

# Report on Rare birds in Great Britain in 1978

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## Systematic list of accepted records

The principles and procedures followed in considering records were explained in the 1958 Report (Brit. Birds 53: 155-158). The systematic list is set out in the same way as in the 1977 Report (71: 481-530). The following points show the basis on which the information has been put together in the list.

- i. The details included for each record are (1) county; (2) locality; (3) number of birds if more than one, and age and sex if known (in the case of spring and summer records, however, the age is normally given only where the bird concerned was not in adult plumage); (4) if trapped or found dead and where specimen is stored, if known; (5) date(s); and (6) observer(s) up to three in number, in alphabetical order. In accordance with our declared policy (see Brit. Birds 68: 1-4), the new county names have been used, and observers are asked to bear this in mind when submitting records.
- ii. In general, this report is confined to records that are regarded as certain, and 'probables' are not included. In the cases of the very similar Long-billed *Limnodromus scolopaceus* and Short-billed Dowitchers *L.griseus*, however, we are continuing to publish indeterminate records, and this also applies to observations of the two pratincoles *Glareola* and of such difficult groups as albatrosses *Diomedea* and frigatebirds *Fregata*.
- iii. The sequence of species, vernacular names and scientific nomenclature follow The *British Birds' List of Birds of the Western Palearctic* (1978). 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. The three numbers in brackets after each species name refer respectively to (1) the total to the end of 1957, (2) the total for the period since the formation of the Rarities Committee in 1958, but excluding (3) the total for the current year. A detailed breakdown of the figures for previous years is held by the Honorary Secretary.

## White-billed Diver *Gavia adamsii* (18, 37, 4)

**Highland** Golspie, adult, newly dead, 8<sup>th</sup> February (Mrs M.Hall, A.R.Mainwood), now at Golspie High School.

**Shetland** Near Haaf Gruney, adult, 3<sup>rd</sup> May; another near Fetlar, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (J.N.Dymond, R.J.Tulloch) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 215). 11km north of Fair Isle, adult, 6<sup>th</sup> June (C.Byers, M.S.Chapman).

**1975 Western Isles** South Uist, adult, 31<sup>st</sup> March (D.J.Pitman, W.M.Underwood).

There have now been eight records in Shetland waters in May or June in the last ten years: the Haaf Gruney individual was in exactly the same spot as that on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 487).

## Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris* (2, 18, 2)

**Kent** Foreness Point, 16<sup>th</sup> December (D.C.Gilbert, W.G.Harvey *et al.*).

**Scilly** 8km NE of St Mary's, apparent adult, 20<sup>th</sup> September (N.A.Preston, A.D.Warren); possibly another, 5.5km NE of St Mary's, 16<sup>th</sup> October, apparently showing sub-adult characters (I.Burrows, A.J.Prater, S.M.Whitehouse *et al.*).

**Shetland** Hermaness, Unst, 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> September (D.Smith, I.Spence, R.J.Tulloch *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 149), also seen Yell Sound 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July (Leicester Polytechnic Expedition per J.D.Okill).

The sixth consecutive year that an adult has stayed among the Gannets *Sula bassana* at Hermaness, Shetland. The Kent individual is the first December record of any albatross.

## **Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii* (2, 2, 0)**

A 1975 record has just been accepted by the Irish Records Panel: one off Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork, on 3<sup>rd</sup> August; the only other recent record was at the same locality on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1965.

## **Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea* (a few, 1,666, 22)**

**Cornwall** St Ives, 29<sup>th</sup> September (P.R.Wilcox).

**Devon** Prawle Point, 29<sup>th</sup> June (J.C.Nicholls).

**Dorset** Portland, two, 24<sup>th</sup> June (D.C.Palmer, N.Powell).

**East Sussex/Kent** Rye Bay, 13<sup>th</sup> April (K.Redshaw); 5<sup>th</sup> May (K.Redshaw).

**Essex** Foulness, 24<sup>th</sup> September (R.Glover).

**Fife** Fife Ness, two, 15<sup>th</sup> April (A.Brown).

**Kent** Minnis Bay, 1<sup>st</sup> October (W.G.Harvey).

**Norfolk** Winterton, 30<sup>th</sup> August, passing N, 06:34 GMT (P.R.Allard). Cley, 30<sup>th</sup> August, passing W, 12:15 GMT (S.D.Enright); two, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (G.E.Dunmore, S.C.Joyner, N.Williams). Salthouse, 7<sup>th</sup> September (Rev. A.M.Handley). Holme, two, 18<sup>th</sup> September (E.C.B.Newman).

**North Yorkshire** Filey Brigg, 25<sup>th</sup> June (A.Botterill, H.J.Whitehead).

**Strathclyde** Turnberry Point, 11<sup>th</sup> June (A.Brown, R.H.Hogg).

**1977 Shetland** Out Skerries, 28<sup>th</sup> September (D.Coutts, J.D.Okill).

Also one off Brandon Point, Co. Kerry, on 8<sup>th</sup> September and two off Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork, on 27<sup>th</sup> July. As in the preceding two years, most records were from the English east and south coasts.

## **Little Shearwater *Puffinus assimilis* (5, 42, 2)**

None in Britain, but one off Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork, on 24<sup>th</sup> September was joined by a second on 25<sup>th</sup>, both remaining until 28<sup>th</sup>. A total of 13 British records during 1978 is still under consideration.

## **American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus* (50, 5, 0)**

**1977 Cornwall** Marazion Marsh, 7<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September, moved to St Erth, 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> (B.Cave, G.W.Davis, G. & Mrs J.Dorner).

The first in Britain since 1962, although there were singles in Ireland in 1970 and 1973. Nearly all the records are in autumn.

## **Little Bittern *Ixobrychus minutus* (150, 116, 4)**

**Central/Strathclyde** Loch Lomond, male, 5<sup>th</sup> June (I.P.Stevenson).

**Humber-side** East Halton, male, 19<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April (K.Atkin, D.Baker, G.P.Catley *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Cley, female, 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August (D.J.Holman, P.Holness, Rev. D.Thornton *et al.*).

**1976 Lincolnshire** Birchwood, juvenile, found dying, 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August (R.Arden, T.Kerry).

Also one at Myrtleville, Co. Cork, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. A below-average showing of this notoriously skulking reed-bed species.

## Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* (165, 85, 7)

**Cambridgeshire** Ouse Washes, adult, 8<sup>th</sup> June (C.A.Carson, L.Street).

**Hereford & Worcester** Locality withheld, adult, 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June (D.A.N.Asterley, A.Darlington, H.Green *et al.*).

**Kent** Richborough, adult, 4<sup>th</sup> June (D.M.Batchelor, C.P.Solly). Sevenoaks, second-year, 17<sup>th</sup> July (M.Coath, the late Dr J.G.Harrison *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Holbrook Bay, adult, 14<sup>th</sup> June (C.Morris).

**Wiltshire** Coate Water, adult, 20<sup>th</sup> April (R.Boatsen, R.Marshall).

Also one on Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork, on 24<sup>th</sup> April. The usual scatter of adults, but only one immature contrasts with five in 1976 and four in 1977.

## Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* (23, 211, 4)

**Dorset** Lodmoor, 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May (M.Cade, C.Cook *et al.*); probably same, Stanpit Marsh, 7<sup>th</sup> May (P.Morrison).

**Essex** Foulness, 14<sup>th</sup> May (R.Glover).

**Norfolk** Winterton, 3<sup>rd</sup> August (R.Cobbold, M.Fischer).

**Warwickshire** Brandon Marsh, 29<sup>th</sup> May (J.E.C.Baldwin, D.Jones).

**1977 Dorset** Lodmoor, 4<sup>th</sup> June (M.Cade *et al.*), possibly same as that at Poole, 16<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Brit. Birds 71: 489).

**1977 Suffolk** Minsmere, 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Brit. Birds 71: 489), also 3<sup>rd</sup> May (per A.R.J.Paine).

The second successive year that this species has been rather scarce. As usual, sight records do not exclude the similar Nearctic species, Snowy Egret *E.thula*.

## Great White Egret *Egretta alba* (10, 6, 1)

**Grampian** Loch of Strathbeg, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June (C.G.Hancock, A.R.Kitson, B.J.Stewart *et al.*).

There was none between 1958 and 1973, then four in 1974 and two in 1977. This recent flush of records seems likely to be connected with the recent colonisation of the Netherlands (Brit. Birds 72: 275).

## Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* (90, 233, 18)

**Buckinghamshire** Newport Pagnell, immature, 28<sup>th</sup> May (H.Mayer-Gross).

**Cambridgeshire** Ouse Washes, 18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August (D.Allen, C.A.Carson, C.Denby *et al.*).

**Devon** Lundy, 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April (M.Rogers, A.M.Taylor). Slapton Ley, 6<sup>th</sup> to at least 29<sup>th</sup> May (M.R.Edmonds, G.Rayner, J.Warne *et al.*).

**East Sussex** Cuckmere, adult, 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May (M.J.Rogers *et al.*).

**Essex** Rainham, 26<sup>th</sup> May (J.Wright).

**Hertfordshire** Tring Reservoirs, juvenile, 30<sup>th</sup> August (B.L.Sage).

**Humberside** Tophill Low Reservoir, 26<sup>th</sup> April (P.Bishop, H.McClarron). Blacktoft Sands, adult, 8<sup>th</sup> June (A.Grieve).

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, immature, 20<sup>th</sup> April (D.C.Gilbert) and 29<sup>th</sup> April (D.C.Gilbert, D.B.Rosair *et al.*), perhaps two involved. Fordwich, adult, 25<sup>th</sup> May (W.G.Harvey). Grove Ferry and Stodmarsh, adult, 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June (R.J.Fearn, R.A.Rackliffe). St Margaret's Bay, 17<sup>th</sup> October (I.P.Hodgson). Elmley, immature, 13<sup>th</sup> November (J.N.Dymond).

**Mid Glamorgan** Kenfig Pool, 24<sup>th</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> May (S.J.Moon, A.Morgan *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Snettisham, immature, 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August (P.R.Jepson *et al.*).

**Nottinghamshire** Carburton Lakes, adult, 6<sup>th</sup> June (J.Hornbuckle).

**Suffolk** Minsmere, adult, 13<sup>th</sup> May (R.K.Coles, R.H.Lawrence, P.J.Lloyd).

**1968 Norfolk** Cley, 25<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May (D.J.Holman); adult, 13<sup>th</sup> May (the late R.A.Richardson).

**1970 Norfolk** Cley, at least 24<sup>th</sup> May (D.J.Holman), considered additional to individual at least 31<sup>st</sup> May (Brit. Birds 65: 350).

**1977 Humberside** Tophill Low Reservoir, 22<sup>nd</sup> May (P.Dove).

**1977 Norfolk** Waxham, immature, 25<sup>th</sup> September (R.A.Butler).

**1977 Scilly** St Mary's, 26<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> June (D.S.Flumm, D.B.Hunt *et al.*).

Slightly fewer than in most years.

## **Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* (26, 15, 1)**

**Norfolk** Cley, 28<sup>th</sup> April (G.P. & M.P.Lee).

**1977 Lancashire** Leighton Moss, 27<sup>th</sup> August (K.D.Robertson) and Kellet, 28<sup>th</sup> August (Dr P.J.Shepherd).

Formerly extremely rare, this species has now occurred in five consecutive years, perhaps connected with an apparent recent extension northwards and westwards in the breeding range in Europe: first breeding in France in 1976 and 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 255).

## **White Stork *Ciconia ciconia* (70, 161, 14)**

An escapee from Nieupoort Zoo, Netherlands, in spring 1978, with ring number A070 on left leg and two damaged primaries in the left wing, was firmly identified at Hambledon, Leicestershire, on 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June, near Reading, Berkshire, on 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August, Ashburnham, East Sussex, on 30<sup>th</sup> September to at least 17<sup>th</sup> December and probably at Barnham, West Sussex, on 13<sup>th</sup> September. It was eventually found dead at South Highton, near Newhaven, East Sussex, on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1979. With the possible exception of the Mid Glamorgan individual, its wanderings appear not to have involved the following:

**Clwyd** Near Chirk, 4<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April (A.Adams, M.Garner, K.W.Horton *et al.*), is thought to have wintered in the area.

**Cornwall** Tregony, near Truro, 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April (Mr & Mrs W.D.Green), probably same as Devon individual, 14<sup>th</sup> April. St Mawgan, 5<sup>th</sup> June (Senior Aircraftsman N.Hughes).

**Cumbria** Shap, 29<sup>th</sup> May (Miss R.Pheasey, B.J.Rafferty), probably same as Lothian individual.

**Derbyshire** Ambergate, 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April (J.Cole, G.Maloney, T.G.Smith).

**Devon** Torquay, 14<sup>th</sup> April (Mr & Mrs A.Radford), probably same as Cornish individual 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April. Torquay, 16<sup>th</sup> May (D.M.Norman).

**Dumfries & Galloway** Newton Stewart, 5<sup>th</sup> May (B.Unwin), probably same as Northumberland individual.

**East Sussex** Rye, 13<sup>th</sup> June (R.J.Eagling, Mrs D.Herlihy), probably same as Kent individual: wing damage similar.

**Highland** Near Castletown, Caithness, 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Mrs P.M.Collett, S.A.M.Manson). Near Poolewe, Wester Ross, 1<sup>st</sup> August (C.A. & L.S.Stendall).

**Kent** Near Ashford, 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July (P.J.Grant *et al.*), wing damage similar to East Sussex individual, ring on right leg precludes Dutch escapee. Sevenoaks, 30<sup>th</sup> July (the late Dr J.G.Harrison), presumed the same.

**Lothian** Leith, Edinburgh, 28<sup>th</sup> May, passing SW (J.M.Dickson), probably same as Cumbria individual.

**Mid Glamorgan** Gelligaer, 17<sup>th</sup> August (D.M.Williams), possibly same as Dutch escapee: primaries in left wing damaged.

**Northumberland** Tarsset, 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May, and Ottershaw, 16<sup>th</sup> (J.R. & L.G.Glass *et al.*), probably same as Dumfries & Galloway individual.

**Scilly** St Agnes, 1<sup>st</sup> August (Mrs R.E.Parslow).

**Strathclyde** Crosshill, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and Maybole, 24<sup>th</sup> (R.M. & A.Baird, A.McFadzean, G.S.Riddle). Probably same, Islay, 25<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> May (C.C.Booth, R.Hodgkinson, Mrs M.Steel).

**West Sussex** Goring-by-Sea, 31<sup>st</sup> December, passing W (J.A.Feest), probably same as individual at Farlington Marsh, Hampshire, 1<sup>st</sup> January 1979.

**1976 Lincolnshire** Gibraltar Point, 1<sup>st</sup> June (P.A.Hyde): previously rejected (Brit. Birds 70: 449), but now accepted on further evidence.

**1977 Cornwall** St Mawgan, 21<sup>st</sup> May (Senior Aircraftman N.Hughes), possibly same as Devon individual below.

**1977 Devon** Plymouth, about 19<sup>th</sup> May (J.G.Boswall *et al.*), possibly same as Cornish individual above.

**1977 Dumfries & Galloway** Breconside, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May (P.Gordon-Duff-Pennington, Miss A.Harding).

**1977 Essex** Ramsden Heath, 9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June (J.R.Northwood), possibly same as Rowhedge individual, 26<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 71: 491).

**1977 Kent** Near Faversham, 8<sup>th</sup> June (A. & N.Cork), probably one of Eastry individuals, 29<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Brit. Birds 71: 491).

Also one at Youghal, Co. Cork, on 1<sup>st</sup> May. The habitual wanderings of this species make interpretation of all the sightings difficult, but the calculated total is near the average for the last ten years.

## **Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (many, 20, 1)**

**Kent** Swale, 1<sup>st</sup> January; Stodmarsh, 7<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> May; Westbere, 10<sup>th</sup> June; Isle of Sheppey, 28<sup>th</sup> August; Minster, 3<sup>rd</sup> September; Ash Level, 4<sup>th</sup> September, and Stodmarsh, 9<sup>th</sup> to end of year. All relate to individual first seen 14<sup>th</sup> December 1975 (Brit. Birds 69: 330) (per D.W.Taylor).

**Silly** Tresco, 21<sup>st</sup> August to 17<sup>th</sup> September (D.B.Hunt, W.E.Oddie *et al.*).

**1976 Humberside** Hornsea Mere, 16<sup>th</sup> May (J.Beaumont, D.B.Beeves, H.C.Laidlaw *et al.*).

**1977 Kent** Stodmarsh and area (Brit. Birds 69: 330), also seen at Stodmarsh, 30<sup>th</sup> April (T.A.Guyatt *et al.*).

The surge of annual records since 1972 – after only seven during 1958-71 – continues, with the Kent individual in its fourth year of sojourn.

## **Lesser White-fronted Goose *Anser erythropus* (47, 54, 3)**

**Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, two adults, 19<sup>th</sup> February (T.Francis, J.Selwyn), presumed same as Northumberland individuals.

**Gloucestershire** Slimbridge, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> December (K.Lane, B.J.Short); adult, 5<sup>th</sup> February, though showing characters of this species, was too large and was considered to be hybrid with European White-fronted Goose *A.albifrons* (M.A.Ogilvie).

