

Report on rare birds in Great Britain in 1961 (with 1959 and 1960 additions)

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THIS, THE FOURTH REPORT of the Rarities Committee, has now been prepared after the consideration of about 450 records which were submitted for the year 1961, together with a few outstanding ones for the two previous years. We thus had to deal with slightly fewer records than in 1960. We have come to a decision on nearly all of these, but a few, for various reasons, are still outstanding. As explained in our last report (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 173-200), we no longer adjudicate on Irish records, but we have been glad to give assistance in a number of cases when asked to do so. The present report, therefore, lists the accepted 1961 records from England, Scotland and Wales.

The composition of the Committee is now as follows: P. A. D. Hollom (Chairman), C. M. Swaine (Hon. Secretary), H. G. Alexander, D. G. Bell, I. J. Ferguson-Lees, D. D. Harber, M. F. M. Meiklejohn, I. C. T. Nisbet, G. A. Pyman and Kenneth Williamson. The present Hon. Secretary took over from G. A. Pyman in June 1961 and would like to take this opportunity of expressing personal appreciation of the smooth way in which the change was made, due chiefly to the perfect order in which his predecessor left his files.

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We were glad to retain the services of G. A. Pyman as an ordinary member; also to welcome D. G. Bell who joined us early in 1962 and who provides a useful link with the north-east. The unexpected death of Alfred Hazelwood in December 1961 deprived us of an able and clear-sighted colleague whose loss is sadly felt; we should also like to express our appreciation of the work done by K. D. Smith, who resigned early in the summer of 1961.

The list of species which come under the notice of this Committee has not been altered since it was published in our last report (see *Brit. Birds*, 54: 197-198) and we still intend to consider, in addition, certain well-marked geographical races of rare occurrence in Britain. However, we have omitted from this report the several records of Flamingoes (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) in Essex, Hampshire, Kent, Norfolk and Suffolk in 1961, because most (probably all) of the individuals involved belonged to one or other of the American races and were fairly certainly escapes. Similarly, as from the end of 1962 we shall no longer concern ourselves with records of Red-headed Buntings, in view of the great numbers of these birds which are imported annually into Britain and other countries of western Europe.

The principles and procedure followed in considering records were set out in our first report (*Brit. Birds*, 53: 155-156) and some comments were made (53: 157-158) on the presentation adopted in the systematic lists. In the present report, the same principles and methods are followed, but it is perhaps again worth explaining some of the points involved, because they help to clarify the systematic lists.

(i) The basic details given for each record are (1) county; (2) locality; (3) number of birds if more than one, and age* and sex if known; (4) if trapped or found dead; (5) date or dates; (6) observer or observers up to three in number, in alphabetical order. Other relevant information is sometimes added at the end of individual records or in a subsequent paragraph.

(ii) Occurrences of species and some well-defined geographical races which have been recorded in Great Britain and Ireland (a) not more than ten times or (b) not at all during the previous 25 years are still published separately in this journal with full descriptions. British records in this category are mentioned briefly in the systematic lists below and, where possible, cross-referenced to the fuller publication.

(iii) The scientific nomenclature and classification follows that given in the B.O.U. *Check-list of the Birds of Great Britain and Ireland* (1952), with the amendments subsequently proposed (*Ibis*, 98: 157-168) and those resulting from the decisions of the International Commission for Zoological Nomenclature (*Ibis*, 99: 369). Any sight records of subspecies (including those of birds trapped and released) are normally referred to as "showing the characters" of the race concerned.

(iv) No record which would constitute the first for Great Britain and Ireland is published by us, even if we consider it acceptable, until it has been passed by the Records Committee of the British Ornithologists' Union.

*The term "adult" is used in the systematic lists to denote adult plumage irrespective of whether the bird has reached full maturity.

(v) In general, the report is confined to records which are regarded as specifically certain. "Probables" are never included and square brackets are used only to denote likely escapes from captivity. In the case of the very similar Long-billed and Short-billed Dowitchers (*Limnodromus scolopaceus* and *L. griseus*), however, we are continuing to publish indeterminate records and this will also apply to observations of frigate-birds (*Fregata*) and albatrosses (*Diomedea*), if and when they occur. On the other hand, we are discontinuing publication of indeterminate reports of Icterine and Melodious Warblers (*Hippolais icterina* and *polyglotta*), in view of the high proportion of instances which are definitely referable to one or the other.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an editorial discussing some of the problems which arise in connection with the preparation and submission of observations to the Rarities Committee and, indeed, to regional and county organisations as well. It is hoped that the suggestions made there will be of assistance to observers when they submit records in future.

In the light of this editorial, the Committee has decided that from now on it will not normally ask an observer for further details of any record which seems to be his full and original account. It is felt that to do so is to invite distortion of the original notes made at the time. Observers will realise, therefore, that it is important to prepare as full and thorough an account as their observations will permit before they send a record to their county or regional committee, to a bird observatory or to us.

As stated in a previous report, we do not favour summaries or paraphrases of records, nor composite accounts combining the notes of several observers, and we hope that county editors and observatory authorities will continue to assist us as far as possible by forwarding original notes or accurate copies of them. We shall also be most grateful if records are submitted as soon as possible after being made, and not at the end of the year, as this greatly facilitates the preparation of reports.

In concluding the preamble to this report, we should like to convey our thanks to all those who have sent in their records, to a number of people who, on account of their special knowledge, have been of particular assistance to us, and perhaps especially to the many county editors and regional committees who have co-operated so patiently and efficiently.

Supplementary systematic list of 1959 records accepted

1959

Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*)

Somerset: Cheddar Reservoir, ♂ and two ♀♀ or immatures, 9th December (W. Smith). Blagdon Reservoir, ♀ or immature, 27th December (W. A. Holmes, T. D. H. Merrie).

Tengmalm's Owl (*Aegolius funereus*)

1959

Orkney: Cruan Firth, 26th and 27th December 1959 and 1st January 1960 (see below) (E. Balfour, J. Wood).

***Supplementary systematic list (with corrections)
of 1960 records accepted***

Cory's Shearwater (*Procellaria diomedea*)

1960

Co. Durham: near South Shields, 8th August (J. A. Bailey).

Frigate-bird (*Fregata* sp.)

Aberdeenshire: Forvie, 20th August (Mrs. R. Maxwell, A. J. M. Smith).

Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*)

Hampshire (correction): Titchfield Haven, one of the two recorded on 21st and 22nd May (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 180) was seen up to 26th May (N. H. Pratt).

Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*)

Devon: Plym Estuary and adjoining waters, the ♀ reported in 1958 and 1959 (*Brit. Birds*, 53: 161; 54: 414) was present throughout 1960 and 1961 (L. I. Hamilton *et al.*).

Norfolk: Bayfield Lake, the ♂ reported in December 1959 (*Brit. Birds*, 53: 414) remained until 23rd January. Near Holt, ♂, shot, 26th January (R. P. Bagnall-Oakeley).

Somerset: Cheddar Reservoir: two ♂♂ and a ♀ or immature, 23rd November (T. D. H. Merrie, W. L. Roseveare).

Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*)

Lincolnshire: Goxhill Marsh, adult, 4th to 26th September (S. van den Bos, D. A. Robinson).

Middlesex: Brent Reservoir, adult, 24th September (L. A. Batten, C. G. Munday); a ♂ at the same reservoir, 8th to 11th September, has already been recorded (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 181).

Northumberland: Gosforth Park, adult ♂, 13th February (G. F. A. Munns).

