 26 Fulmar, 4 Gannet, 1 Black-headed Gull, 4 Kittiwake, 1 Guillemot, 110 Razorbill

22ⁿ 6 Fulmar, 25 Gannet, 1 Black-headed Gull, 12 Kittiwake

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23rd 1 Red-throated Diver, 7 Fulmar, 6 Gannet, 12 Kittiwake, 4 Guillemot, 100 Razorbill

24th 1 Fulmar, 32 Manx Shearwater, 9 Gannet, 1 Common Scoter

26th 12 Gannet, 2 *Sandwich Tern*

27th 1 Red-throated Diver, 2 Fulmar, 2 Manx Shearwater, 5 Gannet

29th 2 Red-throated Diver, 1 **Great Northern Diver**, 3 Fulmar, 3 Manx Shearwater, 11 Gannet, 1 Sanderling, 1 Black-headed Gull, 200 Kittiwake, 45 Razorbill, 1 *Puffin*

30th 1 Red-throated Diver, 2 Fulmar, 7 Gannet, 7 Kittiwake, 125 Razorbill

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