**Lancashire** Little Crosby, adult, 8<sup>th</sup> January (L.G.Blacow, M.Jones *et al.*), first seen 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December 1977, see below.

**Northumberland** Budle Bay, two adults, 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January (M.A.Blick, T.Francis *et al.*), presumed same as Dumfries & Galloway individuals.

**1977 Lancashire** Little Crosby and Great Altcar, adult, 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> December and last seen 8<sup>th</sup> January 1978 (L.G.Blacow *et al.*).

Several typical midwinter occurrences, but, in addition, records were received of free-flying adults of suspect origin at Elvaston Quarry, Derbyshire, on 7<sup>th</sup> May and at Rostherne Mere, Cheshire, from 21<sup>st</sup> June 1976 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 1977. The possibility that the latter was the same as the Lancashire individual of the subsequent winter cannot be excluded.

## **Brent Goose *Branta bernicla* (1, 1, 1)**

Individuals showing the characters of the North American and East Siberian race *B.b.nigricans*, colloquially known as the Black Brant, were recorded as follows:

**Essex** Leigh-on-Sea, 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January (C.D.Jolly). Harwich-Dovercourt area, see Suffolk.

**Suffolk** Trimley Marshes, 7<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> February, occasionally flying into Harwich-Dovercourt area, Essex (M.C.Marsh *et al.*).

**1975 Suffolk** Nacton, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December (M.C.Marsh *et al.*).

**1976 Suffolk** Trimley Marshes, 18<sup>th</sup> February (M.C.Marsh *et al.*). probably same as 1975 individual.

**1977 Suffolk** Trimley Marshes, 7<sup>th</sup> to at least 12<sup>th</sup> February (Brit. Birds 71: 492), last seen 2<sup>nd</sup> March (per M.C.Marsh).

The Suffolk bird is regarded as that seen at the same locality in February 1976 and February to March 1977, while the Essex one is not far from Foulness, where the first record of this distinctive race was seen in February 1957 and February 1958. How long do Brent Geese live?

## **Red-breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis* (15, 9, 1)**

**Humberside** Spurn, adult, 1<sup>st</sup> October (B.Caffrey, J.Cudworth; Mr & Mrs C.Massingham *et al.*).

**Kent** Westbere and Sturry, adult, 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October (W.G.Harvey, A.C.B.Henderson, A.W.Thorpe *et al.*).

**Lincolnshire** Covenham Reservoir, adult, 1<sup>st</sup> October (B.M.Clarkson).

Most records have been in December to March, but these three, presumed to relate to one individual, are perhaps the result of westwards displacement after the onset of autumn migration from the breeding grounds.

## **American Wigeon *Anas americana* (22, 79, 3)**

**Avon** Chew Valley Lake, adult male, 10<sup>th</sup> December to 20<sup>th</sup> January 1979 (A.H.Davies, K.E.Vinicombe *et al.*).

**Grampian** Near Loch of Strathbeg, female, 4<sup>th</sup> April (D.I.M.Wallace).

**Hampshire** Titchfield Haven, adult male, 27<sup>th</sup> October (R.W.Andrews, R.A.Chapman, B.S.Duffin).

**1966 Highland** Inverness, male, from 16<sup>th</sup> December (Brit. Birds 61: 336), last seen 24<sup>th</sup> March 1967 (D.J.Holman).

**1967 Highland** Inverness, male, first seen 16<sup>th</sup> December 1966 (Brit. Birds 61: 336), last seen 24<sup>th</sup> March (D.J.Holman).

**1974 Grampian** Near Loch of Strathbeg, female, 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March (D.I.M.Wallace).

**1977 Kent** Sandwich Bay, female, 11<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and Westbere, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (W.G.Harvey, N.V.McCanch, D.B.Rosair).

The least showing since 1972 and, in the light of the numbers of Green-winged Teals *Anas crecca carolinensis*, Blue-winged Teals *A.discors* and Ring-necked Ducks *Aythya collaris*, most surprising.

## **Teal *Anas crecca* (13, 98, 13)**

Drakes showing the characters of the North American race *A.c.carolinensis*, colloquially known as the Green-winged Teal, were recorded as follows:

**Central** River Forth, Stirling, 19<sup>th</sup> February (D.Thorogood).

**Cheshire** Sandbach, 25<sup>th</sup> March to at least 16<sup>th</sup> April (G.G.M.Williams *et al.*); same, Frodsham, 30<sup>th</sup> April (S.W.Holmes, D.Roberts). Rostherne Mere, 18<sup>th</sup> November (J.P.Guest, R.J.Walker, T.H.Wall).

**Cornwall** Hayle individual first seen 5<sup>th</sup> November 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 493) remained until at least 5<sup>th</sup> February; two, 5<sup>th</sup> February (L.P.Williams *et al.*); 28<sup>th</sup> October to at least January 1979 (S.M.Christophers *et al.*).

**Dorset** Radipole, 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April (M.Cade, A.J.L.Smith); probably another, 26<sup>th</sup> May (M.Cade).

**Fife** Eden Estuary, 12<sup>th</sup> November to 21<sup>st</sup> January 1979 (I.G.Cumming).

**Grampian** Loch of Strathbeg, 4<sup>th</sup> March (A.R.Kitson).

**Highland** Loch Fleet, 23<sup>rd</sup> to at least 31<sup>st</sup> December (G.Beck, D.A.Grundy, J.P.Guest *et al.*).

**Shetland** Scatness, 29<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> April (D.Coutts, J.D.Okill). Voe, Mainland, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May (M.S.Chapman, R.O'Reilly).

**Suffolk** Benacre, 3<sup>rd</sup> June (S.Pietrowski). Minsmere, 5<sup>th</sup> November (J.W. & Mrs J.E.Donovan, I.J. & Mrs K.Johnson).

**1977 Cornwall** Siblyback Reservoir, 26<sup>th</sup> November (S.Rogers).

**1977 Dyfed** Gann Estuary, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April (T.A.W.Davis, J.W.Donovan, Mrs G.M.B.Sparks).

Also one at Bull Island, Co. Dublin, from 20<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> April 1979. Almost double the previous best showing: the pattern of arrival dates, mostly February to May and November to December, is very similar to that for the huge influx of Ring-necked Ducks *Aythya collaris*.

## **Black Duck *Anas rubripes* (1, 6, 1)**

**North Yorkshire** Fairburn Ings, 20<sup>th</sup> December (Miss P.S.Allen, S.C.Madge).

**Scilly** Tresco, female, first seen 27<sup>th</sup> October 1976 (Brit. Birds 70: 416; 71: 493), relocated 12<sup>th</sup> March and present to end of year, paired with Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*, hatching seven young, four remaining to October and one to December (R.W.Allen, D.B.Hunt). For characters of hybrids see Scilly Bird Report (1978): 49-50.

Apart from one in Kent in 1967, the Yorkshire individual was the first record away from Ireland or Scilly.

## **Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* (19, 41, 11)**

**Cambridgeshire** Fenstanton, male, 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February (J.S.Clark, G. & J.Manser); also seen in Norfolk.

**Cornwall** Marazion Marsh and offshore, female or immature, 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November (W.R.Hirst, P.A.Maker, B.K.Mellow *et al.*).

**Kent** Stodmarsh and Westbere, male, 4<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> June (R.E.Collins, W.G.Harvey, J.P.McCarthy *et al.*).

**Lincolnshire/Norfolk** Wisbech Sewage-farm, two, 12<sup>th</sup> September (J.B.Kemp *et al.*), one to 24<sup>th</sup> (K.Atkin).

**Norfolk** Welney, male, 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March, same as Cambridgeshire individual (per M.J.Seago). Cantley Reservoir and Hardley Floods, 6<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> October (P.R.Allard, A.D.Boote *et al.*).

**North Yorkshire/West Yorkshire** Fairburn Ings, male, 12<sup>th</sup> September (M.Wells).

**Western Isles** South Uist, Loch Dunakillie, male, 16<sup>th</sup> June (M.J.Crosby, A.J.Merritt, Dr C.J.Spray *et al.*) and Loch an Eilein, 24<sup>th</sup> June (B.C.Forrester). Balranald, two, 6<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October, three, 8<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> (C.H.Pickup, Dr C.J.Spray *et al.*).

**1973 West Yorkshire** Fairburn Ings, male, 17<sup>th</sup> March to August (Brit. Birds 71: 493): year, not stated, was 1973.

The total of 11 records is considerably more than in any previous year: perhaps this North American duck is following the trend of the Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*.

## **Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* (1, 49, 11)**

**Berkshire** Theale, male, 24<sup>th</sup> December 1977 (see below) to at least 21<sup>st</sup> January (M.R.W.Sell *et al.*).

**Cambridgeshire** Little Paxton, male, 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February (I.K.Dawson, D.J.Fisher, S.D.Housden *et al.*); possibly same, 21<sup>st</sup> November to at least 3<sup>rd</sup> December (R.W.H.Garner, C.A.E.Kirtland, T.Talbot); probably same, Grafham Water, 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February (G.M.S.Easy, C.A.E.Kirtland, T.Talbot).

**Devon** Countess Wear, male, 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November (F.R.Smith, D.C.Tucker *et al.*).

**Dorset** Radipole, male, 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April (G.Armstrong, M.Cade).

**Dyfed** Bosherton, male, 29<sup>th</sup> November 1977 (see below) to at least 5<sup>th</sup> February (J.W. & J.E.Donovan). Llys-y-Fran Reservoir, male, 15<sup>th</sup> September (R.E. & Mrs A.Scott).

**Gloucestershire/Wiltshire** Cotswold Water Park, male, 8<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April (E. & Mrs L.Fruin, J.G.Snowball, G.L. & M.G.Webber *et al.*), but see also Wiltshire; believed hybrid with Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*, April and again at least 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1979 (G.L. & M.G.Webber).

**Greater London** St James's Park, male, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (P.J.Oliver); not part of local collection.

**Highland** Loch Hope, male, 18<sup>th</sup> February (Dr D.M. & Mrs J.Edge).

**Humberside** Tophill Low Reservoir, male, 18<sup>th</sup> December 1977 (see below) to 22<sup>nd</sup> April; probably same, 22<sup>nd</sup> October to at least 29<sup>th</sup> November (M.Coverdale, A.Gibson, K.Rotherham *et al.*); probably same, Hornsea Mere, 29<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> May (N.A.Bell, R.Hawley, K.Rotherham *et al.*).

**Leicestershire** Eye Brook Reservoir, male, 2<sup>nd</sup> January (P.H.Johnson, E.T.Lamb).

**Norfolk** Ranworth Broad, male, 9<sup>th</sup> March (D.Brown).

**North Yorkshire** Fairburn Ings, male, 18<sup>th</sup> December 1977 (see below) to 24<sup>th</sup> January (P.Ketchell, S.C.Madge).

**Shetland** Snarraborough Loch, Unst, male, 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May (G. & R.Follows, J.D.Okill, I.Spence *et al.*). Fair Isle, immature male, 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October, trapped 9<sup>th</sup> (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson, R.A.Williams *et al.*).

**Strathclyde** Walton Dam, female or immature, 5<sup>th</sup> November (J.Sweeney). Shewalton, male, 21<sup>st</sup> December, later to Gailles to at least 20<sup>th</sup> January 1979 (R.H.Hogg, I.H.Leach, D.A.Smith *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Alton Water, male and female, 21<sup>st</sup> December 1977 (see below) to 15<sup>th</sup> January; additional female, 24<sup>th</sup> December 1977 (see below) to at least 12<sup>th</sup> February (P.W.Murphy, A.R.J.Paine, S.Pietrowski *et al.*). Barnham, male, 19<sup>th</sup> April (P.W.Murphy, A.R.J.Paine, S.Pietrowski *et al.*).

**Warwickshire** Draycote Water male, 24<sup>th</sup> December 1977 (see below) to at least 29<sup>th</sup> January; same, Brandon, 5<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April (S.G.D.Cook, P.J.Finden *et al.*). Alvecote, male, 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January (G.A.Arnold, R.J.Thomas *et al.*); same, Bodymoor Heath, 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January (per G.R.Harrison).

**Wiltshire** Corsham, male, 11<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February (R.L.Neal, J.C. & M.J.Rolls *et al.*), later in Gloucestershire/Wiltshire, same, Ashton Keynes, 16<sup>th</sup> April, apparently paired with Tufted Duck (G.L. & M.G.Webber).

**1976 Avon** Chew Valley Lake, immature male, first seen 26<sup>th</sup> December, not 19<sup>th</sup> December as previously stated (Brit. Birds 70: 417).

**1977 Avon** Chew Valley Lake, immature male, at least 26<sup>th</sup> December 1976 (see above) to mid February, same, Blagdon, 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January (amplifies 'male, 8<sup>th</sup> January', Brit. Birds 71: 494): thus, Chew Valley Lake, only two adult males, 8<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> February and three adult males, 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February, not three and four respectively as previously stated (Brit. Birds 71: 494).

**1977 Berkshire** Theale, male, 24<sup>th</sup> December to at least 21<sup>st</sup> January 1978 (M.R.W.Sell *et al.*).

**1977 Derbyshire** Drakelow, male, 27<sup>th</sup> December (T.Cockburn, J.C.Eyre-Dickinson).

**1977 Dyfed** Bosherton, male, 29<sup>th</sup> November to at least 5<sup>th</sup> February 1978 (J.W. & J.E.Donovan).

**1977 Humberside** Tophill Low Reservoir, male, 18<sup>th</sup> December to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1978 (M.Coverdale, A.Gibson, K.Rotherham *et al.*).

**1977 Kent** Sevenoaks, male, 27<sup>th</sup> November (the late Dr J.G.Harrison).

**1977 Lothian** Near Drem, female, 7<sup>th</sup> to least 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 23<sup>rd</sup> March (Brit. Birds 71: 494), first seen, 6<sup>th</sup> February (D.G.Andrew).

**1977 North Yorkshire** Fairburn Ings, male, 18<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> January 1978 (P.Ketchell, S.C.Madge).

**1977 Staffordshire** Blithfield Reservoir, male, 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November (F.E.Fortey, S.M.Haynes, E.G.Phillips *et al.*).

**1977 Suffolk** Alton Water, male and female, 21<sup>st</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> January 1978; additional female, 24<sup>th</sup> December to at least 12<sup>th</sup> February 1978 (P.W.Murphy, A.R.J.Paine, S.Pietrowski *et al.*).

**1977 Warwickshire** Draycote Water, male, 24<sup>th</sup> December to at least 29<sup>th</sup> January 1978 (S.G.D.Cooke, P.J.Finden *et al.*).

Also two drakes at the Gearagh, Co. Cork, on 24<sup>th</sup> December and a duck at Ballycotton, Co. Cork, on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Records of freshwater wildfowl vagrants are always prone to an unknown degree of duplication, but the huge influx of this transatlantic visitor during November to December 1977 (about 11 individuals) and January to March 1978 (also about 11 individuals) totally eclipsed the events of early 1977 and the previous grand total of 41 records. A further eight records came in late 1978. It seems strange that none of the winter 1977-78 records came from the hitherto favourite area, the reservoirs of Avon.

## **King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* (62, 83, 5)**

**Dumfries & Galloway** Loch Ryan, male, 27<sup>th</sup> November 1977 to at least 4<sup>th</sup> January (R.H.Hogg).

**Highland** Golspie and Loch Fleet, male, throughout year (A.R.Mainwood), probably that first seen 1975 (Brit. Birds 69: 331; 71: 495); immature male, 11<sup>th</sup> to at least 31<sup>st</sup> December (G.P.Catley, M.Mellor *et al.*).

**Shetland** Hascosay, male, 8<sup>th</sup> February (R.J.Tulloch). Tresta/Sandsound Voe, male, 28<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> May (J.D.Hall, J.D.Okill, I.Sandison *et al.*).



**Strathclyde** Lochranza, Arran, male, 25<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> May (N.G.Grist) and 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June (M.Hutcheson), probably same, Glencallum Bay, Bute, 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Mrs K.Boydell, I.Hopkins), and Catacol Bay, 6<sup>th</sup> April (I.H.Leach). Troon, male; 12<sup>th</sup> April (I.H.Leach). Woodhall, male, 10<sup>th</sup> to at least 25<sup>th</sup> November (A.Brown, D.L.Clugston, S.Ward *et al.*), possibly returning individual of 9<sup>th</sup> November 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 495) and relating to other Firth of Clyde records.

**1969 Shetland** Scalloway, male, 24<sup>th</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 63: 273), last seen 28<sup>th</sup> June (D.J.Holman).

**1975 Highland** Loch Fleet, male, 6<sup>th</sup> June to end of year (Brit. Birds 69: 331), first seen 5<sup>th</sup> June (R.A.Frost).

**1976 Fife** Torry Bay and Crombie Point, male, at least 3<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January (R.H.Hogg *et al.*), presumed returning male of previous winter (Brit. Birds 71: 495).