Snow Goose (*Anser caerulescens*)

Lanarkshire: Libberton, adult, blue phase Lesser Snow (*A. c. caerulescens*), 16th October to end of year (R. Erskine-Hill *et al.*); this is believed to have been the adult blue-phase bird reported in the spring of 1960 (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 182).

Midlothian/Berwickshire: Fala Moss, 15th to 23rd October, and Hule Moss, 13th to 19th November, adult white phase (W. Brotherston, W. M. Logan Home *et al.*); this may well have been the white-phase bird recorded in Lanarkshire in the spring of 1960 (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 182).

Kite (*Milvus milvus*)

Devon: Dartmoor, 18th October (A. A. Lock).

Kent: Waltham, 28th October (R. J. Ballard).

1960

Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*)

Dunbartonshire/Stirlingshire: River Endrick Estuary, 5th November (W. K. Richmond).

Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*)

Isles of Scilly: St. Mary's, 18th to 28th November (C. Keen, Miss H. M. Quick, R. Symons *et al.*).

Broad-billed Sandpiper (*Limicola falcinellus*)

Flintshire: Shotton Pools, two, 22nd September (R. J. Raines).

Mediterranean Black-headed Gull (*Larus melanocephalus*)

Hampshire (correction): the records were incomplete in our last report (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 186) and should read as follows: Eastney, adult, 6th and 13th March (M. E. Nolan, B. W. Renyard); adult, 8th October (M. W. Burnop, B. W. Renyard). Langstone Harbour, adult, 15th and 31st July (M. E. Nolan, G. H. Rees); adult, 5th and 26th November and 25th December (W. H. Truckle, E. J. Wiseman, A. Walker); second-winter, 27th November (D. F. Billett, M. E. Nolan, G. H. Rees *et al.*).

Norfolk (correction): Winterton, the second-winter bird recorded on 24th and 25th September (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 186) was also seen on 26th September (G. R. South) and 9th October (M. J. Seago).

Northumberland: Holy Island, adult, 8th September (M. Bell).

Suffolk: Lowestoft, the bird last seen on 19th March (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 177, 186) reappeared on 15th, 17th and 23rd October (F. E. Muddeman, N. Muddeman) and from 9th December to end January 1961 (D. J. Pierson).

Slender-billed Gull (*Larus genei*)

Sussex: Langney Point, first-summer, 19th and 22nd June and 6th and 10th July (R. H. Charlwood, D. D. Harber) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 169-171).

Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*)

Suffolk: Walberswick, first-winter, 22nd September (D. J. Pierson).

White-winged Black Tern (*Cblidonias leucopterus*)

Suffolk: Reydon Marshes, near Southwold, two adults, 14th June (F. E. Muddeman).

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

Flintshire: Shotton, 1st August (A. Bell, J. D. Craggs, R. J. Raines).

Tengmalm's Owl (*Aegolius funereus*)

Orkney: Cruan Firth, the bird of 26th and 27th December 1959 (page 565) was also seen on 1st January 1960 (E. Balfour, J. Wood).

Bearded Tit (*Panurus biarmicus*)

Kent (correction): Gravesend/Northfleet, the ♂ recorded from 13th December 1959 to 3rd January 1960 (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 189) remained until mid-February.

Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*)

1960

Stirling: Buchlyvic, 6th November (W. K. Richmond).**Richard's Pipit** (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*)**Hampshire:** The Gins, River Beaulieu, 4th October (R. H. Dennis).**Lesser Grey Shrike** (*Lanius minor*)**Co. Durham (correction):** the first-winter bird of 24th October (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 194) occurred at Tursdale (not Tinsdale) sewage-farm.**Systematic list of 1961 records accepted****White-billed Diver** (*Gavia adamsii*)

1961

Fair Isle: adult, 14th May (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, R. M. Nedderman).**Cory's Shearwater** (*Procellaria diomedea*)**Cornwall:** six miles WNW of Wolf Rock Lighthouse, 18th September (W. H. Dady). Off Land's End, 23rd September (M. F. M. Meiklejohn).**Isles of Scilly:** off St. Mary's, 23rd September (M. F. M. Meiklejohn).**Purple Heron** (*Ardea purpurea*)**Flintshire:** Shotton Pools, 24th September (perhaps as early as 9th) to 15th October, and 18th to 22nd November (D. L. Clugston, A. Douglas, R. Reading *et al.*).**Kent:** Sandwich Bay, 30th July (G. Dunkling, D. F. Harle, J. Websper *et al.*). Romney Marsh, juvenile, 9th August (D. F. Musson).**Isles of Scilly:** Treco, first-summer, 29th April (A. B. Watson). St. Mary's, two on 27th April, three from 29th April to 12th May, two up to 19th May, last one left 23rd May (G. J. Harris, P. Z. Mackenzie, R. Symons).**Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*)**Anglesey:** Afon Alaw Estuary, 5th to end August (T. J. Roberts, C. F. Tunnicliffe, L. S. V. Venables *et al.*). Malltraeth, from 2nd September (J. R. Whitelegg, P. H. G. Wolstenholme) until found dead, 31st January 1962 (P. Hope Jones). These records refer to the same individual.**Devon:** Braunton Marsh, 1st to 10th May (J. C. Cooke, A. J. Vickery, Miss D. Wilson). Budleigh Salterton, 13th June (R. H. Baillie). Axe Estuary, 16th June (D. Bicknell, R. Cottrill, F. R. Smith). The last two records probably refer to the same bird.**Dorset:** Lodmoor Marsh, Weymouth, 17th, 28th and 29th June (I. Bellamy, C. Walker).**Orkney:** Isbister Oyce, Rendall, 30th July to 5th August (E. Balfour).**Shetland:** between Loch Spiggie and Loch Brow, 11th to 13th June (R. J. Smith, J. Swan, J. Young).**Night Heron** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)**Dorset:** Radipole Lake, Weymouth, adult, 25th November (M. R. Shepherd).**Hampshire:** Lyndhurst, 14th June (P. L. Britton).

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Isles of Scilly: St. Mary's, two adults, 29th April; one adult and one juvenile, 30th April to 13th May, the juvenile remaining until 2nd June (P. Z. Mackenzie, R. Symons).

There were again reports of Night Herons from the Edinburgh district, but a number of these birds live ferally in the zoological gardens there (*Brit. Birds*, 53: 159-160; 54: 179).

Little Bittern (*Ixobrychus minutus*)

Surrey: Weybridge, adult, found dead, 22nd August (R. K. S. Richards).

White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*)

Lancashire/Westmorland/Cumberland/Dumfriesshire: various places, 4th to 19th April (P. Carah, H. H. Lancaster, R. T. Smith *et al.*).

Hertfordshire: near Cheshunt, the bird present in December 1960 (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 180) was last seen on 15th January (C. Wisley).

Kent: Manston, 5th February to 23rd April (G. Dunkling, D. F. Harle, D. C. H. Worsfold *et al.*).

A White Stork escaped from Chessington Zoo, Surrey, early in the year.

Teal (*Anas crecca*)

Drakes showing the characters of the American race, known as the Green-winged Teal (*A. c. carolinensis*), were reported as follows:

Hertfordshire: Hilfield Park Reservoir, 11th and 15th November (B. L. Sage, E. H. Warmington).

Kent/Sussex: Midrips and Romney Marsh, 19th, 21st and 22nd March (C. J. Cadbury, J. L. F. Parslow, R. E. Scott *et al.*).

Midlothian: Gladhouse Reservoir, 21st October (D. G. Andrew, T. C. Smout).

A male of this race escaped from a collection at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, in April 1961.

American Wigeon (*Anas americana*)

Kent: Isle of Sheppey, immature ♂, 28th October (J. Hori).

Red-crested Pochard (*Netta rufina*)

(except in the London area)

Buckinghamshire: Marlow gravel-pits, ♀, 6th April (Mrs. S. Cowdy).

Cornwall: Helston Park Lake and Loe Pool, ♂, 29th December (J. E. Beckerlegge, A. C. Sawle).

Devon: Plym Estuary and adjoining waters, ♀, throughout the year (L. I. Hamilton *et al.*) (*cf. Brit. Birds*, 53: 161 and 414).

Essex: Hanningfield Reservoir, ♂ in eclipse, 9th July to 13th August (S. Hudgell, A. P. Simes *et al.*). Abberton Reservoir, five, 13th August (R. E. C. Collins); thereafter the species was present, probably continuously, until 5th October (R. V. A.

Marshall, M. S. J. Snoxell *et al.*), two to four birds being involved except on 18th August when there were six (S. Cox); three on 22nd October (M. P. Taylor), up to five between 19th November and 2nd December (R. G. H. Cant, E. T. Levy *et al.*), six on 17th December (S. E. Linsell), and one ♀ on 26th December (R. V. A. Marshall, M. S. J. Snoxell).

Lancashire: Pennington Flash and adjacent water, two ♂♂, 14th and 15th March; one ♂, 16th March to 15th April (F. R. Horrocks, K. D. Prescott, W. A. Prescott *et al.*).

Northamptonshire: Hollowell Reservoir, ♀, 5th February (J. L. Moore).

Northumberland: Seaton Burn, two ♂♂, 8th to 13th July (B. Little, J. D. Parrack, E. Robson *et al.*).

Nottinghamshire: Holme Pierrepoint gravel-pits, ♀, 12th and 13th April (P. M. Hope, A. H. Preston, W. Priestley, *et al.*); ♀, 23rd November to 17th December (P. M. Hope, H. Mayer-Gross, W. Priestley *et al.*). Hoveringham gravel-pits, 17th September for several weeks (B. D. Bell, A. R. Johnson, A. W. Preston, *et al.*).

Somerset: Cheddar Reservoir, two ♂♂ and two ♀♀, 29th to 31st October and 2nd November (S. H. G. Barnett, H. W. Neal, M. A. Wright *et al.*); ♂ and two ♀♀, 10th and 17th December (B. King, M. A. Wright *et al.*). Blagdon Reservoir, two ♂♂ and one ♀, 19th November and 19th December (P. Hending, B. King).

Sussex: Pagham, ♀, 16th to 30th March (W. W. A. Phillips, R. F. Porter, S. K. Reeves *et al.*).

Wiltshire: Upavon, first-winter ♂, 31st October (G. H. Forster, R. Whitlock).

Yorkshire: Hornsea Mere, ♂, 22nd April to 11th June; ♀, 25th May to 3rd June (G. R. Bennett, A. D. Buffey, B. Richards *et al.*); ♀, 3rd September (G. R. Bennett).

Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*)

Devon: Burrator Reservoir, two, 23rd November (L. I. Hamilton).

Hertfordshire: Hilfield Park Reservoir, ♀, 26th November (E. H. Warmington).

Lancashire: Pennington Flash, ♂, various dates to 15th February (L. G. Brook, J. R. Whitelegg, J. P. Wilkinson, *et al.*); ♂, 17th December (J. R. Whitelegg). Heysham, adult ♂, 10th December (L. W. Knowles, H. Shorrock, P. H. G. Wolstenholme *et al.*).

Worcestershire: Lower Bittell, ♀, 3rd October (W. E. Oddie).

The occurrence in recent years of hybrid Tufted × Ferruginous Ducks (*A. fuligula* × *nyroca*) indicates the need for considerable caution in identifying immature Ferruginous Ducks.

Buffelhead (*Bucephala albeola*)

Buckinghamshire: Foscoate Reservoir, ♂, 28th February to 8th March (B. Campbell, T. W. Gill, R. Hatton *et al.*).

Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)

Dorset: Portland Bill, ♂, 30th September (A. M. Macfarlane, K. D. Smith, D. W. Taylor).

Yorkshire: Spurn Point, ♂, 30th August (M. Densley, B. A. E. Marr, G. R. Naylor *et al.*).

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Ruddy Shelduck (*Casarca ferruginea*)

Cheshire: Hilbre Island, two, 13th May (D. Hammond, D. Woodward); the possibility that these were escaped birds cannot be ignored.

Lesser White-fronted Goose (*Anser erythropus*)

Gloucestershire: Slimbridge, adult, 17th and 21st February (M. Davy, M. A. Ogilvie, P. J. Olney).

Norfolk: Cley, immature, 3rd to 8th February (R. A. Richardson). Yare Valley, two adults, 26th and 27th December (P. R. Allard, M. J. Seago, G. R. Smith).

Snow Goose (*Anser caerulescens*)

Co. Durham: Hartlepool, adult white phase, 11th September (P. Reid). Seaton Carew, adult white phase, 27th December (P. Harland, R. J. Lightfoot). These two records are believed to refer to the same bird (see under Yorkshire below).

Surrey: Enton ponds, adult white phase, 25th May to 1st June (G. S. Elliott, R. M. Fry, A. F. Mitchell *et al.*).

Yorkshire: Scaling Dam and Lockwood Beck, adult white phase, 12th June to end of year (D. G. Bell, F. G. Grey, P. J. Stead *et al.*); this and the Co. Durham records above almost certainly refer to one and the same bird.

Lanarkshire: Libberton, the blue-phase bird seen in autumn 1960 (page 565) stayed until 9th April (R. Erskine-Hill *et al.*) and then reappeared on 13th October, remaining well into 1962 (R. Erskine-Hill, W. K. Richmond *et al.*).

Lanarkshire/Peeblesshire/Dumfriesshire/Midlothian: various localities, adult white phase, 13th October and thereafter until spring 1962 (W. Brotherston, R. Erskine-Hill, W. K. Richmond *et al.*); this is believed to have been the same bird as that seen earlier in the year in Midlothian (below).

Midlothian: Fala Moss, adult white phase, evidently the same bird as seen the previous autumn in Midlothian/Berwickshire (page 565), 4th February to 4th March (W. Brotherston *et al.*).

Hugh Boyd, of the Wildfowl Trust, tells us that free-flying Snow Geese are probably escaping with increasing frequency from collections in various parts of the country. Lesser Snow Geese (*A. c. caerulescens*) are the most likely to escape; blue phase Lessers, or "Blue Geese", are rather less common and Greater Snow Geese (*A. c. atlanticus*) much rarer. Although some records of Snow Geese doubtless refer to wild birds, it is becoming increasingly difficult to decide which. Ross's Geese (*A. rossii*) are still scarce in captivity, but two escaped together in Gloucestershire and one in Dunbartonshire in 1961. A bird eventually identified as a Ross's Goose, and presumably one of these, was present in the Lune Valley, Lancashire, from 17th September into 1962 and then what was probably the same bird appeared at various localities in Yorkshire later in 1962.

Kite (*Milvus milvus*) (except Wales)

Berkshire: Boar's Hill, near Oxford, 27th July (D. Lack).

Kent: Sandwich Bay, 26th November (G. Harrison, J. Websper, D. C. H. Worsfold *et al.*).

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Norfolk: North Walsham, 25th January to early February and 22nd March (C. Lacey). Cley, 15th to 18th February and 4th March (W. F. Bishop, R. A. Richardson). These two records are believed to refer to the same bird.

Suffolk: Minsmere, 28th November (H. E. Axell).

Worcestershire: Upper Bittell, 10th December (W. E. Oddie).