**1976 Shetland** Burwick, male, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, probably same, Cliff Sound, 16<sup>th</sup> April (R.A.C.Johnstone) Linga Sound, immature male, 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October (P.K.Kinnear, R.J.Tulloch). Toft, Mainland, adult male, 13<sup>th</sup> November (R.J.Tulloch), same, Sullom Voe, 17<sup>th</sup> November to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1977 (P.K.Kinnear, M.G.Richardson, R.J.Tulloch *et al.*).

**1977 Dumfries & Galloway** Loch Ryan, male, 27<sup>th</sup> November to at least 4<sup>th</sup> January 1978 (R.H.Hogg), presumed returning male of previous winter (Brit. Birds 71: 494).

**1977 Shetland** Sullom Voe, male, 13<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> March (Brit. Birds 71: 495), first seen, Toft, Mainland, 13<sup>th</sup> November 1976 (R.J.Tulloch).

Also a drake at Rossbeg, Co. Donegal, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April. A similar pattern to that of recent years. The prize for duck-spotting remains unclaimed.

## **Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri* (5, 8, 0)**

**Western Isles** South Uist, the male first seen in summer 1972 (Brit. Birds 66: 338) was present again in summer 1978.

This individual has now been present, on and off, for seven years.

## **Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata* (75, 65, 8)**

**Grampian** Fraserburgh, female or immature, 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October (M.V.Bell, R.A.Schofield *et al.*). Spey Bay, adult male, 6<sup>th</sup> January (G.P.Mudge), probably remained to 1979 (P.Barry, N.Elkins *et al.*); two males, early May (R.H.Dennis, N.Elkins, P.D.Hyde *et al.*); two females, 2<sup>nd</sup> June (A.R.Dean, P.D.Hyde *et al.*); first summer male, 2<sup>nd</sup> June (A.R.Dean, P.D.Hyde *et al.*), 20<sup>th</sup> July (N.J.Redman *et al.*) and 10<sup>th</sup> August (R.H.Hogg); three males, 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 1979; four males, 24<sup>th</sup> November to 1979 (P.Barry, N.Elkins, R.H.Hogg *et al.*).

**Highland** Handa Island, male, 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June (K.Fairclough, Mr Klinkert *et al.*).

Also a drake at Bundoran, Co. Donegal, from 2<sup>nd</sup> January to early May. Only two records away from the coast of northeast Scotland is against the trend of recent years, but the spate of long-staying individuals in that region over the past three years continues.

## **Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (5, 24, 1)**

**Dyfed** Cymystwyth, 2<sup>nd</sup> June (P.Hurrell, I.C.Kightley, G.Todd).

**1976 Norfolk** Holkham, 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October (T.M.Dakin, F.A.Wardman).

A typical date for this species. The late 1976 acceptance takes the total for that year to seven, four in spring and three in autumn.

## **American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* (0, 2, 0)**

**1976 Cornwall** Bearah Tor, Bodmin Moor, female, 13<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 71: 496), last seen about 28<sup>th</sup> June, not 28<sup>th</sup> July as stated.

## **Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* (100, 184, 16)**

**Derbyshire** Eastmoor, female, 7<sup>th</sup> June (K.Smith).

**Devon** Lundy, female, 30<sup>th</sup> May (M.Davies, M.Rogers, A.M.Taylor *et al.*).

**Dorset** Arne, male, 6<sup>th</sup> August (D.R.Bishop, M.D.Rowbottom, C.D.Unsworth).

**Grampian** Near Balmedie, first-year female, 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July (M.A.S.Beaman, A.Cruickshank, J.Endicott *et al.*).

**Hampshire** New Forest, locality withheld, male, 13<sup>th</sup> May (D.N.Smith, J.H.Taverner) and 17<sup>th</sup> (Dr R.G.Mayall); same locality, female, 20<sup>th</sup> May (Dr R.G.Mayall, D.N.Smith); first summer female, possibly same, 11<sup>th</sup> June (T.M.Martin, J.H.Taverner). Sway, male, 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June (M.C. & P.Combridge, E.J.Wiseman).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, second-year male, 1<sup>st</sup> May (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith, D.I.M.Wallace).

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, female, 1<sup>st</sup> June (D.C.Gilbert). Dungeness, male, 14<sup>th</sup> June (K.Redshaw).

**Lincolnshire** North Killingholme, male, 9<sup>th</sup> May (T.P.Milsom).

**Man** Calf of Man, male, 4<sup>th</sup> June (P.P.Jennings).

**Norfolk** Winterton, female, 25<sup>th</sup> July (R.Cobbold).

**Shetland** Out Skerries, male, 20<sup>th</sup> May (A.R.Lowe, W.E.Oddie). Yell, female, 9<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May (A.Anderson, J.N.Dymond, R.J.Tulloch *et al.*). Gremista and Lerwick, female, 26<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> August (M.S.Chapman *et al.*).

**1976 Hertfordshire** Amwell, 9<sup>th</sup> September (Brit. Birds 70: 419), previously accepted, but now not considered acceptable after review.

**1976 Norfolk** Holkham male, 30<sup>th</sup> May (S.C.Joyner, N.Williams).

A typical spring and summer scattering, concentrated as usual in southern counties, but with a record three reaching Shetland.

## **Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora* (0, 1, 0)**

**1977 Merseyside** Formby, probably first-summer, 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August (Miss A.Copleston, K.W.Horton *et al.*).

This surprise occurrence is the first British record of this elegant falcon; it was thought to be a first-summer individual, and, of course, breeding-adults would, at this time of the year, be busy feeding their nestlings on early trans-Mediterranean migrants.

## **Gyr Falcon *Falco rusticolus* (many, 47, 1)**

**Strathclyde** Barassie, adult, 23<sup>rd</sup> December (W.R.Brackenridge, A.Brown, R.H.Hogg *et al.*).

**1977 Grampian** Williamston, Duffus, Moray, 24<sup>th</sup> November: this locality is in Grampian not Highland as stated (Brit. Birds 71: 497).

**1977 Highland** See Grampian.

The second successive year with just one record.

## **Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla* (many, 5, 0)**

**1976 South Glamorgan** Llantwit Major, 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February: this locality is in South Glamorgan not West Glamorgan as previously stated (Brit. Birds 71: 497).

**1976 West Glamorgan** See South Glamorgan.

## **Crane *Grus grus* (many, 697, 30)**

**Cambridgeshire/Norfolk** Ouse Washes, 8<sup>th</sup> August to 27<sup>th</sup> September (D.Allen, L.Street *et al.*).

**Dorset** Studland Heath, six, 2<sup>nd</sup> December (J.R.Cox, Mr Sanderson & Weymouth Grammar School YOC Group).

**East Sussex** Newhaven, 14<sup>th</sup> April (C.Winyard) and 24<sup>th</sup> April (D.A.Newman); a crane, probably same, near Lewes, 9<sup>th</sup> April (P.N.Ray).

**Grampian** Bogmoor, Spey Bay, 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April (R.A.Shewan *et al.*). Ythan Estuary, Forvie and Collieston area, 26<sup>th</sup> April to at least February 1979 (D.J.Butler, C.D.Scott *et al.*) (Brit Birds 72: plate 216).

**Gwent** Monmouth, 25<sup>th</sup> January (V.Card).

**Hampshire** Stubbington, adult and juvenile, 3<sup>rd</sup> December (D.I.Bill, T.A.Lawman).

**Highland** Loch Vaa, Speyside, 14<sup>th</sup> April (B.Goater, D.Halsey, J.Morris).

**Humberside** Near Messingham, about November to at least 11<sup>th</sup> February 1979 (M.Mellor *et al.*). Also seen in Lincolnshire.

**Kent** Tonbridge, 14<sup>th</sup> March (G.F.A. & Mrs S.M.Munns). Stodmarsh, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April (J.A.Eyre, J.P.McCarthy, T.A.Wyatt *et al.*). Stodmarsh and Westbere, 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May, and near Chilham, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (F.A.Clements, W.G.Harvey, C.R.Ireland *et al.*).

**Lincolnshire** Scotter and Sisworth area, occasionally, about November to February 1979 (M.Mellor *et al.*); same as Humberside individual.

**Man** Scarlett, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (P.R.Marshall, Mrs M.Stewart).

**Merseyside** Marshside, 7<sup>th</sup> May (Miss A.Copleston, K.W.Horton).

**Norfolk** Holt, 6<sup>th</sup> March, and Glandford and Bayfield area, 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March (J.B.Kemp, D.F.J. & A.Mitchell *et al.*), considered same.

**Northumberland** Budle Bay, 9<sup>th</sup> October (D.G.Bell).

**North Yorkshire** Mowthorpe, 5<sup>th</sup> May (M.Francis, F.A.Whitford).

**Orkney** Deerness, two, early May to mid September (D.Hunter *et al.*).

**Shetland** Unst, 28<sup>th</sup> September (J.I.Thompson).

**1977 Norfolk** Holme, 30<sup>th</sup> April to at least 2<sup>nd</sup> May (P.R.Clarke *et al.*).

**1977 Suffolk** Higham St Mary, 16<sup>th</sup> October, party of 26 flying south, presumed same as that seen in Essex and Kent (Brit. Birds 71: 497).

Also one at Sraheens Bridge, Co. Mayo, on 18<sup>th</sup> January (present since November 1977), two on Dursey Island, Co. Cork, on 8<sup>th</sup> December, one at Rossleague, Cobh, Co. Cork, on 21<sup>st</sup> December and one at Blessington, Co. Wicklow, on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Although half the year-total of 1977, which included an autumn flock of 26 (see above), there was again an unusually high number of spring records, and, as in 1976, a very late party was observed on the English coast with complementary records in southern Ireland. An additional 1977 record is one at Broadmills, Co. Down, on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Great Bustard *Otis tarda* (many, 6, 1)**

**Kent** St Nicholas-at-Wade, third-year male, 7<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> April (W.G.Harvey, C.H.Hindle *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plates 217 and 218).

Only the seventh since 1936; the long stay of this bird was much appreciated by hundreds of observers.

## **Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* (98, 58, 2)**

**Bedfordshire** Houghton Regis, 7<sup>th</sup> July (L.Evans).

**East Sussex** Rye, 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June (P.J.Grant *et al.*).

**Kent** Dungeness, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July (P.J.Grant *et al.*): presumed same as East Sussex individual. See also West Sussex.

**West Sussex** Chichester Gravel-pits, 8<sup>th</sup> June (Miss N.Petrie-Hay, Miss J.V.Stacey *et al.*), presumed same, Sidlesham Ferry, 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July (C.R.Janman, M.Shrubbs *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 71: plate 156). Although two return trips from the Selsey peninsula to Dungeness, totalling some 360 km, seemed unlikely, the Committee was obliged to conclude that the complementary dates at – and absences from – these well-watched localities indicated that only one individual was involved.

The first two records since 1974: the presumed commuting of one individual between West Sussex and the Kent/East Sussex border is fascinating.

## **Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* (31, 25, 4)**

**Cheshire** Near West Kirby, 21<sup>st</sup> May (A.Stoddart).

**East Sussex** Rye, 8<sup>th</sup> June (P.F.Bonham *et al.*).

**Lancashire** Banks Marsh, 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October (W.J.Clift, D.J.Norton, P.Webb); same, Martin Mere, 17<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November (M.Burnside, W.D.Forshaw, B.Stanley *et al.*).

**North Yorkshire/West Yorkshire** Fairburn Ings, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June (S.C.Madge, C.Winn *et al.*).

**1977 Kent** Pegwell Bay, 4<sup>th</sup> November (R.Garnier); same, Sandwich Bay, 16<sup>th</sup> November (A.C.B.Henderson, D.B.Rosair).

**1977 Lancashire** Marton Mere, 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June (Brit. Birds 71: 498). Previously accepted as *G.pratincola*, but, on further evidence, apparently showed characters of both this species and *G.nordmanni* and may have been hybrid (J.P.Guest, H.Shorrock, E.Stirling *et al.*). It was not seen on 26<sup>th</sup> May as previously stated.

A fairly typical foursome.

## **Pratincole *Glareola pratincola* or *G.nordmanni* (36, 45, 4)**

**1977 Lancashire** Marton Mere, 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June (J.P.Guest, H.Shorrock, E.Stirling *et al.*): previously accepted as Collared Pratincole (Brit. Birds 71: 498). See under Collared Pratincole.

The totals include those specifically identified.

## **Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* (0, 0, 1)**

**Scilly** St Agnes, juvenile, 9<sup>th</sup> October to at least 9<sup>th</sup> November (P.A.Dukes, P.J.Grant, D.Sykes *et al.*).

The first British and Irish record of this Nearctic plover which is very similar to – and is considered by some taxonomists to be conspecific with – the Ringed Plover *C.hiaticula*.

## **Killdeer Plover *Charadrius vociferus* (9, 15, 1)**

**Dyfed** Pwll, Llanelli, 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February (D.M. & M.C.Powell).

The fourth in the last five years for this rare transatlantic vagrant. Most of the 25 British and Irish records have been in February or March.

## **Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* (0, 0, 1)**

**West Sussex** Pagham Harbour, 9<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1979 (A.R.Kitson, B.A.E.Marr, R.F.Porter *et al.*).

The first British record of this plover which winters on the shores of northeast Africa and the Red Sea; its long stay enabled hundreds of observers to see it.

## **Lesser Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica* (6, 44, 6)**

**Cornwall** Davidstow Airfield, adult *P.d.dominica*, 9<sup>th</sup> September to 13<sup>th</sup> October (M.Baradell, M.P.Frost, E.Griffiths *et al.*). Stithians Reservoir, adult, *P.d.dominica*, 5<sup>th</sup> October to 8<sup>th</sup> November (Dr G.W.Davies *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 219); immature, 7<sup>th</sup> November (C.D.R.Heard).

**Scilly** St Agnes, *P.d.dominica*, 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October (M.Davies, A.R.Dean *et al.*).

**1975 Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, 23<sup>rd</sup> November to end of year (Brit. Birds 70: 447), last seen 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1976 (per R.H.Dennis).

**1976 Dumfries & Galloway** Caerlaverock, 2<sup>nd</sup> January (per R.H.Dennis), first seen 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1975 (Brit. Birds 70: 447).

Also singles at Termoncarragh Lake, Co. Mayo, on 24<sup>th</sup> September and Tacumshin Lake, Co. Wexford, from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September. These six equal the previous best autumn showing in 1975.

## **Sociable Lapwing *Chettusia gregaria* (5, 14, 3)**

**Cornwall** Hayle, immature, 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October (S.M.Christophers, D.L.Clugston, Dr G.W.Davis *et al.*).

**East Sussex** Arlington Reservoir, probable adult, 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October (J.Willsher *et al.*).

**Nottinghamshire** Ranskill, 30<sup>th</sup> May (A. & Mrs H.E.Dobbs, J.A.Hopper).

**1968 Kent** Westwell, 12<sup>th</sup> April (A.S.Douthwaite).

**1976 Cambridgeshire** Fen Ditton, immature, 17<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Brit. Birds 70: 420), again, 6<sup>th</sup> (T.A.Walsh).

**1977 Norfolk** Welney, 3<sup>rd</sup> September to at least 20<sup>th</sup> (Brit. Birds 71: 499), last seen 25<sup>th</sup> (R.A.Frost *et al.*).

There were only 12 records before 1970 (including the late 1968 acceptance, above), but in the last eight years there have been ten, including, now, only the second ever in spring.

## **Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* (2, 16, 1)**

**Humberside** Faxfleet, juvenile, 6<sup>th</sup> October (D.I.M.Wallace).

Following our exhaustive deliberations leading to the recent review of British records of this difficult peep (Brit. Birds 72: 264-274), this individual constitutes only the sixth British record. The 13 Irish records are currently under review by the Irish Records Panel.

## **Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* (6, 16, 1)**

None in Britain, but one at Lady's Island Lake, Co. Wexford, on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

## **White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis* (24, 122, 17)**

**Avon** Chew Valley Lake, two immatures, 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, one to 2<sup>nd</sup> November (A.H.Davis, K.E.Vinicombe *et al.*).

**Cheshire** Frodsham, adult, 10<sup>th</sup> August (G.G.Williams).

**Cornwall** Hayle, adult, at least 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September (R.Smaldon *et al.*).

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, adult, 1<sup>st</sup> August (D.C.Gilbert, I.Hodgson, J.P.McCarthy).

**Norfolk** Breydon Water, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August (P.R.Allard *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Mary's, adult, 18<sup>th</sup> June (R.W.Allen, D.B.Hunt). Bryher, St Mary's, St Agnes and Tresco, immature, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, St Mary's, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Tresco, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> (D.J.Britton, A.R.Lowe *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Easton Broad, adult, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (C.R.Naunton). Benacre, immature, 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November (B.J.Brown, G.J.Jobson, R.Waters *et al.*).

**1972 Suffolk** Minsmere, 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August (D.J.Holman, G.J.Jobson).

**1973 Norfolk** Cley, 11<sup>th</sup> August (Brit. Birds 67: 323), last seen 15<sup>th</sup> (per M.J.Seago).

**1977 Cleveland** Teesmouth, 10<sup>th</sup> September (R.Little).

**1977 Kent** Grain, 4<sup>th</sup> September (T.E.Bowley).

Also seven in Ireland: at Lady's Island Lake, Co. Wexford, on 30<sup>th</sup> September, On Dursey Island, Co. Cork, on 14<sup>th</sup> September, at Duncrue Street Marsh, Belfast, Co. Antrim, on 19<sup>th</sup> September and another there on 1<sup>st</sup> October, at Lissagriffin, Co. Cork, on 16<sup>th</sup> September, at Ballycotton, Co. Cork, from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September and at Clonakilty, Co. Cork, on 19<sup>th</sup> September. The most ever; and the St Mary's adult is the first June occurrence.