White-tailed Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*)

Sussex: Selsey Bill, 30th July (R. F. Porter).

Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*)

Cornwall: Portquin, showing the characters of the Greenland race (*F. r. candicans*), 5th March (E. G. Roper, Miss D. Sewart).

Somerset: Chew Valley Reservoir, 5th November to early 1962 (P. J. Chadwick, G. Sweet, M. A. Wright *et al.*).

Midlothian: Fala Moor, a light-coloured bird, 15th November (W. Brotherston).

Red-footed Falcon (*Falco vespertinus*)

Devon: Woodbury Common, Exeter, adult ♀, 21st May (R. F. Moore, R. M. Moore).

Norfolk: Cley, ♂, 30th April and 1st and 16th May (B. Broughton, D. Bryant, R. A. Richardson *et al.*). Scolt Head, 16th June (R. Chestney).

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, 27th and 30th May and 1st June (J. L. F. Parslow, Mrs. R. E. Parslow, Miss H. M. Quick). St. Mary's, 3rd and 4th June (Mrs. J. N. Walsh, T. P. Walsh).

Surrey: Elstead, 13th May (R. M. Fry).

Sussex: Beachy Head, first-summer ♂, 20th May (K. D. Edwards, A. Quinn).

Yorkshire: Spurn Point, 21st June (P. J. Mountford).

Berwickshire: Hule Moss, Greenlow, ♀, dead several days, 15th October (S. J. Clarke, M. J. Henderson, D. G. Long *et al.*).

Inverness-shire: near Boat of Garten, 15th May (R. Clark, R. H. Dennis, A. Sudbury *et al.*).

Crane (*Megalornis grus*)

Cornwall: near Ruan Lanihorne, four, 15th November; two, 21st to 23rd November (G. Allsop, M. A. L. Cummins, H. C. Evans).

Devon: Dartington, at least four, one of which was caught and taken to Paignton Zoological Gardens, 16th November (W. P. Chubb, H. Collings).

Hampshire: Eastleigh, 2nd June (G. B. Westerhoff).

Lancashire: near Southport, four, 11th November (E. W. Allonby, J. D. Fielding).

Montgomeryshire: Cann Office, 2nd May (A. G. Trower).

[**Surrey:** Frensham Little Pond, 1st to 6th October (R. M. Fry, A. F. Mitchell).]

It seems possible that the records from Lancashire, Cornwall and Devon refer to the same party of four.

Little Crake (*Porzana parva*)

Somerset: Chew Valley Reservoir, 5th November (M. A. Wright).

Sociable Plover (*Chettusia gregaria*)

Dorset: near Wimborne, 6th to 24th April (J. S. Ash, J. W. Riley, K. B. Rooke *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 233-235).

Hertfordshire: Tring Reservoirs, 29th October (T. R. E. Devlin, A. R. Jenkins, L. Lloyd-Evans) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 236).

Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*)

(except coast from Wash to Hampshire and Isle of Wight)

Dorset: Ferrybridge, Portland, two, 29th September (Miss M. D. Crosby).

Co. Durham: Saltholme Poole, Teesmouth, 30th April and 1st May (J. A. Bailey).

Short-billed or Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*
or *scolopaceus*)

Flintshire: Shotton Pools, 19th November (J. R. Whitelegg, P. H. G. Wolstenholme).

Kent: Grove Ferry, 29th October to 26th November (M. J. Carter, I. C. T. Nisbet, M. J. McVail *et al.*).

Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*)

Pembrokeshire: Skomer, 19th and 20th October (D. R. Saunders).

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

Flintshire: Shotton Marsh, 23rd July (J. P. Wilkinson).

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)

Cornwall: River Amble, 18th and 20th September (G. Allsop, Miss E. M. Whelan, Miss K. Orr Wilson *et al.*).

Essex: Foulness, 13th May (G. Downey, P. J. Finden).

Pembrokeshire: Skokholm, 9th and 10th October (Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Boyd, D. Glanville).

Terek Sandpiper (*Tringa terek*)

Cornwall: Melancoose Reservoir, near Newquay, 13th June (G. Allsop, J. E. Beckerlegge).

Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*)

Bedfordshire: Wyboston gravel-pits, 13th to 24th September (I. J. Ferguson-Lees, P. J. Kitchener, E. M. Wilkinson *et al.*).

White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*)

Norfolk: Cley and Salthouse, 28th to 30th July (Miss E. Forster, Mrs. M. Meiklejohn, R. A. Richardson *et al.*).

Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*)

Anglesey: Mallaethraeth, 3rd September (W. Mulligan, J. R. Whitelegg, P. H. G. Wolstenholme).

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Cornwall: Ruan Laniorne, 1st to 17th September (G. Allsop, M. A. L. Cummins). Marazion Marsh, two from 8th to 11th September and one on the 12th (W. H. Dady, A. H. Glanville, B. Pattenden *et al.*).

Devon: Lundy, 31st August to 2nd September (D. B. Iles).

Co. Durham: near Coxhoe, 12th to 14th and 28th to 30th September (D. G. Bell, E. Shearer, P. J. Stead *et al.*).

Flintshire: Shotton Pools, 4th September (R. P. Cockbain, G. Thomason, K. Williams).

Hampshire: Farlington Marshes, 6th to 29th September (G. H. Clay, G. H. Rees, E. J. Wiseman *et al.*).

Kent: Stoke, 12th August (L. A. Batten, J. M. Crocker, A. G. Verrall); 16th September (M. D. Kingswell).

Lincolnshire: Lincoln sewage-farm, 30th September to 11th October (K. Atkin, R. K. Cornwallis, A. D. Townsend *et al.*). Gravel-pit just over county boundary from Langtoft (Northamptonshire), 8th October (R. V. Collier, Mrs. M. L. Collier).

Lincolnshire/Norfolk: Wisbech sewage-farm, 17th to 21st September (W. J. C. Conn, D. I. M. Wallace, Mrs. K. A. Wallace *et al.*).

Isles of Scilly: Tresco, 31st August (A. H. Glanville). St. Agnes, 13th September (Miss H. M. Quick, R. C. Righelato, G. L. Scott *et al.*); 5th October (P. R. Colston, R. E. Emmett, D. I. M. Wallace *et al.*).

East Lothian: Tynninghame Estuary, 10th September (T. Boyd, I. B. Roy, W. M. Skene *et al.*).

Fair Isle: trapped, 16th to 29th September (P. Davis, R. H. Dennis, W. H. Truckle).

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*)

Bedfordshire: Bedford sewage-farm, 4th to 11th September (J. N. Dymond, I. J. Ferguson-Lees, D. I. M. Wallace *et al.*).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*)

Gloucestershire: near Slimbridge, 17th September (L. P. Alder).

Suffolk: Minsmere, 1st September (H. E. Axell, R. G. H. Cant, D. A. Rowlands *et al.*).

Broad-billed Sandpiper (*Limicola falcinellus*)

Co. Durham: Seal Sands and neighbouring pools, Teesmouth, 13th to 19th August (J. A. Bailey, F. G. Grey, P. J. Stead *et al.*).

Nottinghamshire: Nottingham sewage-farm, 23rd to 26th August (L. A. Brown, A. Dobbs, A. R. Johnson *et al.*).

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*)

Essex: Havengore Island, two, 4th June (P. Rudge). Eastwood, 3rd November (A. W. Ellis).

Sussex: Sidlesham Ferry, 6th May (D. Langford) and 16th May (R. E. Goddard, B. A. E. Marr, M. Shrubbs); presumably the same bird.

Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*)

Cornwall: Marazion Marsh, 15th June to 4th July (J. E. Beckerlegge, W. R. P. Bourne, J. L. F. Parslow *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 183-185).

Nottinghamshire: Burton Meadows, Nottingham, 16th to 28th July (E. T. Lamb, A. W. Preston, W. Priestley *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 185-186).

Ivory Gull (*Pagophila eburnea*)

Sussex: Porto Bello, Brighton, 19th November (A. B. Sheldon).

Outer Hebrides: Stornoway, 5th to 8th November (W. A. J. Cunningham, W. Matheson).

Mediterranean Black-headed Gull (*Larus melanocephalus*)

Cornwall: St. Ives, second-summer, 21st to 24th March (Miss M. J. Jones, N. R. Phillips); immature, 31st July (N. R. Phillips); adult, 4th August (J. E. Beckerlegge) to 6th August (N. R. Phillips); sub-adult, 6th to 13th August and various subsequent dates (N. R. Phillips), also 17th, 18th and 29th August and 6th, 7th and 13th September (J. E. Beckerlegge); adult in ragged plumage, 28th August to late September (J. E. Beckerlegge, N. R. Phillips); adult winter, 7th and 15th September and (probably same bird) 1st October (N. R. Phillips), also 4th and 20th October (J. E. Beckerlegge); second-winter, 1st October (N. R. Phillips); and adult winter, 9th December (N. R. Phillips).

Dorset: Radipole Lake, adult, 22nd October (M. Coath, J. Fortey, G. Nobbs). Portland Bill, at least two adults, 29th October (K. R. Crawshaw, D. Dale, J. Fortey *et al.*).

Co. Durham: Hartlepool, adult, 11th to 31st August, 20th and 22nd September, 21st to 28th October and fairly regularly in December (D. G. Bell, R. J. Lightfoot, P. J. Stead *et al.*).

Essex: The Naze, adult, 16th September (M. P. Taylor).

Hampshire: Portsmouth Harbour, adult winter, 31st August (G. H. Rees).

Kent: Dungeness, adult, 16th February (R. E. Scott). St. Mary's Bay, adult, 9th August (I. R. Beames).

Norfolk: Cley, adult, 19th February (R. L. Leavatt, C. F. Mann); first-summer, 9th May (R. A. Richardson).

Suffolk: Lowestoft area, adult, several dates to 31st January (D. J. Pierson), 16th to 20th February and 16th July (F. E. Muddeman, N. Muddeman *et al.*). Southwold, 14th April (D. J. Pierson).

Sussex: Selsey Bill, almost adult, 22nd May (M. J. Helps, R. F. Porter); adult summer, 4th August (L. A. Batten, R. F. Porter); adult winter, 27th August (R. L. K. Jolliffe, A. B. Sheldon). Porto Bello, Brighton, adult summer, 16th and 17th July (A. B. Sheldon); adult winter, 26th August (A. B. Sheldon); adult, 28th October and 19th November (A. B. Sheldon) and 3rd December (D. D. Harber). Shoreham, adult summer and adult winter, 25th July (A. B. Sheldon). Langney Point, second-summer, 26th July (D. D. Harber); moulting from first-summer, 2nd August (D. D. Harber).

Bonaparte's Gull (*Larus philadelphia*)

Devon: Sidmouth, immature, 30th October (I. C. T. Nisbet).

Sussex: Porto Bello, Brighton, immature, 20th June (A. B. Sheldon).

Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*)

Caernarvonshire: Bardsey, immature, 27th October (D. L. Clugston).

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Cornwall: St. Ives, two adults, 16th July (N. R. Phillips); adult, 19th August (N. R. Phillips); adult, 22nd August (J. E. Beckerlegge, S. J. Madge, A. C. Sawle). Sennen, adult, 19th September (W. H. Dady).

Dorset: Peveril Point, Swanage, immature, 13th to 17th June (H. G. Alexander, Mrs. R. B. Alexander, D. Newham). Poole Harbour, immature, 18th June (Miss H. Brotherton, the late A. J. Bull). These two records are believed to refer to the same bird.

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, adult, 30th August (J. A. Burton, R. W. Coursey, R. C. Righelato *et al.*); between St. Agnes and St. Mary's, adult, 4th September (F. H. D. Hicks).

Yorkshire: Spurn Point, adult summer, 11th September (A. Archer, J. Cudworth).

White-winged Black Tern (*Chlidonias leucopterus*)

Anglesey: Aberffraw Estuary, 21st May (A. Dobbs, Mrs. H. Dobbs).

Bedfordshire: Stewartby, 16th and 17th May (J. N. Dymond, S. J. Haggie, P. J. Reay *et al.*).

Middlesex: Queen Mary Reservoir, adult summer, 13th May (C. Hughes, G. D. Moore *et al.*). Staines Reservoir, adult summer, 14th May (R. S. Brown *et al.*).

Yorkshire: Chelker Reservoir, near Ilkley, two, 13th May (W. F. Fearnley, C. E. Finney, Mrs. D. M. Pennock *et al.*). Hornsea Mere, juvenile, 19th August (G. R. Bennett).

Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybrida*)

Middlesex: Staines Reservoir, adult, 24th and 25th June (R. J. Johns, M. Nobbs, D. Putnam *et al.*).

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

Dorset: Portland Bill, 21st August (the late A. J. Bull, P. J. Morgan, M. D. Smith *et al.*).

Sussex: Langney Point, 27th April (D. D. Harber); 13th July (D. D. Harber). Selsey Bill, 11th May (M. A. Jennings); 28th May (S. F. Knight, A. A. K. Lancaster, B. A. E. Marr *et al.*).

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

Essex: Walthamstow Reservoirs, adult, 9th July (R. W. George, J. Fitzpatrick). Abberton Reservoir, adult, 6th August (J. Firmin). King George V Reservoir, adult, 26th and 27th August (B. S. Meadows, F. Riley).

Suffolk: Minsmere, adult, 16th July (H. E. Axell, O. Merne).

Sussex: Langney Point, 14th July (D. D. Harber).

Sooty Tern (*Sterna fuscata*)

Hampshire: Hurst, adult, 17th June (D. Poole, E. J. Williams, D. B. Wooldridge).

Snowy Owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*)

Angus: Glen Esk, from July to 18th October, when captured and taken to Edinburgh Zoological Gardens (D. Jenkins).

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Tengmalm's Owl (*Aegolius funereus*)

Orkney: Stromness, 1st May (E. Balfour).

Alpine Swift (*Apus melba*)

Essex: The Naze, 24th September (A. Darlington).

Kent: Cliffe, 7th October (R. J. Elvy, C. A. Walker, C. E. Wheeler).

Pembrokeshire: Llanrhian, 29th August (R. A. Hinde, Mrs. F. R. J. Hinde).

Calandra Lark (*Melanocorypha calandra*)

Dorset: Portland Bill, 2nd April (J. S. Ash, R. J. Jackson, K. B. Rooke *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 44-46).

Short-toed Lark (*Calandrella cinerea*)

Fair Isle: 20th to 30th April (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, J. A. Stout).

Nutcracker (*Nucifraga caryocatactes*)

Essex: Holland-on-Sea, 20th February (Mrs. C. Nuttall, G. G. Nuttall).

Bearded Tit (*Panurus biarmicus*)

(except East Anglia)

Berkshire: near Thatcham, four, including at least one ♂, 5th March (P. D. Mann).