## **Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* (5, 63, 1)**

**East Sussex** Rye, 23<sup>rd</sup> July (B.A.E.Marr, R.F.Porter *et al.*).

The least showing since 1969 and only the second July occurrence.

## **Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* (23, 34, 3)**

**Norfolk** Breydon Water, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May (P.R.Allard, A.D.Boote, B.J.Brown). Wolferton, trapped, 16<sup>th</sup> September (Miss J.Gostling, P.L.Ireland, P.Irving *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 220).

**Suffolk** Minsmere, 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Miss H.J.Beck, A.F.Diebel, G.R.Welch *et al.*).

**1976 Merseyside** Crossens Marsh, 1<sup>st</sup> July (Brit. Birds 71: 501), last seen 4<sup>th</sup> July (A.H.J.Harrop).

East Anglia in May remains by far the best bet for finding one of these sandpipers.

## **Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis* (33, 286, 15)**

**Avon** Chew Valley Lake, 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October, when killed by Carrion Crow *Corvus corone* (A.H.Davis).

**Cheshire** Frodsham, 1<sup>st</sup> October (R.Halsey, S.Hind, B.E.Murray).

**Cornwall** Davidstow Airfield, 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September (P.M.Ellis), same, Crowdy Reservoir, 17<sup>th</sup> (S.M.Christophers). St Just Airfield, 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> November (W.R.Hirst, L.P.Williams).

**Gwent** St Bride's Wentlloog, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September (S.N.G.Howell, Dr W.A.Venables).

**Nottinghamshire** Gunthorpe, 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September (Dr D.J.Parkin, M.C.Powell, P.H.Saunders *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Mary's, juveniles: 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September, two, 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> (A.R.Lowe, D.G.H.Mills, N.A.Preston *et al.*).

**Shetland** Walls, 28<sup>th</sup> May (J.D.Okill *et al.*).

**Somerset** Steart, 28<sup>th</sup> July (B.Rabbits).

**South Glamorgan** Rhymney Great Wharf, 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September (S.N.G.Howell, P.G.Lansdown *et al.*).

**Staffordshire** Chasewater, 14<sup>th</sup> September (G.Evans, S.K.Welch, S.M.Whitehouse).

**1977 Dyfed** Ramsey Island, 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August (Ms K.Francis *et al.*). Gwendraeth Estuary, 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September (D.M.Powell, E.J.Smith).

Also singles on Dursey Island, Co. Cork, on 5<sup>th</sup> August, at Lissagriffin, Co. Cork, on 6<sup>th</sup> October and at Rahasane, Co. Galway, on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Before 1975, there had been 137 records in Britain and Ireland, but the annual totals in the last four years read 67, 15, 67 and 15. The Shetland bird constitutes only the ninth spring record. An additional 1977 record is one on the Bann estuary, Co. Derry, on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Great Snipe *Gallinago media* (180, 43, 2)**

**Kent** Westbere, 9<sup>th</sup> April (W.G.Harvey).

**Lincolnshire** Saltfleetby, first-year, 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October, trapped 13<sup>th</sup> (P.Childs, S.Lorand, J.Walker *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 221).

This species gets no commoner, despite the ever-increasing number of observers.

## **Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* (9, 39, 5)**

**Cornwall** Hayle, 19<sup>th</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> April, then Marazion Marsh, 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> (R.Butts, S.M.Christophers *et al.*).

**Devon** Near Bideford, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April (W.H.Tucker).

**Dorset** Fleet, first seen 10<sup>th</sup> December 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 502), remained to 23<sup>rd</sup> February (G.J.Armstrong).

**Gwynedd** Llyn Alaw, Anglesey, 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September (F.A.Clements, G.Patterson, J.P.Wilkinson).

**Scilly** St Mary's, first seen 28<sup>th</sup> September 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 503), remained to at least 19<sup>th</sup> February (R.W.Allen, D.B.Hunt). St Mary's, juvenile, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, then St Agnes, 19<sup>th</sup> to at least 29<sup>th</sup> (R.E.Scott *et al.*).

**Somerset** Steart, 13<sup>th</sup> January (J.Breeds, B.Rabbits).

**1975 Scilly** St Mary's, 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October (Brit. Birds 69: 335), last seen 13<sup>th</sup> October (per H.P.K.Robinson).

**1977 Scilly** St Mary's, 28<sup>th</sup> September to early 1978 (Brit. Birds 71: 503), remained until at least 19<sup>th</sup> February 1978 (R.W.Allen, D.B.Hunt).

The Somerset, Cornwall and Devon records, and the Dyfed unspecified one (see below), were all on unusual dates, the majority of records being in autumn into winter; but, with so many individuals staying for long periods, possible onward movements to new localities could easily be causing undetected duplication.

## **Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* or *L.griseus* (31, 119, 11)**

**Dyfed** Gwendraeth Estuary, 30<sup>th</sup> July (G.G.Evans, E.J.Smith).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 13<sup>th</sup> September (J.M.Turton *et al.*). Tresco, 15<sup>th</sup> September (D.G.H.Mills).

Also singles at Akeragh Lough, Co. Kerry, from 17<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October, with another there on 1<sup>st</sup> December, on Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September and on Lough Beg, Co. Derry, from 9<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> October. The two records in Scilly are regarded as referring to one individual. An additional record for 1977 is one on the Bann estuary, Co. Derry, on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* (12, 19, 2)**

**Western Isles** Peninerine, South Uist, 14<sup>th</sup> August (Dr C.J.Spray, D.Walker).

Also one at Ballycotton, Co. Cork, from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> May. The first ones since 1975, but two further claims remain unresolved. Spring records are particularly exceptional.

## **Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* (35, 100, 4)**

**Grampian** Ythan Estuary, 7<sup>th</sup> October (R.Miller).

**Humberside** Cleethorpes, 24<sup>th</sup> September (S.J., W.J. & W.R.Meek). Flamborough Head, 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith, D.I.M.Wallace).

Also one at South Slob, Co. Wexford, on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Fewer than in most recent years.

## **Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* (3, 12, 2)**

**Essex** Old Hall Marshes, 29<sup>th</sup> May (C.J.Mackenzie-Grieve).

**Norfolk** Breydon Water, 5<sup>th</sup> July (P.R.Allard).

Two more in the surge of records in the 1970s. There were only six British records before 1970, but there have been 11 since.

## **Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia* (6, 34, 7)**

**Essex** Hanningfield Reservoir, adult, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September (Dr S.Cox, S.Hudgell, J.Miller).

**Scilly** St Agnes, juvenile, 15<sup>th</sup> to at least 25<sup>th</sup> August (D.B.Hunt *et al.*). St Mary's, juvenile, 8<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September (A.R.Lowe, D.G.H.Mills, N.A.Preston *et al.*). Tresco, two juveniles, 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August (W.E.Oddie); juvenile, 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September (T.Baker, C.J.McCarty, N.A.Preston *et al.*); juvenile, 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October (C.N.Hacking, C.G.Stack, R.I.Thorpe *et al.*).

**1977 East Sussex** Barcombe Mills Reservoir, juvenile, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November (Brit. Birds 71: 504), last seen 12<sup>th</sup> November (R.J.Fairbank).

**1977 Strathclyde** Endrick Mouth, 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August (D.C.Jardine).

**1977 Suffolk** Walberswick, 12<sup>th</sup> June (S.W. & Mrs P.R.Shott, P.J.White).

The two late acceptances for 1977 take the total for that year to seven, equalled by the events of 1978. Scilly in autumn has always been a good bet for this close relative of the Common Sandpiper *A.hypoleucos*, forcibly exemplified by this series of six individuals.

## **Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* (1, 91, 5)**

**Somerset** Steart, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August (J.Breeds, F.R.Browne, B.Rabbits).

**Strathclyde** Knockshinnoch Lagoons, juvenile, 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September (M.Rollie, R.Wemyss *et al.*).

**West Yorkshire** White Holme Reservoir, 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June (D.I. & Mrs R.Crawshaw, D.J.Sutcliffe). Near Ossett, 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September (A.Frudd, D.Ladley, D.Senior).

**1976 Strathclyde** Shewalton, 23<sup>rd</sup> September (G.J.Cambridge, C.H.Macphee).

**1976 Suffolk** Kessingland, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June (R.Straton).

Also one on Bull Island, Co. Dublin, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September. Near the average for recent years. An additional 1977 record is of one at Lough Beg, Co. Derry, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Long-tailed Skua *Stercorarius longicaudus* (not known, not known, 66)**

**Berkshire/Surrey** Wraysbury Reservoir, juvenile, 30<sup>th</sup> August (C.D.R.Heard).

**Cleveland** Coatham, adult, 9<sup>th</sup> August (A.J.Wheeldon). Hartlepool, adult, 12<sup>th</sup> August; 19<sup>th</sup> (M.A.Blick, J.B.Dunnett). Seaton Snook, juvenile, 23<sup>rd</sup> August (R.Little).

**Cornwall** St Ives, juveniles: 30<sup>th</sup> September (D.J.Barker, P.A.Maker *et al.*); 1<sup>st</sup> October (R.B.Hastings, A.V.Moon).

**Devon** Torquay, adult, 15<sup>th</sup> July (T.F.Edwards).

**Dumfries & Galloway** Near Cairnsphairn, juvenile, found dying, 27<sup>th</sup> September (A.D.Watson, J.Wykes).

**Essex** Colne Point, juvenile, found dying, 8<sup>th</sup> September (Mrs O.Buck, Dr S.Cox).

**Grampian** Kinnaird Head, adult, 25<sup>th</sup> August (D.I.M.Wallace). Girdleness, juvenile, 8<sup>th</sup> October (Dr A.G.Knox).

**Gwynedd** Little Orme's Head, adult, 1<sup>st</sup> October (N.Pierce).

**Highland** Sound of Raasay, adult, 25<sup>th</sup> August (S.Rogers).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, adult, 1<sup>st</sup> May (P.A.Lassey); juveniles: 18<sup>th</sup> August (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith); 25<sup>th</sup> (P.A.Lassey, S.Rooke, Miss I.Smith); sub-adult, 26<sup>th</sup> (P.A.Lassey, S.Rooke, Miss I.Smith *et al.*); immature, 27<sup>th</sup> (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith); at least one adult and two juveniles, 28<sup>th</sup> (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith, D.I.M.Wallace *et al.*); three adults, 30<sup>th</sup> (D.I.M.Wallace); juvenile, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (P.A.Lassey); adult, immature and juvenile, 12<sup>th</sup> (P.A.Lassey, D.I.M.Wallace); adults: 16<sup>th</sup> (P.A.Lassey, V.A.Lister, S.Rooke); 18<sup>th</sup> (P.A.Lassey); juveniles: 23<sup>rd</sup> (J.E.Dale, A.Grieve, D.E.Murray *et al.*); two, 27<sup>th</sup> (D.I.M.Wallace); sub-adult and two juveniles, 1<sup>st</sup> October (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith, D.I.M.Wallace). Spurn, second/third year, 16<sup>th</sup> July (J.Cudworth, Mr & Mrs C.Massingham *et al.*). Hornsea, juveniles: 30<sup>th</sup> August; 1<sup>st</sup> October (W.F.Curtis). North Killingholme, juvenile, 18<sup>th</sup> September (G.P.Catley).

**Kent** Off Dover, adult, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (D.C.Gilbert, W.G.Harvey). Foreness, adult, 17<sup>th</sup> September (D.C.Gilbert). Allhallows, two juveniles, 1<sup>st</sup> October (T.E.Bowley, M.Coath, L.F. & S.L.Woolard). Dungeness, first-winter, 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, trapped 29<sup>th</sup> (N.R.Davies, K.Redshaw, N.Riddiford *et al.*).

**Lancashire** Hest Bank, juvenile, 1<sup>st</sup> October (P.Guy).

**Lincolnshire** Donna Nook, juvenile, 1<sup>st</sup> October (S.Lorand).



**Merseyside** Moreton, immature, 30<sup>th</sup> September (Miss J.E.Moore, D.Woodward). New Brighton, juvenile, 11<sup>th</sup> September (J.K.Bannon). New Brighton/Great Moels, two juveniles, 30<sup>th</sup> September (S.M.Whitehouse *et al.*). Leasowe, sub-adult and at least two juveniles, 30<sup>th</sup> September (K.Atkin, D.J.Holman *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 222); juvenile, long dead, 1<sup>st</sup> October (P.R.Kennerley, D.J.Pitman, W.M.Underwood *et al.*). Red Rocks, Hoylake, juvenile, 1<sup>st</sup> October (J.R.Dagley, S.Stirrup, A.M.Stoddart *et al.*). Wallasey, juvenile, 1<sup>st</sup> October (E.J.Abraham, G.P.Catley, J.F.A.First *et al.*).

**Norfolk** All juveniles: Holme, 30<sup>th</sup> August (P.R.Clarke); Cley, 16<sup>th</sup> September (G.Smith); Sheringham, two, 17<sup>th</sup> (C.I.Bushell, D.S.Farrow).

**North Yorkshire** Filey Brigg, adults: 6<sup>th</sup> August (I.Forsyth, D.E.Murray, M.Nethercoat); 13<sup>th</sup>; 20<sup>th</sup> (A.Botterill, T.I.Corbett, H.J.Whitehead *et al.*); 15<sup>th</sup> September (P.J.Dunn, Mr & Mrs Stevens). Scarborough, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> August (R.H.Appleby).

**Shetland** Sumburgh, juvenile, 19<sup>th</sup> August (M.S.Chapman, R.O'Reilly). Fetlar, adult, 17<sup>th</sup> September (J.N.Dymond).

**Western Isles** Little Minch, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> June (M.A.Blick, T.Francis, A.J.Wheeldon).

**1976 Grampian** Fraserburgh, long dead, 26<sup>th</sup> September (P.M.Ellis).

**1976 South Yorkshire** Wath Ings, adult, 29<sup>th</sup> May: this locality is in South Yorkshire not West Yorkshire as previously stated (Brit. Birds 71: 505).

**1976 West Yorkshire** see South Yorkshire.

**1977 Norfolk** Holme, adult, 19<sup>th</sup> July (P.R.Clarke). Snettisham, adult, 17<sup>th</sup> September (G.M.S.Easy, T.Talbot). Cley, juvenile, 17<sup>th</sup> September (D.J.Holman, J.Ward *et al.*).

For the third consecutive year the Committee has had its work cut out dealing with this species: after about 170 records in the ten years 1958-67, there have now been 259 in the last three years.

## **Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus* (not known)**

**1958 North Yorkshire** Off Scarborough, 12<sup>th</sup> October, previously not accepted (Brit. Birds 53: 430), now accepted after review (K.Hardcastle, J.R.Mather, R.C.Parkinson *et al.*).

Formerly much rarer, this species was on the list of species considered by the Committee until 1962 (Brit. Birds 56: 394).

## **Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla* (2, 13, 4)**

**Cornwall** Newlyn Bay, first-winter, January to 23<sup>rd</sup> March (S.M.Christophers *et al.*); same as first seen St Ives Bay, 10<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 506, plate 188).

**Dumfries & Galloway** Loch Ken, probable second-winter, 22<sup>nd</sup> September to at least December (I.R. & Mrs D.Willis *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 15).

**Dyfed** Nant-y-Moch Reservoir, adult, 19<sup>th</sup> May, same, Llyn Syfydrin Reservoir, 20<sup>th</sup> (M.P. & Mrs R.A.Frost).

**Merseyside** Hilbre, first-summer, 16<sup>th</sup> May (T.R.Cleeves, J.B.O.Rossetti).

**North Yorkshire/West Yorkshire** Fairburn Ings, adult, 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> October (P.Kirk, C.Winn *et al.*).

**1968 Strathclyde** Loch Lomond, adult, 2<sup>nd</sup> April (J.Mitchell).

**1977 Cornwall** St Ives Bay, 10<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December (Brit. Birds 71: 506), again, Newlyn Bay, January to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1978 (S.M.Christophers *et al.*).

Although there are still only 19 records of this Nearctic gull, a pattern of spring and autumn occurrences is starting to show; June, however, is the only month not yet represented.

## **Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan* (0, 5, 0)**

**Suffolk** Individual first seen Lowestoft Harbour, 13<sup>th</sup> November 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 506, plates 186 & 187; 72; plates 213 & 214), last seen near Oulton Broad, 27<sup>th</sup> March (G.W.Maybury).

**1977 Suffolk** See above.

## **Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* (0, 14, 8)**

**Cleveland** Coatham Marsh, first-winter, 19<sup>th</sup> December (D.J.Britton).

**Devon** Plym Estuary, adult, 15<sup>th</sup> January (P.James). Torcross, first-winter, 11<sup>th</sup> March (P.M.Ellis).

**West Glamorgan** Blackpill, adult, winter plumage, 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April (R.J.Howells, J.E.Morgan); adult, summer plumage, 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May (R.J.Howells, J.E.Morgan, M.C.Swan *et al.*); second-summer, 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> May (R.J.Howells, A.M.W.Reynolds, I.Tew *et al.*); another second-summer, 24<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> May (R.J.Howells, J.E.Morgan, A.M.W.Reynolds); another second-summer, 24<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May (R.J.Howells, J.E.Morgan).

**1977 Hampshire** Langstone Harbour, 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July (Brit. Birds 71: 507), last seen 1<sup>st</sup> August (R.E.Scott).

**1977 South Glamorgan** See West Glamorgan.

**1977 West Glamorgan** Blackpill, adult, 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March: this locality is in West Glamorgan not South Glamorgan as previously stated (Brit. Birds 71: 507).

Eight records represent a new peak; the huge gull roost at Blackpill remains the hot spot for perceptive gull-enthusiasts.

## **Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* (2, 20, 0)**

**1977 Shetland** Lerwick Harbour, adult, 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November (Brit. Birds 71: 507), last seen 25<sup>th</sup> November (per J.D.Okill).

## **Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* (76, 15, 2)**

**Norfolk** Brancaster, first-winter, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January (R.Kimber *et al.*).

Also one at Bangor, Co. Down, from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December (Brit. Birds 72: plate 41). Typical dates for this scavenger of the arctic ice-floes.

## **Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica* (53, 134, 6)**

**Gwynedd** Point Lynas, Anglesey, 16<sup>th</sup> July (A.H.J.Harrop, N.Hughes, M.Thomas *et al.*).

**Hampshire** Warsash, 29<sup>th</sup> April (D.A.Christie).

**Humberside** Hornsea, 19<sup>th</sup> July (A.M.Allport).

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, 18<sup>th</sup> May (D.C.Gilbert).

**Lincolnshire** Trusthorpe Point, adult, 3<sup>rd</sup> September (J.R.Walker).

**Tyne & Wear** Whitburn, 6<sup>th</sup> July (P.Bell).

An average showing on typical dates.

## **Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* (30, 101, 2)**

**Kent** Lade, Dungeness, 3<sup>rd</sup> June (N.R.Davies).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 29<sup>th</sup> May (P.J.Ewins).

**1977 Derbyshire** Ogston Reservoir, 19<sup>th</sup> June (M.Benten).

The least showing since 1970; observers have to find their own as they are nearly always 'gone tomorrow'.

## **Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* (3, 2, 0)**

**1977 Devon** Lundy, wing found, 22<sup>nd</sup> April (A.Cleave, P.Roberts, P.R.Sterry), now retained by A.Cleave.

All four previous records have been of dead birds, two of them in the Bristol Channel area, Somerset in October 1958 and Glamorgan in September 1954, while the others were at Dublin in November 1953 and in Kent in November 1931. The wing found on the slopes of Lundy was fairly fresh.

## **Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* (20, 47, 2)**

**Hampshire** Warsash, 20<sup>th</sup> May (D.A.Christie).

**Wight** Near Seaview, adult, 10<sup>th</sup> September (D.J.Brazier).

After ten records in the previous two years, these two are a return to the form of the early 1970s.

## **White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* (50, 326, 10)**

**Avon** Chew Valley Lake, juvenile, 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September (A.H.Davis, G.J.Upton, K.E.Vinicombe *et al.*).

**Essex** Abberton Reservoir, adult, 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August (G.B.Brown, D.R.Moore, M.Wright *et al.*). Bradwell-on-Sea, adult, 8<sup>th</sup> September (G.Smith), the same, Foulness, 9<sup>th</sup> (R.Glover).

**Humberside** Tophill Low Reservoir, adult, 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August (P.Bishop, B.S.Bryan, P.Izzard *et al.*).

**Kent** Dungeness, juveniles: 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August (T.G.Ball, S.W.Gale, A.M.Heaven *et al.*); another, 28<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September (N.Riddiford *et al.*); another, 16<sup>th</sup> September (A.J.Greenland, R.E.Turley).

**Staffordshire** Blithfield Reservoir, juvenile, 7<sup>th</sup> September (L.G.Catlin, K.Verrall).

**Surrey** Queen Mary Reservoir, adult and juvenile, 19<sup>th</sup> August (M.J.Rogers *et al.*).

**1977 Humberside** Hornsea Mere, juvenile, 23<sup>rd</sup> August (A.M.Allport).

**1977 Lancashire** Martin Mere, 27<sup>th</sup> May (D.Crompton, M.Moser, C.G.Tomlinson).

**1977 Norfolk** Welney, two, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May (G.H.Scott *et al.*).

**1977 West Sussex** Pagham Harbour, adult, 30<sup>th</sup> July (D.J.Smith).

The least showing since 1965 and the first blank spring since 1974.

## **Brünnich's Guillemot *Uria lomvia* (2, 6, 1)**

**Grampian** St Cyrus, newly dead, 14<sup>th</sup> July (N.K.Atkinson, C.A.Johnson), now in Montrose Museum.

**1977 Northumberland** Farne Islands, 13<sup>th</sup> July (N.Leeming, R.Pimm, J.B.Ribbands).

These two records rather refute the suggestion in the previous report that a tiny wintering population is responsible for the tideline records of this arctic auk. The observers of a healthy, live individual in Northumberland will be widely envied.

## **Rufous Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis* (2, 5, 1)**

**Cornwall** Consols, near St Ives, 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May (P.Pearce, V.Stratton).

This record, the eighth ever, echoes that in Scilly in May 1960 (Brit. Birds 53: 445-446). There are five late autumn records and one for January.

## **Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* (6, 13, 2)**

**Cornwall** Porthgwarra, 28<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May (M.G.Barradell *et al.*).

**Merseyside** Red Rocks, Hoylake, immature, 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Miss J.E.Moore, D.T.Patrick, D.Woodward).

Only the second year that has seen more than one record of this southern vagrant. In addition, a late Irish record reaches us, of one on Mahee Island, Strangford Lough, Co. Down, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 1975.

## **Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus* (22, 11, 2)**

**Humberside** Spurn, trapped, 27<sup>th</sup> October (S.E.Cannell, G.Hainsworth, P.Higson *et al.*).

**Lincolnshire** Welton-le-Marsh, found dead, 30<sup>th</sup> October (R.Lambert, R.Pritchard), now in Lincoln Museum.

Nine of the 13 records since 1958 have been of dead or dying individuals, The dates of these two are typical.

## **Snowy Owl *Nyctea scandiaca* (many, 162, 9)**

**Shetland** Fetlar, two adult females, present since late 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 510) to end of May, third adult female throughout April; then none until adult female from 23<sup>rd</sup> June, joined by second adult female 24<sup>th</sup> July to end September and probably to end of year (J.N.Dymond). Unst, female, 28<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> May (W.Henderson, M.Sinclair, I.Spence). Whalsay, female, 7<sup>th</sup> May (Dr B.Marshall, J.D.Okill). Aywick, Yell, female, 15<sup>th</sup> May (J.Nicolson), same, Westsandwick, 20<sup>th</sup> May, and north of Harkland, 21<sup>st</sup> June (J.H.Ballantyne). North Mainland, at least one female, 14<sup>th</sup> May to mid August (D.Coutts, E.Tait *et al.*). Eshaness, Mainland, female, 20<sup>th</sup> August (R.Robertson). Uyeasound, Unst, female, 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September (I.Spence); female, 1<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November (I.Spence, E.Thomson). Bressay, female, 8<sup>th</sup> October (D.Herning).

**1977 Shetland** Burra, female, 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Brit. Birds 71 : 510): this entry should be deleted (per J.D.Okill). Fetlar, two adult females, 8<sup>th</sup> September to end of year (Brit. Birds 71: 510), present to end of May 1978, see above.

As in the previous two years, no males but plenty of patient females.

## **Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor* (3, 4, 1)**

**Orkney** Near Kirkwall, trapped, 12<sup>th</sup> September (J.R.L.Hogarth, A.D.K.Ramsey, E.J.Williams).

The earliest ever of the eight records, and only the second away from Scilly, the other having been in Nottinghamshire in October 1971.

## **Alpine Swift *Apus melba* (150, 129, 9)**

**Cornwall** Gunwalloe, 24<sup>th</sup> April (M.J.Strickland).

**East Sussex** Rye, 8<sup>th</sup> June (P.F.Bonham).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, 1<sup>st</sup> July (P.A.Lasseby).

**Kent** Sandwich Bay and area, 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August (R.Garnier, D.C.Gilbert, W.G.Harvey *et al.*).

**Man** Maughold Head, 9<sup>th</sup> June, two, 11<sup>th</sup> June (R.Cripps, Dr J.P.Cullen, A.Martin *et al.*).

**Suffolk** Dingle Marshes. 1<sup>st</sup> June (S.P.Rigden), same, Westleton Heath, shortly afterwards (A.J. Morris).

Also singles at Raheny, Co. Dublin, on 30<sup>th</sup> March and on Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Apart from the exceptionally early one in Ireland, this is a typical showing for this ace flyer.

## **Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle alcyon* (0, 0, 1)**

One said to have been shot in Cornwall in November 1908 is currently under consideration by the BOU Records Committee, but the first acceptable record for Britain and Ireland was one discovered at Bunree River, Co. Mayo, on 10<sup>th</sup> December; alas, it was shot on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1979.

## **Bee-eater *Merops apiaster* (154, 94, 2)**

**Dyfed** Near Aberporth, 26<sup>th</sup> May (J. & Mrs R.Bowen).

**Kent** Dungeness, 21<sup>st</sup> May (G.Jones, A.J.Livett).

Two typical over-shooting spring migrants.

## **Roller *Coracias garrulus* (135, 58, 1)**

**Surrey/West Sussex** Near Gatwick Airport, 29<sup>th</sup> May (the late Dr J.G.Harrison).

**1977 Shetland** Mid Yell and area, 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July (R.J.Tulloch *et al.*).

The least showing since 1971.

## **Calandra Lark *Melanocorypha calandra* (0, 1, 1)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 28<sup>th</sup> April (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson, R.A.Williams *et al.*).

The one previous record was at Portland, Dorset, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1961 (Brit. Birds 55: 44-46).

## **Short-toed Lark *Calandrella brachydactyla* (40, 152, 7)**

**Norfolk** Weybourne, immature, 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October (G.E.Dunmore, S.C.Joyner, K.B.Shepherd *et al.*); adult, 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October (K.Bailey, M.Fischer, K.B.Shepherd).

**Scilly** Gugh, 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April (J.W.Hale, D.B.Hunt, J.D.Sanders).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 29<sup>th</sup> April (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson, R.A.Williams); 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May (G.W. & R.Follows, I.S.Robertson *et al.*); 23<sup>rd</sup> September (A.Graham).

**1977 Shetland** Out Skerries, 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September (Brit. Birds 71: 511), delete 'J.D.Okill'.

Also one on Great Saltee, Co. Wexford, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October. Seven records is well below the average of the last ten years, and the spate of autumn occurrences in Scilly in recent years comes to an abrupt halt.

## **Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica* (7, 53, 1)**

**Salop** Shrewsbury, 30<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May (M.Isherwood, C.Wright *et al.*).

**1977 Dyfed** Dale, 5<sup>th</sup> March (R.W.Brock).

Since 1966 there has been only one other year (1974) with just one record. The late acceptance for 1977 is – by one day – the earliest British record.

## **Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae* (135, 825, 25)**

**Cornwall** Lelant, 7<sup>th</sup> October (E.Griffiths, L.P.Williams).

**Humber** Spurn, 11<sup>th</sup> October (J.Cudworth, J.S.George).

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, 6<sup>th</sup> May (D.C.Gilbert, J.P.McCarthy, D.B.Rosair). Foreness Point, 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December (D.C.Gilbert, W.G.Harvey, Dr B.J.Summerfield *et al.*).

**Lincolnshire** Saltfleetby, 1<sup>st</sup> October (M.Mellor). Donna Nook, two, 10<sup>th</sup> October (K.Atkin, S.Lorand, K.Morrison).

**Norfolk** Winterton, 27<sup>th</sup> October (P.R.Allard)

**North Yorkshire** Scarborough, 14<sup>th</sup> October (R.H.Appleby).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 14<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October (per H.P.K.Robinson).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, minimum of 13: two, 29<sup>th</sup> September; five, 30<sup>th</sup>, one to 1<sup>st</sup> October; another, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>; four, 3<sup>rd</sup>; another, 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>; two, 7<sup>th</sup>; another, 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>; two, 12<sup>th</sup> (I.S.Robertson *et al.*). Out Skerries, 23<sup>rd</sup> September (J.D.Okill, I.Sandison).

**1967 Norfolk** Cley, 18<sup>th</sup> November (D.J.Holman). The individual on 27<sup>th</sup> November (Brit. Birds 61: 353) was first seen on 25<sup>th</sup> (D.J.Holman).

**1968 Scilly** St Agnes, two, 23<sup>rd</sup> October (D.J.Holman).

**1970 Norfolk** Cley, 27<sup>th</sup> September (Brit. Birds 64: 362), first seen 26<sup>th</sup> (D.J.Holman).

**1976 Dyfed** Skokholm, 11<sup>th</sup> October (M.de.L.Brooke, J.R. & Mrs L.M.Lawman). Dowrog Common, St David's, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (J.W.Donovan).

**1977 Norfolk** Weybourne, 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October (B.M.Holmes, C.Straker). Winterton, 31<sup>st</sup> December (P.R.Allard).

**1977 Scilly** St Mary's, 24<sup>th</sup> October (J.Martin, Miss E.Midgely *et al.*); another two, 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>; another, 29<sup>th</sup> (C.D.R.Heard *et al.*).

Also one on Dursey Island, Co. Cork, on 12<sup>th</sup> October. After the flood of records in 1977, this Asian vagrant was once again rather scarce with, as of old, the bulk occurring in Shetland.

## **Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* (120, 393, 10)**

**Dyfed** Ramsey Island, 18<sup>th</sup> September (R.E. & Mrs A.Scott).

**East Sussex** Beachy Head, 29<sup>th</sup> April (D.S.Flumm).

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, 16<sup>th</sup> August (D.C.Gilbert, W.G.Harvey). St Margaret's Bay, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (R.E.Turley). Dungeness, 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September (N.Riddiford *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 4<sup>th</sup> May (D.B.Hunt); another, 27<sup>th</sup> (S.Pilbeam); 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September (P.R.Jepson, D.G.H.Mills, B.J. & Mrs L.A.Short *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June (M.S.Chapman, W.E.Fletcher, A.Graham *et al.*).

**1977 Gwynedd** Aber, 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November (Dr P.J.Dare, C.R.Linfoot, G.G.Williams *et al.*).

**1977 Scilly** St Mary's, 10<sup>th</sup> September (I.C. & Mrs D.E.Gardner).

Also one on Dursey Island, Co. Cork, on 14<sup>th</sup> October. The least showing since 1966.

## **Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* (1, 10, 1)**

**Scilly** Tresco, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October (M.A.Blick, J.P.Guest, P.A.Walton *et al.*).

The sixth consecutive year that this species has occurred and the third in as many years in Scilly. The first British record, on Skokholm, Dyfed, on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1948, has only recently been resolved (Brit. Birds 72: 2-4). It seems possible that occurrences of this pipit will soon overhaul the largely sympatric Pechora Pipit *A.gustavi*.

## **Pechora Pipit *Anthus gustavi* (13, 10, 1)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 8<sup>th</sup> September (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson *et al.*)

The usual locality for this skulking pipit, but rather earlier than most records.

## **Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* (30, 96, 3)**

**Orkney** Mull Head, Papa Westray, 4<sup>th</sup> June (D.C.Wood).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May, trapped 27<sup>th</sup> (P.J.Ewins, R.J.Johns, I.S.Robertson *et al.*); another, 1<sup>st</sup> June (G.Armstrong, I.S.Robertson).

**1977 Humberside** Spurn, 29<sup>th</sup> May (N.A.Bell, G.E.Dobbs, P.Higson *et al.*).

**1977 Scilly** Bryher, 18<sup>th</sup> October, apparently same, Tresco, 19<sup>th</sup> October (D.I.M.Wallace), but not same as those St Agnes, 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> (Brit. Birds 71: 514).

Many fewer than in recent years and the lack of any autumn records is noteworthy.

## **Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* (3, 8, 1)**

**Cornwall** Near Polzeath, adult male, showing characters of the distinctive subspecies *M.f.feldegg*, colloquially known as Black-headed Wagtail, 5<sup>th</sup> June (A.D. & I.A.Callender, S.M.Christophers).

Of the 12 British records, 11 have been in spring and summer; the other was in October.

## **Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* (2, 23, 1)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, immature, 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October, trapped 16<sup>th</sup> (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson, R.A.Williams *et al.*).

**1977 Lincolnshire** Gibraltar Point, male, 22<sup>nd</sup> May (P.Leonard).

The 1977 Lincolnshire bird is the first spring record of this species, closely following the male in Essex in July 1976 which was feeding nestling wagtails (Brit. Birds 71: 209-213), and possibly reflects the recent westward expansion of the breeding range (Brit. Birds 72: 42-43). Another spring record and five further autumn records remain under consideration by the Committee, delays being due to the fact that identification criteria are still far from satisfactorily established.