Essex: Bishop's Stortford sewage-farm, the party of eight present at the end of 1960 (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 189) was still there in January, but the number had fallen to five by 19th February and to three by 5th March, the last date on which any were seen (R. J. Dowsett *et al.*). Walthamstow Reservoirs: up to fifteen in January (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 189) and early February (J. Fitzpatrick, B. S. Meadows), but numbers then fell; three were present during March and until at least 23rd April (J. Fitzpatrick); one on 29th April (B. S. Meadows). Nazeing: seventeen on 12th October and four on the 21st, all having crossed into Essex from Rye Meads (see under Hertfordshire below) (T. W. Gladwin *et al.*). Rainham: six to ten, 13th December; a few later in the month (M. J. Ardley).

In addition to the above, there were records in a number of localities in the north-east, east and south-east of Essex between January and early April and from mid-October onwards, while a pair was present in the eastern half of the county during the late spring and early summer.

Hampshire: Fleet Pond, ♂ and ♀, 9th December (N. H. Pratt).

Hertfordshire: Wilstone Reservoir, Tring, five, 29th February (Mrs. S. Cowdy); two, 1st November (Mrs. S. Cowdy); ♀ and immature ♂, 4th November (L. A. Batten, A. R. Mannering, R. F. Porter); two, 18th November (H. C. Dunk); three, 30th December (H. C. Dunk). Rye Meads, seventeen, 12th October (L. Lloyd-Evans); four, 21st October (T. W. Gladwin).

Hertfordshire/Buckinghamshire: Marsworth Reservoir, Tring, ♂ and ♀, 5th November (H. Cole, Miss P. D. Hager).

Kent: Swanscombe Marshes, five present at the end of 1960 were still there until at least 26th February (Mrs. W. I. Brewer, M. J. Carter, J. M. Crocker *et al.*); up to

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four, 19th to 26th November, and up to six from then to the end of the year (M. J. Carter, K. D. Edwards, J. G. Sanders *et al.*). Northfleet area, two in October (L. A. Walker). Bessel's Green, near Sevenoaks, ♂, 10th December (V. C. Manley).

Lincolnshire: Gibraltar Point, two ♂♂, trapped, 30th March (A. D. Townsend).

Oxfordshire: Wolvercote, ♂ and two ♀♀, 4th to 19th November (M. H. Rowntree, C. J. Cadbury *et al.*); five on 15th November (R. S. Bailey).

Sussex: Paghham Harbour, at least two (♂ and ♀), 28th October to end of year (L. G. Holloway, W. W. A. Phillips *et al.*); at a neighbouring site, two ♂♂, 17th December (L. G. Holloway, N. F. Robson) and 27th December (G. J. Barker). Pett Level, six, 2nd November (F. J. Woolley); at least four, 4th November (D. D. Harber).

Yorkshire: up to four in one locality on several dates (*per* H. O. Bunce).

Dusky Thrush (*Turdus eunomus*)

Fair Isle: first-winter ♀, trapped, 18th to 21st October (C. Hodgkinson, P. Davis, S. L. White *et al.*).

American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)

Orkney: Grimsetter Aerodrome, 27th May (R. O. Watson).

Gray-checked Thrush (*Hylocichla minima*)

Caernarvonshire: Bardsey, 10th October (Mrs. B. Clifton, F. R. Clifton, D. L. Clugston); the bird died and was later referred by C. Vaurie to the southern race *H. m. bicknelli*.

Desert Wheatear (*Oenanthe deserti*)

Hampshire: Farlington Marshes, ♀, 4th to 19th November (D. F. Billett, G. H. Clay, G. H. Rees *et al.*).

Cetti's Warbler (*Cettia cetti*)

Hampshire: Titchfield Haven, 4th March to at least 8th April, trapped 19th March (D. D. Harber, C. Suffern, M. H. Terry *et al.*).

Lanceolated Warbler (*Locustella lanceolata*)

Fair Isle: first-winter, 2nd to 14th October, trapped 13th (P. Davis, W. H. Truckle, E. J. Wiseman *et al.*).

River Warbler (*Locustella fluviatilis*)

Fair Isle: first-winter, 24th (trapped) and 25th September (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, P. J. Slater *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 137-138).

Savi's Warbler (*Locustella luscinioides*)

Sussex: Selsey Bill, 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th April (R. L. K. Joliffe, R. F. Porter, M. Shrubb *et al.*).

Great Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*)

Devon: Slapton Ley, 7th August (F. R. Smith).

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Aquatic Warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*)

Berkshire: Theale gravel-pit, 2nd August (J. T. R. Sharrock).

Dorset: Portland Bill, trapped, 31st August (R. Chainey, P. J. Morgan, D. A. Scott *et al.*); another trapped, 5th September (P. J. Morgan, R. S. Oddy, D. A. Scott).

Hampshire: Titchfield Haven, 24th September (D. Parr, M. D. Smith, M. H. Terry).

Kent: Dungeness, 24th September (D. I. M. Wallace, Mrs. K. A. Wallace).

Norfolk: Cley, 11th August (R. A. Richardson). Holme, 17th September (D. I. M. Wallace).

Pembrokeshire: Skokholm, trapped, 20th September (M. J. Crane, D. Glanville).

Somerset: Steart Point, 3rd September (B. Slade).

Sussex: Sidlesham, 18th September (M. Shrubbs).

Melodious Warbler (*Hippolais polyglotta*)

Caernarvonshire: Bardsey, trapped, 30th August (F. R. Clifton, Mrs. B. Clifton).

Dorset: Portland Bill, one on 12th (trapped) and 13th August and two others (one trapped) on 13th (M. J. Carter, M. J. Cowland, K. D. Edwards *et al.*); one, 24th to 26th August (H. G. Alexander, the late A. J. Bull, M. D. Smith *et al.*).

Hampshire: Keyhaven Marshes, 2nd and 3rd September (D. Westerhoff, D. Wooldridge).

Hertfordshire/Essex: Rye Meads, 12th and 13th August (R. A. Broad, R. J. Dowsett, T. W. Gladwin *et al.*).

Irish Sea: on board S. S. *Tynwald* between Lancashire and Isle of Man, 3rd September (P. Cook, K. E. Hague).

Pembrokeshire: Skokholm, trapped, 12th August (M. J. Crane, D. Glanville).

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, trapped, 1st September (J. A. Burton, A. M. Hutson, R. C. Righelato *et al.*); one, perhaps two, 1st October, and one on 4th and 6th (P. R. Colston, R. E. Emmett, D. I. M. Wallace).

Somerset: Steep Holm, trapped, 27th September (P. J. Chadwick, Miss D. M. Crampton, M. A. Wright).

Sussex: Selsey Bill, 12th August (B. A. E. Marr, R. F. Porter, A. B. Sheldon); 3rd September (A. B. Sheldon).

Icterine Warbler (*Hippolais icterina*)

Caernarvonshire: Bardsey, trapped, 23rd May (F. R. Clifton, Mrs. B. Clifton, Mrs. S. Cowdy *et al.*).

Dorset: Portland Bill, trapped, 3rd September (R. J. Jackson, J. H. Morgan, P. J. Morgan *et al.*); another trapped, 9th September (A. J. Hold, P. J. Morgan, P. J. Wilson *et al.*).

Kent: Sandwich Bay, trapped, 4th September (D. M. Batchelor, D. F. Harle, J. Websper *et al.*).

Norfolk: Blakeney Point, trapped, 11th August (R. A. Richardson); another trapped, 3rd October (R. A. Richardson).

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, trapped, 30th August (J. A. Burton, A. M. Hutson, R. C. Righelato).

Suffolk: Minsmere, trapped, 12th August (H. E. Axell).

Yorkshire: Spurn Point, 2nd to 6th September (D. G. Bell, P. J. Mountford *et al.*).