## **Alpine Accentor *Prunella collaris* (29, 4, 2)**

**Dorset** Portland, 8<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April, trapped 11<sup>th</sup> (S.N.Delaney, I.S.Robertson, R.K.Treeby *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 223).

**Norfolk** Sheringham, 30<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May, trapped 1<sup>st</sup> (K.B.Shepherd *et al.*).

After 29 prior to 1958, there was one in 1959, then singles in 1975, 1976 and 1977, and now come two further spring records.

## **Thrush Nightingale *Luscinia luscinia* (2, 36, 2)**

**Fife** Isle of May, 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May, trapped 6<sup>th</sup> (N.K.Atkinson, M.V.A.Martin, M.Nicholl).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 24<sup>th</sup> May (G.Armstrong, J.Potter, I.S.Robertson *et al.*).

Two typical records.

## **Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope* (0, 2, 0)**

**1977 Lincolnshire** Donna Nook, 14<sup>th</sup> October (R.Lorand).

Hot on the tail of the first record, on Fair Isle from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 1975, comes the second individual of this gem of the northern forests. This and the next-listed record are not only a fine example of the satisfaction gained by a small group of observers who work their 'home patch' day in, day out, but also a good example of brotherly rivalry.

## **Red-Flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* (3, 4, 1)**

**Lincolnshire** Donna Nook, immature female, 10<sup>th</sup> October (S.Lorand).

Only the eighth ever and the third in three years; all but one have occurred in autumn.

## **Stonechat *Saxicola torquata* (1, 20, 10)**

Individuals showing the characters of one or other of the eastern races *S.t.maura* or *stejnegeri*, colloquially known as Siberian Stonechats, were recorded as follows:

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, adult male, *S.t.stejnegeri*, 1<sup>st</sup> May (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith, D.I.M.Wallace); male, possibly intermediate *S.t.maura x stejnegeri*, 25<sup>th</sup> May (A.Grieve, P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith).

**Lincolnshire** Donna Nook, adult male, probably *S.t.stejnegeri*, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (K.Atkin, S.Lorand); immature male, indeterminate, 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October (K.Atkin, P.Haywood, S.Lorand) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 224).

**Northumberland** Low Hauxley, female or immature, indeterminate, trapped, 1<sup>st</sup> October (B.Galloway, J.Hallewell, E.R.Meek).

**Scilly** St Mary's, female or immature, indeterminate, 18<sup>th</sup> October (J.A.Lucas *et al.*), presumed same, 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October (P.D.Round *et al.*).

**Shetland** All female or immatures of indeterminate race. Fair Isle, 14<sup>th</sup> October (P.J.Ewins). Whalsay, 30<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October; 15<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November (Dr B.Marshall *et al.*); 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October (Dr B.Marshall, J.D.Okill).

**1977 Fife** Isle of May, adult female, *S.t.maura*, 7<sup>th</sup> October (G.W. & R.Follows).

**1977 Shetland** Fair Isle, female or immature, indeterminate, 10<sup>th</sup> October (R.A.Broad, M.A.Peacock, M.P.Sutherland).

These ten records set a new level of occurrence for these vagrants from the east; there is only one previous spring record.

## **Isabelline Wheatear *Oenanthe isabellina* (1, 1, 0)**

**1977 Norfolk** Winterton, 28<sup>th</sup> May (P.R.Allard, T.E.Boulton, A.J.Lawrie).

The sole previous record was at Allonby, Cumbria, on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1887. Clarification of the field characters of this species (Brit. Birds 72: 5-6) may lead to further successful identifications.

## **Pied Wheatear *Oenanthe pleschanka* (3, 2, 1)**

**Norfolk** Winterton, immature male, 28<sup>th</sup> May (P.R.Allard, D.J.Holman).

Only the sixth ever and the first in spring. This and the previous-listed record on the same date in 1977 provide just reward for the perseverance of two or three observers with their 'home patch'.

## **Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti* (11, 9, 1)**

**Norfolk** Cley, adult male, 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October (P.A.Brown, S.J.M.Gantlett, T.A.Walsh *et al.*) (Brit. Birds plates 225 & 226).

The ten records since 1958 have now occurred in all months from September to April.

## **Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* (0, 3, 1)**

**Strathclyde** Lochwinnoch, male, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (D.L.Clugston).

All three previous records of this species were in 1964.

## **Black-throated Thrush *Turdus ruficollis* (3, 4, 2)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, male, *T.r.atrogularis*, 17<sup>th</sup> October (N.R.Jones, R.A.Williams).

**Staffordshire** Locality withheld, in north of county, immature, *T.r.atrogularis*, trapped, 26<sup>th</sup> November (D.Emley, D.James, W.Low *et al.*).

**1977 Shetland** Loch of Hillwell, 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November (Brit. Birds 71: 518), last seen 14<sup>th</sup> November (per J.D.Okill).

After single records in 1868, 1879 and 1957/58, this Asian thrush has now appeared in five consecutive years; the dates of these two are typical.

## **Cetti's Warbler *Cettia cetti* (0, 414, -)**

**1976 Devon** South Milton Ley, 24<sup>th</sup> October to at least 13<sup>th</sup> November, two, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, including female trapped; at least one to end of year (R.Burridge).

**1976 Dorset** Portland, 11<sup>th</sup> October (K.W.Parker). West Bexington, additional to those already accepted (Brit. Birds 70: 431): male, possibly two males, 22<sup>nd</sup> November to 28<sup>th</sup> December; three males, 5<sup>th</sup>; four males and one other, 9<sup>th</sup> (C.Cook).

**1976 Kent** Sandwich, 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, trapped 17<sup>th</sup> (L.J.Davenport, J.H.van der.Dol *et al.*).

**1976 West Sussex** Arundel Wildfowl Refuge, 31<sup>st</sup> October to at least 27<sup>th</sup> December; two, 9<sup>th</sup> November (R.M.Billings, S.C.Richardson *et al.*).



These additions augment the documentation of records up to 1976, when the species was removed from the list considered by the Committee.

## **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella certhiola* (3, 2, 0)**

**1976 Norfolk** Cley, 13<sup>th</sup> September (G.Smith).

This additional 1976 record, only the fourth ever, partners that on Fair Isle, Shetland, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 1976 (Brit. Birds 70: 433), which now becomes the fifth.

## **Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata* (9, 14, 3)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 8<sup>th</sup> September (C.J.McCarty, I.S.Robertson, J.Ryan *et al.*); immature, 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October, trapped 29<sup>th</sup> (A.Graham, I.S.Robertson, C.R.Robson *et al.*). Out Skerries, immature, trapped, 23<sup>rd</sup> September (J.D.Okill *et al.*).

**North Sea** Forties Oilfield, 145km E of Aberdeen, Grampian, 57° 40'N 0° 20'E, immature, trapped, 14<sup>th</sup> October (Dr W.R.P.Bourne, Dr A.G.Knox).

Three records typical of recent years from the usual localities, and one as a pleasant surprise for visitors to a North Sea oil-platform; this latter, excluded from the total of British records, was well on its way to Shetland, where all but two of the grand total have been discovered.

## **Savi's Warbler *Locustella luscinioides* (many, 207, 38)**

**Devon** Slapton Ley, two males, 15<sup>th</sup> April; another, at least 29<sup>th</sup> (R.M.Belringer, M.R.Edmonds *et al.*). South Milton Ley, male, 27<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> May, trapped 11<sup>th</sup> (R.Burridge).

**Dorset** Radipole, male, 20<sup>th</sup> May (M.Cade).

**Hampshire** Locality withheld, at least seven: four, possibly six males, 5<sup>th</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> July; male and female trapped, 1<sup>st</sup> July, and juvenile trapped, 6<sup>th</sup>; two, possibly three, pairs bred (observers' names withheld).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, 6<sup>th</sup> May (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith).

**Kent** Stodmarsh and Middle Stour area, 22<sup>nd</sup> April onwards, maximum eight males, seven probably and five definitely paired, three proved breeding (per W.G.Harvey).

**Norfolk** Winterton, male, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May (P.R.Allard).

**Suffolk** Walberswick, male, 21<sup>st</sup> May onwards; juvenile trapped, 20<sup>th</sup> August (per D.R.Moore). Minsmere, 2<sup>nd</sup> May onwards, maximum of two males, two pairs probably bred (per D.R.Moore).

**County withheld** Locality withheld, four males: 28<sup>th</sup> April to at least 1<sup>st</sup> May; 20<sup>th</sup> May to at least mid July; three, 14<sup>th</sup> June to at least mid July (observers' names withheld).

**County withheld** Locality withheld, male, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May (observers' names withheld). Same site as 1977, locality withheld, see below.

**1977 Cambridgeshire** Wicken Fen, male, 1<sup>st</sup> August (I.R.Walker).

**1977 County withheld** Locality withheld, male, 6<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July (observers' names withheld).

Further consolidation by this reedbed reeler; the second consecutive year with around 30 singing males.

## **Aquatic Warbler *Acrocephalus paludicola* (47, 457, 12)**

**Cheshire** Frodsham, immature, trapped, 20<sup>th</sup> August (R.G.Bertera, B.E.Murray).

**Cornwall** Marazion, two immatures, 12<sup>th</sup> August (P.D.Round); another, 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August (W.R.Hirst, P.D.Round). Long Rock, Marazion, immature, trapped, 31<sup>st</sup> August (B.Pattenden).

**Devon** Slapton Ley, 3<sup>rd</sup> September (D.J.Hopkins, Mr & Mrs J.Woodland).

**Dorset** Radipole, adult and immature, trapped, 23<sup>rd</sup> August (R.E.Scott *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, immature, trapped, 14<sup>th</sup> August; another, 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August, trapped 16<sup>th</sup> (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson, R.A.Williams *et al.*).

**Somerset** Steart, immature, trapped, 31<sup>st</sup> August; another, trapped, 5<sup>th</sup> September (A.W.Evans).

**1972 Scilly** St Mary's, 8<sup>th</sup> October (Brit. Birds 66: 348), last seen 9<sup>th</sup> (D.J.Holman *et al.*).

**1975 East Sussex** Locality withheld, nine immatures trapped: three, 10<sup>th</sup> August; two, 11<sup>th</sup>; two 17<sup>th</sup>; another 18<sup>th</sup>; another 4<sup>th</sup> September, remaining to 5<sup>th</sup> (J.Willsher *et al.*).

**1977 Dorset** Portland, two immatures, 14<sup>th</sup> August (R.J. & Mrs S.M.Johns), additional to adult and immature already accepted (Brit. Birds 71: 519).

**1977 Norfolk** Waxham, 25<sup>th</sup> September (R.A.Butler, J.Whitelegg).

Although several ringing-groups are tardy in submitting their records from English south coast reedbeds, this total of just 12 individuals falls well short of the figures for recent years.

## **Great Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus arundinaceus* (23, 81, 9)**

**Dorset** Corfe Mullen, 19<sup>th</sup> June (C.Cook, Dr G.P.Green *et al.*).

**East Sussex** Rye, in song, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May (P.F.Bonham *et al.*).

**Gwynedd** Locality withheld, male, trapped, 30<sup>th</sup> July (observer's name withheld).

**Kent** Dungeness, 6<sup>th</sup> May (W.E.Blake, S.R. & K.Perry *et al.*). Stodmarsh, in song, 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> June (W.G.Harvey, C.H.Hindle, H.Shorrock *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Locality in west, in song, 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June (P.Gotham, Dr J.Lines).

**Northamptonshire** Ravensthorpe Reservoir, 20<sup>th</sup> May (C.J.Coe, R.J.Cross, N.McMahon *et al.*).

**Scilly** St Mary's, 12<sup>th</sup> October (P.Goriup, C.R.Ireland, Z.Karpowicz).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June, trapped 2<sup>nd</sup> (M.S.Chapman, W.E.Fletcher, I.S.Robertson *et al.*).

A good showing, equalling the previous best year, 1969. The individual in Scilly was only the third late autumn occurrence, all of which have been in southwest.

## **Booted Warbler *Hippolais caligata* (1, 8, 1)**

**Humberside** Kilnsea, trapped, 9<sup>th</sup> September (J.S.George, D.Hursthouse, B.R.Spence *et al.*).

This is only the third record outside Shetland; the date is typical.

## **Subalpine Warbler *Sylvia cantillans* (12, 61, 1)**

**Cleveland** Lovell Hill, Redcar, female, trapped, 28<sup>th</sup> May (S.C.Norman).

**1977 North Yorkshire** Burniston, near Scarborough, 25<sup>th</sup> September (M.Francis).

A typical record; the least showing since 1969, but records of three ringed individuals have not yet been received by the Committee.

## **Rüppell's Warbler *Sylvia rueppelli* (0, 1, 0)**

**1977 Shetland** Dunrossness, Mainland, 13<sup>th</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> September (R.P.Martins, J.D.Okill *et al.*).

The first British record of this distinctive warbler which has a very restricted breeding range. It was in heavy moult when discovered and is very likely to have reached Shetland in the late spring, remaining undetected throughout the summer. Full details will be published in due course.

## **Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* (13, 113, 5)**

**Devon** Lundy, in song, 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July (M. & Mrs W.Rogers); another, 8<sup>th</sup> August (A.M.Taylor).

**Man** Calf of Man, in song, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June (G.D.Elliot, P.P.Jennings).

**Scilly** St Agnes, 20<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November (P.Loud, C.J.Mackenzie-Grieve, J.Miller *et al.*).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, adult, trapped, 4<sup>th</sup> August (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson, R.A.Williams *et al.*).

**1977 Humberside** Flamborough Head, 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August (A.Grieve, P.A.Lassey *et al.*).

Two singing males in summer, including the third such on the Calf of Man in the last five years, and a meagre scatter of autumn individuals. The long-awaited identification paper covering this difficult species and its confusing relatives is still in preparation, but see Brit. Birds 72: 473-474.

## **Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* (19, 76, 4)**

**Highland** Wick River, 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September (K.W.Banks, S.G.Mackay, G.F.Oatman *et al.*).

**Humberside** Humberstone Fitties, 10<sup>th</sup> October (G.P.Catley).

**Shetland** Sumburgh, 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, trapped 1<sup>st</sup> (F.Lambert, J.D.Okill *et al.*). Fair Isle, 28<sup>th</sup> September (T.R & Mrs A.Cleaves, P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson *et al.*).

Four typical records; this species, which migrates southeast from its breeding grounds which extend as near as northern Scandinavia, shows no sign of increased occurrences.

## **Pallas's Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* (3, 109, 2)**

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, 28<sup>th</sup> October (M.K.Briggs, J.H.van der.Dol). Dungeness, trapped, 6<sup>th</sup> November (T.Collins, N.Riddiford).

A very lean year for this mite from Asia, but all the other vagrants from similar regions were equally few and far between.

## **Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* (1, 22, 2)**

**Humberside** Spurn, 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October, trapped 14<sup>th</sup> (J.Adlard, B.R.Spence, R.Sturman *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 227).

**Norfolk** Holkham, 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October (S.J.M.Gantlett *et al.*).

These two take the grand total to 25, precisely the same as that of its close relative, the Dusky Warbler.

## **Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* (1, 23, 1)**

**Kent** Sandwich Bay, 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November (D.M.Batchelor, N.V.McCanch, J.H.van der.Dol *et al.*).

The latest ever, by one day.

## **Willow Tit *Parus montanus* (1, 1, 0)**

An individual showing the characters of the northern race *P.m.borealis* was recorded as follows:

**1975 South Yorkshire** Thorne Moors, 8<sup>th</sup> February (C.D.R.Heard).

This is the only recent documented record of this frosty-plumaged race from Scandinavia.

## **Wallcreeper *Tichodroma muraria* (6, 3, 0)**

**Somerset** Cheddar, from early November 1977 (Brit. Birds 71: 522), remained until 9<sup>th</sup> April (per B.Rabbits).

**1977 Somerset** See above.

Despite early rumours, this individual did not reappear for a third winter.

## **Short-toed Treecreeper *Certhia brachydactyla* (0, 5, 2)**

**Kent** Dungeness, 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October, two, both trapped 7<sup>th</sup> (A.J.Greenland, N.Riddiford *et al.*).

These two individuals are the sixth and seventh to have been accepted since the criteria needed for differentiation from the Treecreeper *C.familiaris* were finally established and published (Brit. Birds 69: 117-131).

## **Penduline Tit *Remiz pendulinus* (0, 2, 0)**

**1977 Scilly** St Agnes, juvenile, 25<sup>th</sup> October (P.A.Dukes) (Brit. Birds 72: 483-484).

Only the second record of this most elusive species, the first being at Spurn, Humberside, from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 1966. Despite the efforts of over a hundred observers, only the finder, an autumn habitué of St Agnes, was fortunate.

## **Isabelline Shrike *Lanius isabellinus* (1, 9, 3)**

**Cambridgeshire** Hemingford Grey, adult male showing characters of *L.i.isabellinus*, 8<sup>th</sup> October (J.S.Clark).