Fair Isle: trapped, 31st May (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, A. F. G. Walker); 4th September (P. Davis, T. W. Gladwin, P. J. Slater *et al.*).

Olivaceous Warbler (*Hippolais pallida*)

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, 3rd and 4th October (P. R. Colston, R. E. Emmett, D. I. M. Wallace).

Subalpine Warbler (*Sylvia cantillans*)

Sussex: Pagham Harbour, 17th May (G. des Forges, A. A. Phillips, W. W. A. Phillips *et al.*).

Greenish Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochiloides*)

Kent: Dungeness, 24th September (D. I. M. Wallace, Mrs. K. A. Wallace).

Middlesex: Perry Oaks, 1st January to 26th February (B. E. Cooper, A. Quinn, D. I. M. Wallace *et al.*) (full details to be published).

Pembrokeshire: Skokholm, trapped, 30th and 31st August (M. J. Crane, D. Glanville).

Yorkshire: Redcar, 20th October (D. R. Seaward).

Fair Isle: trapped, 19th August (P. Davis, E. M. Wilkinson, P. J. Wilkinson *et al.*); 4th September (T. W. Gladwin, G. MacGregor, J. Shanks).

The Middlesex record, being in mid-winter, is of special interest.

Bonelli's Warbler (*Phylloscopus bonelli*)

Suffolk: Walberswick, 29th (trapped) and 30th April (S. Boddy, D. J. Pearson, M. Smart *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 277).

Fair Isle: first-winter, trapped, 22nd September (E. J. Wiseman, W. H. Truckle, S. L. White *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 278).

Arctic Warbler (*Phylloscopus borealis*)

Fair Isle: first-winter, trapped, 26th September (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, E. J. Wiseman).

Fife: Isle of May, 5th and 6th September (J. A. D. Hope, J. E. King).

Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*)

Kent: Dungeness, trapped, 30th September (P. L. Britton, C. M. Perrins, R. E. Scott).

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, 14th October (G. J. Harris, P. Pearce, N. R. Phillips *et al.*).

Suffolk: Minsmere, trapped, 2nd October (H. G. Alexander, H. E. Axell, M. Coath).

Sussex: Selsey Bill, 17th September (A. B. Sheldon).

Yorkshire: Spurn Point, trapped, 5th October (G. R. Aynsley, P. J. Mountford, R. C. Parkinson).

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Fair Isle: two (one trapped) on 1st October, one on 3rd and one on 9th and 10th, believed to be four birds in all (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, P. J. Slater *et al.*).

Outer Hebrides: Isle of Shillay, Sound of Harris, 4th October (R. H. Dennis, W. J. Eggeling, J. M. Boyd *et al.*). Isle of Lewis, 6th October (the late S. L. B. Lee).

Dusky Warbler (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*)

Fair Isle: trapped, 14th October (R. Clive, P. Davis, C. Hodgkinson *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 190-192).

Radde's Bush Warbler (*Phylloscopus schwarzi*)

Norfolk: Blakeney Point, trapped, 3rd to 5th October (R. Harris, R. A. Richardson, B. R. Spence *et al.*) (*Brit. Birds*, 55: 166-168).

Richard's Pipit (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*)

Berkshire: Cholsey, near Wallingford, 10th December (W. D. Campbell).

Cornwall: Wadebridge, 13th October (Mrs. E. L. Almond, W. E. Almond, Mrs. R. Weeks *et al.*).

Kent: Halstow Marshes, 3rd January (L. A. Batten, R. F. Porter, J. Spanos).

Yorkshire: Spurn Point, 21st October to 1st November (D. G. Bell, B. Richards, P. H. G. Wolstenholme *et al.*).

Fair Isle: 8th October (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, P. J. Slater *et al.*); first-winter, trapped, 18th October (P. Davis, C. Hodgkinson, S. L. White *et al.*).

Tawny Pipit (*Anthus campestris*)

Cornwall: Porthkidney, near Lelant, 23rd September (M. F. M. Meiklejohn, L. J. Reed).

Kent: Dungeness, 1st and 2nd September (R. E. Scott, D. Shepherd, L. P. Tucker *et al.*); 16th September (G. J. Harris, R. E. Scott, D. R. Watson).

Pembrokeshire: Skokholm, 19th September (R. W. George, D. Glanville, J. G. Shepherd *et al.*).

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, 14th to 18th May (J. L. F. Parslow, Mrs. R. E. Parslow, J. P. Rood *et al.*); 10th October (P. R. Colston, R. E. Emmett, D. I. M. Wallace).

Sussex: Langney Point, 19th September (D. D. Harber).

Outer Hebrides: Isle of Lewis, 23rd October (the late S. L. B. Lee).

Red-throated Pipit (*Anthus cervinus*)

Dorset: Portland Bill, 13th November (P. J. Morgan).

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, 13th and 14th May (G. J. Harris, J. L. F. Parslow).

Outer Hebrides: St. Kilda, 7th to 10th October (W. E. Waters).

Yellow-headed or Citrine Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola*)

Fair Isle: first-winter, 4th to 13th September (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, R. H. Dennis).

Lesser Grey Shrike (*Lanius minor*)

Anglesey: Holyhead Mountain, 26th May (Mrs. C. A. Brook, L. G. Brook, C. F. Tunnicliffe *et al.*).

Cornwall: Allet, near Truro, 9th June (G. Allsop).

Devon: Lundy, 24th September (A. J. Vickery).

Flintshire: Shotton Pools, 21st and 22nd September (A. Baldrige, C. Carter, R. J. Raines *et al.*).

Yorkshire: Cayton, near Scarborough, 4th July to 27th August (R. H. Appleby, P. J. Stead, A. J. Wallis *et al.*).

Ayrshire: Barr, 15th, 17th, 18th and 24th June (A. B. Duncan, G. Hughes-Onslow, A. D. Watson).

Woodchat Shrike (*Lanius senator*)

Gloucestershire: Coombe Canal, near Cheltenham, adult, 6th June (P. H. Dymott).

Kent: Dungeness, adult, 11th June (P. J. Grant, G. J. Harris, R. E. Scott).

Isles of Scilly: St. Agnes, adult, 27th May (J. L. F. Parslow, Mrs. R. E. Parslow).

Yorkshire: Spurn Point, adult, 31st May (Miss E. A. W. Gill, P. J. Mountford, Mrs. O. M. Pennock).

Red-tailed Shrike (*Lanius cristatus*)

Norfolk: Walcott, first-winter, trapped, showing the characters of the *isabellinu* group, 10th to 14th September (M. J. Carter).

The taxonomy of the Red-tailed or Isabelline Shrikes, now regarded as conspecific with the Red-backed Shrikes, was discussed briefly in *Brit. Birds*, 53: 427-428 and 54: 195.

Rose-coloured Starling (*Sturnus roseus*)

[**Essex:** Southminster, adult, 30th September to end of year (J. Firmin, R. Hudson, C. Stammers *et al.*).]

[**Gloucestershire:** Tewkesbury, adult, 17th July (F. Broxton, E. C. Heath, J. Oliver).]

Fair Isle: juvenile, trapped, 1st to 14th September (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, R. H. Dennis *et al.*).

As pointed out in our last report (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 195), Rose-coloured Starlings are being increasingly imported as cage-birds, and, as there are reasons to suggest that the Essex and Gloucestershire birds may have escaped from captivity, these records are placed in square brackets.

Arctic Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*)

Northumberland: St. Mary's Island, Whitley Bay, two, 31st December (J. D. Parrack) and 1st January 1962 (C. Douglas); Holy Island, 31st December and again on 1st January 1962 (S. R. Stobart, R. M. Wood).

Fair Isle: one adult and three juveniles (two juveniles trapped), 19th October (G. K. Brown, P. Davis, S. L. White *et al.*).

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There is some disagreement among taxonomists about the classification of the redpolls. Meanwhile, it is considered desirable to record under Arctic Redpoll any birds which show the characters associated with *hornemanni*, although the whitest examples of *flammea* may be inseparable in the field even under the most favourable conditions (see *Brit. Birds*, 54: 238-241).

Serín (*Serinus canarius*)

Gloucestershire: Slimbridge, 13th and 16th July (L. P. Alder).

Hampshire: Farlington Marshes, 4th November (J. T. R. Sharrock).

Kent: Dungeness, 29th May (R. E. Scott).

Lincolnshire: Gibraltar Point, 16th May (A. D. Townsend).

Yorkshire: Spurn Point, trapped, 13th April (P. J. Mountford).

Scarlet Grosbeak (*Carpodacus erythrinus*)

Fair Isle: at least five different birds were present in the autumn—three on 4th September, two on 5th and one on 6th (P. Davis, B. Nau, T. W. Gladwin *et al.*); one, 9th to 12th September (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, P. J. Slater *et al.*); one, 6th to 8th October (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, S. L. White *et al.*).

Scarlet Grosbeaks are imported and sold as Rose Finches. However, there is little doubt that the Fair Isle records, all of female or immature birds, refer to genuine vagrants.

White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*)

Hampshire: Needs Oar Point, 19th May (and possibly previously on the 5th) (J. T. R. Sharrock) (*Brit. Birds*, 54: 366-367 and 439-440).

[Red-headed Bunting (*Emberiza bruniceps*)

Anglesey: The Skerries, ♀, trapped, 19th to at least 26th September (P. Hope Jones, A. J. Mercer).

Devon: Lundy, adult ♂ on or about 25th July (F. W. Gade), from 12th to 21st August (Miss B. Moore) and on 27th August (D. B. Iles).

Hampshire: Keyhaven, adult ♂, 2nd July (R. W. Butler, W. E. Oddie, D. A. Whitehouse).

Kent: Dungeness, adult ♂, 10th June (P. J. Grant, G. J. Harris, R. E. Scott).

Norfolk: Cley, adult ♂, 2nd and 3rd May (W. F. Bishop, Mrs. R. Palmer, R. A. Richardson). Salthouse, adult ♂, perhaps the same bird, 13th and 14th May (S. Whitworth). Breydon, adult ♂, 13th and 20th May (P. R. Allard).

Pembrokeshire: Skokholm, adult ♂, 19th to 25th September (R. W. George, J. G. Shepherd).

Isles of Scilly: St. Martin's, adult ♂, 28th May (J. Abbott).

Sussex: Beachy Head, adult ♂, 11th, 14th and 16th September (B. E. Cooper, J. F. Cooper, M. E. Nolan).

Yorkshire: Knaresborough Sewage farm, adult ♂, 20th and 21st September and 28th October (J. R. Mather, G. R. Wilkinson, C. Worrin).

Buteshire: Little Cumbrae, adult ♂, 11th June (N. F. Stewart).

Fair Isle: adult ♂, trapped, 20th and 21st April (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, J. Wilson); adult ♂, trapped, 5th to 7th June (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, M. A. Ogilvie *et al.*.)

As previously stressed, large numbers of Red-headed Buntings, particularly males, are imported annually into Britain and other west European countries, and it is certain that all, or almost all, British records refer to escaped birds. We shall not in future include this species in our reports while this situation prevails.

Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*)

Fife: Isle of May, 7th October (J. M. S. Arnott).

Little Bunting (*Emberiza pusilla*)

Anglesey: The Skerries, 25th September (P. Hope Jones, A. J. Mercer).

Fair Isle: at least seven individuals—one, 4th and 5th September (P. Davis, T. W. Gladwin, B. Nau); one, trapped, 13th and 14th September (P. Davis, E. J. Wiseman, S. L. White *et al.*); one, 21st, 24th, 25th and 27th September, probably the same bird in each case (G. J. Barnes, P. Davis, P. J. Slater *et al.*); two, 1st October, and one on 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th (G. K. Brown, P. Davis, P. J. Slater *et al.*); one, 13th October (P. Davis); one, 27th and 28th October, and probably the same bird on 1st and 9th November (R. Clive, P. Davis).

APPENDIX—OBSERVATIONS IN “RECENT REPORTS AND NEWS” NOT NOW ACCEPTED

The following records appeared in “Recent reports and news”, but were found to be unacceptable upon fuller consideration. The list includes all records of this kind, unless the references in “Recent reports and news” were qualified by such terms as “apparent” or “probable”, or unless they appeared in brief summaries without precise date or location. There are a few other observations on which a final decision has yet to be reached.

We should like to stress again that, in our view, published rejection in no way implies a slur on the observer. Indeed, some of the records were submitted tentatively in the hope that we might be able to arrive at a conclusion, and in a number of cases we considered the identification to be probably correct, but the evidence was insufficient or the conditions of observation too unsatisfactory for unqualified acceptance as a fully authenticated record.

Cory's Shearwater	Off Hartlepool, Co. Durham, 8th July (<i>Brit. Birds</i> , 54: 335)
Snow Goose	Lune Valley, Lancashire, 17th September and subsequently (55: 47) (see page 570)

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Red-footed Falcon	Zennor, Cornwall, 17th September (55: 47)
Slender-billed Curlew	Grove Ferry, Kent, 14th May (54: 294)
Greater Yellowlegs	Holme, Norfolk, 6th May (54: 296)
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tayport, Fife, 7th February (54: 172)
Terek Sandpiper	Blagdon Reservoir, Somerset, 6th October (55: 47)
Pectoral Sandpiper	Minsmere, Suffolk, 9th August (54: 334)
Mediterranean Black-headed Gull	Folkestone, Kent, 8th-23rd March (54: 172)
	Spurn Point, Yorkshire, 21st October (55: 48)
Sabine's Gull	Portland, Dorset, 19th September (55: 48)
Gull-billed Tern	Herne Bay, Kent, 8th May (54: 294)
	Minsmere, Suffolk, 8th June (54: 294)
	Dungeness, Kent, 24th August (55: 48)
Caspian Tern	Folkestone, Kent, 16th March (54: 172)
Sooty Tern	Exe Estuary, Devon, 12th September (55: 48)
Bee-eater	Camberley, Surrey, 9th April (54: 295)
Red-rumped Swallow	Buckleberry, Buckinghamshire, 31st August (54: 447)
Greenish Warbler	Whitley Bay, Northumberland, 17th September (54: 444)
Yellow-browed Warbler	The Naze, Essex, 16th March (54: 172)
	Skokholm, Pembrokeshire, 14th October (54: 444)
Alpine Accentor	Pett Level, Sussex, 12th October (54: 445)
Richard's Pipit	Spurn Point, Yorkshire, 11th September (54: 447)
	Braunton Marshes, Devon, 12th November (54: 447)
Tawny Pipit	Gilkicker Point, Hampshire, 5th September (two) (54: 447)
	Portland, Dorset, 17th September (54: 447)
Masked Shrike	Bamburgh, Northumberland, 22nd October (54: 446)
Serin	Dungeness, Kent, 12th November (two) (54: 295)
Two-barred Crossbill	Buckleberry, Buckinghamshire, 25th August (54: 446)
Yellow-breasted Bunting	Zennor, St. Ives, Cornwall, 17th September (54: 447)
Little Bunting	Spalding, Lincolnshire, 1st October (54: 447)