**Dorset** Winspit, 14<sup>th</sup> to at least 24<sup>th</sup> October, trapped 16<sup>th</sup> (M.C. & P.Combridge, T.Squire, M.A.Stewart *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 228).

**Lincolnshire** Donna Nook, immature, 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October (K.Atkin, R. & S.Lorand, C.Morrison *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 229).

**1976 Suffolk** Benacre, immature showing characters of *L.i.phoenicuroides*, 30<sup>th</sup> August (B.J.Brown, D.R.Moore, C.S.Waller).

**1977 Humberside** Flamborough Head, immature showing characters of *L.i.phoenicuroides*, 21<sup>st</sup> August (D.I.M.Wallace).

Three in one year is the highest-ever annual total. A paper on the taxonomy of the Isabelline and related shrikes by Professor Dr K.H.Voous will be published shortly. If confronted by one of these shrikes in the field, observers should be aware of the possibility of the Brown Shrike *L.cristatus* occurring in western Europe.

## **Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor* (32, 75, 2)**

**Oxfordshire** Standlake, 17<sup>th</sup> June (S.G.Perry).

**1977 East Sussex** Rye, 3<sup>rd</sup> June (P.F.Bonham, B.Grimes, R.C.Knight *et al.*).

**1977 Suffolk** Near Lakenheath, 4<sup>th</sup> June (Brit. Birds 71: 523): observers included D.C.Palmer, not D.T.Palmer as stated.

Also one on Great Saltee, Co. Wexford, on 30<sup>th</sup> May, only the second Irish record. The additional 1977 record takes the total for that year to seven, the most ever.

## **Woodchat Shrike *Lanius senator* (101, 266, 7)**

**Devon** Slapton, immature, 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November (R.M.Belringer *et al.*).

**Dorset** Portland, immature, 20<sup>th</sup> August (M.Rogers, E.T.Welland *et al.*).

**Kent** Dungeness, 4<sup>th</sup> May (N.Riddiford *et al.*).

**Lancashire** Rossall Farm School, Fleetwood, 1<sup>st</sup> June (R.A.Cadman).

**Lincolnshire** Donna Nook, immature, 6<sup>th</sup> August (S.Lorand).

**Norfolk** Holme, 1<sup>st</sup> June (P.R.Clarke).

**Scilly** Bryher, 24<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May (D.B.Hunt *et al.*).

**1976 Scilly** St Mary's, immature, 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September (L.J.Degnan, R.Drew *et al.*).

**1977 Suffolk** Minsmere, 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June (A.R.J.Paine *et al.*).

Well below the annual average since 1958. The Devon record is the latest ever.

## **Nutcracker *Nucifraga caryocatactes* (45, 349, 3)**

**Cumbria** Bowness-on-Windermere, 22<sup>nd</sup> October (J.R.Faunt).

**Greater Manchester** Hindley, 9<sup>th</sup> October (B.Winstanley).

**Norfolk** Gunton, at least one, 6<sup>th</sup> October (I.W.Corfe).

**1977 Suffolk** Somersham, 31<sup>st</sup> December (Rev. R.W.Francis).

Since the great invasion of 1968-69, there had been just seven records, involving 12 individuals, until these three; the dates are typical.

## **Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* (160, 91, 3)**

**Buckinghamshire** Bletchley, adult, 7<sup>th</sup> November (R.Lovell).

**Hertfordshire** Cheshunt, adult, 4<sup>th</sup> December (Mrs M.Parcell).

**Scilly** St Mary's, juvenile, 10<sup>th</sup> to at least 12<sup>th</sup> October (D.Page, R.Tidman *et al.*).

**1975 Dyfed** Treginnis, adult, 29<sup>th</sup> July (P.Bagguley, G.Sellors *et al.*), presumed additional to adult, Devil's Bridge, 100 km NE, 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July (Brit. Birds 69: 353).

**1977 Merseyside** Formby, adult, 2<sup>nd</sup> August (A.H.J.Harrop).

Three is rather below average; the lateness of the records is unusual, July and August occurrences being most frequent.

## **Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* (1, 7, 2)**

**Scilly** St Mary's, immature, 11<sup>th</sup> October (I.Burrows, C.Leach, P.Rolph *et al.*).

Also one on Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork, from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the third Irish record. The Scilly bird was the fourth for that archipelago.

## **Serin *Serinus serinus* (76, 237, 31)**

**Cornwall** Marazion, two males, 23<sup>rd</sup> April (W.R.Hirst, L.P.Williams *et al.*).

**Devon** Prawle Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (D.L.Davenport). Lundy, male, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (M.Rogers. A.M.Taylor). Locality withheld, pair, 11<sup>th</sup> May (R.Burridge). Lannacombe, male, 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June (A.J.Bundy, D.E.Paull, R.H.Ryall *et al.*). Locality in south, pair, 8<sup>th</sup> May, later bred, rearing six young in two broods, last seen 1<sup>st</sup> October (V.R.Tucker *et al.*).

**Dorset** Portland, 8<sup>th</sup> April (I.S.Robertson). Hengistbury Head, male, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> May (F.D.Holmes, I.E.Mackay).

**Dyfed** Skokholm, male, 11<sup>th</sup> May (Mrs J.M.Lawman).

**East Sussex** Beachy Head, male, 1<sup>st</sup> May (D.S.Flumm); male or female, 9<sup>th</sup> May (T.W.Parmenter, M.J.Rogers); male, 10<sup>th</sup> May (D.A.Parmenter, M.J.Rogers *et al.*).

**Hereford & Worcester** Near Evesham, male and at least one other, 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June (A.W.B.Nelson).

**Humberside** Spurn, male, trapped, 14<sup>th</sup> February (B.R. & Mrs C.Spence).

**Kent** Canterbury, male, 23<sup>rd</sup> April (W.G.Harvey). Dungeness, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, possibly another 4<sup>th</sup> (H.A.R.Cawkell, N.J.Pleass, N.Riddiford *et al.*).

**Norfolk** Sheringham, immature, 18<sup>th</sup> August (K.B.Shepherd). Holme, female, 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May (P.R.Clark); female, 7<sup>th</sup> September (P.R.Clark, R.Pitts, M.Rooney).

**West Sussex** Littlehampton, male, 14<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> May; another male, 9<sup>th</sup> to at least 20<sup>th</sup> April (A.S.Ciok, R.Grimmet *et al.*).

**Wight** St Catherine's Point, male, 25<sup>th</sup> April (D.B.Wooldridge).

**1968 Cornwall** Lelant, four, 6<sup>th</sup> January (Brit. Birds 62: 487), one to 13<sup>th</sup> (D.J.Holman).

**1977 Kent** Dungeness, two, 22<sup>nd</sup> May (K.Redshaw).

By two or three, this is the highest annual total of this delightful little finch, as usual largely restricted to English south coast counties. The successful rearing of two broods by a pair in Devon is only the third published record of proved breeding in Britain and Ireland, the previous ones being in Dorset and Sussex.

## **Arctic Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni* (30, 54, 1)**

**Kent** Sevenoaks, 29<sup>th</sup> April (the late Dr J.G.Harrison).

**1973 Norfolk** Cley, 5<sup>th</sup> January (C.D.R.Heard).

Most records are during October to January.

## **Scarlet Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* (over 200, 421, 23)**

**Borders** St Abb's, female or immature, 6<sup>th</sup> September (R.G.Nisbet, S.Ward).

**Highland** Golspie, first-year male, in song, 9<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June (A.R.Mainwood). Noss Head, Caithness, female or immature, 7<sup>th</sup> September (K.W.Banks, S.G.Mackay, G.F.Oatman *et al.*).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, female or immature, 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September (P.A.Lassey, S.Rooke, D.I.M.Wallace).

**Scilly** St Mary's, females or immatures, 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October (H.P.K.Robinson *et al.*); 6<sup>th</sup> October (R.M.Belringer, J.C.Nicholls).

**Shetland** All females or immatures: Grutness, 2<sup>nd</sup> June (J.D.Okill). Fair Isle, 4<sup>th</sup> June (P.J.Ewins); 8<sup>th</sup> June, trapped (I.S.Robertson); two, 5<sup>th</sup> September; another 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>; another 29<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> October (I.S.Robertson *et al.*). Fetlar, 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August (J.N.Dymond). Whalsay, 6<sup>th</sup> September (Dr B.Marshall). Uyeasound, Unst, 7<sup>th</sup> September, probably same, 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> (I.Spence). Out Skerries, two, 8<sup>th</sup> September (J.A.Ginnever, Dr B.Marshall, E.Tait); another, 10<sup>th</sup> (E.Tait); 27<sup>th</sup> (C.Roberts); another 30<sup>th</sup> (M.Heubeck, J.D.Okill, E.Tait).

**1974 Norfolk** Walsey Hills, Salthouse, female or immature, 27<sup>th</sup> May (Brit. Birds 68: 331): the correct date was 26<sup>th</sup> May (per D.J.Holman, D.B.Rosair).

**1977 Northumberland** Low Hauxley, female or immature, 18<sup>th</sup> September (S.W.Anderson, P.Morris, R.Temple). Low Hauxley, female or immature, 25<sup>th</sup> September (Brit. Birds 71: 525), also 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> (E.R.Meek).

**1977 North Yorkshire** Gouthwaite Reservoir, first-year male, in song, June (P.J.Carlton, A.O'Neill).

**1977 Scilly** Bryher, female or immature, 15<sup>th</sup> September (I.C.Gardner).

**1977 Shetland** Whalsay, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May (Brit. Birds 71: 526) : observers on these dates did not include the late J.H.Simpson. Out Skerries, nine, all females or immatures (Brit. Birds 71: 526): the total is reduced to six by the deletion of records for 24<sup>th</sup> and another 26<sup>th</sup> August (D.Coutts, J.D.Okill) and another 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September, published in error. Additionally, the correct dates for another, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September, were 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September. Boddam, females or immatures, 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, two, 20<sup>th</sup> (Brit. Birds 71: 526): the observers included P.J.Ewins, not D.Coutts. Durrigarth, female or immature, 27<sup>th</sup> August (Brit. Birds 71: 526): the observers included P.J.Ewins, not D.Coutts.

Also singles on Dursey Island, Co. Cork, on 12<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October. A reversal of recent trends: four in spring is just below the average for recent years, while 19 in autumn is well below the recent average. A late 1977 record concerns one on Copeland Island, Co. Down, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, only the third ever in that month.

## **Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* (1, 2, 1)**

None in Britain, but one on Cape Clear Island, Co. Cork, on 18<sup>th</sup> October, the first Irish record.

## **Cape May Warbler *Dendroica tigrina* (0, 1, 0)**

**1977 Strathclyde** Paisley, 17<sup>th</sup> June (T.Byars, H.Galbraith).

The first British record of this North American species, and in an unlikely location for a rarity. Full details will be published shortly.

## **White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys* (0, 2, 0)**

**1977 Humberside** Hornsea Mere, 22<sup>nd</sup> May (R.G.Hawley, R.J.Walker, G.C.M.Yates).

**1977 Shetland** Fair Isle, 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May, trapped 15<sup>th</sup> (R.A.Broad, J.Potter *et al.*).

Long anticipated, it seemed only a question of time before this close relative of the following species occurred in Britain or Ireland; and spring was the best bet. Then, two were discovered in the space of a week. Full details will be published in due course.

## **White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis* (1, 10, 1)**

**Shetland** Fair Isle, trapped, 17<sup>th</sup> June (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson, R.A.Williams *et al.*) (Brit. Birds 72: plate 230).

The sixth spring occurrence out of a total of 12.

## **Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* (34, 82, 8)**

**Fife** Isle of May, male, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May (E.Idle, D.J.Norden).

**Humberside** Flamborough Head, male, 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May, trapped 22<sup>nd</sup> (P.A.Lassey, Miss I.Smith, D.I.M.Wallace *et al.*); another, 4<sup>th</sup> June (P.A.Lassey).

**Lincolnshire** Gibraltar Point, immature male, trapped, 1<sup>st</sup> October (P.R.Boyer, R.Lambert *et al.*).

**Shetland** Out Skerries, male, 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May (J.F.Cooper, A.R.Lowe, W.E.Oddie). Fair Isle, male, 1<sup>st</sup> June (R.J. & Mrs S.M.Johns, I.S.Robertson, Mr & Mrs J.Woodland); immature male, trapped, 5<sup>th</sup> October (R.Bereta, M.Ellis, I.S.Robertson *et al.*); another. 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October (N.R.Jones, C.Mason, I.S.Robertson *et al.*).

**1976 Shetland** Sumburgh, male, 26<sup>th</sup> May (Brit. Birds 71: 527), first seen 24<sup>th</sup> May (per P.K.Kinnear).

Eight typical records is a return to form after just two in 1977.

## **Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* (94, 146, 5)**

**Scilly** St Mary's, 12<sup>th</sup> October (J.B.Kemp, D.Page, R.Tidman), probably same, St Agnes, 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October (P.J.Grant, V.A.Lister, G.G.Williams *et al.*). Gugh, 21<sup>st</sup> October (J.E.Forthey, P.G. & Mrs C.M.Lansdown). St Mary's, 31<sup>st</sup> October (C.Byers, R.P.Martins).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, 30<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October (T.R.Cleeves, P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson *et al.*).

**Surrey** Poyle, near Staines, 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April (A.V.Moon, P.Naylor *et al.*).

About the average since 1958, although in the previous two years there were exceptional totals of 18 and 23. Occurrences are far fewer in spring than in autumn.

## **Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola* (10, 65, 7)**

**Fife** Isle of May, female or immature, 6<sup>th</sup> September (T.Dougall).

**Shetland** Fair Isle, four females or immatures: 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September; 8<sup>th</sup>; 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>; and 10<sup>th</sup> (P.J.Ewins, I.S.Robertson, R.A.Williams *et al.*). Out Skerries, two females or immatures, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September, one 9<sup>th</sup> presumed same (J.A.Ginnever, Dr B.Marshall, E.Tait).

**1977 Northumberland** Low Hauxley, female or immature, 29<sup>th</sup> September (B.Little).

These seven maintain the recent surge of records. The late 1977 acceptance takes the total for that year to ten.

## **Pallas's Reed Bunting *Emberiza pallasi* (0, 1, 0)**

**1976 Shetland** Fair Isle, immature, 29<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> October, trapped 10<sup>th</sup> (R.A.Broad, S.G.D.Cook, A.R.Lowe *et al.*).

Yet another first British record falls to Fair Isle, but the identity of this completely unexpected vagrant was not finally resolved until 11 days after it had been first seen, when it was trapped and examined in the hand. We hope that full details will be published soon.

## **Black-headed Bunting *Emberiza melanocephala* (9, 38, 4)**

**Dorset** Portland, male, trapped, 9<sup>th</sup> May (F.R.Clifton, S.N.Delaney, T.Squire *et al.*).

**Man** Calf of Man, male, 1<sup>st</sup> June (G.D.Elliot, P.P.Jennings).

**Shetland** Strand, male, 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> July, trapped (A.Graham, J.D.Okill). Fair Isle, male, 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August (I.S. & Mrs S.Robertson, R.A.Williams *et al.*).

**1977 Northumberland** Low Hauxley, male, 26<sup>th</sup> July (T.Cadwallender, A.Heavisides).

**1977 Scilly** St Mary's, female or immature, 14<sup>th</sup> October (D.J.Barker, M.J.Grigson, S.C.Hutchings).

Four typical records. The additional record from Scilly is the latest ever.



## **Appendix 1. Category D species accepted (see Brit. Birds 64: 429)**

### **Saker *Falco cherrug* (0, 0, 1)**

**Shetland Fetlar**, 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May (J.F.Cooper, J.N.Dymond).

The first, but unfortunately the risk of captive origin is regarded as high, so, despite the locality, date and other eastern species at that time, this handsome falcon is placed, for the present, in category D.

### **Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* (0, 2, 0)**

**1977 East Sussex Rye**, 10<sup>th</sup> August (P.Perkins).

The second British record of this mainly sedentary thrush, but the high likelihood of its being an escape from captivity prevents its upgrading from category D.

### **Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* (0, 2, 0)**

**1974 Lancashire Carnforth**, 2<sup>nd</sup> to at least 6<sup>th</sup> April (J.A.G.Barnes *et al.*).

The previous record of this common cage-bird was in Shetland in May 1972.

## Appendix 2. List of records not accepted

This list contains all current records not accepted after circulation to the Committee. It does not include (a) those withdrawn by the observer(s) without circulation, after discussion with the Honorary Secretary; (b) those which, even if circulated, were not attributed by the observer(s) to any definite species; (c) those mentioned in monthly summaries in British Birds, if full details were unobtainable. Birds considered escapes are also omitted.

In the vast majority of cases, the record was not accepted because we were not convinced, on the evidence before us, that the identification was fully established; in only a very few cases were we satisfied that a mistake had been made.

**1978 Albatross sp.** Cleyand Salthouse, Norfolk, 20<sup>th</sup> August. **Little Shearwater** Barns Ness, Lothian, 5<sup>th</sup> August. **Cory's Shearwater** St Agnes, Scilly, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Dunure, Strathclyde, 12<sup>th</sup> June. Whitburn, Tyne & Wear, 6<sup>th</sup> July. From MV *Scillonian*, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Sanna Point, Highland, 11<sup>th</sup> August. Fife Ness, Fife, two, 27<sup>th</sup> August. Gibraltar Point, Lincolnshire, 30<sup>th</sup> August. Salthouse, Norfolk, 21<sup>st</sup> October. **Squacco Heron** Lakenheath, Suffolk, 29<sup>th</sup> August. **Night Heron** Staines Reservoirs, Surrey, 9<sup>th</sup> September. **Little Egret** Exe Estuary, Devon, 5<sup>th</sup> May. **Black Stork** Near Totnes, Devon, 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September. **White Stork** Ware, Hertfordshire, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Southampton, Hampshire, 17<sup>th</sup> September. Walberswick, Suffolk, two, 30<sup>th</sup> October. **Black-shouldered Kite** Near Whitehaven, Cumbria, 20<sup>th</sup> July. **Short-toed Eagle** Islay, Strathclyde, 1<sup>st</sup> November. **Lesser Kestrel** Prawle Point, Devon, 29<sup>th</sup> October. Royden Park, Merseyside, 31<sup>st</sup> October. **Red-footed Falcon** Covenham Reservoir, Lincolnshire, 24<sup>th</sup> May. Lower Test Marshes, Hampshire, 13<sup>th</sup> June. Near Clevedon, Avon, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Bulcote, Nottinghamshire, 6<sup>th</sup> September. St Margaret's Bay, Kent, 20<sup>th</sup> October. **Saker** Tresco, Scilly, 1<sup>st</sup> May. **Gyr Falcon** Ronas Hill, Shetland, 13<sup>th</sup> May. **Little Crake** Wrangle, near Boston, Lincolnshire, 17<sup>th</sup> August. **Little Bustard** Stodmarsh, Kent, 7<sup>th</sup> May. **Crane** Blair Atholl, Tayside, 8<sup>th</sup> April. **Black-winged Stilt** Chichester Harbour, West Sussex, 26<sup>th</sup> February. **Black-winged Pratincole** Near Quay, Cambridgeshire, 14<sup>th</sup> September. **Pratincole sp.** Holme, Norfolk, 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May. **Lesser Golden Plover** Grangemouth, Central, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. **White-tailed Plover** Near Pentraeth, Gwynedd, 11<sup>th</sup> January. Red Rocks, Merseyside, 20<sup>th</sup> May. **Semipalmated Sandpiper** Benacre, Suffolk, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September. **White-rumped Sandpiper** Cley, Norfolk, 17<sup>th</sup> October. **Baird's Sandpiper** Borth, Dyfed, 18<sup>th</sup> August. Tongue Bay, Highland, 18<sup>th</sup> August. Tresco, Scilly, 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September. **Broad-billed Sandpiper** Pitsford Reservoir, Northamptonshire, 10<sup>th</sup> May. Drumburgh, Cumbria, 27<sup>th</sup> August. **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** Langton Herring, Dorset, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Hickling, Norfolk, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June. **Stilt Sandpiper** Lytham, Lancashire, 4<sup>th</sup> November. **Great Snipe** Sands of Forvie, Grampian, 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Lundy, Devon, 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April. St Agnes, Scilly, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Otter Estuary, Devon, 31<sup>st</sup> December. **Long-billed Dowitcher** Chew Valley Lake, Avon, 27<sup>th</sup> September. Pagham Harbour, West Sussex, 21<sup>st</sup> October. Chew Valley Lake, Avon, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. **Dowitcher sp.** Fawley, Hampshire, 1<sup>st</sup> October. **Greater Yellowlegs** Wheldrake Ings, North Yorkshire, 15<sup>th</sup> July. **Lesser Yellowlegs** Fladbury, Hereford & Worcestershire, 26<sup>th</sup> July. Hayle, Cornwall, 30<sup>th</sup> August. Grafham Water, Cambridgeshire, 10<sup>th</sup> December. **Marsh Sandpiper** Dunster, Somerset, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. **Solitary Sandpiper** Tring Reservoirs, Hertfordshire, 12<sup>th</sup> August. **Wilson's Phalarope** Whiting Bay, Arran, Strathclyde, 8<sup>th</sup> March. **Long-tailed Skua** Flamborough Head, Humberside, 7<sup>th</sup> August. Portland, Dorset, 12<sup>th</sup> August. Collieston, Grampian, two, 12<sup>th</sup> August. Hornsea, Humberside, 21<sup>st</sup> August. Reculver, Kent, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Caldy, Merseyside, 1<sup>st</sup> October. **Great Black-headed Gull** Selsey Bill, West Sussex, 7<sup>th</sup> September. **Laughing Gull** Lytham, Lancashire, 17<sup>th</sup> May. **Franklin's Gull** Landguard Point, Suffolk, 21<sup>st</sup> October. **Bonaparte's Gull** Helston, Cornwall, 6<sup>th</sup> February. Stanpit Marsh, Dorset, 14<sup>th</sup> February. Hayle, Cornwall, 21<sup>st</sup> April. Poole Harbour, Dorset, 12<sup>th</sup> July. Red Rocks, Merseyside, 16<sup>th</sup> October. **Ring-billed Gull** Foreness Point, Kent, 4<sup>th</sup> March. **Gull-billed Tern** Portland, Dorset, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Westbere, Kent, 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May. Minsmere Cliffs, Suffolk, 1<sup>st</sup> July. Dungeness, Kent, 13<sup>th</sup> August. **Caspian Tern** Lepe, Hampshire, 11<sup>th</sup> June. **White-winged Black Tern** St David's, Dyfed, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Frensham Great Pond, Surrey, 7<sup>th</sup> September. Weaver Bend, Cheshire, 13<sup>th</sup> September. **Snowy Owl** Blawick, Cumbria, 25<sup>th</sup> January. **Roller** Chiswick, Greater London, 19<sup>th</sup> June. **Alpine Swift** Ardtreck Point, Skye, Highland, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Rutland Water, Leicestershire, 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August. **Bimaculated Lark** Mull, Strathclyde, 29<sup>th</sup> August. **Lesser Short-toed Lark** St Mary's, Scilly, 25<sup>th</sup> October. **Red-rumped Swallow** Bough Beech Reservoir, Kent, 30<sup>th</sup> April. St Margaret's Bay, Kent, 7<sup>th</sup> May. Shipley Lake, Derbyshire, 17<sup>th</sup> June. **Richard's Pipit** Alton Water, Suffolk, 29<sup>th</sup> April. Sandwich Bay, Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. St Agnes, Scilly, 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October. **Tawny Pipit** Near Borth, Dyfed, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Sidlesham, West Sussex, 25<sup>th</sup> August. Portland, Dorset, 6<sup>th</sup> September. Flamborough Head, Humberside, 12<sup>th</sup> October. **Red-throated Pipit** Flamborough Head, Humberside, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Cyncoed, South Glamorgan, two, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Near Muckleford, Dorset, 14<sup>th</sup> September. **Rufous Bush Robin** Skokholm, Dyfed, 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September. **Black-eared Wheatear** Dungeness, Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. New Cumnock, Strathclyde, 17<sup>th</sup> August. **Desert Wheatear** Cley, Norfolk, 12<sup>th</sup> September. **White's Thrush** Bognor Regis, West Sussex, late May to 15<sup>th</sup> June. **Veery** St Mary's, Scilly, 19<sup>th</sup> October. **Dusky Thrush** Leckhampton, Gloucestershire, 21<sup>st</sup> December. **Savi's Warbler** Sheringham, Norfolk, 29<sup>th</sup> April. Foulness, Essex, 6<sup>th</sup> May. Hartland Point, Devon, 18<sup>th</sup> May. Walberswick, Suffolk, 13<sup>th</sup> August. **Moustached Warbler** Southampton, Hampshire, 24<sup>th</sup> August. **Aquatic Warbler** Portland, Dorset, 12<sup>th</sup>

August. Oxford, Oxfordshire, 28<sup>th</sup> August. **Olivaceous Warbler** Skokholm, Dyfed, 10<sup>th</sup> May. Beachy Head, East Sussex, 13<sup>th</sup> August. **Booted Warbler** Sheringham, Norfolk, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. **Pallas's Warbler** Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, 13<sup>th</sup> October. Flamborough Head, Humberside, 15<sup>th</sup> October. **Bonelli's Warbler** Robinswood Hill, Gloucestershire, 26<sup>th</sup> May. Paglesham, Essex, 17<sup>th</sup> August. St Nicholas-at-Wade, Kent, 19<sup>th</sup> August. **Short-toed Treecreeper** Epping Forest, Essex, 25<sup>th</sup> December. **Woodchat Shrike** Near Abergorlech, Dyfed, July. Minster, Kent, 8<sup>th</sup> October. **Nutcracker** Walberswick, Suffolk, 19<sup>th</sup> August. Barony, Strathclyde, 12<sup>th</sup> December. **Rose-coloured Starling** Kenley, Surrey, 10<sup>th</sup> June. **Serin** Higher Metcombe, Devon, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Amwell, Hertfordshire, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Orcombe Point, Devon, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. St David's Head, Dyfed, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Buckden, Cambridgeshire, 10<sup>th</sup> June. Rye, East Sussex, 14<sup>th</sup> June. **Arctic Redpoll** Old Linslade, Bedfordshire, 18<sup>th</sup> March. **Two-barred Crossbill** Glenfeshie, Highland, 29<sup>th</sup> May. **Scarlet Rosefinch** Bushy Park, Greater London, two, 14<sup>th</sup> July. **Little Bunting** Mansfield-Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Kelsall, Cheshire, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Severn Beach, Gloucestershire, 12<sup>th</sup> March. Staines Reservoirs, Surrey, 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**1977 White-billed Diver** Dury Voe, Shetland, 13<sup>th</sup> June. **Black-browed Albatross** Off the Lizard, Cornwall, 12<sup>th</sup> June. Burton-on-the-Wolds, Leicestershire, 9<sup>th</sup> September. **American Bittern** Kenmure Holms, Dumfries & Galloway, 16<sup>th</sup> October to at least 1<sup>st</sup> November. **Lesser White-fronted Goose** Moss Side, Merseyside, 30<sup>th</sup> December. **Ring-necked Duck** Lymington River, Hampshire, 18<sup>th</sup> December. **Saker** Trewey Downs, Cornwall, 19<sup>th</sup> September. **Baillon's Crake** Redcar, Cleveland, 6<sup>th</sup> September. **Baillon's or Little Crake** Westbere, Kent, 15<sup>th</sup> January. **Black-winged Stilt** Over Walsworth, Hertfordshire, four, 12<sup>th</sup> May. **Western Sandpiper** St Kilda, Western Isles, 7<sup>th</sup> August. Pegwell Bay, Kent, 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September. **Broad-billed Sandpiper** Woodstock, Oxfordshire, 30<sup>th</sup> April. **Slender-billed Curlew** Nigg Bay, Highland, 16<sup>th</sup> October: locality is in Highland not Grampian as stated (Brit. Birds 71: 529). **Lesser Yellowlegs** Leverton, Humberside, 29<sup>th</sup> August. **Terek Sandpiper** Bude, Cornwall, 14<sup>th</sup> September. **Great Black-headed Gull** Sully Island, South Glamorgan, 16<sup>th</sup> June. Cresswell Pond, Northumberland, 29<sup>th</sup> October. **Bonaparte's Gull** Musselburgh, Lothian, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Pagham Harbour, West Sussex, 5<sup>th</sup> November. **Ross's Gull** Torrisdale Bay, Highland, 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July. Flamborough Head, Humberside, 16<sup>th</sup> November. **Gull-billed Tern** Dungeness, Kent, 30<sup>th</sup> April. **White-winged Black Tern** Walberswick, Suffolk, 25<sup>th</sup> June. **Alpine Swift** Durness, Highland, 4<sup>th</sup> July. **Richard's Pipit** Landguard Common, Suffolk, 21<sup>st</sup> August. **Siberian Stonechat** Stronsay, Orkney, 8<sup>th</sup> October. Birling Gap, East Sussex, 9<sup>th</sup> October. **Savi's Warbler** Happisburgh, Norfolk, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Cley, Norfolk, 5<sup>th</sup> May. Alkborough, Humberside, 7<sup>th</sup> May. Lindisfarne, Northumberland, 1<sup>st</sup> June. Saltfleetby, Lincolnshire, 25<sup>th</sup> September. **Olivaceous Warbler** Landguard Point, Suffolk, 21<sup>st</sup> August. **Lesser Grey Shrike** Ramsgate, Kent, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. **Nutcracker** Torquay, Devon, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. West Tytherby, Wiltshire, three, 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October. **Serin** New Romney, Kent, 26<sup>th</sup> August. **Rustic Bunting** Brancaster, Norfolk, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. **Little Bunting** Blakeney Point, Norfolk, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Frodsham, Cheshire, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Royston, Hertfordshire, 13<sup>th</sup> November

**1976 Black-browed Albatross** Salthouse, Norfolk, 21<sup>st</sup> October. **Sooty Albatross** Sandwich Bay, Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. **Red-footed Falcon** Amwell, Hertfordshire, 9<sup>th</sup> September: previously accepted (Brit. Birds 70: 419). **Lesser Golden Plover** Caerlaverock, Dumfries & Galloway, 31<sup>st</sup> October. **Great Snipe** Quarley, Hampshire, 3<sup>rd</sup> February to March. Leighton Lock, Humberside, 28<sup>th</sup> August. **Dowitcher sp.** Gillingham, Kent, 6<sup>th</sup> October. **Long-tailed Skua** Foula, Shetland, 28<sup>th</sup> May. Fairburn Ings, North/West Yorkshire, 19<sup>th</sup> December. **Great Black-headed Gull** Seacombe, Merseyside, 1<sup>st</sup> September. Keyhaven Marsh, Hampshire, 30<sup>th</sup> October. **Red-rumped Swallow** Llyn Tegid, Gwynedd, 14<sup>th</sup> September. **Red-throated Pipit** Blakeney Point, Norfolk, 28<sup>th</sup> August.

**1975 Great Snipe** Cowpen Marsh, Cleveland, 1<sup>st</sup> June. **Lesser Grey Shrike** Grafham Water, Cambridgeshire, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**1974 Saker** Trewey Downs, Cornwall, 4<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**1973 Short-toed Treecreeper** Hadleigh, Essex, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**1972 Pallas's Sandgrouse** Glen Clova, Highland, 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**1971 Black-browed Albatross** Portland, Dorset, 10<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Appendix 3. Supplementary records: species and years**

To assist researchers, species for which supplementary records for previous years are included in the main body of this report are listed here, with the years involved.

White-billed Diver 1975. Cory's Shearwater 1977. American Bittern 1977. Little Bittern 1976. Little Egret 1977. Purple Heron 1968 1970 1977. Black Stork 1977. White Stork 1976 1977. Glossy Ibis 1976 1977. Lesser White-fronted Goose 1977. Black Brant 1975 1976 1977. American Wigeon 1966 1967 1974 1977. Green-winged Teal 1977. Blue-winged Teal 1973. Ring-necked Duck 1976 1977. King Eider 1969 1975 1976 1977. Black Kite 1976. American Kestrel 1976. Red-footed Falcon 1976. Eleonora's Falcon 1977. Gyrfalcon 1977. Baillon's Crake 1976. Crane 1977. Collared Pratincole 1977. Pratincole sp. 1977. Lesser Golden Plover 1975 1976. Sociable Plover 1968 1976 1977. White-rumped Sandpiper 1972 1973 1977. Broad-billed Sandpiper 1976. Buff-breasted Sandpiper 1977. Long-billed Dowitcher 1975 1977. Spotted Sandpiper 1977. Wilson's Phalarope 1976. Long-tailed Skua 1976 1977. Mediterranean Gull 1958. Laughing Gull 1968 1977. Franklin's Gull 1977. Ring-billed Gull 1977. Ross's Gull 1977. Caspian Tern 1977. Bridled Tern 1977. White-winged Black Tern 1977. Brünnich's Guillemot 1977. Snowy Owl 1977. Roller 1977. Short-toed Lark 1977. Red-rumped Swallow 1977. Richard's Pipit 1967 1968 1970 1976 1977. Tawny Pipit 1977. Red-throated Pipit 1977. Citrine Wagtail 1977. Siberian Rubythroat 1977. Siberian Stonechat 1977. Isabelline Wheatear 1977. Black-throated Thrush 1977. Cetti's Warbler 1976. Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler 1976. Savi's Warbler 1977. Aquatic Warbler 1972 1975 1977. Subalpine Warbler 1977. Rüppell's Warbler 1977. Greenish Warbler 1977. Northern Willow Tit 1975. Wallcreeper 1977. Penduline Tit 1977. Isabelline Shrike 1976 1977. Lesser Grey Shrike 1977. Woodchat Shrike 1976 1977. Nutcracker 1977. Rose-coloured Starling 1975 1977. Serin 1968 1977. Arctic Redpoll 1973. Scarlet Rosefinch 1974 1977. Cape May Warbler 1977. White-crowned Sparrow 1977. Rustic Bunting 1976. Yellow-breasted Bunting 1977. Pallas's Reed Bunting 1976. Black-headed Bunting 1977. Blue Rock Thrush 1977. Painted Bunting 1974.